

# New Hill attracts Perdue's interest

**NHCA meets with  
representative of  
Lt. Gov. to discuss  
sewage plant**

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The ongoing regional sewage plant saga has taken plenty of interesting twists and turns over the last year and a half.

One more curve was added Feb. 27 as three New Hill residents met with a member of Lt. Gov. Beverly Perdue's office to discuss the community's plight.

What made the meeting most surprising is that Perdue was the one who initiated it.

New Hill Community Association Treasurer Dan Brubaker attended a Democratic fundraiser last month when he was approached by Perdue.

She told Brubaker "we need to talk" about the Western Wake Partners planning to build a sewage plant in the middle of New Hill.

"He was wearing a name tag that said New Hill on it and Perdue approached him," said NHCA President Paul Barth. "She told him she was aware of what was happening in New Hill and wanted to meet with us.

"I'm not sure where all of this will lead but it's very interesting that she knew what was happening here in New Hill."

Barth, Brubaker and Elaine Joyner traveled to downtown Raleigh on Feb. 27 to meet with Kimberly Hill, the assistant policy director for Perdue.

"I was expecting to meet for about half an hour," said Barth. "Instead, we met for an hour and she seemed concerned and interested.

"She told us that when she meets with people to discuss an issue they are nowhere near as prepared as we are."

Barth said he is expecting to hear back from Hill within the next week and is interested to see if Perdue can help their cause.

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could have to think that Department of Environment and Natural Resources has to answer to her," said Barth.

Western Wake Partners, which consists of Apex, Cary, Morrisville and Morrisville, currently has eight months left on its schedule in their plans to build a regional sewage plant on old U.S. 1 in the heart of

New Hill.

DENR is currently reviewing the partners' environmental impact statement.

Problems with the Environmental Justice portion of the statement have delayed the process.

DENR asked the partners to resubmit data pertaining to site selection and the effect on minorities living in close proximity to the proposed site.

The delay could have a major

impact on future development in Apex.

Barth said the delay is the partners' own fault since they had many chances to move the proposed site to areas that wouldn't affect as many people.

"We gave them many opportunities to change their minds," said Barth. "Maybe they thought we would get away and go away. Well, we haven't."