

**Subject:** Please read this plea concerning New Hill.

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To: The Honorable Ernie McAlister (Cary)  
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The Honorable Dick Sears (Holly Springs)  
The Honorable Gordon Cromwell (Morrisville)

From: Berry Credle, Citizen of Wake County

Gentlemen:

Please take a moment to read this in its entirety. I think working together, we can come up with some solutions which may help everyone.

As you are aware there are many high emotions about the Western Wake Partnership and its plans to open a Sewage Treatment plant in the New Hill area. I am writing at this early hour to plead with you to reconsider all options and offer some suggestions. My faith teaches me two things. 1) Treat others as you would wish to be treated. 2) Pray for your enemies.

I am praying for each of you at this early hour because I find that as I do so it makes it harder to consider you an adversary and easier to call you brothers. I do hope, however, that you will consider the first of the two listed above. That when Judgement Day comes that each of you may reflect on how you have treated everyone during your lifetimes and be happy with the decisions you have made. The old farmer gave advice which paraphrased states - live your life well the first time, and when you are old you can reflect and enjoy it all over again.

I know each of you has constituents you represent. I know you do the best you can for each of them. But in the spirit of cooperation, can we find some way to be loyal to them without dumping on folks who have no voice in re-electing you?

My plan is simple. Has any consideration been given to looking at land which is in less desirable locations. For example, the land on which Sharron Harris sits and its environs is pretty much property which might be well suited for your project from the standpoint that it is not in any historic district and the land has limited residential and commercial

use. In the case of the Sharron Harris site itself, it might be a plus to have such a facility on site (tax incentives to Progress Energy - without displacing folks or having their property values drop precipitously).

I sat near a farmer in a meeting in New Hill last week whose family had owned that land for 200 years. Cary isn't even 200 years old. I have ties to Cary...my wife and I met in the high school marching band there in the fall of 1981. I am not anti-growth. But I will say that when progress comes at the expense of this farmer and his neighbors, a future community center in the historic district of New Hill, and the quality of life of citizens who already deal with the Nuclear plant in their backyard that maybe some further consideration to the good of Cary, Apex, Morrisville, and Holly Springs and the well being of New Hill is in order.

Finally, I would say, that in order to really treat others as we would want to be treated - if our roles were reversed, and I were the mayor and you were making this plea, I would take every step necessary to do what is right, just, and fair not only for the citizens of my town but for every person affected by my decisions. I think each of you deserve this consideration from me, and I hope you would feel (in our current roles) the same toward me.

Brothers, I continue to pray for you. Please don't put this plant in any of the 3 sites proposed in the March report. It just isn't fair, and I hope 20 years from now as you reflect back on these decisions, you'll be proud of the decisions that perhaps we (working together) have come up with.

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