

Subject: Wake County Commissioners Meeting - Sept 5, 2006

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Dear Wake County Commissioners,

On September 5, 2006, I attended your meeting and spoke out during the Public Speaks Out portion of the agenda.

I brought to your attention that DENR had recently completed their report on the Western Wake Partners (WWP) Draft EIS document. I made several points about that review document.

- DENR Public Hearing was the first time a governmental agency with authority to act listened to New Hill citizens expressing their issues and concerns with the siting of a regional sewage plant in the center of their rural community
- WWP preferred site is adjacent to our Historic District, two historic churches, several rest homes, playgrounds, 87% black, low income, minority homes and also many elderly homes
- DENR agreed with New Hill that the Draft EIS had many flaws that needed to be addressed in the Draft EIS
- DENR determined that the Draft EIS was inaccurate, incomplete, and inadequate
- DENR agreed that New Hill citizens had no official governmental representation in this project
- DENR agreed that there was no public outreach to residents around the preferred New Hill site and influent pipelines and strongly recommended WWP sponsor a public hearing

I requested that the Wake County Commissioners:

- get back into this ball game and represent New Hill citizens in this project as our only governmental agency with authority to do so
- require the WWP to include representatives from New Hill to be included in the project
- partner with WWP to select a more suitable site. New Hill community recommends a site located on Progress Energy (PE) property only a mile away from the current site and which had previously been taken from New Hill citizens for utility purposes

Finally, I requested that any decision by Wake County Commissioners on my request be communicated to me, President of New Hill Community Association, Inc. I am awaiting your decision.

Respectfully,

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October 17, 2006

Mr. Paul Barth
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Dear Mr. Barth,

Tony Gurley, Chairman of the Wake County Board of Commissioners, shared with me your email regarding the Western Wake Regional Wastewater Management Facilities Project. I am aware your email followed your attendance at a Board of Commissioners' meeting last month.

Wake County was involved in the initial planning for the Western Wake project, which resulted in the development of a partnership between the municipalities and the County. Once the project arrived at the point of being permitted, designed, financed and constructed, Wake County agreed to allow the municipalities (the Town of Cary) to assume the lead role in the project. This is due, in large part, to the experience and expertise that the municipalities have in permitting, designing, and constructing wastewater facilities. Wake County does not have this experience.

At the same time, however, the County has not entirely removed itself from the process. We have been following the Environmental Impact Statement process and believe your concerns have been heard and will be addressed by the partners. Specifically, we understand that the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NC DENR) has asked the partners to update the site selection process to incorporate new environmental justice scores for all 13 sites and to solicit more public input and involvement in the project.

Wake County is a named entity on the Interbasin Basin Transfer (IBT) Certificate on behalf of the Research Triangle Park. As such, we remain committed to the successful completion of the project in accordance with the IBT Certificate. We will continue to follow the project and the guidance put forward by the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

I would like to thank you for your participation in this process. You have represented your community very well and have demonstrated a great deal of leadership on this complex issue.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. You may reach me at 919-856-5555 or david.cooke@co.wake.nc.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Cooke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

David Cooke
County Manager

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