

LAKE METROPARKS

2014

# Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Lake County, Ohio | For the year ended December 31, 2014



Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park





# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Park Commissioners  
Lake Metroparks  
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We have reviewed the Independent Auditor's Report of the Lake Metroparks, Lake County, prepared by James G. Zupka, CPA, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. 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 Lake Metroparks is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Yost".

Dave Yost  
Auditor of State

June 12, 2015

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**LAKE METROPARKS, OHIO**  
**COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

prepared by the Finance Division



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Lake County Probate Judge  
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Christopher J. Brassell, CPA



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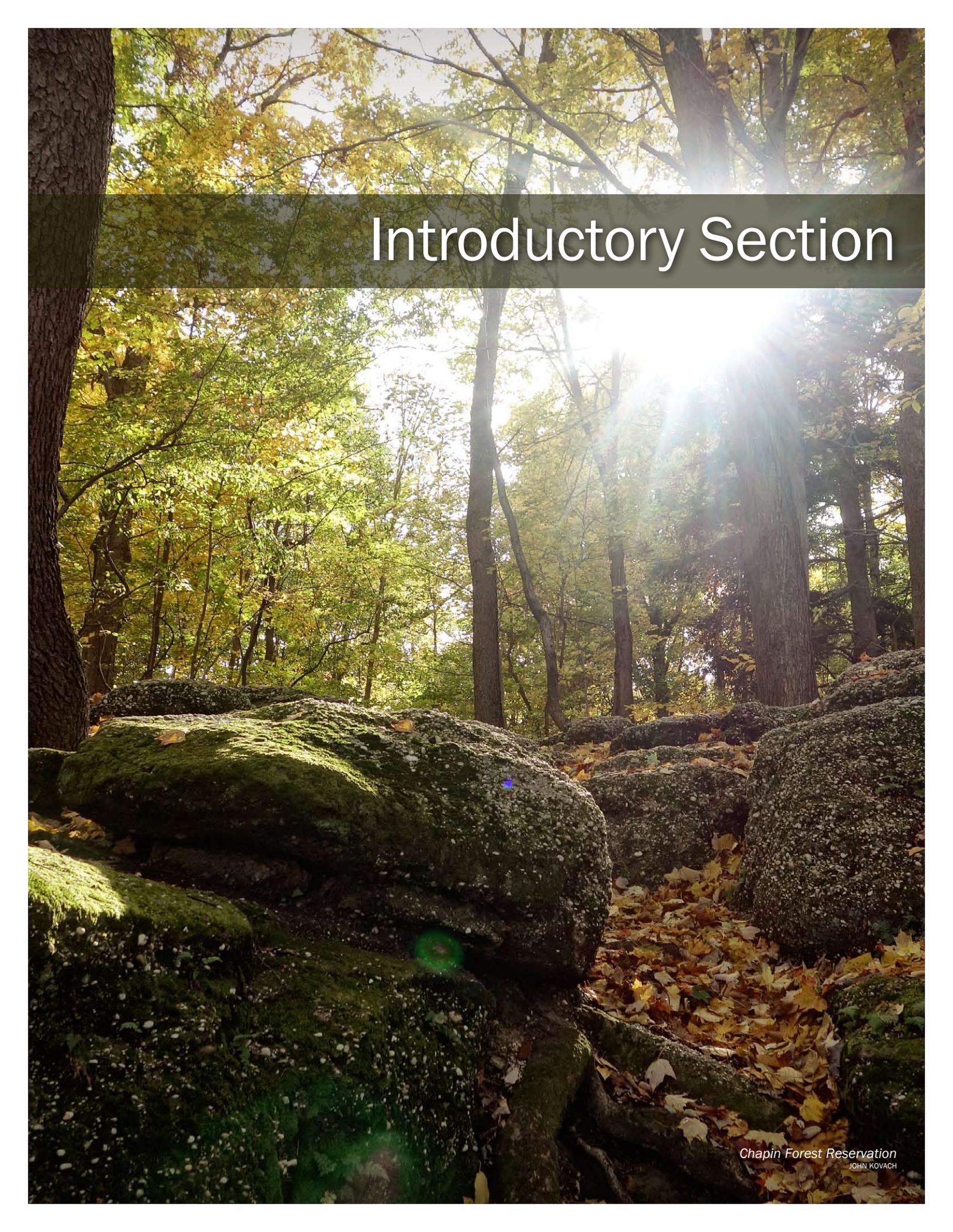
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# Introductory Section





April 15, 2015

To the Citizens of Lake County  
To the Honorable Probate Judge Mark J. Bartolotta  
To the Board of Park Commissioners:  
Gretchen Skok DiSanto  
Frank J. Polivka  
John C. Redmond

### **Formal Letter of Transmittal**

We are pleased to submit the 25<sup>th</sup> Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for Lake Metroparks (hereafter, also referred to as the “Park District”). This report conforms to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and provides full and complete disclosure of the financial position and operations of the Park District for the year ended December 31, 2014. Responsibility for both the accuracy of the data and the completeness and fairness of the presentation, including all disclosures, rests with the Park District’s management. To the best of our knowledge and beliefs, the enclosed data are accurate in all material respects and are reported in a manner designed to present fairly the financial position of the entity as a whole and results of operations of the various funds of the Park District. All disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain an understanding of the Park District’s financial activities have been included.

### **Report Presentation**

Financial statements of governmental organizations differ somewhat from the statements prepared for profit-oriented organizations in that governmental organizations prepare statements on a fund basis. In governmental accounting, the term “fund” is used to identify a separate accounting entity with its own assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate.

The Park District has established various funds to segregate activities to comply with legal requirements for segregation, to better facilitate management control, or to satisfy the requirements of GAAP. The presentation of this report and the financial statements contained herein are in conformance with principles established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) through its various pronouncements.

This letter of transmittal is designed to complement the Management’s Discussion and Analysis letter and should be read in conjunction with it. The statistical section includes selected financial and demographic information, generally presented on a multi-year basis.

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## **Park District Profile**

The Park District was created in 1958 under the authority of Chapter 1545 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Park District consists of 45 units of park lands, 36 of which have public use amenities. Its boundaries are coterminous with the boundaries of Lake County, Ohio, located immediately east of Cuyahoga County. The southern shoreline of Lake Erie forms the northern boundary of the Park District. The Park District is operated by a three-member board appointed by the Judge of the Lake County Probate Court for three-year alternating terms. The Board of Park Commissioners appoints an Executive Director who serves as the chief executive officer for the Park District. The Board of Park Commissioners also retains a legal counsel and prosecutor.

Individual funds of the Park District are grouped into three generic fund types (governmental funds, proprietary fund, and a fiduciary fund) in the accompanying financial statements. (Refer to the Notes to Basic Financial Statements for a discussion of all of the generic fund types presently prescribed by GAAP.)

## **Economic Condition and Outlook**

Lake County, geographically the smallest county in the State of Ohio, is considered part of the Greater Cleveland metropolitan area. The industrial base of the County consists of chemical manufacturing and research, textile products, wire and wire mesh products, rock salt mining, plastic and plastic products, metal stamping, tooling, and custom machinery. The western half of the County is highly developed with industrial and commercial corporations and residential properties. In the eastern half of the County, nursery businesses provide significant economic contributions. The eastern and southeastern portions of the County are experiencing increased residential development. This trend is expected to continue. As of December 31, 2014, Lake County's unemployment rate was 5.7 percent, the national rate was 5.6 percent, and the state rate was 4.8 percent.

