

Hello Representative Price,

I am writing you in regards to the Western Wake Water Reclamation Project with hopes that you will be able to provide support for citizens in the area around New Hill.

I believe you are aware of the project, but it is an effort to build a regional wastewater treatment site serving Cary, Apex, Morrisville, and Holly Springs. Town of Cary is the lead sponsor. We, the residents around the town of New Hill, just found out within the past 10 days that there is now a proposal to build the primary waste processing site essentially in the heart of New Hill. The two back up plans would place the facility directly adjacent to residential areas. There is, to put it mildly, intense anger around these plans. The reason for the anger in part is that the decision to use one of these sites was made very recently – apparently as a result of Holly Springs deciding to partly join the project - without any notice to residents around New Hill. The previously selected and published plan had the waste facility well removed from our area.

Citizens in the New Hill area fully realize the need for a regional site and for discharge to be down river of Jordan lake due to environmental reasons, but there has to be better alternatives than what is now proposed. Citizens around New Hill do not understand why they are essentially being selected without a vote, without representation or input, as the site for Cary and other municipalities. Why is the site not within one of the municipalities, with piping to the discharge area? Alternatively, why are less populated sites or commercial sites along new US1 not being considered? Why isn't a solution being pursued that utilizes 200 of the nearly 25,000 vacant acres Progress Energy has around the Shearon Harris nuclear plant?

At the core, it appears that the municipalities have taken the least expensive route towards a regional solution. The presentation on the Cary website:

<http://www.townofcary.org/depts/pwdept/wwwwmfpresentation.pdf>

makes this point pretty clear. Seeking an economic solution is understandable. However, the notion that one community can save money on waste processing by indemnifying, with impunity, an area in the heart of another community and well removed from its borders is ethically bankrupt. The corporate borders of Cary, Apex, Morrisville and Holly Springs are many miles from the proposed site. Cary has garnered a reputation for such behavior previously, and their current intentions do nothing but further exemplify this reputation. Cary, Apex, Morrisville and Holly Springs might have to spend an additional amount for a more appropriate solution, but it should be both their desire and responsibility to select a solution which is not an affront to surrounding and less powerful communities.

In summary, many people stand to have their rural neighborhood ruined if any of the 3 current sites are pursued. I would appreciate it if you would consider this issue and lend your considerable influence to support citizens in and around New Hill in the effort they now face to confront the currently proposed locations of the wastewater treatment facility.

Respectfully,

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