

# New Hill seeks to raise money

## Community prepares for litigation against WWP

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The Western Wake Partners' controversial decision to build a regional sewage plant in the heart of New Hill seems like a done deal.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has already approved the project and the Partners are moving ahead with their plans.

But don't tell the residents of New Hill the fight is finished. To them, a battle was lost but the war to protect their community still rages on.

The New Hill Community Association will hold a barbecue and bake sale fundraiser on Friday, Aug. 20 at 4 p.m. at First Baptist Church on New Hill Holleman

Road.

Money raised at the event will benefit a legal fund as New Hill prepares to take its fight against the towns of Cary, Apex, Morrisville and Holly Springs to the courtroom.

The NHCA already has some money saved up. The Southern Coalition for Social Justice, which has been aiding New Hill in legal matters, recently received a \$10,000 grant from Impact Fund, a California-based group concerned with economic and social justice.

That won't be enough, however, to cover the expense of expert witnesses, deposition costs and filing fees.

NHCA President Paul Barth said the recent Army Corps of Engineers decision wasn't unexpected and his group has been preparing for such a scenario for some time.

"We knew this might happen and we weren't

just sitting around on our hands," said Barth. "Now, we just need to beef up our fund."

The NHCA had scheduled a meeting for Monday night to discuss taking the Partners to court.

"We are still looking into the specifics and the legal technicalities," said Barth.

While \$8 barbecue plates might not generate a windfall of money, Barth believes the event can serve as a good morale booster for the community.

"We definitely took a hit," said Barth. "But the decision (by the Army Corps of Engineers) certainly wasn't unexpected. The barbecue will help raise some money but it might also serve to liven people up again and raise some spirits.

"This isn't over yet. We aren't going to stop fighting this until the trucks start rolling in and begin pouring concrete."