

**Subject:** a chance to make a difference.

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To the Honorable Bill Jensen, Bill Sutton, Gene Schultz, and Keith Weatherly:

( please note I attempted to copy Mike Jones and Bryan Gossage but was unable to obtain their email addresses from

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If you (those on the TO: list) know how they may read a copy of these comments, I would applaud your efforts to have them see this letter as well.

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I will be unable to speak at the Town Council Meeting tonight (Aug 15th) at 7pm but wanted to share in advance some thoughts I have had on Apex and New Hill as neighbors and partners.

In full disclosure, I was once a resident of the Town of Apex, my wife runs a business in the Apex Medical Park, my kids were in Cub Scouts in Apex. Our family eats at the establishments in Apex, shops for groceries there, and now even attend movies without having to travel to Cary or Morrisville to do so. I think having stated this, I would be in the category which supports "sustainable" growth in this part of Wake County.

Here is what I do not understand, however. As a Christian, an Eagle scout, the grandson of a Rotarian, and the son-in-law of an Apex Lion, I have for many years always tried to view the world from not only a "is it good for me" standpoint, but also "is it good for everyone that this decision will affect". If I harm others in my decisions, or make unfair decisions, these are not good decisions to make.

I know eminent domain issues are always tricky. Years ago, land was taken from neighbors of New Hill to build Jordan Lake. More land was taken to produce the Shearon Harris Nuclear plant and lake. Other land was condemned to allow for Dixie Pipeline to pass their gas pipeline through town. More recently, Progress Energy ran additional power lines through the properties of New Hill land owners. At least for the Jordan and Shearon Harris projects, there was the possibility for our community residents to visit the parks or purchase electricity, but in the latest decision to run raw

sewage into our community (and not OUR sewage but just that of Apex, Cary, and Morrisville) seems reckless and in the category of only benefitting these 3 towns and not the rural population of New Hill.

DENR recently supported New Hill residents as we asked for some plan on what is going to happen when millions of gallons of raw sewage come from a broken pipe and pollute our farm ponds and wells. I know this is not of YOUR concern...you have plenty of fresh water, but don't you think some consideration needs to be given to those who will lose the use of their property and in the case of horse owners and borders perhaps their livestock or livelihoods?

Why not do the responsible thing? (and I will lay it out in plain language). You need to have a treatment plant in your own community (not one which treats your neighbor's sewage, but just the sewage of Apex). Take the effluent from that facility and pipe it to a pumping station which is located on Progress Energy lands...REMEMBER, most of this land was already condemned for use of public utilities and is no longer needed for electricity generation...perfect match. Also, the pipes which deliver this effluent should NOT tear up the beautiful American Tobacco Trail which is for the benefit of all of South West Wake County (not just Cary or Apex or New Hill). From there, the large pipe (containing effluent from Apex, Cary, Holly Springs, and Morrisville) can wind its way down to the Cape Fear River...PROBLEM SOLVED. And the good thing is that if an effluent pipe breaks, we're drinking bottled water for weeks not years.

This plan also opens up the possibility that downtown New Hill (should it be part of Apex one day) will still have a cross roads which can develop into a cultural center much the way Center Street and Salem Street is today....this is to the benefit of both New Hill and Apex to keep this possibility alive...planting a sewage treatment plant where it is currently sited pretty much wipes out this option.

What do you say? You stand at a moment when YOU personally can make a decision to do the right thing and be greatly respected by those who elected you and by those who have no voice in your re-election. Do the right thing. I will personally do whatever I can to help explain this to your constituents, but I think actually, your actions will speak louder to them in a more positive way than any words I will ever be able to say.

Thank you for your time.  
Berry Credle of New Hill

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