

**Zoning Laws Gamed:** This permanent 420 sq ft / 13 ft high building will have enough external cooling machinery for 6000 sq ft of residential, which will be operated 24/7. This is industrial in nature. Zoning law was quietly changed to exempt buildings under 500 sq ft and under 15 ft high from public review. This 120,000 BTU cooling machinery was ruled "residential" in nature, for an unmanned facility that will service up to 20,000 customers. The back-up generator will be tested every week. Google would not give Carrboro the level of sound protection for this generator that they gave to their hometown San Jose. The only reason to not delay for public input is to expedite Google's drive for up to \$10,000,000 of revenue per year for these services, and for their drive to form a monopoly in internet service. Google has ~\$75,000,000,000 in bank.

**Precious Green Space Meadow Jewel** is in the densest area of Carrboro: Town officials wanted to convert it to a public works yard in 1994. The rear portion has been used for "staging" purposes for town projects for years. Following this incursion, other parts *will* eventually be taken ... we need permanent Greenspace designation of it.

**The Hypocrisy of Cemetery Regulations:** By the Town's law, the folks who live on Fidelity can't throw a frisbee, jog, walk a dog, or even eat lunch in this meadow .. no matter how long you have lived or paid taxes here. But the most richly valued company on the planet can just glide in, quietly evade long-standing land usage policies, and then make industrial noise near graves forever.

**This Is Our Land!** The Town is the landlord and it **CAN** cancel the lease at any time. For public relations, Google wouldn't be able to sue the Town so that it can pump \$12 million through a cemetery. It is not going to meet the noise standard of "inaudible at the property line" that the Town imposes upon the pediatrician's office next door, via its SUP.

**Normal Zoning Procedures:** The issuance of "Conditional Use" (as behind the gym) and "Special Use" permits (as for the pediatricians' office) require the notification of all citizens and neighbors far in advance and the holding of public hearings. During a CUP hearing before the Aldermen, any citizen can request restrictions be placed upon developers. During an SUP hearing before the Adjusters, any neighbor can request restrictions be placed upon the building. For example, the SUP for the doctor's office prohibits back-up generators.

**OWASA Site is Superior:** It has back-up power and excellent noise management. It has a higher level of fire safety and security: The natural gas supply to the unmanned isolated Google building is vulnerable. In the cemetery, this building will be surrounded by potentially dry trees. Homeless people who live in the cemetery woods could start a fire. OWASA has 3 fire hydrants within 100 feet of the alternate location, and is staffed with trained personnel 24/7. Anyone can look at it ... it's the long skinny grassy area along the employees' parking lot, behind the iron fence. Town officials apparently haven't looked at the OWASA site; it could have been counter-proposed one year ago if this process had been public.

**By the Way:** Google's construction company is Bechtel. This company is to Dick Chaney's Halliburton as Pepsi-is-to-Coke: The book "The Profiteers: Bechtel and the Men Who Built the Word" recently reviewed on *Fresh Air* describes the company's relationships to the CIA in the Middle East during the cold war.