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- It is great to see a reporter finally take the time to understand a situation; do the necessary research; then report the facts regardless of what the facts show.

Rebekah clearly did her job.

Bob

Posted by rlk on August 11, 2010 at 9:30 PM | [Report this comment](#)

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Bob

Posted by rlk on August 11, 2010 at 9:39 PM | [Report this comment](#)

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In the Western Wake Partners eyes, there were no mistakes made. Yep, I'm suggesting they have purposely, since the beginning, done everything they could to get site 14 approved. There was never any consideration given for the New Hill community. The Western Wake Partners, specifically Cary, should be extremely ashamed of their actions up to this point. Their complete lack of integrity, honesty, and process transparency is disgusting. On another note, I'm a little disturbed to find out that some in New Hill are now making concessions to lessen impact. In my opinion, it gives the appearance of throwing in the towel.

Posted by RoyW on August 12, 2010 at 12:09 AM | [Report this comment](#)

- Has the NHCA sent a link to this article to the mayor and city council members of Cary, Apex, Morrisville, and Holly Springs?

Posted by RoyW on August 12, 2010 at 12:15 AM | [Report this comment](#)

- This is an excellent article to save and forward to friends and those new to the area. I believe it summarizes the situation in a fair and thoughtful way. Thank you, Rebekah!
Posted by Cathy Turner on August 12, 2010 at 8:52 AM | Report this comment
- This is an excellent article to share with friends and those who may be interested in the truth about what has been going on in New Hill. I believe this is a fair and thoughtful summary of the situation thus far. Please consider forwarding this article to friends, family, and anyone who may take an interest in our community. Thank you, Rebekah!
Posted by Cathy Turner on August 12, 2010 at 9:00 AM | Report this comment
- "On another note, I'm a little disturbed to find out that some in New Hill are now making concessions to lessen impact. In my opinion, it gives the appearance of throwing in the towel."

Let me set the record straight about the concessions. We have not thrown in the towel.

Back in April, Glenn Dunn (the attorney for the WWP) contacted Chris Brook (the attorney for the New Hill Community Association (NHCA)) and requested a meeting. The meeting was held May 7. In that meeting, the WWP offered some minor concessions to keep New Hill from suing the WWP. The initial offer by the WWP was very weak, however, Mr. Brook agreed to discuss the concessions with the NHCA and provide a response.

The NHCA closely examined the concessions offered by the WWP and determined there was nothing of any substance.

Then the NHCA and Mr. Brook established list of things the WWP could do to help New Hill (such as moving the sewage plant 1 mile away to property owned by Progress Energy), but never offered them as a replacement for the pending law suit or as a replacement for putting the plant in the center of New Hill.

To further illustrate our intent to continue fighting this issue, we are holding a BBQ fundraiser on August 20 at the First Baptist Church at 3016 New Hill Holleman Road. The fundraiser starts at 4:00 pm.

Chopped BBQ plates with veggies, drink and dessert are \$8.

At the same time we are having a bake sale: cakes, pies, brownies, loaves of bread, etc. will be sold.

If you have never been to a country BBQ and bake sale, you don't know what you are missing.

Come join us and show support for your neighbors in New Hill.

Bob

Posted by rlk on August 12, 2010 at 9:03 AM | [Report this comment](#)

- Not surprising that Cary, Holly Springs, Morrisville, and Apex decided to run roughshod over a small predominately African-American town. They want other people to pay for their unbridled growth over the past decade, and they picked the people with the least influence.

Old Anglo-Saxon expletives come to mind.

Posted by Steve Bocckino on August 12, 2010 at 10:45 AM | [Report this comment](#)

- If Rebecca did her research why didn't she speak to or seek out the minority property owners (approx 1/2 of the minority community) who support the selection of site 14 for the WW treatment facility? Or did she, since supporters have been interviewed recently, but their comments are yet to be printed. Reporting has been and continues to be one sided. As a lifelong minority resident, with property adjacent to site 14, I take all opportunities to voice my support of the Partner's selection of Site 14. I participated on the PDT team along with members of the New Hill Community Association and we had opportunity to express our respective views, provide input regarding the sites, request meetings to inform the community and address concerns. Again, I am a life long minority member of the "affected" community, and I along with all of the homeowners living on Church Road support the selection of site 14.

