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### **Apex officials have only themselves to blame**

In the March 5, 2008 edition of The Apex Herald, in the article, Reclamation Plant Falls Behind Schedule, it is reported that Apex's share in building the controversial Regional Water Reclamation Facility (sewage plant) was originally \$60 million but has ballooned to \$75 million.

In the January 31, 2008 edition of The Apex Herald, in the article, New Police Station Could Cause Possible Tax Hike, it is stated the Apex Town council voted in favor of moving forward with plans to build a new police station a cost of \$8 million to \$9 million. This will very likely cause a tax hike for Apex residents.

Perhaps if Apex Mayor Weatherly had not followed Cary Mayor McAlister's recommendation and had voted against siting the new sewage plant in the center of New Hill, construction of the new sewage plant would be well underway, and the town would have saved \$15 million, more than enough to build the new police station. Without a tax hike!

Mayor Weatherly failed to let the Apex Town Council consider and vote on the location of the sewage plant. Weatherly approved the location of the sewage plant, and wrote a letter to McAlister approving the location on behalf of Apex. By doing this, Weatherly exceeded the authority granted him by the Apex Town Charter, but so far, no one has had the intestinal fortitude to call Weatherly on overstepping his authority, even though several Apex council members have publicly stated the sewage plant should not be installed in the center of New Hill.

Recently I have learned that the leaders of the other WWP towns (Cary, Holly Springs and Morrisville) are willing to move the sewage plant, however, Weatherly is adamant it be installed in the center of New Hill, where it will adversely impact minority, low income and elderly residents; two churches, cemeteries, playgrounds; and the entire historic district.

The taxpayers of Apex should contact Weatherly and the members of the town council to demand the council stop wasting taxpayer dollars, and do the right thing for New Hill by moving the sewage plant out of the center of New Hill.

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