## **Major Initiatives and Accomplishments 2014**

The Park District continues to provide affordable and safe recreational and educational experiences for park patrons. Our first priorities continue to be providing clean and safe parks for our visitors. In 2014, our visitation increased by approximately 7 percent to over 2.7 million. These visits occurred through park sponsored programs, educational school programs, special events and festivals, golf and outdoor recreational pursuits.

2014 was a very busy year for the Park District. The Park District continues to focus on creating new opportunities for our visitors and tax payers to access their Park District including:

- Over a mile of new trails were completed at our newest park, Lake Erie Bluffs and the main driveway into the park was paved.
- We paved over 1.5 miles of trails and parking lots to improve access for seniors and those with mobility impairments.
- We extended our boardwalk at Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park. This new boardwalk allows seniors and others with mobility impairments to have access to the wonderful view of Fairport Harbor and the beach. Four shade structures were also added to allow visitors respite from the sun.
- The Park District continued to increase our fish stocking program which promotes our extremely popular fishing programs that are targeted at children and families across the county.

## **Outlook for 2015**

In 2015, we are continuing efforts to improve access to the parks for visitors. In addition to opening new properties, we are also adding several outstanding amenities that will improve our visitors' experience.

- Construction of an outstanding four season shelter, a fifty foot tall observation tower and trails at the new Lake Erie Bluffs Park.
- Improvements at Farmpark including:

- Opening a new Canine Meadow Dog Park.
- Dramatically improve Showman’s Circle with new playground, water feature and public venue.
- Construction of new shelter and dock by the pond at the Visitor’s Center.
- Replacement of equine stable.
- Celebrate 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in June.
- Construction of a retaining wall at Painesville Township Park with a new 200’ pier to be added in 2016.
- Construction of a new overlook at Lakefront Lodge Park in Willowick which will provide a dramatic view of Lake Erie and sunsets.
- Substantial improvements at Girdled Road Reservation including:
  - Pedestrian bridge over Big Creek from Skok Meadow.
  - Replace shelter/playground/restroom at Radcliffe entrance.
  - New ADA access and dock at Radcliffe Road pond.
- Open the Environmental Learning Center to public use with a new 1.2 mile trail.

The Park District had a renewal levy on the May 6, 2014 ballot. This levy renewed our existing 1.9 mill levy which constitutes approximately 70 percent of general fund operating budget. Passage of this renewal will allow the Park District to continue to provide clean and safe parks and outstanding outdoor education programs until 2022, when our existing 0.8 mill levy expires.

There are five funds within the Park District’s 2015 budget:

- The General Fund represents the majority of the park systems personnel and daily operation expense – the expenditures of the General Fund are budgeted at \$17,994,911 including transfers of \$3,000,000 to the Improvement Fund and \$500,000 to the Golf Fund.
- The Improvement Fund allows for the purchase of the majority of the park systems capital assets. The park system is projected to expend \$5,360,500 for land, vehicles, equipment, improvements and repairs and replacement amenities on existing parklands.
- The Golf Fund has budgeted expenditures of \$1,915,345 which will provide for operational and capital equipment costs associated at both golf courses, Pine Ridge and Erie Shores.
- The Health and Life Fund and the Drug Enforcement Fund will be virtually unchanged from last year with projected expenditures of \$1,534,000 for the Health and Life Fund, and \$4,500 for the Drug Enforcement Fund.

As in past years, it is understood that should additional funds be secured through federal or state funds, the Board of Park Commissioners may amend this budget to reflect any additional funds.

### **Service Efforts and Accomplishments**

In 2009, URS was selected to develop a ten year strategic plan for the Park District. Late in 2011, the Park District completed the plan, and we are currently developing an outreach process to share the plan with our constituents. This is a critical step in planning for the agency’s future and meeting future funding needs. This plan will help chart the general direction for park acquisitions, scheduled improvements, and reassessment of service delivery. With current social and economic conditions being what they are, this planning process is essential for clarifying the long range direction of the park system.

### **Financial Information**

The Park District's day-to-day accounting and budgetary records are maintained on a basis other than GAAP (budgetary). For financial reporting purposes the accounting records are converted to a modified accrual basis for all governmental funds and the accrual basis for the proprietary funds and entity-wide reporting. A further discussion of the basis of accounting can be found in Required Supplementary Information Note 1 (page 59) to the financial statements along with a reconciliation of budgetary to GAAP.

Budgetary appropriations for the operation of the Park District's divisions are established through the adoption of the annual appropriation resolution by the Board of Park Commissioners. Budgetary control is facilitated through the maintenance of an encumbrance system for purchase orders and through the use of the Park District's financial accounting system.

The Park District maintains budgetary control within the organizational unit and fund by not permitting expenditures and encumbrances to exceed appropriations. Administrative control is maintained through the establishment of object line item budgets. Various departments are subject to performance budget reviews. Funds appropriated may not be expended for purposes other than those designated in the appropriation resolution. Purchase requisitions are used for all purchases of materials, services and supplies that exceed \$50. Purchase requisitions that exceed \$2,000 must be signed by the Executive Director. Effective December 19, 2013, all purchases over \$25,000 must be approved by the Board of Park Commissioners. The Park Board president reviews all contracts. Expenditures are approved by the Board of Park Commissioners at monthly meetings. Monthly cash reports are sent to the Executive Director, division heads, and the Board of Park Commissioners.

### **Internal Controls**

The Park District's internal controls are reviewed annually as a part of an independent audit. In developing and revising the Park District's accounting and reporting control system, consideration is given to the adequacy of internal controls to provide reasonable but not absolute assurance regarding:

- safeguarding assets against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and
- reliability of financial records for preparing financial statements and maintaining accountability for assets.

The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that:

- the cost of a control should not exceed the benefits likely to be derived, and
- the evaluation of costs and benefits requires estimates and judgments by management.

All internal control evaluations occur within the above framework. The Park District's internal accounting controls adequately safeguard assets and provide reasonable assurance of proper recording of financial transactions.

Responsibility for budgetary control rests with individual divisions, which are given a printed budget report on a monthly basis after the approval of expenditures by the Board of Park Commissioners. The Finance Division also performs internal cash audits at all Park District locations. Bank reconciliations are conducted on a monthly basis and petty cash funds are reconciled on a quarterly basis.

### **General Fund**

The General Fund is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Activities accounted for in the Park District's General Fund include administration, Farmpark, financial, rangers, registration, natural resources, Penitentiary Glen and outdoor education/recreation.

### **Special Revenue Fund**

The Park District created the Drug Enforcement Fund to account for drug fines remitted by the courts. The funds are to be used for the prevention and detection of drug violations within the Park District.

### **Improvement Fund**

The Improvement Fund is funded by grants and transfers from the General Fund. This fund supports land purchases and permanent improvements to the parks. The Improvement Fund received interest earnings as well as contributions. Total Improvement Fund level expenditures in 2014 were \$3,369,355, all of which were for capital expenditures.

