

**COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION OF
SPRINGFIELD & CLARK COUNTY, OHIO**

REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023





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Governing Board
Community Improvement Corporation of Springfield and Clark County Ohio
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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Community Improvement Corporation of Springfield and Clark County Ohio, prepared by Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Community Improvement Corporation of Springfield and Clark County Ohio is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

August 23, 2024

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SPRINGFIELD AND CLARK COUNTY, OHIO**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Community Improvement Corporation of
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To the Board of Trustees:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Community Improvement Corporation of Springfield and Clark County, Ohio (the Corporation), a not-for-profit corporation, which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2023, and the related statements of financial activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Corporation as of December 31, 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Corporation, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 28, 2024, on our consideration of the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.
June 28, 2024

Community Improvement Corporation of Springfield & Clark County, Ohio
Statement of Financial Position
As of December 31, 2023

ASSETS

Current Assets:

| | | |
|-----------------------------|----|----------------|
| Cash, unrestricted | \$ | 17,320 |
| Cash, segregated | | 3,208 |
| Cash, custodial | | 20,579 |
| Receivables | | 131,095 |
| Prepaid Expenses | | 35,966 |
| Total Current Assets | | 208,168 |

Property & Equipment

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|---------------|
| Office furniture and equipment | | 170,911 |
| Less: Accumulated Depreciation | | (80,470) |
| Net Property & Equipment | | 90,441 |

Other Assets:

| | | |
|----------------------------|--|------------------|
| Land and land improvements | | 7,179,264 |
| Total Other Assets | | 7,179,264 |

TOTAL ASSETS

7,477,873

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities:

| | | |
|----------------------------------|--|----------------|
| Accounts Payable | | 149,326 |
| Line of Credit | | 249,141 |
| Notes Payable - Current Portion | | 13,749 |
| Custodial Assets | | 20,579 |
| Total Current Liabilities | | 432,795 |

Long Term Liabilities

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--|----------------|
| Notes Payable - Long Term Portion | | 329,396 |
| Total Long Term Liabilities | | 329,396 |

Net Assets:

| | | |
|----------------------------|--|------------------|
| Without Donor Restrictions | | 6,715,682 |
| Total Net Assets | | 6,715,682 |

Total Liabilities & Net Assets

\$ 7,477,873

See accompanying notes the financial statements

Community Improvement Corporation of Springfield & Clark County, Ohio
Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

| | Without Donor Restrictions | With Donor Restrictions | Total |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| REVENUE | | | |
| Contributions | \$ 282,318 | \$ 4,760 | \$ 287,078 |
| Foundation Grants | 1,489 | 50,500 | 51,989 |
| Local Government Funding | 320,000 | 38,000 | 358,000 |
| Contract Revenue | 230,503 | - | 230,503 |
| Project Management Fees | 10,000 | - | 10,000 |
| Rent | 180,393 | - | 180,393 |
| Other Income | 8,260 | - | 8,260 |
| Total Revenue | 1,032,963 | 93,260 | 1,126,223 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| Administration and Operations | 535,243 | - | 535,243 |
| Economic Development and Project Related | 438,359 | - | 438,359 |
| Workforce Development | 250,041 | - | 250,041 |
| Property Taxes | 18,967 | - | 18,967 |
| Depreciation | 9,628 | - | 9,628 |
| Grants and Donations | 100,424 | - | 100,424 |
| Interest Expense | 22,806 | - | 22,806 |
| Total Expenses | 1,375,468 | - | 1,375,468 |
| Change in Net Assets | (342,505) | 93,260 | (249,245) |
| Net Assets Released from Restrictions | 94,260 | (94,260) | - |
| Net Assets, Beginning of Year | 6,963,927 | 1,000 | 6,964,927 |
| Net Assets, End Of Year | \$ 6,715,682 | \$ - | \$ 6,715,682 |

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Community Improvement Corporation of Springfield & Clark County, Ohio
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Cash Flows from Operating Activities

| | |
|--|-------------------------|
| Change in net assets | \$ (249,245) |
| Adjustment to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operations: | |
| Depreciation | 9,628 |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | |
| Decrease in Accounts receivable | (1,420) |
| Increase in Prepaid expenses | (4,631) |
| Increase in Accounts payable | (33,697) |
| Increase in Custodial Assets | (12,243) |
| Net cash used by operating activities | <u>(291,608)</u> |

Cash Flows from Investing Activities

| | |
|--|-------------------------|
| Purchase of Land | (347,669) |
| Land improvements | (16,103) |
| Net cash provided by investing activities | <u>(363,772)</u> |

