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The community of **New Hill**, in the southwest corner of Wake County, is a beautiful area. Natives and newcomers alike reside there happily, though the town is composed of a crossroads, a store and a church. Now, if Cary and the other towns upstream have their way, it will also be home to a sewage treatment plant, right across from the church.

Wake County spent a lot of our tax money on consulting reports that recommended several sites as suitable for the plant. None of these sites were chosen, however. For undisclosed reasons, a site in **New Hill** that was not even on the list to be studied has been selected!

This selection blindsided area residents; our county commissioner learned of it only last week. Voters unfortunately made it easier for governments to condemn property by eminent domain, which may force this unwise and unwanted placement on our community.

We believe that this proposed selection constitutes an abuse of government authority. It was concocted in back rooms, out of public view and ignores the good advice of qualified engineers. We urge Wake County to consider science ahead of political pressure and locate this plant in one of the recommended sites where it would affect many fewer homeowners, and not across from our church.

Guy Meilleur

**New Hill**

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