## **Enterprise Fund**

On January 1, 1993, the Park District began to account for golf operations as an Enterprise Fund. Prior to 1993, golf operations were accounted for as a Special Revenue Fund. The Park District operates two golf courses: Erie Shores Golf Course in Madison (eastern Lake County) and Pine Ridge Country Club, acquired in May 1993, located in Wickliffe (western Lake County). In 2014, the Enterprise Fund received a \$400,000 transfer from the General Fund for capital improvements at Erie Shores Golf Course and Pine Ridge Country Club.

## **Internal Service Fund**

In March 1990, the Park District began a self-insured hospitalization program. During 2014, billings for services to other funds, employee share payment, and COBRA charges to participants represented 100 percent of the fund operating revenue or \$1,311,656. During 2014, claims expenses were \$1,320,483 or 83 percent of expenses. Premiums for administration expense and stop-loss insurance, both in the aggregate and in the individual, were \$267,454 or 17 percent of expenses. This fund also generated \$634 in non-operating interest.

## **Debt Administration**

In June 2006, the Park District issued a \$5,000,000 eight-year serial tax anticipation bond with equal principal payments of \$625,000 a year starting in 2007. Debt service paid its final debt payment in 2014 in the amount of \$637,741.

## **Current Financial Policies**

Due to the current economic conditions, the Park District has taken more advantage of STAR Ohio as an investment opportunity due to its competitive return and immediate access to funds as opposed to longer term investments.

## **Independent Audit**

Included in this report is an unmodified audit opinion rendered on the Park District's financial operations as well as its assets and liabilities at year-end 2014 by our independent auditors, James G. Zupka, CPA Inc. The Park District's management intends to continue to subject the financial statements to an annual independent audit as part of the preparation of this CAFR. An annual audit serves to maintain and strengthen the Park District's accounting and budgetary controls.

## **Park District Awards and Acknowledgements**

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Park District for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013. This was the 24<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that the Park District has achieved this prestigious award. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, the Park District must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized comprehensive annual financial report. This report must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe that our current Comprehensive Annual Financial Report continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement Program's requirements, and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

## **National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials (NACPRO) Annual Awards**

The annual NACPRO Awards program recognizes and honors excellence in parks and recreation at the county, regional, special district level throughout the nation. In 2014, *Lake Metroparks Lake Erie Bluffs* received the only **Environmental/Conservation Award**, which recognizes an exceptional effort to acquire, restore, preserve, operate, or develop unique or significant conservation and natural areas or programs.

## **Ohio Parks and Recreation Association's 2014 Annual Awards of Excellence**

Each year, OPRA showcases Ohio's best in the parks and recreation field by honoring individuals, programs and projects that make a lasting impact on the health, well being and vibrancy of our communities. These awards recognize the outstanding achievements and extraordinary commitments of park and recreation professionals and agencies in providing services and programs. The Park District submitted and **won first place for its Adapted Boating Program** into the Special Populations category of the annual OPRA Awards of Distinction competition. In addition, **the Adapted Boating Program was also selected as one of three finalists for the prestigious 2014 Governor's Award for Parks and Recreation**, recognizing it as a park and recreation program or project that has had significant impact on quality of life.

## **2014 Greater Cleveland Trails and Greenways Recognition**

(Organizer: Cuyahoga County Planning Commission)

### ***Lake Metroparks Fairport Harbor Harborview Deck***

Recognized as a simple yet highly-inclusive project providing access, enjoyment and great lakefront views for the less-abled, and a concept with applicability for all shoreline across northern Ohio and even around the Great Lakes.

## **Best of Willoughby**

(Organizer: Heart of Willoughby)

Winner of Best Park category:

***Chagrin River Park***

## **Best of the Best**

(Organizer: The News-Herald)

Winner of Best Lake County Park category:

***Lake Metroparks***

## **2014 APEX Awards**

(Organizer: Lake Communicators)

The Park District received six awards for marketing projects submitted into the Lake Communicators\* annual APEX Awards competition amongst advertisers, copywriters, public relations professionals, graphic designers, writers, photographers, videographers and other communications professionals working in or for clients in Lake, Geauga and Ashtabula Counties. The Park District won three first place ("Gold") and three second place ("Silver") awards:

### **Gold Awards:**

Marketing Consumer Products or Services

***Lake Metroparks Cross Country Ski/Snowshoe Brochures/Trail Maps***

Online Advertising & Marketing Ad Campaign

***Fall Hikes at Lake Metroparks***

Direct Mail

***Pete's Pond Preserve: Explore a Suburban Oasis Postcard***

### **Silver Awards:**

Online Advertising & Marketing Email Blasts

***Lake Metroparks Day Camps***

Print Marketing/Collateral

***2014 Penitentiary Glen Rack Card***

Individual Specialty Graphic Design

***Lake Erie Bluffs: Experience Lake County's Greatest Natural Resource Booklet***

*\*Lake Communicators is a Lake County-based organization for those in the marketing and communication fields in Northeast Ohio. The organization promotes and encourages responsible, creative, professional advertising, public relations and marketing efforts.*

**Lake County Safety Council**

Group Award Winner, "Public Service & Educational Group" – Awarded to each company or organization with the best safety record in their industry group.

Special Award Winner - Companies/organizations that worked at least 500,000 hours and six months without a lost time injury.

The 100 Percent Award - Companies/organizations that worked the entire year without a lost-time injury or illness.

Achievement Award - Companies/organizations that reduced their accident rate by 25% or more over the previous year.

This CAFR represents a continuing commitment by the Finance Division and the management of the Park District to provide prudent financial information of Park District resources and to demonstrate stewardship of the funds granted to the Park District by the voters of Lake County.

We would like to acknowledge support of the entire staff of the Park District, especially the Finance Division, for the tireless effort in developing this report. We would like to thank Edward Zupancic, Lake County Auditor, and his office for assistance in developing the statistical section.

We ask for continuing support in this project and in our efforts to provide financial stewardship and quality public service for the residents of Lake County.



