

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Apex wasting water, taxpayers' money

The US Army Corps of Engineers recently triggered efforts to preserve water in Jordan Lake (source of Apex's water supply) by releasing less water downstream.

According to the Army Corps, water flows into Jordan Lake are at about one-fifth of typical amounts, among the lowest measurements on record. Our current designation is "abnormally dry", one step short of "drought conditions". This makes our condition a "drought watch."

While the Town of Apex's website has "Water Conservation Tips" and posts "Current Water Restrictions", the town's public works department appears to be the biggest water waster of all and thus sending Apex taxpayers money down the drain.

Within the past year, Apex ran a water line outside of their ETJ limits to New Hill under the pretense of providing water to the New Hill Apex Fire Station located on New Hill - Holleman Road. The water line destroyed numerous long leaf pine trees along Old US 1 while no alternate paths were considered.

New Hill knows that the water line was really part of the infrastructure for the Western Wake Partners (Apex, Cary, Holly Springs, and Morrisville) regional sewage plant even though they do not have a permit for the project.

At best, the fire station only requires a hundred gallons of water a day to function. However, because the water line is so large, the water becomes stagnant requiring the water line to

be "flushed." Since March 2009 and continuing through today, thousands of gallons of water is being "flushed" each day wasting approximately 170,000 gallons of water a day, seven days a week. Your tax money paid to treat, pump to New Hill and dump this water on the ground. This dumping will be necessary until there is another use for this water which could be five years away or longer. If this waste of your hard-earned money concerns you, call your town board members and your mayor and tell them.

To see a video of this waste of water go to: www.newhillca.org/waste4.wmv

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