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**CLIFTON UNION CEMETERY
GREENE COUNTY**

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To the Board of Trustees:

As you are aware, the Auditor of State's Office (AOS) must modify the *Independent Accountants' Report* we provide on your financial statements due to an interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). While AOS does not legally require your government to prepare financial statements pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the AICPA interpretation requires auditors to formally acknowledge that you did not prepare your financial statements in accordance with GAAP. Our Report includes an adverse opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the amounts the statements present are misstated under the non-GAAP basis you follow. The AOS report also includes an opinion on the financial statements you prepared using the cash basis and financial statement format the AOS permits.

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Clifton Union Cemetery
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225 Corry Street
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Clifton Union Cemetery, Greene County, (the Cemetery) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Cemetery'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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure 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 our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described more fully in Note 1, the Cemetery has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and GAAP, we presume they are material.

Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present, GAAP requires presenting entity wide statements and also presenting the Cemetery's larger (i.e. major) funds separately. While the Cemetery does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards require us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require Cemeteries to reformat their statements. The Cemetery has elected not to follow GAAP statement formatting requirements. The following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Cemetery as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, or its changes in financial position for the years then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of the Clifton Union Cemetery, Greene County, as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

The Cemetery has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 27, 2009, on our consideration of the Cemetery'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. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

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May 27, 2009

**CLIFTON UNION CEMETERY
GREENE COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
Cash Receipts:			
Intergovernmental	\$9,000	\$1,000	\$10,000
Opening/Closing of Graves	4,200		4,200
Sale of Lots	7,500	2,500	10,000
Interest	191		191
Miscellaneous		496	496
Total Cash Receipts	<u>20,891</u>	<u>3,996</u>	<u>24,887</u>
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
Salaries	1,500		1,500
Repair & Maintenance	15,661		15,661
Landscaping, concrete	3,417		3,417
Insurance	75		75
Administration	79		79
Miscellaneous	63		63
Total Disbursements	<u>20,795</u>		<u>20,795</u>
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>96</u>	<u>3,996</u>	<u>4,092</u>
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>4,179</u>	<u>7,457</u>	<u>11,636</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u><u>\$4,275</u></u>	<u><u>\$11,453</u></u>	<u><u>\$15,728</u></u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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GREENE COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
Cash Receipts:			
Intergovernmental	\$15,500	\$1,000	\$16,500
Opening/Closing of Graves	3,300		3,300
Sale of Lots	2,400	800	3,200
Interest	366		366
Miscellaneous		1,648	1,648
Total Cash Receipts	<u>21,566</u>	<u>3,448</u>	<u>25,014</u>
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
Salaries	1,500		1,500
Repair & Maintenance	13,858	2,577	16,435
Grave Opening/Closing	1,514		1,514
Insurance	50		50
Administration	33		33
Miscellaneous	2,677		2,677
Total Disbursements	<u>19,632</u>	<u>2,577</u>	<u>22,209</u>
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>1,934</u>	<u>871</u>	<u>2,805</u>
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>2,245</u>	<u>6,586</u>	<u>8,831</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$4,179</u>	<u>\$7,457</u>	<u>\$11,636</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**CLIFTON UNION CEMETERY
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges for the Clifton Union Cemetery, Greene County, (the Cemetery) as a body corporate and politic. Miami Township, Greene Township and the Village of Clifton appoint a three-member Board of Trustees to direct cemetery operations. The two townships also provide funding to meet the Cemetery's operating costs under the agreement which established the Cemetery. The accompanying financial statements present this funding as Intergovernmental Receipts. The Cemetery provides grounds maintenance, opening and closing of graves, and the sale of grave lots.

The Cemetery's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Cemetery is financially accountable.

B. Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the basis of accounting the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. This basis recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as the Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

C. Cash and Investments

The Cemetery deposits its receipts into an interest bearing checking account.

D. Fund Accounting

The Cemetery uses fund accounting to segregate cash and investments that are restricted as to use. The Cemetery classifies its funds into the following types:

1. General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund. It presents all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

2. Special Revenue Funds

These funds present proceeds from specific sources (other than from trusts or for capital projects) restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The Cemetery had the following Special Revenue Fund:

Monument Restoration Fund - This fund receives a portion of the receipts from all grave sales. The fund's resources finance the restoration of monuments located in the cemetery.

E. Property, Plant, and Equipment

The financial statements report acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment as capital outlay disbursements when paid. The financial statements do not report these items as assets.

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GREENE COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007**

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The Cemetery maintains a cash and investments pool used by all funds. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of cash and investments at December 31 follows:

	2008	2007
Demand deposits	<u>\$15,728</u>	<u>\$11,636</u>

Deposits: Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation, or collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

3. RISK MANAGEMENT

Commercial Insurance

The Clifton Union Cemetery has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
- Errors and omissions.



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

Clifton Union Cemetery
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of the Clifton Union Cemetery, Greene County, (the Cemetery) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated May 27, 2009 wherein we noted the Government prepared its financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Cemetery's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not to opine on the effectiveness of the Cemetery's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Cemetery's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Cemetery's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with its applicable accounting basis, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that the Cemetery's internal control will not prevent or detect a more-than-inconsequential financial statement misstatement.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies resulting in more than a remote likelihood that the Cemetery's internal control will not prevent or detect a material financial statement misstatement.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all internal control deficiencies that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Cemetery's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect 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 an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of the management and Board of Trustees. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.

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Auditor of State

May 27, 2009



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GREENE 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

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JUNE 18, 2009**