

Subject: Cary shoving a sewage treatment plant on New Hill residents

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Bill, welcome to the Triangle, and keep up the great job.

I'm attaching a press release that shows another example of government taking private property from citizens with no regard to what happens to surrounding land owners and property values. The towns of Apex, Morrisville, Holly Springs, and the city of Cary have decided to put a sewage plant in New Hill. Neither of these towns have anything to do with New Hill, but they found a nice piece of property, and decided in secret that they were going to condemn it and build their sewage plant.

The leaders of Apex, Morrisville, and Holly Springs are a bunch of wimps and are letting Cary take the lead on condemning the property. Every time we question Apex, Holly Springs, and Morrisville leaders they all say they did not make the decision - Cary made the decision and they are just along for the ride. They don't have the guts to stand up and tell the truth.

All of us understand the need for another sewage plant, and we understand the logic of putting it in New Hill. We just want it put in our back yards, not in our front yards.

You may not be aware of this, but the second largest land owner in North Carolina is CP&L, our local power company, aka, Progress Energy. CP&L has roughly 25,000 acres in Western Wake County, of which only about half is being used for the nuclear plant. CP&L admitted a few years ago that when they condemned the land for the nuclear plant they took too much property. They have been working for several years on ways to turn their excess property into some type of industrial park, and make a profit off of property they took from individual land owners.

We, the residents of New Hill, want Cary, Apex, Holly Springs, and Morrisville to put put the sewage plant on 200 acres of CP&L's property. There are several places where they could put it without affecting the security of their site, and without affecting private citizens and their properties.

When we tried to question Cary about this, their response was something to the effect that CP&L would have to agree to sell the 200 acres. Why does CP&L get to agree whether to sell or not, and private citizens have no say so in whether their property gets condemned and taken from them?

As you can tell, I and many of my neighbors are very frustrated at being left out of the process. We found out about this 2 weeks ago by accident. No one from the towns mentioned above showed us enough courtesy to come and tell us what they were planning.

Bill, any help you can give us will be very much appreciated. Feel free to contact either John Brubaker or myself for additional information. The leaders of our New Hill group would cherish some air time to discuss this

publicly with the leaders of Cary, Apex, Morrisville, and Holly Springs, however, I suspect none of those leaders would show up.

CITIZENS TO MARCH IN NEW HILL

An informational meeting regarding the New Hill Sewage Plant has been announced for Tuesday, June 14 at the Fire Station on New Hill-Holleman Road. The citizens of New Hill plan to march from downtown New Hill to the meeting. The march will step off at 6:00 PM.

The New Hill community has been completely left out of the decision process, but now hopes to make their voices heard. The Western Wake Partners, including the Towns of Cary, Apex, Holly Springs, and Morrisville, have kept information regarding the planned location of the plant secret from the New Hill residents. As a result, this decision was reached based on political expedience, not on engineering or with regard to the lives of the people affected. Rather than study alternatives for the location, these Towns have decided to place the Sewage Plant directly adjacent to the New Hill Historic District, an area recognized in the National Register of Historic Places. This location will also stifle long-range business and community development prospects for the US-1 / Holleman Road area. Finally, the air pollution, noise pollution, and light pollution from the plant will completely disrupt the rural quality of life that the community enjoys, with absolutely no benefit for the people that live there.

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