SKM

Posted by SKM on August 12, 2010 at 2:12 PM | [Report this comment](#)

- If Rebekah did her research why are there no comments from supporters (approx one half of the minority community living in New Hill) of Site 14 who live in closest proximity? Supporters were recently interviewed but our comments rarely if ever reach print. I participated along with members from the New Hill Community Association on the PDT team and had the opportunity to voice concerns, provide feedback, assist with alternative site selection, and as they did sought input from "my" group. I am a minority member of the affected community, a life long New Hill resident and I along with all of the other families on Church Street in New Hill strongly support the selection of Site 14.

SKM

Posted by SKM on August 12, 2010 at 2:28 PM | [Report this comment](#)

- I guess it is not news worthy that there is strong minority, property owner support in the affected community for the selection of Site 14. We all live within one half mile or less from the site and we support the Partner's selection. Our community will thrive again, now we

cannot even purchase milk or bread at the one community store because it is not stocked. A bit of history, at one time there were many (a number were minority owned) mom and pop stores (as well as other small businesses) in New Hill, now there is only one community store-NO CHOICE. Even the Wake County School Board would have a problem with that. I agree that it would be great to see a reporter take time to understand the situation; do the necessary research; then report the facts. We are still waiting for a reporter to do his/her job.
SKM

Posted by SKM on August 12, 2010 at 2:52 PM | Report this comment

- I thank Rebekah for taking the time to write such a thoughtful article. So many times we have been portrayed as just not wanting waste treatment plant in New Hill. Of course, I can't for the life of me understand why the residents of Church Road would campaign FOR a waste water treatment plant in our community, but even accepting that they think a plant would be a good idea, why fight FOR the site that the other minority residents of the community oppose? Why in the world would you fight for one site over the other rather than just saying we agree that it should be one of the sites in New Hill? That has never been explained to me in a way that makes sense. It is one thing for WWP to not care how we are impacted, it is another thing entirely for one of our residents, an African American herself, to be so vocal and instrumental in wanting the plant to be at Site 14 and try to convince the rest of us that her actions have our best interests at heart.

Posted by etjoyner on August 12, 2010 at 9:58 PM | Report this comment

- Thank you Rebekah for your thoughtful article. I thought it represented those of us who opposed Site 14 well. As an African American who grew up in the New Hill community and still attend church there, I am one of those NHCA members who was against the plant being located in New Hill at all and still wish that it would not be. I can't really understand anybody campaigning to have a sewage plant in their community if they had a choice. Now that it appears the plant being located in New Hill is inevitable, I am against Site 14 because it is the one site that most negatively impacts the community that I love. While we all have the right to vote the way we want, think the way we want, and work for the things we think are right, I have not been able to understand that the Church Road residents are campaigning FOR Site 14 over the other sites. To be honest, that has been more disappointing and bewildering to me than anything the WWP has done. Unlike the WWP, the Church Road residents know that our community is more than just a zip code. When all is said and done, I pray that New Hill will continue to be a community we can all be happy to be a part of.

Posted by etjoyner on August 12, 2010 at 10:23 PM | Report this comment

- In addition to Church Road, supporters also live on New Hill Holleman Road and other roads in New Hill. It is our assessment that site 14 will provide our community that we love and live in with the most benefits. We are and will continue to exercise our right to express our

opinions utilizing all methods available such as this blog, community meetings, and other appropriate venues. We even defend and support your right and the NHCA to do the same even though we do not agree. While we have not campaigned for a WW Rx facility in our community, we have made it our business to actively participate in the selection process and yes, we are vocal about our opinions, not unlike the NHCA. We speak for ourselves, and are individual AA New Hill Community members who own property and/or live in closest proximity to the Site. Each supporter has his/her own reason(s) for their stance and each one arrived at their position of support based on their own evaluations independent of any one person, or group, including WWP. Absolutely, New Hill is more than a zip code and we prayerfully anticipate, hope, and campaign for it's revitalization.

