

# NO SOCIAL JUSTICE FOR GREEN SPACE IN CARRBORO

Carrboro Town Hall quietly let Google site an internet relay facility in the Fidelity Street graveyard's glade. Many trees were taken down with no notice. The construction continues.

This block, south of Main Street, is the densest in town. All parks in Carrboro are north of Main. The tranquil as-yet unused cemetery meadow next to this construction site is the only public green space south of Main. Google's cooling gear noise will degrade this oasis 24/7.

Moving fast to grab market share, Google requires partner towns to offer only town-owned lots. Towns often nominate parks. Then Google picks the humblest park because rich folks delay stuff.

Asked about noise, Google told the Town "no problem, we've put these in parks". As Carrboro yields, the next town will hear "no problem, we've even put one next to a graveyard near Chapel Hill". Thus Carrboro enables the nationwide pilfering of the rare green space used by humbler folks, for Google's commercial advantage.

# WHY NOT PUT THE GOOGLE HUB ON OWASA WATER PLANT?

Google's hub will be critical infrastructure. Chapel Hill and Carrboro own the OWASA campus next to the cemetery. This plant is manned 24/7. In contrast, homeless people camp in the glade close to the Google site. A dry year wildfire could destroy the hub.

The OWASA plant is secure and it has fire hydrants, back-up power, and professional good noise management. (The meadow would be disturbed with weekly tests of back-up power.) This OWASA site was overlooked because Google's rush-pressure averted public review. But OWASA is interested!

We deserve the most secure internet hub possible. Land lines will go away, and many will depend upon this hub for home health monitoring. Local boards should write Google's top executives to ask them to pause building to enable a dialogue: Why can't the superior already-industrialized OWASA site can be considered?

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