

Environmental justice hearing set for New Hill

The New Hill community will be hosting an Environmental Justice public hearing with the Federal EPA and Army Corps of Engineers.

The meeting is schedule for Wednesday, May 21 at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church New Hill, 3016 New Hill - Holleman Road, New Hill, NC 27562

Federal EPA and Army Corps will be explaining how former President Bill Clinton's 1994 Executive Order 12898 relates to the New Hill community and the Western Wake Partners

(WWP) desire to construct a regional sewage plant in the heart of the New Hill community.

New Hill Community Association (NHCA) has been fighting the WWP's preferred site for three years. The project is over two years behind schedule. The WWP's preferred site is adjacent to New Hill's historic district, two historic churches, playgrounds, cemeteries, and boarders predominantly minority, low income, and elderly residents.

NHCA has been arguing

that the regional sewage plant will not benefit the New Hill community because New Hill is not part of any of the four municipalities (Apex, Cary, Holly Springs, and Morrisville). New Hill residents are not allowed to connect to water and sewer services unless they were annexed by one of the municipalities.

NHCA believes the sewage plant should be located on Progress Energy property only about a mile away from the WWP's preferred site thus minimizing EJ and community impacts.