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Plant hard to justify

The New Hill sewer plant article last week noted that the project is now estimated to cost \$329 million. When Cary citizens voted for the Clean Water Bond in 2005, the total cost was estimated to be \$193 million. Only \$110 million of General Obligation bonds were authorized, but our share is now over \$210 million. That \$100 million increase in the price tag will be paid for by more expensive revenue bonds, cash and of course, more utility rate increases ranging upwards to 35 percent.

Council held a hearing about those rate increases April 15, but the most interesting discussion was about Cary only using 50-60 percent of its wastewater processing capacity. Cary's involvement in this partnership stems more from the questionable environmental science behind Interbasin Transfer Certificates. The word "political" was used when discussing IBTs; not surprisingly, the same word is used by New Hill residents regarding the location decision. It is difficult to justify sending our sewage to the New Hill neighborhood when we apparently do not even need the additional capacity and there are less expensive means to meet ITB rules. And in this current economic environment, it is not fiscally prudent that Cary will spend \$210 million to do so.

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