



July 5, 2005

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Dear Dick:

Many of us who live in New Hill know you and at one time worked for you at IBM RTP. We are sending this letter to request your assistance.

As you are probably aware, the towns of Cary, Apex, Morrisville and Holly Springs have formed a partnership called the Western Wake Partners. The purpose of the Western Wake Partners is to build a Regional Waste Water Treatment Facility to handle sewage for the towns of Cary, Apex, Morrisville and Holly Springs. The four towns involved have designated Cary as the lead agency.

Dick, the reason we are writing to you is to ask you, as a member of the Board of Progress Energy, to encourage Progress Energy to donate, or make available at a reasonable cost, the land needed for the Regional Waste Water Treatment Facility. I'm sure you are aware that many years ago CP&L condemned thousands of acres in Western Wake County for the Shearon Harris nuclear facility. Progress Energy has admitted they condemned too much land, and in an article in the News and Observer August 27, 2002 (copy attached), Progress Energy stated they wanted to develop some of their vast holdings in a once-remote corner of the county. We understand Progress Energy has approximately 14,000 acres of land near the Shearon Harris plant that is not needed for the nuclear facility.

The land Progress Energy wants to develop is land that was condemned, and taken from many of our neighbors. The residents of New Hill are now exposed to having more property condemned and taken by the Western Wake Partners for their Regional Waste Water Treatment Facility. The land Cary has selected is farm land in the center of our historical community and across the street from our church and playground. Also, there are two nursing homes, another church, and 16 residences within smelling distance.

The residents of New Hill have formed an organization, The New Hill Community Association (NHCA) to oppose the siting of the Regional Waste Water Treatment Facility in the center of our community. The engineering study conducted by the Western Wake Partners indicates several more suitable sites exist on land owned by Progress Energy near the Shearon Harris nuclear plant. We have spoken to the Wake

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County Commissioners; the Town Councils of Cary, Apex, Morrisville, and Holly Springs. We have tried to make the Cary Town Council see the logic and the public goodwill that will come by putting this sewage treatment facility on property owned by Progress Energy - land that was once owned by private citizens in New Hill. So far, we have been unsuccessful. It seems as if the Cary Town Council is determined to site this facility in New Hill regardless of how the residents of New Hill feel. New Hill is not within the ETJ of Cary and we had no voice in voting for this facility, nor are we represented by Cary, Apex, Morrisville or Holly Springs. We are only represented by the Wake County Commissioners and they tell us they are powerless to stop Cary.

On behalf of the New Hill Community Association, we are writing today to request your assistance in convincing Progress Energy to allow the placement of the facility on one of the Progress Energy sites (site # 20, 21, 22, 28) identified by the Western Wake Partners. (A map is attached showing these sites as well as site 14 which is the site Cary has selected.)

Such a move by Progress Energy has several benefits:

- Reinforce to the public and to public officials the statements made on Progress Energy's web site:

"Our motivation is simple. Progress Energy may be an energy provider servicing millions, but we're also a local company, and more importantly, a neighbor in every community where we live and work. And we can't think of a better investment!"

- This will be seen as an act of goodwill and corporate citizenship by the residents of the New Hill Community, Progress Energy's closest neighbors in Western Wake County.
- Water and sewer facilities will be available for Progress Energy's further development.
- Tax benefits

The New Hill Community Association shares with Progress Energy the belief that

"... There's nothing more powerful than strong communities."

And we trust Progress Energy when they state:

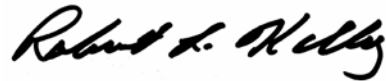
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identifying opportunities that will have a lasting impact and thoughtfully committing our resources and our time to them.”

Dick, we look forward to working with you and/or Progress Energy to do what is right for our community.

Sincerely,



This letter was also signed by past and current IBM employees who are being impacted by the Regional Waste Water Treatment Facility.

