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While highlighting the unity of our community, your July 11 article about New Hill residents' opposition to a planned sewage treatment plant did little to address our real concerns about the process by which our community has been targeted by Cary and the rest of the Western Wake Partners.

The New Hill Community Association has asked, in writing, for documentation of the estimated additional \$27 million to **site** the treatment plant across U.S. 1 on Progress Energy property, on **sites** selected by the engineering study. We have asked to see data that was used to select the final three **sites**, all of which are in New Hill, despite the fact that the taxpayer-funded study indicated that five of the six best **sites** are on Progress Energy property.

The answer from the Town of Cary? We are not obligated to create documents for you. Does this mean there are no documents in existence that substantiate their claim of additional costs or that show how they selected a **site** that will devastate our community?

Citizens in Apex, Cary, Holly Springs and Morrisville should be outraged that tax dollars were spent on a study only to have the results ignored. They should be appalled at the cavalier manner in which their town councils allowed this process to proceed. Without reviewing the data, three towns gave consent for Cary to move forward. Citizens should expect more responsible behavior from elected officials.

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