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Towns' line dance not yet over

Holly Springs mayor to talk to two land-owners before deciding on Cary annexation

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A peaceful ending to the hostilities between Cary and Holly Springs over a boundary could rest on the sentiments of two families that own land in the disputed area.

Cary and Holly Springs negotiated for two years before reaching a tentative agreement on a boundary, but when Holly Springs officials wanted to revise the agreement, Cary leaders said Holly Springs had negotiated in bad faith and voted to annex part of the area unilaterally.

Several Holly Springs officials said they made a verbal commitment to two landowners in the area not to split their properties. It's a commitment that could result in nearly 2,500 acres and 4,500 residents being involuntarily annexed by Cary.

"Our No. 1 priority was not to split our farm down the middle, and that's what we were opposed to," said Trent Pierce, whose family owns one of the two farms in the disputed area. "We are not looking to hurt anyone or make any enemies. We had nothing to do with Cary's change in stance or Holly Springs'."

Betsy Olive, who has represented the other family whose property might be split, did not return phone calls.

Cary officials said that if Holly Springs agrees to the original proposed line, they would reconsider the involuntary annexation. Holly Springs commissioners will vote on the proposal at their Dec. 16 meeting.

"The involuntary annexation was done largely to establish a boundary and protect the infrastructure we have invested in that area," said Jennifer Robinson, a Cary council member.

Holly Springs Mayor Dick Sears said he wanted to speak to the two property owners before making a decision.

"We in essence made a verbal commitment that we would try as best we could not to split the properties, and I'm drawn in that direction," Sears said.

The two towns were set to approve a boundary agreement last month that would have split the 300-acre Olive farm and the 145-acre Pierce farm between Holly Springs and Cary. The landowners opposed the line. Holly Springs offered two alternative plans. One of them put the Olive Farm in its

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Last week, the Cary board voted to begin an involuntary annexation of 2,396 acres where an estimated 4,722 people live. Cary has \$64 million worth of infrastructure in the area.

Cary officials say they had no choice except an involuntary annexation after Holly Springs town Manager Carl Dean said the Town Board would not accept the proposed agreement. But Holly Springs officials said they never took the first plan off the table.

The entire area that Cary is proposing to annex is in its urban planning area, said Wake County Manager David Cooke. But because of a small "unresolved" portion, the two towns began to work on a boundary agreement.

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