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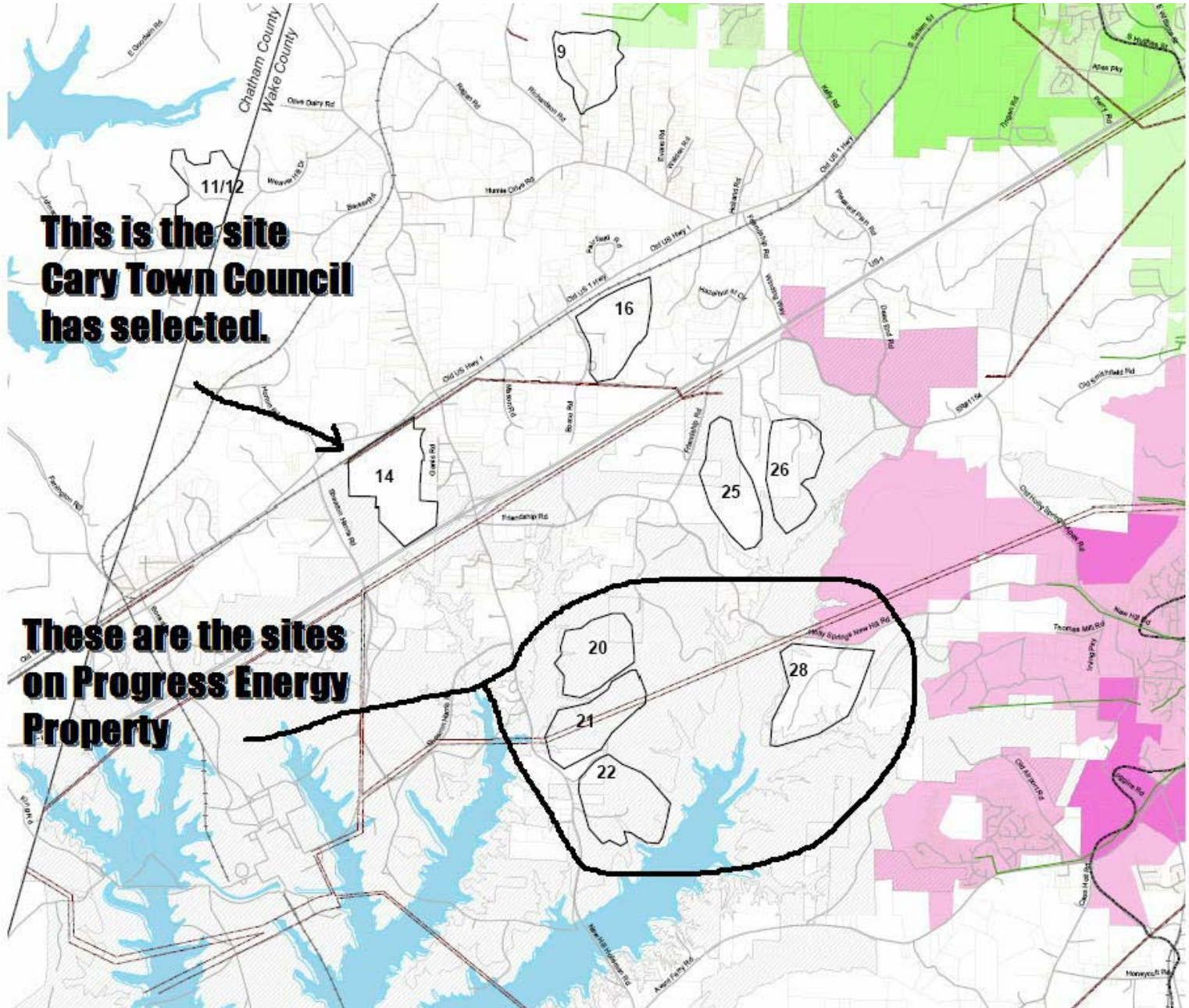
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Cary Town Council
has selected.**

**These are the sites
on Progress Energy
Property**

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Progress Energy, the largest private landowner in Wake County, is looking to develop some of its vast holdings in a once-remote corner of the county.

