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**METROPARKS OF BUTLER COUNTY  
BUTLER COUNTY**

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Metroparks of Butler County  
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To the Board of Park Commissioners:

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

Metroparks of Butler County  
Butler County  
2051 Timberman Road  
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To the Board of Park Commissioners:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Metroparks of Butler County, Butler County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008. 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 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 District 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 require presenting entity wide statements and also presenting the District's larger (i.e. major) funds separately. While the Parks does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires 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 Governments to reformat their statements. The District 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, 2009 and 2008 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Parks as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, 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 and reserves for encumbrances of the Metroparks of Butler County, Butler County, as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

The District 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 November 22, 2010, 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 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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November 22, 2010



**METROPARKS OF BUTLER COUNTY  
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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Permanent</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>			
Real Estate Conveyance Fees	\$368,597	\$0	\$368,597
Charges for Services	324,455	0	324,455
Licenses, and Permits	127,336	0	127,336
Fines and Forfeitures	77,310	0	77,310
Intergovernmental	470,204	0	470,204
Earnings on Investments	4,323	4,296	8,619
County Contributions	150,000	0	150,000
Miscellaneous	53,455	0	53,455
	<u>1,575,680</u>	<u>4,296</u>	<u>1,579,976</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>			
Current:			
Conservation / Recreation			
Salaries - Employees	636,588		636,588
Supplies	6,669		6,669
Materials	122,560		122,560
Equipment	187,468		187,468
Maintenance and Repair	6,900		6,900
Contracts - Services	271,161	11,808	282,969
Rentals	9,106		9,106
Travel	1,620		1,620
Public Employees Retirement	87,779		87,779
Workers' Compensation	12,880		12,880
Health Insurance	73,178		73,178
Other Expense	26,830		26,830
Debt Service:			
Redemption of Principal	179,152		179,152
Interest and Other Fiscal Charges	272,895	0	272,895
	<u>1,894,786</u>	<u>11,808</u>	<u>1,906,594</u>
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>(319,106)</u>	<u>(7,512)</u>	<u>(326,618)</u>
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>1,042,267</u>	<u>155,668</u>	<u>1,197,935</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$723,161</u>	<u>\$148,156</u>	<u>\$871,317</u>
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	<u>\$38,808</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$38,808</u>

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

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

	<b>General</b>	<b>Permanent</b>	<b>Totals (Memorandum Only)</b>
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>			
Real Estate Conveyance Fees	\$500,321	\$0	\$500,321
Charges for Services	291,900	0	291,900
Licenss, and Permits	114,727	0	114,727
Fines and Forfeitures	103,114	0	103,114
Intergovernmental	928,888	0	928,888
Earnings on Investments	12,100	6,347	18,447
County Contributions	300,000	0	300,000
Miscellaneous	13,185	0	13,185
	<u>2,264,235</u>	<u>6,347</u>	<u>2,270,582</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>			
Current:			
Conservation / Recreation			
Salaries - Employees	617,409	0	617,409
Supplies	5,977	0	5,977
Materials	136,035	0	136,035
Equipment	138,799	0	138,799
Maintenance and Repair	7,772	0	7,772
Contracts - Services	283,003	4,297	287,300
Rentals	14,694	0	14,694
Travel	1,034	0	1,034
Public Employees Retirement	84,357	0	84,357
Workers' Compensation	11,195	0	11,195
Health Insurance	82,257	0	82,257
Other Expense	65,230	0	65,230
Debt Service:			0
Redemption of Principal	929,975	0	929,975
Interest and Other Fiscal Charges	192,150	0	192,150
	<u>2,569,887</u>	<u>4,297</u>	<u>2,574,184</u>
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>(305,652)</u>	<u>2,050</u>	<u>(303,602)</u>
<b>Other Financing Receipts / (Disbursements):</b>			
Bond Proceeds	1,200,000	0	1,200,000
	<u>1,200,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,200,000</u>
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over / (Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	894,348	2,050	896,398
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	147,918	153,618	301,536
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$1,042,266</u>	<u>\$155,668</u>	<u>\$1,197,934</u>
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	<u>\$110,988</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$110,988</u>

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008**

**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 of the Metroparks of Butler County, Butler County, Ohio (the District), as a body corporate and politic. The probate judge of Butler County appoints a three-member Board of Commissioners to govern the District. The Commissioners are authorized to acquire, develop, protect, maintain, and improve park lands and facilities. The Commissioners may convert acquired land into forest reserves. The Commissioners are also responsible for activities related to conserving natural resources, including streams, lakes, submerged lands, and swamp lands. The Board may also create parks, parkways, and other reservations and may afforest, develop, improve and protect and promote the use of these assets conducive to the general welfare.

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

**B. Accounting Basis**

These financial statements follow the accounting basis the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The District recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

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

**C. Cash and Investments**

As the Ohio Revised Code permits, the Butler County Treasurer holds the District's cash as the District's custodian. The County holds the District's assets in its investment pool, valued at the Treasurer's reported carrying amount.

