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I just sent this to the N&O. We'll see if they print it.

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Editor,

The article in Saturday's paper once again highlighted the plight of the New Hill community in our fight to prevent the Western Wake Partners (WWP) from placing a sewage treatment plant in the center of our town.

However, many questions remain unanswered. The WWP, and specifically the Town of Cary, have failed, after repeated requests and the passage of six weeks, to substantiate their claim of additional costs to site this facility south and east of US1. The New Hill Community Association has asked for a detailed cost analysis to substantiate the claims and as yet, we do not have an answer. It seems that six weeks should be sufficient time to pull the numbers together, since that is the data being used by the WWP to make their decision to place the sewage plant in New Hill. What is taking so long?

Furthermore, assuming the cost claims can be substantiated, those costs need to be put in the context of the overall cost of the project over time. It is not unreasonable for citizens to be asked to pay for services they receive. By how much will the average sewage bill in Cary, Apex, Morrisville, or Holly Springs be increased if this plant were to be placed south and east of US1? Is that increase enough to justify destroying the character of a small, rural community that will not benefit in any way by housing this facility? Are social, cultural, and environmental concerns for sale—and at what price?

Sincerely,

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