SKM

Posted by SKM on August 13, 2010 at 12:10 AM | [Report this comment](#)

- This article is one-sided and much of the information she quotes is outdated.
Posted by UK Grad on August 13, 2010 at 12:05 PM | [Report this comment](#)
- Rebekah, your inability to discuss the issue without invoking race lost you a lot of credibility. There was a decent article in there, but you assured that many readers will not bother to finish reading it.
Posted by Jeff S on August 13, 2010 at 12:24 PM | [Report this comment](#)
- Maybe this article is one sided but so is the Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision produced for the Army Corps of Engineers. These documents were written by the (4) towns consultants. Input from the majority of the New Hill Community was ignored or white washed. As far as articles facts being outdated, give examples. If you browse the New Hill Community Association's website (www.newhillca.org) you will see facts and figures to support all statements and claims made by NHCA.

Last time I looked, our government was suppose to be "for the people and by the people". This project has clearly not done that! How (4) towns can jump outside their jurisdictions and take land from a person for the benefit of these (4) towns without providing the affected community as a whole any benefits is mind boggling. If this project had a vote, then the results would be 2000 to 5 against the location of this sewage plant. Owning "more land" doesn't give a person more votes.

Thanks Rebekah for covering this David vs. Goliath story...

Posted by NHCA on August 13, 2010 at 12:49 PM | [Report this comment](#)

- As a resident of New Hill. I have had this idea for some time now and I think that it is time to share it. I think that Cary needs to consider donating its mid town oasis, Bond Park, for this sewage plant. True Bond Park is a great place to visit for the families of Cary, but think of the advantages of this 300 plus acreage location being so close to the very source of the sewage that would need to be treated. Morrisville is much closer to this location, Apex is too. The distance that the sewage would need to be pumped would be so much closer to the treatment plant. I am sure New Hill residents wouldn't mind having the Treated Water pumped through their community as it made its way to the Cape Fear River. We would also be happy to replace the ball fields and walking trails with a fine park in New Hill. Think of the savings if such a centrally located plant were to be built in the heart of the town that would supply the sewage .

Posted by DWG on August 13, 2010 at 7:11 PM | Report this comment

- DWG makes a valid point about Bond Park, however, let me point out something that is in the Technical Memorandums published by the WWP's consulting engineers.

In evaluating the various sites, the farther the site was from each of the towns, the more favorable rating that site received.

Another way of stating this: the 4 towns don't want a sewage plant in their community, but it is o.k. to put it into an African-American community, next to 2 churches and cemeteries, a playground, and adjacent to the historic district.

This is clearly not "government of the people, by the people, and for the people".

Bob

Posted by rlk on August 13, 2010 at 8:05 PM | Report this comment

- UK Grad, please provide examples of the outdated information.

Bob

Posted by rlk on August 13, 2010 at 8:10 PM | Report this comment

- Thank you Rebekah, for your article. You "hit the nail on the head" -- made the point clearly, described exactly what is causing the situation. It was accurate (with an exception -- the New Hill Baptist Church is located on Old U. S. Hwy. 1), factual, and appreciated. My families' properties borders the proposed site. We have been residents of New Hill since the 1700's. We spent a lot of money finding water, drilling wells, and finding a septic field in order to build or maintain our quality of living. We don't want nor need WWP's water or sewage. We

would welcome a contingency plan for when their spills contaminate our wells! We won't quit fighting until we have to hold our noses!

Posted by vwg on August 14, 2010 at 12:42 AM | Report this comment

- I can count at least six generations that there has been a minority presence in New Hill. For history buffs and to authenticate my information-refer to article in the WW Herald archives entitled "How Friendship got it's Name" by A.F. Stewart (my great-uncle). We too have spent similar resources locating our wells, septics, and spray irrigation systems. Since most if not all of the perk sites on our properties are in current use, our children cannot build homes w/o significant expenses for alternative waste systems. Septic tanks will eventually fail and worse of all, since they are underground and thus out of sight/out of mind they have equal if not more potential for contaminating a well. Our wells are spring fed and the contamination could occur at any place, not necessarily your own tank or your neighbor's. At least there is a Hot Line at DWQ for reporting spills and a process for levying hefty fines for spills (up to \$10,000 p/d). This number is on their web-site and can be reached by simply calling DWQ and following the telephone prompts. They investigate all spills and generously levy fines.