Paul B. Palagyi  
Executive Director



Christopher J. Brassell, CPA  
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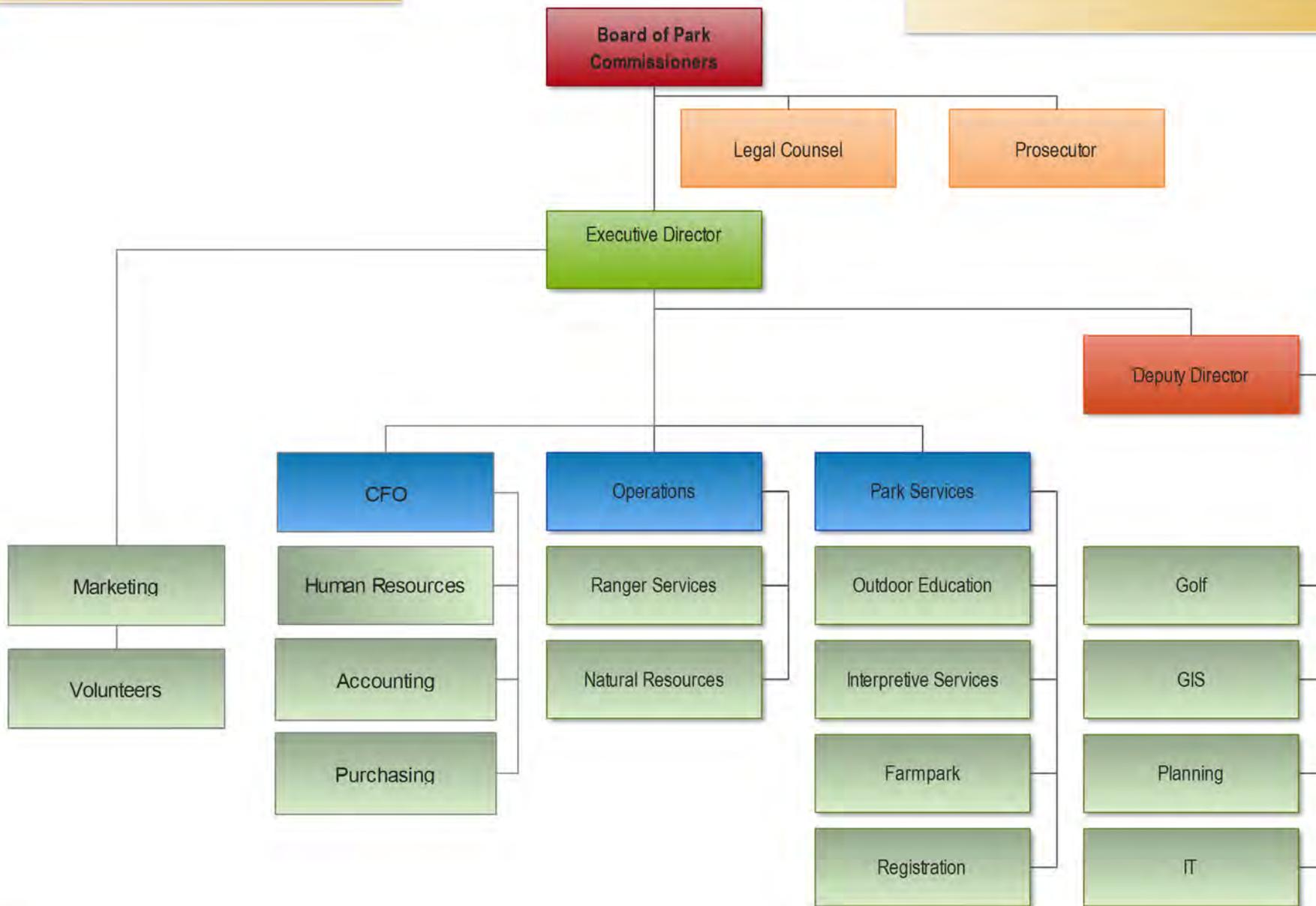
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**December 31, 2013**

Executive Director/CEO

# Lake Metroparks Organizational Chart



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Lake Metroparks  
List of Principal Officials  
December 31, 2014

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**Lake County Probate Judge**

Honorable Judge Mark J. Bartolotta

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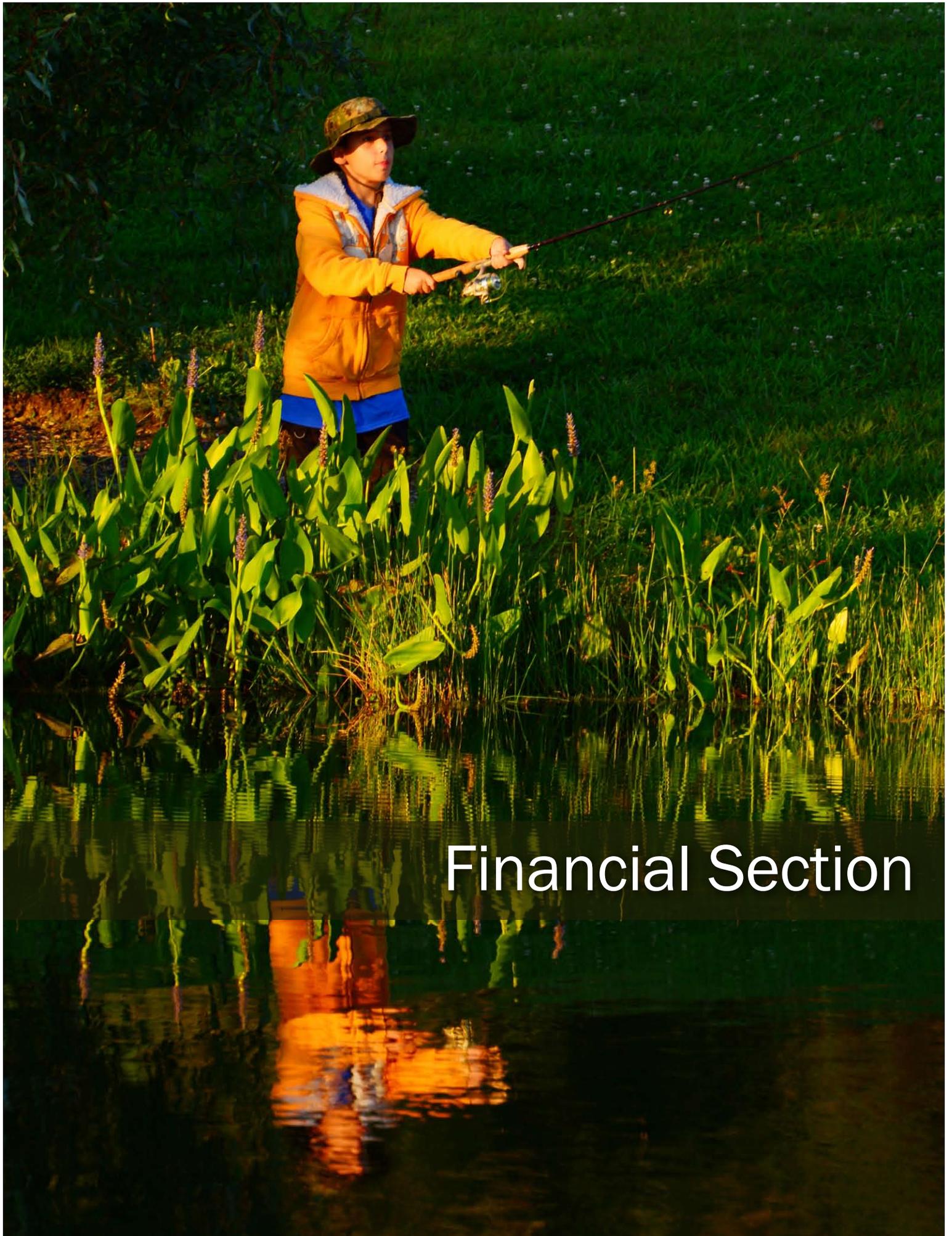
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Board of Park Commissioners  
Lake Metroparks

The Honorable David Yost  
Auditor of State  
State of Ohio

**Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Lake Metroparks, Lake County, Ohio, (the Park District) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Park District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

**Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express opinions 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 from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Park District's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 Park District's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also involves evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

## **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Lake Metroparks, Ohio, as of December 31, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Emphasis of Matter**

As described in Note 12 to the financial statements, the Park District restated its December 31, 2013 net position of governmental activities due to a change in the calculation and recording of deferred inflows and related property taxes receivable in prior years. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

## **Other Matters**

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information as listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Lake Metroparks, Ohio's basic financial statements. The introductory section, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules, and statistical section are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The introductory and statistical sections have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

**Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 15, 2015, on our consideration of the Lake Metroparks, Ohio's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 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 Lake Metroparks, Ohio's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



James G. Zupka, CPA, Inc.  
Certified Public Accountants

April 15, 2015

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Management's Discussion and Analysis of Lake Metroparks' (the "Park District") financial performance provides an overview of the Park District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014. Please read it in conjunction with the Park District's basic financial statements, which begin on page 27.