Progress Energy owns nearly 17,000 acres in Wake, the equivalent of three Umstead state parks, most of it taken up by **Harris** Lake, the **Shearon Harris** nuclear plant and surrounding land west of Holly Springs. The company owns more land than it needs to buffer the lake and the nuclear plant, making hundreds of acres available for development.

"We look at that area as obviously a very high potential growth area," said spokesman Garrick Francis. "We will continue to analyze all the property we have in that area for its development potential."

Progress Energy's subsidiary, Carolina Power & Light, took the first step last winter when it asked Holly Springs to annex 425 acres, making it eligible for town water, sewer and other services. The company took the second step last week when it persuaded Holly Springs commissioners to rezone 53 acres of that land along U.S. 1 to allow commercial development.

Progress Energy will jump into the development business in a big way this fall, when it breaks ground on a \$100 million office, retail and residential complex in downtown Raleigh. Twenty miles away, the company's land near **Shearon Harris** could fuel the westward expansion of Holly Springs into a part of the county that once seemed beyond the reach of development.

Holly Springs was the state's fastest-growing town in the 1990s, and town officials, unlike their counterparts in Apex and Cary, have no interest in slowing down. Mayor Dick Sears and other town officials met with Progress Energy representatives this week to say they're eager to work with the company on future development.

"We talked about the possibility of partnering on more commercial development, high schools, water treatment

facilities, residential, and that's about as far as it's gotten," Sears said. "They do have a lot of land down there that we are interested in."

CP&L has no immediate plans to develop the 53 acres along U.S. 1, but the company's rezoning application says an office park, shopping center or mixed-use project are possibilities.

"We're just preparing ourselves so that when the market turns around we'll be in a better position to use the asset," Francis said. "Obviously that area has great potential."

The rezoning surprised neighbors of the property, a forested tract surrounded by other forests and a smattering of houses.

Elizabeth Ray, who has lived off Friendship Road since 1996, said people expect more building in their part of the county, but always considered the CP&L land off limits to development because of the nuclear plant. "There's enough signs that something's going to come our way," said Ray, whose 25-acre lot backs up on the company's land. "We just didn't expect it so soon. And we did not expect it from CP&L."

CP&L acquired thousands of acres of farm and forest land in the southwest corner of the county in the 1960s and 1970s as it planned to build four nuclear reactors at **Shearon Harris**. After the Three Mile Island nuclear accident in 1979, the company scaled back the plant to one reactor, which required less cooling water and a smaller lake, Francis said.

Francis could not say how much Progress Energy land might be available for development, but he said it's more than the 425 acres annexed by Holly Springs. Company land abuts the town in several places, including the town's industrial park.

The land is within five miles of the nuclear plant, but company officials don't think that will discourage development. Developers have planned or built hundreds of homes that are as close.

"There certainly are lots of people who live in pretty close proximity to the plant and feel safe," Francis said. "Whatever you create out there, people would be willing to use it."

The 53 acres rezoned last week are split by U.S. 1. Company officials say that makes them a logical place for commercial development, even though the nearest interchange on U.S. 1 is several miles away and the land is reachable now only by a gravel road. Progress Energy will ask the state Department of Transportation to build an interchange nearby before it develops the property, Francis said.

Town officials will support a new interchange when the time comes, Planning Director Gina Bobber said. Finisterra, a planned 775-acre golf course subdivision just south of the recently annexed CP&L land, calls for up to 2,100 homes, enough to justify new access to U.S. 1, Bobber said.

Meanwhile, Progress Energy's moves to develop its property have caught Ray and her neighbors off guard. They learned about the rezoning only about two weeks ago, she said. Now they're anxious about having a big chunk of commercially zoned property in their midst.

"I don't feel it is fair to rezone a piece of property without giving the adjacent landowners time to understand the impact or what they plan to do," Ray said. "Right now it's all up in the air."

Caption:
map
Progress Energy land
Staff

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