Water and sewer is sorely needed to maintain and enhance our quality of life as well as ensure that there are no "fire sales" (it is well documented that minority property ownership is declining for multiple reasons) because a septic tank has failed and there is not another perk site, or the financial, technical, willingness/ability to construct an alternative system is not available or adequate. A rough cost estimate to build a single family system is +/- \$15-20,000. Briefly, that cost includes hiring an engineer, obtaining multiple permits, and cost of construction, and materials. It does not include required training to operate the facility, ongoing maintenance and replacing equipment due to age or wear and tear. An Operator in Responsible Charge(ORC),can be hired to operate/maintain/submit required monthly data and chemical parameters as required by the permit to WDQ. The last time I checked a rate of \$350.00 p/m was quoted to me(ouch)! I must add, there are also yearly Wake Co., and DWQ fees as well as periodic fees to renew the permit. Water and Sewer access cannot come soon enough for me but for those who wish to continue alternative systems or septic and well I applaude you.

State of the art technology will be used in the construction-this is not retrofitting an existing facility but building from the ground up. There is much technology, new developments, knowledge and research in the area of Waste Treatment. Three leaders are in close proximity...NC State, Carolina and NC A&T State Universities. We eagerly anticipate decommissioning septic tanks, I will have a BB-Q to celebrate...maybe it will be a block party.

SKM

Posted by SKM on August 14, 2010 at 12:22 PM | Report this comment

- Just so we are clear on this, I'd like to make one point very clear. That point is, a heavy majority of the residents of New Hill are adamantly against the sewage plant being forced

into their community. The handful of New Hill resident that support the plant have every right to be heard, however, I'm just sorry to see that their desire for the possibility of a sewerage hookup exceeds their concern for the majority of their neighbors and the community as a whole. With that said, I guess it's almost impossible to get a 100% agreeance on anything these days.

Posted by RoyW on August 15, 2010 at 10:58 PM | Report this comment

- Why the HELL didn't they decide to build the wastewater treatment plant in Cary? I can't understand that most people probably subscribe to the concept of "Not in my backyard," but in this instance, the wastewater treatment plant is for Cary, the project was proposed by Cary and the residents of New Hill won't EVEN be able to use the plant since they're on a septic system!

Then, to add to the the outrageousness of this situation, they're going to charge New Hill residents \$3,000.00! Regardless of whether it's to be paid in a lump sum or not, the LEAST Cary can do is waive that fee!

Posted by Wommie on August 20, 2010 at 4:48 PM | Report this comment

Editor's Note: The Indy received this Letter to the Editor via e-mail from Cary Mayor Harold Weinbrecht.

- TO THE EDITOR

Where to locate a mandated regional wastewater treatment plant that the State said must discharge into the Cape Fear River has been debated throughout the Triangle and in parts of southeastern NC for years. Countless stories have been filed, few more unfair and incomplete than that in the August 11 edition of the Independent Weekly, which all but ignores the last half of this decade.

Since 2007 the US Army Corps of Engineers has led an exhaustive, transparent, and collaborative process to fairly apply the National Environmental Policy Act's requirements to the Western Wake wastewater project. Scientists, engineers, and just regular folks from New Hill, Chatham County, EPA, the State, and the Partners have raised and turned every issue and alternative inside out and upside down. As many as 20 round-table meetings and public hearings took place; thousands of pages of studies and findings were generated covering: discharging into Jordan/Harris lakes, groundwater, wetlands, farmlands, wildlife, air quality, odor, noise, traffic, light spill, hazardous substances, global climate change, archaeological and historic properties, property values, low-income and minority communities, and safety.

At the end of it all, the Corps reached its independent decision that the site in the New Hill area of Apex is the overall best alternative since it has the least impacts. With that endorsement and several necessary permits now in hand, our full attention is on ensuring that the plant is the very best it can be. We're making sure that those who live nearby – many of whom have long suffered from failed septic tanks and contaminated wells – have access to safe, reliable, and affordable water and sewer service as soon as possible. We're locating facilities so that 200' of forest stands forever between the plant site and our property line. These location and buffer decisions, coupled with advanced facility design and operations, will help ensure that our neighbors' won't be negatively impacted by light, odor, traffic, and noise.

Now and over the next several months, the Partners will be focused on preparing and presenting plans for the wastewater plant site, which must go through a review process by the Town of Apex since the site is in Apex's corporate limits. We've already conducted one public review session, and we look forward to the next later this month.

For details, including photos and drawings of the site and facilities, visit the Bottom Line section of www.townofcary.org (to be online early next week).

