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## **Community fights to prevent new wastewater plant**

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(NEW HILL) - A group fighting plans to build a wastewater treatment plant in Wake County says they are not giving up.



The New Hill Community Association went to court Tuesday to try to stop the project that is spearheaded by town leaders in Cary, Apex, Morrisville and Holly Springs.

The battle against the proposed wastewater treatment plant in New Hill has been waged on front lawns and on posters.

"Every time we turn around it seems they're just trying to find some reason that they need to take land from folks in New Hill for someone else's gain, not the benefit of people who live in New Hill," said Paul Barth, the president of the New Hill Community Association.

The fight moved to court Tuesday. Attorneys for people who live in New Hill asked a judge to stop plans to build the plant.

However, attorneys representing the group of towns working together on the project said it needs to keep going.

"The partners are under a mandate from the state of North Carolina to begin work on this by 2011. It is imperative for us to do this," said Susan Moran, Cary's Public Information officer.

Some believe there's an easy path to a truce.

"If you put the sewage plant on Progress Energy property, we would

all sit down and shut up because it is not in our front yard. Then it's in our backyard, but we can live with that," said Bob Kelly, with the New Hill Community Association.



Barth said even if the community opposition is evident on signs throughout New Hill, those signs don't sway the judge, he'll continue fighting against the plant.

"We've been continuing our fight from a political standpoint. We've met with our state senator. We still have other cards to play, so to

speak," Barth added.

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