

The New Hill Community Continues The Fight

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The New Hill community continues to fight against the construction of the Western Wake Regional Wastewater Management Facility in their historic neighborhood.

Residents gathered at the New Hill Baptist Church Tuesday to prepare statements for the upcoming public hearing. Their statements will focus on the recently released Environmental Impact Statement.

The statement discusses the environmental impact on the site along with three alternative sites. The facility will serve Apex, Cary, Holly Springs and Morrisville.

President Paul Barth of the New Hill Community Association said the group must make a clear and strong argument. Barth said the facility will impact on low-income and elderly residents who live nearby with traffic, odor and the lights from the facility. In addition, the site is in the middle of the community's historic district.

"We are gathering for a workshop to go through different points we want to go through at the public hearing. We don't want to be redundant every time someone goes up to speak so we're going through a lot of different point so we can hit on those," Barth said.

Chris Brook is with the Southern Coalition for Social Justice, a group supporting the New Hill community.

"There are a lot of human impacts from this site and there are not as many human impacts with the alternatives," Brook said.

The public hearing will take place on April 14 at the Apex Town Hall.