**D. Fund Accounting**

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

**1. General Fund**

The General Fund reports all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

**2. Permanent Funds**

These funds account for assets held under a trust agreement that are legally restricted to the extent that only earnings, not principal, are available to support the District's programs unless certain exceptions apply. The District had the following significant permanent fund:

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**1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

Park District Trust Fund

This fund accounted for a trust agreement stipulating that the principal sum be invested and the interest be used for routine acquisition and maintenance of public parks, except that in the event that the interest be less than \$3,000 per year, all or any portion of the principal may be used for said purposes. The trust was established in 1998 with a principal amount of \$104,745.

**E. Budgetary Process**

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund be budgeted annually.

**1. Appropriations**

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund, function or object level of control, and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The District Board must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. The County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end.

**2. Estimated Resources**

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus unencumbered cash as of January 1. The County Budget Commission must also approve estimated resources.

**3. Encumbrances**

The Ohio Revised Code requires the District to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are carried over, and need not be reappropriated.

A summary of 2009 and 2008 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

**F. Property, Plant, and Equipment**

The District records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

**G. Accumulated Leave**

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

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**2. Budgetary Activity**

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2009 and 2008 follows:

2009 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$1,575,913	\$1,575,680	(\$233)
Permanent	4,250	4,296	46
Total	\$1,580,163	\$1,579,976	(\$187)

2009 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$2,618,182	\$1,933,594	\$684,588
Permanent	41,637	11,808	29,829
Total	\$2,659,819	\$1,945,402	\$714,417

2008 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$3,454,101	\$3,464,235	\$10,134
Permanent	3,000	6,347	3,347
Total	\$3,457,101	\$3,470,582	\$13,481

2008 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$3,590,843	\$2,680,875	\$909,968
Permanent	156,600	4,297	152,303
Total	\$3,747,443	\$2,685,172	\$1,062,271

**3. Real Estate Conveyance Fees**

In 2003, the Butler County Board of Commissioners raised the County's property conveyance fee and approved an allocation to Metroparks from the revenue generated from the increased fee. The allocation, which amounts to \$0.04 per \$100 valuation on transferred real estate, for the purpose of funding capital improvement work and land acquisition in the park system.

Per resolution of the County Board of Commissioners in 2009 and 2008, the County Auditor shall calculate the amount of real property transfer tax collected, and based on the percentage of 13.33% (.04/.30) shall transfer this percentage of real property transfer tax collected monthly to the Butler County Metroparks Fund 6100 (General Fund) from The Butler County General Fund.

These transfers of property conveyance fees are classified as County Contributions on the financial statements.

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**4. Debt**

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2009 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
Stander Trust General Obligation Notes	\$498,826	0%
Hueston Farm Special Revenue Bond	\$1,142,071	6%
Total	\$1,640,897	

The District entered into an agreement with Thomas Stander, Trustee of the Carl Stander Irrevocable Trust on January 31, 2003 for the purchase of land to be used for future development. The District agreed to pay the Carl Stander Irrevocable Trust \$713,564 at zero percent interest in consecutive annual installments of \$37,556 beginning in 2004 until retirement in 2022. The District did not receive any cash for the notes; rather, they were part of the land purchase agreement.

The District entered into an agreement with PNC Bank, National Association in November, 2008, in connection with the issuance of \$1,200,000 special revenue bond to refinance old Hueston Farm debt. The District agreed to 5.65% interest over 10 years to be paid in monthly installments of \$9,952 (\$119,426 annually), beginning in 2009 until retirement in 2018. Bond proceeds of \$1,200,000 were posted to Metroparks general fund.

Amortization of the above debt is scheduled as follows:

\$156,982
156,982
156,982
156,982
156,982
1,172,345
112,668
\$2,069,923

In September 2006, the Butler County Commissioners issued a \$17,500,000 Various Purpose General Obligation bond. Included in the issuance was \$4,585,000 for construction of the Metroparks lodge and lake facility. The bonds were the full general obligation of Butler County and are backed by the full faith and credit of the County. The District has agreed to repay their portion of the debt service on the bonds from the money it receives from the real estate conveyance fees (see Note 3). The principal balance at December 31, 2009 was \$4,395,000.

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**5. Retirement Systems**

Retirement Rates	Year	Member Rate	Employer Rate
PERS – Local	2008-2009	10%	14%

The District's employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2009 and 2008, OPERS members contributed 10% and 10%, respectively, of their gross salaries and the District contributed an amount equaling 14% and 14%, respectively, of participants' gross salaries. The District has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2009.

**6. Risk Management**

The District is exposed to various risks of property and casualty losses, and injuries to employees.

The District insures against injuries to employees through the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation.

In 2008, the District belonged to the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (PEP), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio local governments. PEP provides property and casualty coverage for its members. American Risk Pooling Consultants, Inc. (ARPCO), a division of York Insurance Services Group, Inc. (York), functions as the administrator of PEP and provides underwriting, claims, loss control, risk management, and reinsurance services for PEP. PEP is a member of the American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP), which is also administered by ARPCO. Member governments pay annual contributions to fund PEP. PEP pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the members' deductibles.

