

***HANCOCK COUNTY/CITY OF FINDLAY
JOINT RECREATION DISTRICT***

AUDIT REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

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We have reviewed the Independent Auditor's Report of the Hancock County/City of Findlay Joint Recreation District, Hancock County, prepared by Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001. 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 Hancock County/City of Findlay Joint Recreation District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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JIM PETRO
Auditor of State

July 5, 2002

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APPOINTED OFFICIALS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>TERM OF OFFICE</u>	<u>SURETY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Craig Anderson	Chairman	1/1/99 to 12/31/01	(A)	\$10,000
Thomas Shindledecker	Member	1/1/99 to 12/31/01	(A)	\$10,000
Roger Neff	Member	1/1/00 to 12/31/02	(A)	\$10,000
Tim Brugeman	Member	1/1/00 to 12/31/02	(A)	\$10,000
Robert Lotz	Member	1/1/01 to 12/31/02	(A)	\$10,000
Greg Meyers	Member	1/1/01 to 12/31/03	(A)	\$10,000
Dennis Recker	Member	1/1/99 to 12/31/01	(A)	\$10,000

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ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>TERM OF OFFICE</u>	<u>SURETY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Bob Coslett	Director	Continuous	(A)	\$10,000
Pam Deer	Administrative Assistant	Continuous	(A)	\$10,000

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

The Board of Trustees of
Hancock Findlay/City of Findlay
Joint Recreation District
Findlay, Ohio

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Hancock County/City of Findlay Joint Recreation District (the District), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2001, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A special purpose government is a legal entity or body politic and includes all funds, organizations, institutions, agencies, departments, and offices that are not legally separate. Such legally separate entities are referred to as component units. In our opinion, the special purpose government financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the special purpose government as of December 31, 2001, and the results of operations and cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

However, the special purpose government financial statements, because they do not include the financial data of component units of the District, do not purport to, and do not present fairly the financial position of the District as of December 31, 2001, and the results of operations and cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the District implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements 33 and 36.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated June 27, 2002 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.
June 27, 2002

**HANCOCK COUNTY/CITY OF FINDLAY
JOINT RECREATION DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 2001**

	2001
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 393,134
Accounts Receivable	342
Inventories	22,098
Prepaid Insurance	2,754
Total Current Assets	418,328
Property and Equipment	140,664
Other Assets	
Computer Software	275
Total Other Assets	275
Total Assets	559,267
 LIABILITIES & RETAINED EARNINGS	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ 7,576
Accrued Wages, Benefits and Related Payroll Taxes	3,851
Sales Tax Payable	928
Total Current Liabilities	12,355
Long-Term Liabilities	
Compensated Absences	54,173
Total Long-Term Liabilities	54,173
Total Liabilities	66,528
Retained Earnings	492,739
TOTAL LIABILITIES & RETAINED EARNINGS	\$ 559,267

See Notes to the Financial Statements

**HANCOCK COUNTY/CITY OF FINDLAY
JOINT RECREATION DISTRICT
STATEMENTS OF REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001**

	2001
OPERATING REVENUE	
Ice Rental	\$ 193,706
Skating Income	79,059
Concessions	46,546
Building & Equipment Rental	12,980
Pro Shop	29,117
Video Center	4,110
Advertising Board Rental	6,795
Special Events	3,030
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	375,343
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Salaries & Wages	152,367
Utilities	58,837
Costs of Sales & Service	52,362
Repairs & Maintenance	13,996
Employee Benefits	40,142
Depreciation & Amortization	7,415
Insurance	13,490
Contract Services	6,904
Advertising & Printing	24,528
Professional Fees	23,479
Office Equipment & Supplies	7,101
Equipment Rentals	4,175
Other Expenses	9,580
Travel & Entertainment	4,152
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	478,528
OPERATING INCOME	(43,185)
NON-OPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSES)	
Hotel/Motel Tax	69,463
Interest Income	15,462
Capitalized Items	(29,823)
Total Non-operating Revenue (Expenses)	55,102
Net Income	11,917
Retained Earnings, Beginning of Year	480,822
Retained Earnings, End of Year	\$ 492,739

See Notes to the Financial Statements

**HANCOCK COUNTY/CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO
JOINT RECREATION DISTRICT
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001**

	2001
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Net Income	\$ 11,917
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:	
Depreciation & Amortization	7,415
(Increase) Decrease in Assets:	
Accounts Receivable	(339)
Inventory	17,743
Increase (Decrease) in Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	2,743
Accrued Wages, Benefits, & Related Payroll Taxes	(12,582)
Sales Tax Payable	75
Compensated Absences	15,724
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	42,696
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Purchase of Property & Equipment	(30,290)
Net Cash (Used in) Capital and Related Financing Activities	(30,290)
Net Increase in Cash & Cash Equivalents	12,406
Cash & Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	380,728
Cash & Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$ 393,134

See Notes to the Financial Statements

**HANCOCK COUNTY/CITY OF FINDLAY
JOINT RECREATION DISTRICT
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2001**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTITY

The Hancock County/City of Findlay Joint Recreation District (the District) is a voluntary association between the Hancock County and the City of Findlay to provide for the operation, maintenance, improvement, and expansion of the Hancock Recreation Center and to provide for the recreational needs of the residents of the County and the City. The District is governed by a seven-member Board of Trustees. Three members of the Board of Trustees are appointed by the Mayor of the City and four members are appointed by the County Commissioners.

B. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The general-purpose financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the District's accounting policies are described below.

Reporting Entity

In evaluating how to define the District for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include a potential component unit in the reporting entity was made by applying the criteria set forth in GAAP. The basic-but not the only-criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is the governing body's ability to exercise oversight responsibility. The most significant manifestation of this ability is financial interdependency. Other manifestations of the ability to exercise oversight responsibility include, but are not limited to, the selection of governing authority, the designation of management, the ability to significantly influence operations, and accountability for fiscal matters. A second criterion used in evaluating potential component units is the scope of public service. Application of this criterion involves considering whether the activity benefits the government and/or its citizens. A third criterion used to evaluate potential component units for inclusion or exclusion from the reporting entity is the existence of special financing relationships, regardless of whether the government is able to exercise oversight responsibilities. Based upon the application of these criteria, no entities were encountered that should be included in the reporting entity.

**HANCOCK COUNTY/CITY OF FINDLAY
JOINT RECREATION DISTRICT
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2001**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (continued)

C. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

The funds used to account for the District's on-going activities, which are similar to those often found in the private sector, where the determination of net income is necessary or useful to sound financial administration. Pursuant to GASB Statement No. 20, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Proprietary Funds and Other Governmental Entities That Use Proprietary Fund Accounting," the District follows GASB guidance as applicable to proprietary funds and Financial Accounting Standards Board Opinions and Interpretations, Accounting Standards Board Opinions and Accounting Research Bulletins issued on or before November 30, 1989, that do not conflict with, or contradict GASB pronouncements. Proprietary Fund measurement focus is upon determination of net income, financial position, and cash flows.

The District has adopted GASB Statement number 33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Non-Exchange Transactions* and statement number 36, *Recipient Reporting for Certain Shared Non-Exchange Revenues*. The implementation of these Statements had no effect on the beginning fund equity.

D. BUDGETARY PROCESS

The budgetary process is prescribed by provisions of the Ohio Revised Code and entails the preparation of budgetary documents within an established timetable. The major documents prepared are the certificate of estimated resources and the appropriations resolution, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The certificate of estimated resources and the appropriations resolution are subject to amendment throughout the year with the legal restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources, as certified.

1. Estimated Resources

The county auditor calculates the estimated revenues available to the District. He prepares a certificate of estimated resources based upon this calculation and upon the other financial information supplied in the budget sent by the District. The certificate is approved by the county budget commission and sent to the District by September 1.

Prior to December 31, the District must revise its budget so that the total budgeted expenditures for a fund will not exceed the amount of stated in the certificate of estimated resources. The revised budget serves as the basis for the annual appropriation measure.

On or about January 1, the District sends the county auditor a certificate to which includes the actual unencumbered balances from the preceding year. The county auditor prepares an amended certificate, submits it to the county budget commission for approval. This amended certificate may be further amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the District.

**HANCOCK COUNTY/CITY OF FINDLAY
JOINT RECREATION DISTRICT
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2001**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (continued)

D. BUDGETARY PROCESS (continued)

2. Appropriations

A temporary appropriation measure to control cash expenditures may be passed on or about January 1 of each year for the period January 1 to March 31. An annual appropriation measure must be passed by March 31 of each year for the period January 1 to December 31. The appropriation measure may be amended or supplemented during the year as new information becomes available. Appropriations may not exceed estimated resources.

3. Encumbrances

The District is required to use the encumbrance method of accounting by virtue of Ohio law. Under this system, purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of funds are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation and to determine and maintain legal compliance. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end.

Encumbered appropriations are carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year without being re-appropriated.

E. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents consist of amounts held by the Hancock County Treasurer's Office for the Joint Recreation District in a separate fund entitled, "Hancock County/City of Findlay Joint Recreation District Fund" and deposits in a local bank for the District's credit card sales. Funds in the local bank are transferred to the County on a quarterly basis.

F. INVENTORIES

Inventories are valued at cost, using the first-in, first-out method.

G. PREPAID ITEMS

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond the fiscal year-ends are recorded as prepaid items.