Cash Flows from Financing Activities

| | |
|--|-----------------------|
| Decrease in Notes Payable & Line of credit | 592,286 |
| Net cash used by financing activities | <u>592,286</u> |

Net increase in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash (63,094)

Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at beginning of year 104,201
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at end of year **\$ 41,107**

Cash Represented By:

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Cash, unrestricted | \$ 17,320 |
| Cash, segregated | 3,208 |
| Cash, custodial | 20,579 |
| Total | <u>\$ 41,107</u> |

Supplemental Data:

| | |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| Interest paid | \$ <u>22,806</u> |
|---------------|-------------------------|

See accompanying notes the financial statements

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION OF SPRINGFIELD & CLARK COUNTY, OHIO

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting principles and practices of the corporation are set forth to facilitate the understanding of data presented in the financial statements.

A. Organization

The Community Improvement Corporation of Springfield & Clark County, Ohio (the “Corporation”) is a not-for-profit corporation whose purpose is to promote industrial and economic development in the City of Springfield and Clark County, Ohio.

B. Financial Statement Presentation

The Corporation follows the recommendations of the Financial Accounting Standards Board ASC 958, *Financial Statements of Not-For-Profit Organizations*. Under ASC 958, the Corporation is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets:

Net Assets without Donor Restrictions - Net assets that are not subject to donor or grantor- imposed stipulations.

Net Assets with Donor Restrictions - Net assets subject to donor-imposed restrictions that may or will be met, either by actions of the Corporation and/or passage of time. When a restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of financial activities as net assets released from restrictions.

C. Cash

For purposes of cash flows, the Corporation considers cash on hand and in demand accounts with a maturity of 90 days or less to be cash.

D. Income Taxes

The Corporation is a not-for-profit organization that is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code on income arising from normal operations. The Corporation has been liable for income tax on its unrelated business income more than related expenses in past years. During the current year, the Corporation has no unrelated business income.

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E. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

F. Property and Depreciation

Property and equipment are recorded at cost. Depreciation is provided on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives (five to fifty years) of the respective assets. The Corporation has established \$1,000 as the threshold amount for capitalization.

G. Contributions

Contributions received are recorded as net assets without donor restrictions or net assets with donor restrictions, depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor-imposed restrictions. Contributions that are restricted by the donor are reported as an increase in net assets without donor restrictions if the restriction expires in the reporting period in which the contribution is recognized. All other donor restricted contributions are reported as an increase in net assets with donor restrictions, depending on the nature of restriction. When a restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished), net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statements of financial activities as net assets released from restrictions.

NOTE 2– SEGREGATED CASH

In 2019, the Corporation entered into an agreement with Turner Property Services Group (“TPSG”) to manage the property at 4170 Allium Court, Springfield Ohio where the Corporation is presently a lessee under a Master Lease Agreement with Advance Technical Intelligence Center for Human Capital Development (“AVETEC”). TPSG opened a checking account in the Corporation’s name which is controlled by TPSG to pay monthly building expenses. As of December 31, 2023, the balance of that checking account was \$3,208. If the agreement with TPSG is terminated, any funds in that checking account would become the property of the Corporation and is therefore shown as Segregated Cash on the Statement of Financial Position.

NOTE 3 – DONOR RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

As of December 31, 2023, there were no donor restricted net assets.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 4 - ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

The Springfield Clark County Chamber of Commerce (the “Chamber”) shares costs with the Corporation. Costs incurred by the Chamber on behalf of the Corporation include salaries and benefits and other related expenses. The Corporation reimbursed the Chamber for these shared expenses in the amount of \$465,506 for 2023.

NOTE 5 - CONCENTRATION OF RISK

At times throughout the year, the Corporation may have deposits at financial institutions in excess of FDIC limits.

NOTE 6 – METHODS USED FOR ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES AMONG PROGRAM AND SUPPORTING SERVICES

| | Program Services | Management & General | Total Expenses |
|--|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Administration and Operations | \$ | \$ 535,243 | \$ 535,243 |
| Economic Development and Project Related | \$ 438,359 | \$ | \$ 438,359 |
| Workforce Development | \$ 250,041 | \$ | \$ 250,041 |
| Property Taxes | \$ 18,967 | \$ | \$ 18,967 |
| Depreciation | \$ | \$ 9,628 | \$ 9,628 |
| Grants and Donations | \$ 100,424 | \$ | \$ 100,424 |
| Interest | \$ | \$ 22,806 | \$ 22,806 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 807,791 | \$ 567,677 | \$ 1,375,468 |