### **Financial Highlights**

- The results of the Park District's net position were a decrease in net position in business-type and an increase in governmental activities. Net position of our business-type activities decreased by \$225,826 or 2.8 percent. Net position of our governmental activities increased by \$3,797,540 or 6.5 percent.
- Total cost of all of the Park District's programs was \$16,746,705 in 2013 compared to \$16,422,017 in 2014, a decrease of \$324,688 or 1.9 percent.
- During the year, investment in capital assets increased in governmental activities by \$1,920,105 and investment in capital assets and goodwill decreased in business-type activities by \$217,730.

### **Using This Annual Report**

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities* (on pages 27 and 28-29) provide information about the activities of the Park District as a whole and present a longer-term view of the Park District's finances. Fund financial statements start on page 30. For governmental activities, these statements tell how these services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the Park District's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the Park District's most financially significant funds.

### **Reporting the Park District as a Whole**

#### ***The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities***

Our analysis of the Park District as a whole begins on page 16. One of the most important questions asked about the Park District's finances is, "Is the Park District as a whole better or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities* report information about the Park District as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. Accrual of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Park District's net position and changes in them. You can think of the Park District's net position as the difference between assets, what the citizens own, and liabilities, what the citizens owe, as one way to measure the Park District's financial health or financial position. Over time increases or decreases in the Park District's net position are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. You will need to consider other nonfinancial factors such as changes in the Park District's property tax base and the condition of the Park District's capital assets (roads, buildings, trails) to assess the overall health of the Park District.

In the *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities* we divide the Park District into two types of activities:

- **Governmental Activities:** Most of the Park District's basic services are reported here, including parks and recreation and general administration. Property taxes and state and federal grants finance most of these activities.
- **Business-type Activities:** The Park District charges a fee to customers to help it cover all or most of the cost of certain services it provides. The Park District's golf courses are reported here.

## Reporting the Park District's Most Significant Funds

### Fund Financial Statements

Our analysis of the Park District's major funds begins on page 20. The fund financial statements begin on page 30 and provide detailed information about the most significant funds—not the Park District as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by state law. However, the Park Board establishes other funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes (example: Improvement Fund). The Park District's three types of funds, governmental, proprietary and fiduciary, use different accounting approaches.

**Governmental funds:** Most of the Park District's basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using the modified accrual basis of accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the Park District's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Park District's programs. We describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities*) and governmental funds in reconciliations beside the fund financial statements.

**Proprietary funds:** When the Park District charges customers for the full cost of the services it provides whether to outside customers or to other units of the Park District, these services are reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds are reported in the same way that all activities are reported in the *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities*. In fact, the Park District's Enterprise Fund (a component of proprietary funds) is the same as the business-type activities we report in the government-wide statements but provide more detail and additional information, such as cash flows, for proprietary funds. We utilize an internal service fund, the Hospitalization Fund, (the other component of proprietary funds) to report activities that provide hospitalization to the Park District's employees working under other programs.

**Fiduciary fund:** The Park District employs an Agency Fund to record amounts held by the Park District as a fiduciary for other governments and agencies.

### The Park District as a Whole

The Park District's total governmental assets changed from a year ago, increasing from \$74,531,686 to \$78,317,757. Our analysis below focuses on the net position (Table 1) and changes in net position (Table 2) of the Park District's governmental and business-type activities.

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Table 1 - Net Position

	Governmental		Business-type		Total	
	2013		2014	2013	2013	
	2014	(Restated)			2014	2013
Other Assets	\$26,751,129	\$24,260,163	\$372,311	\$359,033	\$27,123,440	\$24,619,196
Capital Assets and Goodwill	51,566,628	50,271,523	7,633,831	7,851,561	59,200,459	58,123,084
Total Assets	78,317,757	74,531,686	8,006,142	8,210,594	86,323,899	82,742,280
Long-term Liabilities						
Outstanding	1,625,985	2,120,984	182,800	169,464	1,808,785	2,290,448
Other Liabilities	1,308,397	889,861	64,061	56,023	1,372,458	945,884
Total Liabilities	2,934,382	3,010,845	246,861	225,487	3,181,243	3,236,332
Deferred Inflow of Resources						
Property Taxes	13,594,235	13,529,241	0	0	13,594,235	13,529,241
Investment in Capital Assets and Goodwill						
Restricted	51,566,628	49,646,523	7,633,831	7,851,561	59,200,459	57,498,084
Unrestricted	5,575,395	3,127,569	0	0	5,575,395	3,127,569
Total Net Position	\$61,789,140	\$57,991,600	\$7,759,281	\$7,985,107	\$69,548,421	\$65,976,707

Net position of the Park District's governmental activities increased by \$3,797,540, (\$61,789,140 at December 31, 2014 compared to \$57,991,600 at December 31, 2013). Unrestricted net position, the part of net position that can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation, or other legal requirements, decreased by \$570,391, (at December 31, 2014, \$4,647,117 compared to \$5,217,508 at December 31, 2013). Restricted net position, those restricted mainly for capital projects, increased by \$2,447,826, (\$5,575,395 at December 31, 2014 compared to \$3,127,569 at December 31, 2013.) The governmental activities investment in capital assets and goodwill category increased by \$1,920,105, (\$51,566,628 at December 31, 2014 compared to \$49,646,523 at December 31, 2013).

The net position of our business-type activities decreased by \$225,826, (\$7,759,281 at December 31, 2014 compared to \$7,985,107 at December 31, 2013). The Park District commits the net position to finance the continuing operations of the Golf Fund.

### Financial Ratios

The financial ratios following should be used to assess the financial stability of the Park District over an extended period of time.

The *Ratios of Working Capital* and *Days Cash and Investment in Reserve* demonstrate the ability to finance operations with cash. The stability of the *Current Ratio* and the *Liabilities to Net Position* demonstrate the fact that the Park District's retirement of long-term debt exceeded its issuance of long-term debt in the year 2014.

**Working Capital** is the amount by which current assets exceed current liabilities. The **Current Ratio**, which compares current assets to current liabilities, is an indicator of the ability to pay current obligations.

<b>Working Capital</b>	2013	2014
Entity Wide Summary	\$9,848,627	\$11,369,733
Governmental	9,545,617	11,061,483
Business-type	303,010	308,250
<b>Current Ratio</b>	2013	2014
Entity Wide Summary	1.63	1.72
Governmental	1.61	1.71
Business-type	6.41	5.81

**Days Cash and Investments in Reserve** represents the number of days normal operations could continue with no revenue collection.

<b>Days Cash and Investment</b>	2013	2014
Entity Wide Summary	95	197
Governmental	99	136
Business-type	62	60

**Liabilities to Net Position** indicates the extent of borrowing.

<b>Liabilities to Net Position</b>	2013	2014
Entity Wide Summary	24%	24%
Governmental	27%	27%
Business-type	3%	3%

**Return on Assets from Operations** illustrates to what extent there will be sufficient funds to replace assets in the future.