**HANCOCK COUNTY/CITY OF FINDLAY
JOINT RECREATION DISTRICT
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2001**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (continued)

H. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment are recorded at cost or, if donated, at fair market value. Property and equipment are insured at current market replacement values. Depreciation is determined on a straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Life (Years)</u>
Leasehold Improvements	40
Machinery and Equipment	10
Office Equipment	6 to 10
Furniture and Fixtures	10
Vehicles	4

I. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The District has adopted the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 16, "Accounting for Compensated Absences." In conformity with GASB Statement No. 16, the District accrues vacation as earned by its employees if the leave is attributable to past service and it is probable that the District will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time or some other means, such as cash payments at termination or retirement. Likewise, the District accrues for sick pay benefits as earned by those employees who currently are eligible to receive termination payments as well as other employees who are expected to become eligible in the future. These compensated absences are measured using the rates in effect at December 31, 2001. The liability includes employees the District has identified as probable of receiving payment in the future. The amount is based on accumulated sick leave and employees' wage rates at year-end adjusted for future increases, taking into consideration any limits specified in the District's Employee Policy Manual.

Vacation leave is earned at rates, which vary depending upon length of service. With proper approval, the current portion permits an employee to carry over accumulated vacation in excess of one year, but in no case, more than three years. All full-time employees are entitled to 4.6 hours of sick leave with pay for every full pay period worked. Employees working less or more than the required amount for the pay period shall receive a pro-rated share of sick leave. Any employee who has accumulated ten or more years of service may elect upon any voluntary termination of employment or death to be paid for two-thirds of the value of his/her accrued, but unused sick leave credit up to a maximum of one hundred twenty days. Such payment shall be based upon the employee's rate of pay at the time of his/her voluntary termination of employment or death.

**HANCOCK COUNTY/CITY OF FINDLAY
JOINT RECREATION DISTRICT
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2001**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (continued)

J. USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles 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 revenues and expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

K. REVENUE RECOGNITION

The District recognizes income at points of sale.

2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The deposit of District monies is governed by the Ohio Revised Code. In accordance with these provisions, only banks located in Ohio and domestic building and loan associations are eligible to hold public deposits.

Public depositories must give security for all public funds on deposit. Each institution may either specifically collateralize individual accounts in excess of amounts insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), or may pledge a pool of government securities the face value of which is at least 110 percent of the total value of public monies on deposit at the institution.

Under provisions of the Ohio Revised Code, the County is responsible for ensuring that all cash held by the County is properly secured.

At December 31, 2001, all funds deposited at the local bank were FDIC insured.

The Certificates of Deposits are pooled within the Hancock County investment portfolio.

Cash and cash equivalents consist of the following:

	<u>2001</u>
Petty Cash	\$ 560
Hancock County Treasurer's Office	385,886
Local Bank	<u>6,688</u>
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$ 393,134</u>

**HANCOCK COUNTY/CITY OF FINDLAY
JOINT RECREATION DISTRICT
Notes to the Financial Statements
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3. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

The following is a summary of property and equipment at cost less accumulated depreciation at December 31, 2001:

	<u>2001</u>
Leasehold Improvements	\$ 126,329
Machinery and Equipment	165,640
Office Equipment	30,460
Furniture and Fixtures	58,311
Vehicles	<u>2,932</u>
	383,672
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(243,008)</u>
Net Property and Equipment	<u>\$ 140,664</u>

4. HOTEL/MOTEL TAX

The Hancock County Commissioners enacted Resolution 379-91 on December 17, 1991. This ordinance authorized Hancock County (the County) to enter into an agreement with the District to provide funds for its operations. Under the agreement, the County agrees to remit to the District 20 percent of the net proceeds of the actual collection of the hotel/motel tax. The said fund is to be used for the operation, maintenance, improvement, and expansion of the Hancock Recreation Center.

The contract was a three-year agreement, beginning January 1, 1992 and ending December 31, 1994. The contract is renewable for a period of one year thereafter and is currently extended until December 31, 2001. In the event of termination, any and all monies remaining originally received from the County shall be returned to the General Fund of the County.

5. GENERAL INFORMATION

	<u>2001</u>
Operating Revenues	375,343
Depreciation Expense	7,415
Operating Income	(43,185)
Net Income	11,917
Fixed Asset Additions	30,290
Net Working Capital	430,683
Total Assets	559,267
Total Liabilities	66,528

**HANCOCK COUNTY/CITY OF FINDLAY
JOINT RECREATION DISTRICT
Notes to the Financial Statements
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6. PENSION AND RETIREMENT PLAN

The employees of the District are covered by the Public Employees Retirement System of Ohio. The State of Ohio accounts for the activities of the retirement systems and the amounts of these funds are not reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS)

The Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. PERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost of living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by state statute per Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. PERS issues a stand-alone financial report. Interested parties may obtain a copy by making a written request to 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642 or by calling (614) 466-2085 or 1-800-222-PERS (7377).

The Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for employee and employer contributions. The employee contribution rate is 8.5%. For local government employer units the rate was 13.55% of covered payroll. The District's contributions for pension obligations to PERS for the years ended December 31, 1999, 2000 and 2001 were \$18,742, \$18,574, and \$18,243; respectively. The full amount has been contributed for 1999 and 2000, and 74.6% has been contributed in 2001.

7. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS

Public Employees Retirement System

Public Employees Retirement System of Ohio provides postretirement health care coverage to age and service retirants with 10 or more years of qualifying Ohio Service credit and to primary survivor recipients of such retirants. Health care coverage for disability recipients is available. The health care coverage provided by the retirement system is considered an Other Postemployment Benefit (OPEB) as described in GASB Statement No. 12. A portion of each employer's contribution to PERS is set aside for the funding of post retirement health care. The Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for employer contributions. The 2001 employer contribution rate for local employers was 13.55% of covered payroll; 4.3% was the portion that was used to fund health care.

Benefits are advanced funded on an actuarially determined basis. OPEB are financed through employer contributions and investment earnings thereon. The contributions allocated to retiree health care and Medicare, along with investment income on allocated assets and periodic adjustments in health care provisions are expected to be sufficient to sustain the program indefinitely. As of December 31, 2000 (the latest information available), the unaudited estimated net assets available for future OPEB payments were \$10,805.5 million. At December 31, 2000, the total number of active contributing participants was 411,076. The actuarially accrued liability and the unfunded actuarial accrued liability, based on the actuarial cost method used, were \$14,364.6 million and \$2,628.7 million, respectively. The District's actual contributions for 2001 that were used to fund OPEB were \$5,789.

8. RELATED ORGANIZATION

The District is associated with HRC, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation organized for the purpose of supporting the District. An endowment fund was established by HRC, Inc. to receive charitable contributions for the support of the District. The District can request contributions, subject to approval by the HRC, Inc. Board of Trustees, from the endowment fund. No contributions from HRC, Inc. were made to the District in 2001.

**HANCOCK COUNTY/CITY OF FINDLAY
JOINT RECREATION DISTRICT
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9. LEASES

The District leases the Hancock Recreation Center from the County for \$1 per year. The lease is for a term of ten years, set to expire on January 6, 2002, renewable at the will of the County.

Effective April, 1993, the District entered into an agreement with the Silver Blades Figure Skating Club (SBFSC) for the purpose of leasing a plot of land to them at the rate of \$1 per year. The land was utilized by SBFSC to build a pole barn, which is used to store equipment. The lease has no set termination date and can be terminated by either party with a six-month prior notification.

10. RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related torts, theft of, damage to, destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees and natural disasters. During the fiscal year 2001, the District contracted with one insurance company for coverage of buildings and contents.

The following is a list of insurance coverage of the District and the deductibles associated with each:

<u>Type of Coverage</u>	<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Deductible</u>
Property	\$ 1,868,500	\$ 1,000
Electronic Data and Equipment	9,604	100
Inland Marine	22,500	250
General Liability:		
Per Occurrence	1,000,000	
Aggregate	3,000,000	
Boiler	1,773,000	1,000
Crime	5,000	
Public Official Errors and Omissions:		
Per Occurrence	1,000,000	
Aggregate	2,000,000	
Automobiles:		
Bodily Injury	1,000,000	100/250

All employees of the District are covered by a blanket bond, while certain individuals in policy-making roles are covered by separate, higher limit bond coverage.

The Village pays the State Worker's Compensation System a premium based on a rate per \$100 of salaries. This rate is calculated based on accident history and administrative costs.

Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three years. Also, the District did not reduce its insurance coverages significantly during the year.

**HANCOCK COUNTY/CITY OF FINDLAY
JOINT RECREATION DISTRICT
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11. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

The City of Findlay and Hancock County have entered into an agreement whereby the City will take over the operations of the District effective January 1, 2003. It is anticipated that at that time, or shortly thereafter, the Hancock County/City of Findlay Joint Recreation District will cease to exist.

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**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL
REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED
IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

The Board of Trustees of
Hancock County/City of Findlay
Joint Recreation District
Findlay, Ohio

We have audited the financial statements of the Hancock County/City of Findlay Joint Recreation District as of and for the year ended December 31, 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated June 27, 2002, wherein we noted the District implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements number 33 and 36. We conducted our audit 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.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. 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 that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management in a separate letter dated June 27, 2002.

Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information and use of the management and the Board of Trustees, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.
June 27, 2002

STATUS OF PRIOR AUDIT'S CITATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The prior audit report, for the period ending December 31, 2000, included no material citations or recommendations.



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HANCOCK COUNTY/CITY OF FINDLAY JOINT RECREATION CENTER

HANCOCK COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
JULY 30, 2002**