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Not in New Hill

The March 21 article about the New Hill hookups gives an incomplete picture of what is being offered to New Hill residents.

First of all, no one is getting anything for free. All residents who accept the free hookups agree to have liens placed on their properties. Fees for the free water and sewer hookup are due when the property is sold. There is a lengthy set of conditions the residents must also agree to, one of which is that they cannot protest annexation.

Suggesting that the towns of Apex and Cary are spending this money to appease New Hill residents is also not quite true. These towns are trying to appease the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the state regulatory agency that has thus far refused to approve this debacle.

We can only hope that DENR sees through this latest attempt to ramrod this sewage-treatment plant project into the heart of a community that has already done its part for the public good. Isn't having a nuclear plant in their backyards enough? Why should New Hill have to deal with the by-products of growth in Apex and Cary? Wouldn't that \$3 million be better spent on moving this facility to a better location?

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