

Subject: Letter to Elected Officials by Carolyn Sink

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Dear Elected Officials:

It is with the utmost faith in the innate "goodness" of mankind that I again address you regarding the Waste Treatment Facility in New Hill. I realize that decisions have been made, but I believe that it is not too late to rectify this grave and life-altering mistake. I know many of you, as a large number of people in this area, did not grow up here and have no historical connection to the land. Perhaps that fact disables your understanding of the profound impact the decision to put the WRF in the midst of our historical community has on myself and my neighbors. New Hill predates the existence of Cary and other towns nearby, and is rich with historical significance. Although your emotional rape of our community is real and painful, the physical rape of the land has not yet begun. I therefore, implore you to reconsider your decisions.

I know that Mr. Coleman told you that Progress Energy would not sell the land. His version of the conversation varies greatly from the version Progress Energy shared with us. Their statement was that they were not interested in selling the land but if Cary went the condemnation route, they would not fight it in court but would work with Cary to find the best possible site on their land. I challenge you to make a written offer to Progress Energy on any of the sites on their 14,000 plus acres, and if they refuse, let them answer to the public. In order to preserve your honor, I would think this would be information you would want to share, a written offer and a written response. Perhaps the power of your positions blinds you to the image portrayed to your constituents. I cannot tell you the number of Cary and Apex residents who have expressed shame and revulsion at your plan to pillage our neighborhood and violate our way of life. Cary residents are our colleagues at work! and our friends and they hang their heads ashamed to admit they live in Cary, and express disgust that dumping their sewage in our neighborhood is even being considered, much less implemented. Many understand the sacrifice the residents in this area of the county have already made for the nuclear plant, Jordan Lake, gas pipelines, and electric lines. They understand the increased risk with which we live each day in our proximity to the nuclear facility as well as the overloaded storage of spent fuel rods. Your constituents are embarrassed that you are violating the small community we have left with the sewage from your townships.

You state an increased cost to move to the Progress Energy sites, which has yet to be documented. Independent cost analysis puts the figure at far less than the 27 million you quote. Even assuming that the 27million is accurate, that represents one-half of one percent of the total cost of 500 million. Is the community which we love, value, and

ground our roots worth so little to you? Is not our community worth that small amount? Since the current plan shows the pipeline running on the south side of US one beginning at the New Hill site, the distance to the Progress Energy sites would be less. It feels a bit like we are pawns used by you to "punish" Holly Springs for dropping out of the partnership by making them pump their effluent further to the New Hill site.

I know others have quoted your own code of ethics to you and challenged you to endorse them with your decisions. I implore you to look within yourselves and whoever among you is most courageous, has the highest integrity, is called out by the greatest good, challenge the decision you have made to destroy our community. Have the legacy of questioning the site selection and challenge your peers to pursue the top ranked Progress Energy sites. Live the ethics your constituents deserve when they elected you to represent the altruism they embrace. The only shame in making a mistake is the refusal to take the responsibility for rectifying it. This is not a decision that has a small or short-lived impact. It is a decision, which will daily impact us for the rest of our natural lives. Can you with a clear conscience, live with that? I hope the humanity in us all, also lies within you, and calls you forth in a more noble direction. I look forward to your response.

Respectfully,

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