<b>Return on Assets</b>	2013	2014
Entity Wide Summary	11%	4%
Governmental	13%	5%
Business-type	-3%	-3%

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	Table 2 - Change in Net Position					
	Governmental		Business-type		Total	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013
Revenues:						
Program Revenues:						
Charges for Services	\$1,864,614	\$1,708,250	\$1,243,789	\$1,336,732	\$3,108,403	\$3,044,982
Operating Grants and Contributions	93,284	127,874	1,950	1,000	95,234	128,874
Capital Grants and Contributions	1,906,586	5,307,931	0	0	1,906,586	5,307,931
General Revenues:						
Property Tax	13,446,921	15,014,989	0	0	13,446,921	15,014,989
Local Government, Unrestricted	1,304,184	2,139,465	0	0	1,304,184	2,139,465
Interest	7,810	12,158	447	280	8,257	12,438
Miscellaneous	99,107	134,904	25,039	17,648	124,146	152,552
Total Revenues	18,722,506	24,445,571	1,271,225	1,355,660	19,993,731	25,801,231
Program Expenses:						
Parks and Recreation	14,514,432	14,765,506	0	0	14,514,432	14,765,506
Interest on Long-term Debt	10,534	36,231	0	0	10,534	36,231
Golf	0	0	1,897,051	1,944,968	1,897,051	1,944,968
Total Expenses	14,524,966	14,801,737	1,897,051	1,944,968	16,422,017	16,746,705
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position before Transfers	4,197,540	9,643,834	(625,826)	(589,308)	3,571,714	9,054,526
Transfers	(400,000)	(350,000)	400,000	350,000	0	0
Change in Net Position	3,797,540	9,293,834	(225,826)	(239,308)	3,571,714	9,054,526
Net Position Beginning, Restated, See Note 12	57,991,600	48,697,766	7,985,107	8,224,415	65,976,707	56,922,181
Net Position Ending	\$61,789,140	\$57,991,600	\$7,759,281	\$7,985,107	\$69,548,421	\$65,976,707

Total net position for Lake Metroparks increased by \$3,571,714. The increase in governmental net position of \$3,797,540 was due to the reduction in expenses from the prior year. The decrease in net position in business-type activities was \$225,826. This was due to the continued downturn in golf play.

### General Governmental Functions by Individual Fund

The following schedules present individual governmental funds revenues and the percentage of total for the year ended December 31, 2014, as well as the expenditures and the percentage of total for the year ended December 31, 2014.

#### General Fund

Revenue Source	2014 Amount	Percent of Total	2013 Amount	Increase (Decrease) from 2013	Percent Increase (Decrease)
Property Taxes	\$13,298,016	75.83%	\$13,306,446	(\$8,430)	-0.06%
Intergovernmental	2,165,741	12.35%	2,152,150	13,591	0.63%
Fees and Admissions	1,463,957	8.35%	1,303,320	160,637	12.33%
Merchandise Sales	414,872	2.37%	400,706	14,166	3.54%
Interest	7,052	0.04%	6,115	937	15.32%
Fines and Forfeits	2,437	0.01%	1,090	1,347	123.58%
Contributions	85,284	0.49%	114,304	(29,020)	-25.39%
Miscellaneous	99,374	0.56%	134,585	(35,211)	-26.16%
<i>Total Revenue</i>	<i>\$17,536,733</i>	<i>100.00%</i>	<i>\$17,418,716</i>	<i>\$118,017</i>	<i>0.68%</i>

Expenditures	2014 Amount	Percent of Total	2013 Amount	Increase (Decrease) from 2013	Percent Increase (Decrease)
Parks and Recreation	\$12,822,783	78.22%	\$12,342,372	\$480,411	3.89%
Capital Outlay	124,357	0.76%	74,994	49,363	65.82%
Transfer Out	3,446,418	21.02%	4,350,000	(903,582)	-20.77%
<i>Total Expenditures and Transfer Out</i>	<i>\$16,393,558</i>	<i>100.00%</i>	<i>\$16,767,366</i>	<i>(\$373,808)</i>	<i>-2.23%</i>

The fund balance increased by \$1,143,175 mainly due to an decrease in transfers out.

**Drug Enforcement Fund**

Revenue Source	2014 Amount	Percent of Total	2013 Amount	Increase (Decrease) from 2013	Percent Increase (Decrease)
Interest	\$10	0.87%	\$9	\$1	11.11%
Fines and Forfeits	1,133	99.13%	3,134	(2,001)	-63.85%
<i>Total Revenue</i>	<i>\$1,143</i>	<i>100.00%</i>	<i>\$3,143</i>	<i>(\$2,000)</i>	<i>-63.63%</i>

Expenditures	2014 Amount	Percent of Total	2013 Amount	Increase (Decrease) from 2013	Percent Increase (Decrease)
Recreation	\$6,840	100.00%	\$683	\$6,157	901.46%
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>\$6,840</i>	<i>100.00%</i>	<i>\$683</i>	<i>\$6,157</i>	<i>901.46%</i>

The fund balance decreased by \$5,697 due to increase in expenditures related to the purchase of new police equipment.

**Improvement Fund**

Revenue Source	2014 Amount	Percent of Total	2013 Amount	Increase (Decrease) from 2013	Percent Increase (Decrease)
Intergovernmental	\$1,427,452	28.78%	\$3,803,061	(\$2,375,609)	-62.47%
Interest	7,259	0.14%	5,808	\$1,451	24.98%
Contributions	479,134	9.66%	814,795	(\$335,661)	-41.20%
Miscellaneous	0	0.00%	319	(\$319)	-100.00%
Transfer in	3,046,418	61.42%	4,000,000	(\$953,582)	-23.84%
<i>Total Revenue and Transfer In</i>	<i>\$4,960,263</i>	<i>100.00%</i>	<i>\$8,623,983</i>	<i>(\$3,663,720)</i>	<i>-42.48%</i>

Expenditures	2014 Amount	Percent of Total	2013 Amount	Increase (Decrease) from 2013	Percent Increase (Decrease)
Capital Outlay	\$3,369,355	100.00%	\$9,796,656	(\$6,427,301)	-65.61%
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>\$3,369,355</i>	<i>100.00%</i>	<i>\$9,796,656</i>	<i>(\$6,427,301)</i>	<i>-65.61%</i>

The fund balance increased by \$1,590,908 due to the decrease in capital expenditures and the Lake Erie Bluffs purchase.

