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Fibrowatt meetings draw community interest

RESIDENTS LEARN MORE ABOUT POULTRY LITTER PLANT AT OPEN HOUSES

A series of community Open House meetings hosted by Fibrowatt is drawing considerable interest and enthusiasm from local communities. As the company has narrowed its evaluation of possible locations in North Carolina, Fibrowatt began holding informal meetings earlier this month. The meetings are a way to educate community members about the company and explain how important these plants can be for North Carolina.

Fibrowatt plans to build as many as three renewable energy power plants in North Carolina and has been invited to consider dozens of sites. The company is currently focusing on sites in 7 counties: Duplin, Montgomery, Moore, Sampson, Stanly, Surry and Wilkes.

The Open House meetings have attracted a mixture of poultry farmers, county officials and curious residents who wanted to learn more about Fibrowatt and our plans to generate renewable energy from poultry litter. The meetings generated thoughtful questions and sparked a good dialogue between company officials and local residents.

Erin Perkins, a reporter for the [Mount Airy News](#), spoke with residents who believe a Fibrowatt plant would bring many benefits to the county. "... a new plant would help alleviate the effects of the recent string of plant closings that left hundreds of Mount Airy residents jobless, serve the poultry industry and provide extra funds for the county," Perkins wrote.

Candace Sammons, a Mount Airy resident, told the newspaper that a new plant would relieve workers laid off from plants earlier this year. "We desperately need the tax base and jobs for the community," she said. "The new plant would generate property taxes and that would be a good resource for the county."

In a [Winston Salem Journal](#) article by Sherry Youngquist and Monte Mitchell, Wilkes County officials shared insight from their visit to Fibrowatt's new poultry litter plant in Benson, Minnesota. Charlie Sink, a Wilkes County commissioner, says residents had been concerned about how the plant handles odor but he stood right next to the plant's storage building and could not smell anything.

"I think it'll be a real good thing for the county," Sink told the Journal. "Our farmers are in a pretty tough situation, especially the small farmers that don't have the land. It gives them a place to take their litter. I see good benefits."

The paper also spoke with local poultry farmers and state officials about the project. "I think it looks good," said Keith Mosteller, who lives in Yadkin County and is an air-quality compliance inspector for the state. "I think this is going to help a lot of people. There are a lot of poultry producers who don't have the land to put it (poultry litter) on. This will be an alternative."

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READ MORE about the Fibrowatt open house meetings by clicking on the links below:

Montgomery Herald

[Fibrowatt Open House draws good community crowd \(Dec 5, 2007\)](#)

The Independent Tribune

[Poultry litter may light up Stanly \(Dec 4, 2007\)](#)

[Fibrowatt CEO Addresses Community \(December 4, 2007\)](#)

The Southern Pines Pilot

[Robbins shows its support for Fibrowatt power plant \(Dec. 2, 2007\)](#)

The Elkin Tribune

[Wilkes eyed for plant site \(Nov. 19, 2007\)](#)

Mount Airy News

[Fibrowatt may build plant near Elkin, along Yadkin River \(\(Nov. 14, 2007\)](#)

[Fibrowatt plant could generate nearly \\$1 million in tax revenue \(Nov. 16, '07\)](#)

The Winston Salem Journal

[Plant site's pick near \(Nov. 8, 2007\)](#)

[Fibrowatt identifies Surry site \(Nov. 14, 2007\)](#)

[Fibrowatt confirms second possible site \(Nov. 15, 2007\)](#)

The News & Observer

[7 sites on list for fuel plant \(Nov. 14, 2007\)](#)

Asheboro Courier-Tribune

[Montgomery County town in running for Fibrowatt plant \(Nov. 14, 2007\)](#)

WGHP Fox 8

[Burning Chicken Poop Could Mean Money, Jobs for Piedmont \(Nov. 13, '07\)](#)

UPCOMING OPEN HOUSE MEETINGS

Wednesday, December 5

Sampson County
Sampson Co. Expo Center
Clinton, NC

Thursday, December 6

Duplin County
Duplin Co. Agriculture Center
Kenansville, NC

All meetings will be held from 4:00 to 7:00 pm.

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