

# Wilson Position concerning the Poultry Facilities proposed along our Border

Nash County is in the process of approving a poultry slaughtering plant at I-95 and NC 97, a hatchery at NC 97 & NC 58 and spray fields in the Green Pond Area.

Company sites are along the County line and closer to the City of Wilson, than to Rocky Mount or Nashville. The Town Board of Bailey, the only Nash County town near this project, is also in opposition.

Approximately 500 largely unregulated chicken houses will be located on less than 100 farms within a 40 to 60 mile radius of the slaughtering plant site and the feed mill in Kinston.

On September 30, 2010 Nash County revoked its Intense Livestock Ordinance which limited the number of chickens on a site to 30,000.

The spray fields and portions of the slaughtering plant are within Wilson's protected drinking water supply basin. In fact, Nash County wants to pump the waste 7 miles in order to spray it in Wilson's watershed instead of Rocky Mount's. It is highly likely numerous chicken houses will be located within Wilson's protected watershed as well.

The magnitude of this project is so large it will impact not one, but two of Wilson's water reservoirs- Toisnot and Buckhorn, both within the sensitive Neuse River Basin.

The chicken houses will produce about a half a billion pounds of manure a year, which is about equal to the human waste produced by the City of Atlanta.

The chicken manure will be dried and land applied on the farms with the chicken houses with little oversight from the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources or EPA.

Wilson found out about the project and its location at the end of October.

We contacted Nash County and requested 90 days to research impacts on our water supply. Nash County refused to allow us time for research; therefore we were forced to oppose this project.

Wilson understands the need for economic growth and job creation in Eastern North Carolina, and we are typically strong supporters of projects in our region and jobs.

Wilson must protect our water resources. A major storm event, like Hurricane Floyd or the 100 year storm could cause the pollution of one or both of our watersheds. Storm water run off from the chicken houses **will** have a negative impact on our watershed.

## Wilson opposes the project being built within our watersheds

Over 50,000 people and 100 industries depend on the water Wilson treats every day from our watershed reservoirs.

There is an alternative site in Northern Nash County that will accommodate the project.

Switching sites will allow Wilson to withdraw its objections, if our watershed is protected.