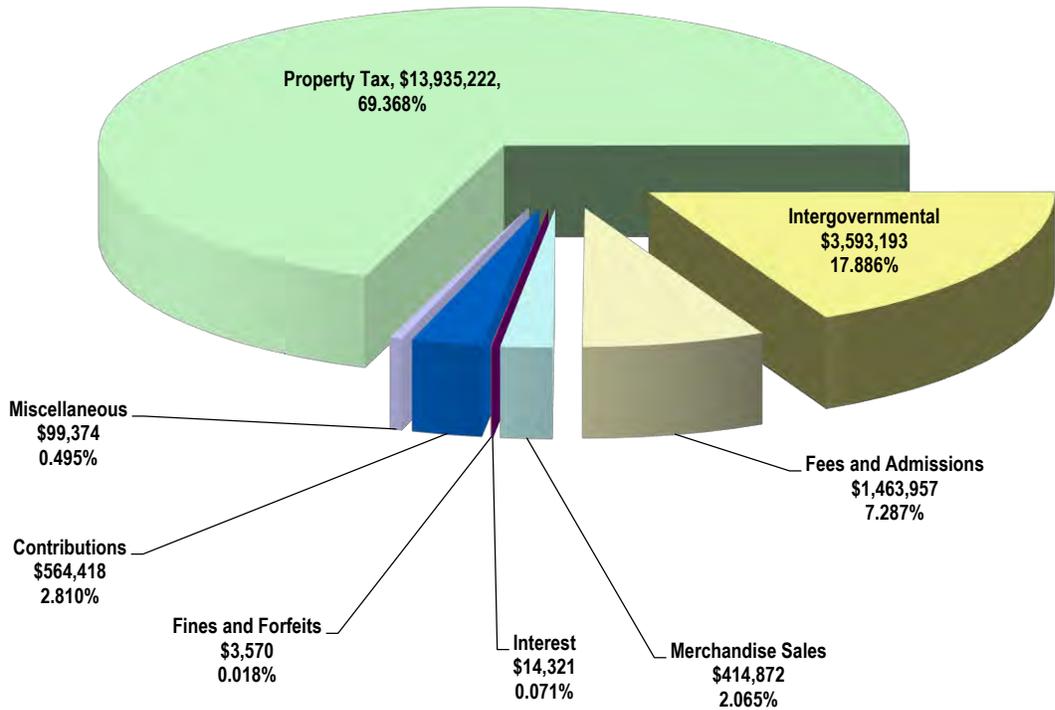
**Debt Service**

Revenue Source	2014 Amount	Percent of Total	2013 Amount	Increase (Decrease) from 2013	Percent Increase (Decrease)
Property Taxes	\$637,206	100.00%	\$635,000	\$2,206	0.35%
<i>Total Revenue</i>	<i>\$637,206</i>	<i>100.00%</i>	<i>\$635,000</i>	<i>\$2,206</i>	<i>0.35%</i>

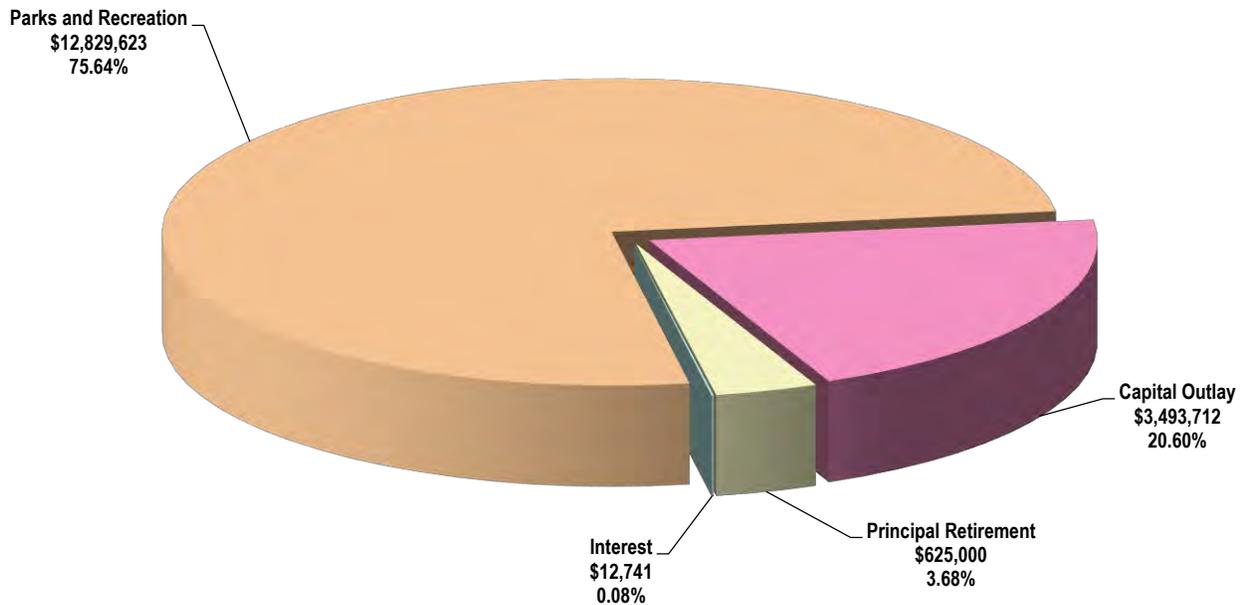
Expenditures	2014 Amount	Percent of Total	2013 Amount	Increase (Decrease) from 2013	Percent Increase (Decrease)
Principal Retirement	\$625,000	98.00%	\$625,000	\$0	0.00%
Interest and Fiscal Charges	12,741	2.00%	38,437	(25,696)	-66.85%
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>\$637,741</i>	<i>100.00%</i>	<i>\$663,437</i>	<i>(\$25,696)</i>	<i>-3.87%</i>

The fund balance decreased by \$535 is due to final debt payment on June 1, 2014.

**2014 Governmental Funds Revenue**



### 2014 Governmental Funds Expenditures



### Proprietary Funds

The Park District's Enterprise Fund is the Golf Fund. The Park District also has an Internal Service Fund, the Hospitalization Fund. These basic financial statement are also included in this report. Because the focus on proprietary funds is a cost of service measurement or capital maintenance, we have included these funds in the table, which demonstrates return on ending assets and return on ending net position. The table is at the end of this section.

Golf fees and charges are reviewed on a yearly basis and changes are recommended to the Board of Park Commissioners for passage. During 2014, there was no increase to greens fees. Hospitalization fees are adjusted via the budget and contractual requirements and adjusted each March. Total golf charges for services decreased by 7.0 percent due to unfavorable weather conditions. The Hospitalization Fund net position decreased by \$275,647 in 2014 due to an increase in claims. The Park District purchased stop-loss insurance in the amount of \$85,000 individual and no aggregate limit.

	<u>Golf</u>	<u>Hospitalization</u>
Total Assets	\$8,006,142	\$461,953
Net Position	7,759,281	221,611
Change in Net Position	(225,826)	(275,647)
Return on Ending Total Assets	(2.8%)	(60%)
Return on Ending Net Position	(2.9%)	(124%)

## Capital Asset and Debt Administration

### Capital Assets

At the end of 2014, the Park District had \$59,142,051 invested in a broad range of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation including land, buildings, vehicles, equipment, livestock, trails, bridges and parking lots. (See table below.) This amount represents a net increase (including additions and deductions) of \$1,084,383 or an increase of 1.9 percent from last year.

