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New Hill residents protest proposed sewage treatment plant

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(NEW HILL) -- "Not in my downtown." That's the reaction a proposed sewage treatment plant is generating in Wake County.



Town leaders in Cary, Apex, Morrisville and Holly Springs say they need to build a new plant to treat wastewater. They want to build it in New Hill in western Wake County.

As he studied a map of plans for the proposed sewage treatment plant, New Hill resident Berry Credle doesn't like what he sees.

"It seems the decision is already made about this issue," Credle said.

That's what brought him to join a group of marchers. They are all opposed to a sewage treatment plant in their community.

"I think Cary ought to stay out of our area, we have our own land down here," added New Hill resident Wray Lawrence.

They marched to meet with Cary town leaders. They listened closely to consultants talk about details of the plan and explain why New Hill was chosen.

"New Hill is an area that all of the parties involved agree on," explained Town of Cary Spokeswoman Susan Moran.

Despite listening to the details of the plan at the meeting, many people walked away with questions unanswered.

New Hill resident Velnon Cotton said, "For me, I just think they should have consulted with us first, this all seems last minute."



Credle says he understands that Wake County is growing, but he thinks that accommodating that growth shouldn't come at the expense of his hometown. "I just wish the people of New Hill could have had more input on this issue," he said.

Cary town leaders want to purchase land for the wastewater treatment plant by the end of the summer. They expect to have it in operation in 2010.

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