

## Mint Hill company takes over Woods appeal

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WEDDINGTON Builders will continue their appeal of Weddington's choice to nix sewer for an upscale development off N.C. Highway 84, even though project leaders are shuffling responsibility.

Charlotte-based Infinity Partners headed up the failed yearlong bid for sewer from county and Weddington officials for The Woods development, but a Mint Hill company and investor, The Base Group LLC, will take over from here, according to Infinity head Ashley Campbell.

Developers filed a court challenge last month over the Weddington Town Council's September move to deny a private sewer plant for The Woods, claiming, among other allegations, that the town's decision "contains material errors of law."

Campbell and business partner Phillip Walton led negotiations with Weddington and Union County this year, but the Base Group President Mike Sealy "is taking a bigger role in handling some of the day-to-day works," Campbell said Monday.

Campbell said there are "competing projects" drawing his time away from The Woods, leaving the task to another local developer like Sealy.

"We decided to realign some priorities," Campbell said.

Campbell would not say why Infinity Partners' Web site has been down for several weeks.

Town officials said in September that the project could interfere with planned county sewer improvements after locals picketed for weeks over the private facility.

Some residents worried the plant would pollute area streams and lower property values.

Weddington town attorney Anthony Fox said the town is working with builders' Winston-Salem attorney Nathan Atkinson to submit transcripts and records in preparation for an initial hearing, which has yet to be scheduled.

Fox said he expects both sides to appear in court in late January or February, despite turnover in The Woods management.

"The litigation is still alive and well," he said.

Sealy could not be reached for comment Monday.

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