Harold Weinbrecht

Cary Mayor

Posted by Denise Prickett, Indy Editorial Web Director on August 20, 2010 at 4:57 PM |

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- If Mayor Weinbrecht believes the Corps reached an independent decision that the site in the New Hill is the overall best alternative since it has the least impacts; then he probably believes that the NC SBI blood analysis unit did not taint evidence to bolster prosecutors cases.

Bob

Posted by rlk on August 26, 2010 at 9:01 AM | Report this comment

- What the mayor fails to acknowledge are two very important facts: all of the meetings, roundtables, etc, occurred AFTER the site was chosen, and, of greater significance, the Army Corp of Engineers did not evaluate which site was BEST. They only determined if Site 14--the site chosen WITHOUT input of the affected residents of New Hill--was acceptable.

Tonya

Posted by TPF on August 26, 2010 at 2:38 PM | Report this comment

- The mayor is mistaken. There are better sites available on Progress Energy land. However, Progress Energy is much more powerful than a bunch of rural minority homeowners...guess who wins when our politicians don't stand up against the special interests.

Posted by Karl on August 26, 2010 at 4:37 PM | Report this comment

- Cary Mayor, Harold Weinbrecht's, letter is so deceptive. Cary ONLY evaluated ONE site--the FOURTH on the priority list in terms of their own engineers' evaluation--totally ignoring any evaluation AT ALL of the first three sites--on PE land, a mile and more away from the population center. That one fact alone would eliminate most of the issues he lists that they have so carefully evaluated: "groundwater, wetlands, farmlands, wildlife, air quality, odor, noise, traffic, light spill, hazardous substances, global climate change, archaeological and historic properties, property values, low-income and minority communities, and safety." Of the 16 items listed here, ELEVEN would not have needed to be evaluated in such detail and at such cost simply by moving the location to one of the PE sites chosen as high priority by professional engineers. Even a school child could see the disadvantage of locating the plant in a location with ELEVEN high risks, when moving it a mile or more away would eliminate all of these, leaving only five more global issues to deal with---like global climate change... (I wonder how he planned to fix that one?)

Anyone walking the large, low-lying area of the Seymour farm will note grape vines climbing through trees making an upper story like in a tropical jungle, the ground scoured by water from rain, and roots extending from those vines overhead, dangling down to the ground like a veil. This is an amazing and huge wetland area, and surely very unique. I've never seen anything like it. I don't know of any wildlife study that has been done in there--it would be fascinating to know what lives there before it's destroyed.

Also I note a small deficit: WHEN exactly are New Hill people going to get water and sewage hook-ups? And at what cost?

WHEN did public health employees come and evaluate the sewage systems and well water from residents all around the plant who will be effected? This must not have been noticed by hundreds of people living in New Hill. I can't imagine how they missed this action. Would PH not have been required to get residents' permission to test their water?

I believe the mayor's "unfair and incomplete" more accurately describes his own statements, than New Hill's, which are factual. Every statement from New Hill's representatives in that article can be backed up by meeting notes from the various "Partner" towns, DENR reports, and documents from Cary in their own emails.

If 200 ft. of forest were adequate to contain "light, odor, traffic and noise," why would Cary pump its sewage 17 miles to move it away from their own citizens?? This is an enormous cost. If only "200 feet of forest [which] stands forever" were adequate, there would be no reason on earth for Cary to spend the multi-millions of dollars required to place that plant very far away from their own residents whose taxes are paying those millions.

And where is the mayor's mention of the huge sludge incinerator which is also planned for that location, in New Hill, where the smoke, particulate matter, and heavy metals will rain down on the near-by residents, as well as those some distance away, as the wind blows this air-borne effluent from the plant?

I believe the mayor has omitted facts in preference for schmaltz, hoping no one can read between his lines and insert facts, and wonder how he can stand so firmly on such a shifty base of propaganda.

Judy Tysmans--1 1/2 mi., as the smoke drifts, from that plant's proposed location
Posted by Judy Tysmans on August 27, 2010 at 2:17 PM | Report this comment

- It is obvious that Mayor Weinbrecht does not know or want to know the history of this project.

First off, the State did not mandate this project to be a "regional plant", only that the State preferred a "regional solution". The referenced article was factual and complete. Investigated reporting was done using a fair and balanced approach. Rebekah Cowell should be commended for taking the time to interview, research, and report the facts.