Casualty and Property Coverage

APEEP provides PEP with an excess risk-sharing program. Under this arrangement, PEP retains insured risks up to an amount specified in the contracts. At December 31, 2008, PEP retained \$350,000 for casualty claims and \$100,000 for property claims.

The aforementioned casualty and property reinsurance agreement does not discharge PEP's primary liability for claims payments on covered losses. Claims exceeding coverage limits are the obligation of the respective government.

Property and casualty settlements did not exceed insurance coverage for the past three fiscal years.

Financial Position

PEP's financial statements (audited by other accountants) conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31, 2008:

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**6. Risk Management (Continued)**

	<u>2008</u>
Assets	\$35,769,535
Liabilities	<u>(15,310,206)</u>
Net Assets	<u>\$20,459,329</u>

At December 31, 2008, the liabilities above include approximately \$13.8 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The assets and retained earnings above also include approximately \$12.9 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 445 member governments in the future, as of December 31, 2008, respectively. These amounts will be included in future contributions from members when the related claims are due for payment. The District's share of these unpaid claims collectible in future years is approximately \$40,000. This payable includes the subsequent year's contribution due if the District terminates participation, as described in the last paragraph below.

**Risk Pool Membership**

For 2009, the District belongs to the Ohio Government Risk Management Plan (the "Plan"), a non-assessable, unincorporated non-profit association providing a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance risk management program and other administrative services to Ohio governments ("Members"). The Plan is legally separate from its member governments.

Pursuant to Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code, the plan provides property, liability, errors and omissions, law enforcement, automobile, excess liability, crime, surety and bond, inland marine and other coverages to its members sold through fourteen appointed independent agents in the State of Ohio. These coverage programs, referred to as Ohio Plan Risk management ("OPRM"), are developed specific to each member's risk management needs and the related premiums for coverage are determined through the application of uniform underwriting criteria addressing the member's exposure to loss, except OPRM retain 15% of the premium and losses on the first \$250,000 casualty treaty and 10% of the first \$1,000,000 property treaty. Members are only responsible for their self-retention (deductible) amounts, which vary from member to member. OPRM had over 650 members as of December 31, 2008. The Government participates in this coverage.

In August, 2007, OGRMP formed the Ohio Plan Healthcare Consortium ("OPHC"), as authorized by Section 9.833 of the Ohio Revised Code. The OPHC was established to provide cost effective employee benefit programs for Ohio political sub-divisions and is a self-funded, group purchasing consortium that offers medical, dental, vision and prescription drug coverage as well as life insurance for its members. The OPHC is sold through seventeen appointed independent agents in the State of Ohio. Coverage programs are developed specific to each member's healthcare needs and the related premiums for coverage are determined through the application of uniform underwriting criteria. Variable plan options are available to members. These plans vary primarily by deductibles, coinsurance levels, office visit co-pays and out-of pocket maximums. OPHC had 40 members as of December 31, 2008. The Government does not participate in this coverage.



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**6. Risk Management (Continued)**

Plan members are responsible to notify the Plan of their intent to renew coverage by their renewal date. If a member chooses not to renew with the Plan, they have no other financial obligation to the Plan, but still need to promptly notify the Plan of any potential claims occurring during their membership period. The former member's covered claims, which occurred during their membership period, remain the responsibility of the Plan.

Settlement amounts did not exceed insurance coverage for the past three fiscal years.

The Pool's audited financial statements conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31: 2008 and 2007 (the latest information available), and include amounts for both OPRRM and OPHC:

	<b><u>2008</u></b>	<b><u>2007</u></b>
Assets	\$10,471,114	\$11,136,455
Liabilities	<u>(5,286,781)</u>	<u>(4,273,553)</u>
Members' Equity	<u>\$5,184,333</u>	<u>\$6,862,902</u>

You can read the complete audited financial statements for The Ohio Government Risk Management Plan at the Plan's website, [www.ohioplan.org](http://www.ohioplan.org).

**7. Subsequent Events**

In November 2010 the Districts passed a ½ mill six year property tax operating levy. The levy was passed to maintain and operate existing park and natural areas, protect drinking water sources, improve water quality, preserve wildlife habitat and provide improved recreational areas for residents among others. Collection of these tax levies will begin in 2011.

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

Metroparks of Butler County  
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To the Board of Park Commissioners:

We have audited the financial statements of the Metroparks of Butler County, Butler County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated November 22, 2010, wherein we noted the District followed accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes 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 Government's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of opining on the effectiveness of the Government's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Government's internal control over financial reporting.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in more than a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Government's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and timely corrected.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, 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 District'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*.

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We intend this report solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, and Board of Park Commissioners. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.

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**Mary Taylor, CPA**  
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November 22, 2010



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**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  
DECEMBER 14, 2010**