The financial statements report certain categories of expenses that are attributable to one or more programs or to management and general expenses of the Corporation. Administration and operations costs are the expenses that cannot be directly charged to a program. Economic Development and project related expenses are direct expenses, and no administrative or general operating expenses are allocated to these programs or projects. Workforce Development expenses are allocated based on employees assigned to that program as well as expenses directly related to the program. Property taxes are for property held by the Corporation for economic development projects. Depreciation is allocated based on use and purpose of the asset being depreciated. Grants and donations are passthrough contributions with specific donor restrictions. Interest expense is interest paid on debt related to land development of the Prime Ohio II development site.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 7 – INFORMATION ABOUT LIQUIDITY

The Corporation is dependent upon continued funding from local private and public sources to meet its operational expenses and does not currently have an operating reserve. In the event of an unanticipated liquidity need, the Corporation would rely on support of the City of Springfield and Clark County, Ohio since the Corporation is the economic development arm of the City and County.

NOTE 8 - PROPERTY, FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2023 is as follows:

| | Balance 12/31/2022 | Additions | Deletions | Balance 12/31/2023 |
|---|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Capital Assets Being Depreciated | | | | |
| Office Equipment | \$ 8,754 | \$ - | \$ 8,754 | \$ - |
| Equipment | \$ 189,026 | \$ - | \$ 18,115 | \$ 170,911 |
| Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated | \$ 197,780 | \$ - | \$ 26,869 | \$ 170,911 |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation | | | | |
| Office Equipment | \$ 7,671 | \$ 1,083 | \$ 8,754 | \$ - |
| Equipment | \$ 90,040 | \$ 8,545 | \$ 18,115 | \$ 80,470 |
| Total Accumulated Depreciation | \$ 97,711 | \$ 9,628 | \$ 26,869 | \$ 80,470 |
| Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net | \$ 100,069 | \$ 9,628 | \$ - | \$ 90,441 |

NOTE 9 – LAND

Summary of changes in land owned by the Corporation:

| Class | Balance 12/31/2022 | Additions | Deletions | Balance 12/31/2023 |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Land Held for Development | \$ 4,740,759 | \$ 16,103 | \$ - | \$ 4,756,862 |
| National Road Commons | | | | |
| Park | \$ 2,074,733 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 2,074,733 |
| 2323 Ridge Road Property | \$ - | \$ 347,669 | \$ - | \$ 347,669 |
| Total Cost | \$ 6,815,492 | \$ 363,772 | \$ - | \$ 7,179,264 |

The additions for Land Held for Development are for land improvements on the Columbus Avenue property. Any gain on land sold on this property is to be split with the West Central Ohio Port Authority so, the Corporation capitalizes all costs associated with maintaining the property.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION OF SPRINGFIELD & CLARK COUNTY, OHIO

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 10 - LINE OF CREDIT

The Corporation established a line of credit with New Carlisle Federal Savings Bank in January of 2023. Balance on the line of credit at December 31, 2023 was \$249,141.

NOTE 11- AVAILABILITY OF FINANCIAL ASSETS

The following reflects the Corporation's financial assets of the balance sheet date, reduced by the amounts not available for general use within one year of the balance sheet date because of contractual or donor-imposed restrictions or internal designations. Amounts not available, if any, would include amounts set aside for long-term investing in the operations and capital reserves that could be drawn upon if the governing board approves such action.

| | <u>12/31/2023</u> |
|--|--------------------------|
| Cash | \$ 41,107 |
| Receivables | <u>\$ 131,095</u> |
| Total financial assets | \$ 172,202 |
| Contractual or donor imposed restrictions: | |
| SBDC Loan Funds | <u>\$ (20,579)</u> |
| Financials assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year | <u><u>\$ 151,623</u></u> |

NOTE 12- SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through June 28, 2024, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS
REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Community Improvement Corporation of
Springfield and Clark County
20 S Limestone Street
Springfield, Ohio 45502

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Community Improvement Corporation of Springfield and Clark County, Ohio (the Corporation) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Corporation's financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 28, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purposes of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Corporation's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

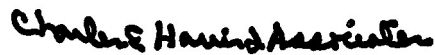
Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Corporation's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Corporation's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.
June 28, 2024

OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION OF SPRINGFIELD & CLARK COUNTY, OHIO

CLARK COUNTY

AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report, which is required to be filed pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in the Office of the Ohio Auditor of State in Columbus, Ohio.



Certified for Release 9/5/2024

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