While the Army Corps did follow their NEPA process, they failed to start at the beginning – site selection. This project was flawed from the beginning. In secret, Cary identified the New Hill site and condemned the land BEFORE ever involving the New Hill Community. Cary ignored their own engineer consulting firm that identified (3) other higher ranked sites located on Progress Energy land that was previously taken from New Hill residents for utility purposes.

During the NEPA process, Cary's site selection process was dismissed. We were told that it didn't matter how the site was selected. Gee, isn't that interesting. It didn't matter to Cary

but it does matter to the New Hill community! Also, every issue identified by New Hill was dismissed stating that everything bad would be mitigated. OK, so there are bad things about placing a sewage plant in the center of a community, adjacent to their historic district, churches, cemeteries, and numerous residents of color and outside every partner town's corporate limits, but Cary will make it less bad. How comforting.

The mayor states "the Corps reached its independent decision that the site in the New Hill area of Apex". Well, that might be technically true but New Hill is actually only in Apex's Long Range Urban Service Area (LRUSA) meaning that on paper, Apex might expand out to the New Hill area in the next (10) years at the earliest. Today, Apex was no jurisdiction over New Hill, Wake County has jurisdiction.

The mayor goes on to say the site "is the overall best site alternative since it has least impacts". That statement is so far from the truth. Statistics provided during the NEPA process clearly shows that the New Hill site (Site 14) has far more impacts than any of the (3) alternative sites identified. In fact, the Army Corps stated that any of the (3) alternative sites (2 on Progress Energy land) were equal to or better than Cary's "preferred site".

The mayor states "many of whom have long suffered from failed septic tanks and contaminated wells" without providing facts and figures. What does "many" mean? While there are always the potential for water and sewer problems while living in a rural area, we have them fixed ourselves. We don't need any outside town fixing them. Of the thousands of folks living in New Hill, I am not aware on any family using an outhouse!

The mayor talks about a 200 foot buffer around the sewage plant. He says that "will help ensure our neighbors won't be negatively impacted by light, odor, traffic, and noise." Seems to me that if a sewage plant was so great, these "negative impacts" wouldn't even be an issue that needed mitigation!

The mayor states the project will "go through a review process by the Town of Apex since the site is in Apex's corporate limits." Nice try and a half truth. While the condemned land was annexed into Apex's corporate limit, all of the surrounding land is NOT in Apex's corporate limit.

While Cary did receive Army Corps "approval to proceed", there are many issues and steps they need to overcome before any ground is broken.

It is too bad Mayor Weinbrecht didn't keep his pre-election promise to revisit the site selection process. At that time, he understood the many negative impacts such a plant would cause the New Hill community. What happened? Did he succumb to pressure from Apex and his own town's staff?

Paul Barth
President, NHCA

Posted by NHCA on August 27, 2010 at 4:01 PM | [Report this comment](#)

- First of all, the referenced article is not balanced and complete as Paul Barth, President NHCA asserts, it cannot be without reporting both sides. Ms Crowell makes no mention of support for Site 14 by minority homeowners/property owners all of whom live within one half mile of the proposed site, some even share property lines with the site and again are supportive of the selection of site 14. If that is a factual article, how is it that there is no report that roughly one half of the minority community support the selection of Site 14. If this is an example of investigative reporting well...similar to the NC SBI Lab reporting critical information is missing and only information that supports one position is presented for consideration. No commendations for Ms Crowell only a recommendation to be more diligent in her research and report all of the facts, not just one side.

Paul and I along with members from our respective groups participated in the NEPA process. In short, the supporters agree with the USACE, the mayor and the Partner's that the best site was selected. Maybe Paul did not hear us when we spoke about our personal septic tanks that had failed-one of which resulted in the closing of the only minority owned store. I am also unaware of any outhouses currently in use in New Hill, the cost; however, to fix a failed septic tank may force families to consider that option. The most likely scenario is that the land will be sold at a rock bottom price. The cost alone to build a single family alternative septic system is prohibitive and they can be very labor intensive to operate and maintain. Hats off to the mayor, perhaps he came to more fully understand and appreciate the urgent need for water and sewer access in order for the minority community in New Hill to survive.

SKM

Posted by SKM on August 27, 2010 at 10:48 PM |