

Subject: letter to county commissioners

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To: <wwakecitizens@theotts.org>

Copy of letter I sent to the commissioners today. With apologies/thanks to Harvey Ferris, Bill Ott, and David Bristol. thanks for your input and suggestions!

Dear Wake County Commissioners:

I am again writing on behalf of the citizens of New Hill. As I'm sure you are now aware, we are very concerned about not only the placement of the Western Wake Waste Water Treatment Facility in our community, but also at the process leading to New Hill as the site.

The Western Wake Partners held an informational meeting for our citizens on June 14. Further questions were raised at that meeting. Frankly, few of our concerns were alleviated, and many of our questions were not answered adequately.

We understand that the inter-local agreement among the Western Wake Partners requires that all of the partners agree on the site to be condemned. We ask that you send the Cary Town Council a vote of "No Confidence" prior to their meeting on next Thursday, June 23rd, at which they intend to vote on condemnation of the proposed property. Condemning the property at this point is premature, and seems to be an attempt to steamroll the process. Please do not endorse these actions by the Town of Cary.

The Wake County Commissioners are our ONLY representatives in this process, and we must rely on you to protect our interests as well as other citizens in Wake County. This facility will not benefit New Hill residents in any way. At the very least, we should have someone representing our interests in protecting our land values and our quality of life.

We further request that the vote be delayed for a period of three months to allow us an adequate opportunity to find reasonable alternatives—some of which appear to have been rejected prematurely.

The reasons for the designation of the New Hill sites as preferred are not justifiable. They are based solely on economics and not at all on the impact on adjacent land use. The site selection criteria heavily favor land acquisition issues over impact to the community. The criteria are so biased that a site having a worst case score with regard to adjacent land use would still score favorably. Any golf course in Cary or Apex would have had a similar score to site "C" in New Hill, the proposed site.

Furthermore, sites on Progress Energy property were rejected only after Holly Springs pulled out of the project. When Holly Springs is considered (as they will exceed the capacity of their current plant), sites in New Hill will be more costly for the county and the state than any of the Progress Energy sites. The New Hill sites primarily benefit

Cary. The plant should be placed in an optimized location for all citizens—not in one that minimizes the cost for Cary at added expense for all others, and not incidentally to our quality of life.

In addition, should the New Hill site be selected, because of the topography, expansion of the facility would have to occur in the direction of New Hill rather than away from town. This information was provided by officials at the public meeting on June 14. It is surely not in the interests of our citizens to have further encroachment of a sewage plant into our community.

Respectfully,

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