

Subject: New Hill Waste Water Treatment plant

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Editor,

Despite pleas from New Hill residents and a resolution from the Wake County Commissioners for a 30 day delay, the Cary Town Council voted last night to initiate condemnation of private land in the center of Historic New Hill for the citing of the Western Wake Waste Water Treatment Facility. Cary was acting on behalf of the Western Wake Partners, which also includes the towns of Apex, Holly Springs, and Morrisville.

By taking this action, the Partners have chosen to ignore the site evaluation of their own engineers which indicated that three sites on nearby Progress Energy land were more favorable. When asked to explain this, Mayor McAllister referred to additional ranking criteria that were recently applied. These additional criteria, which somehow created a cost increase of \$27 million for the Progress Energy sites, have not been made public, and they are not available on the informational website published by the Western Wake Partners.

Representatives from Progress Energy have contacted members of the New Hill Community Association and indicated that they are willing to consider placement of the facility on Progress Energy land. Yet, not only have the Partners never attempted to contact Progress Energy with a formal request, they have steadfastly refused to consider doing so, citing those mysterious new criteria that would make placing the plant on any of the Progress Energy sites more expensive.

Something smells in Western Wake County.

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