Capital Assets at Year-end (Net of Depreciation)						
	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013
Land	\$34,368,605	\$33,312,103	\$2,707,181	\$2,707,181	\$37,075,786	\$36,019,284
Buildings	13,368,157	13,213,120	4,407,749	4,385,687	17,775,906	17,598,807
Furniture/Fixtures	1,280,871	1,249,383	215,136	211,058	1,496,007	1,460,441
Land Improvements	0	0	4,224,580	4,213,760	4,224,580	4,213,760
Machinery/Equipment	4,524,600	4,237,667	1,525,518	1,425,174	6,050,118	5,662,841
Livestock	63,569	61,769	0	0	63,569	61,769
Vehicles	3,198,647	3,112,354	588,033	543,988	3,786,680	3,656,342
Construction in Progress	318,951	445,235	0	0	318,951	445,235
Leasehold Improvement	1,802,838	1,707,351	0	0	1,802,838	1,707,351
Infrastructure	9,853,170	9,000,464	0	0	9,853,170	9,000,464
Accumulated Depreciation	(17,212,780)	(16,067,923)	(6,092,774)	(5,700,703)	(23,305,554)	(21,768,626)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$51,566,628</b>	<b>\$50,271,523</b>	<b>\$7,575,423</b>	<b>\$7,786,145</b>	<b>\$59,142,051</b>	<b>\$58,057,668</b>

This year's major additions included the following governmental improvements: purchased land, vehicles and equipment, and improvements to existing buildings and parks. Business-type improvements included the purchase of equipment. More detailed information about the Park District's capital assets is presented in Note 6 to Basic Financial Statements.

### Debt

The Park District paid its final \$625,000 in bonds outstanding from the 2006 issue. More detailed information about the Park District's long-term debt obligations is presented in Note 7 to Basic Financial Statements.

### Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

Lake Metroparks is a park district (special purpose government) operating under the authority of Chapter 1545 of the Ohio Revised Code encompassing and providing park and recreation opportunities to the citizens of Lake County. The County unemployment rate is 5.7 percent compared to 4.8 percent for the state and the national unemployment rate of 5.6 percent as of December 31, 2014, these compared to 2013 rates of 6.4 percent for the County, 7.2 percent for the state, and 6.7 percent for the national unemployment rate.

### **2013-2014 Budgetary Highlights**

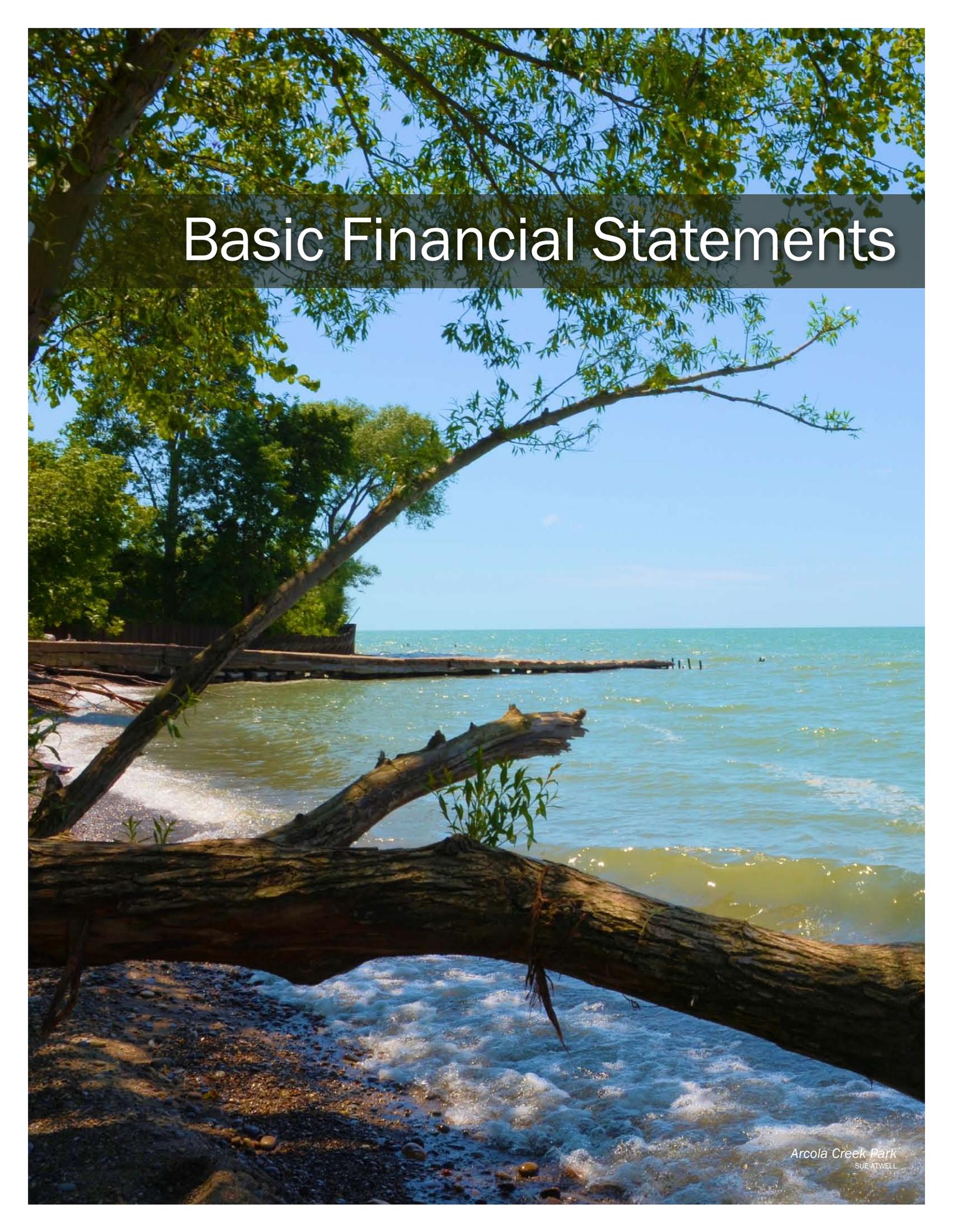
The Executive Director proposed and the Board of Park Commissioners adopted an original budget for the year 2014. The 2014 budget called for General Fund expenditures and transfers of \$17,245,046 compared to the final adjusted budget in 2014 of \$17,402,331, an increase of .9 percent. The original 2014 General Fund budget was \$17,245,046. The increase of \$157,285 in the 2014 budget was largely due to an increase in telephone expenditures.

There were no other significant budgetary variances in the 2014 General Fund between the final amended budget and actual results.

### **Contacting the Park District's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, patrons and creditors with a general overview of the Park District's finances and to show the Park District's accountability for the funds it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Christopher J. Brassell, CPA, Chief Financial Officer, Lake Metroparks, 11211 Spear Road, Concord Twp., Ohio 44077, phone (440) 639-7275 or e-mail [cbrassell@lakemetroparks.com](mailto:cbrassell@lakemetroparks.com).

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# Basic Financial Statements



Lake Metroparks  
Statement of Net Position  
December 31, 2014

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$11,310,806	\$249,358	\$11,560,164
Taxes Receivable	14,179,477	--	14,179,477
Accounts Receivable	15,019	19,925	34,944
Interest Receivable	1,428	30	1,458
Due From Other Governments	916,386	--	916,386
Inventories at Cost	210,626	85,605	296,231
Prepaid Items	117,387	17,393	134,780
Nondepreciable Capital Assets (Note 6)	34,751,125	2,707,181	37,458,306
Depreciable Capital Assets - Net (Note 6)	16,815,503	4,868,242	21,683,745
Net Goodwill	--	58,408	58,408
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>78,317,757</u>	<u>8,006,142</u>	<u>86,323,899</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	198,586	4,208	202,794
Claims Payable	240,342	--	240,342
Due To Other Governments	473,905	29,374	503,279
Due To Contractors Retainage	7,735	--	7,735
Accrued Liabilities	27,367	5,663	33,030
Accrued Wages	342,297	24,816	367,113
Matured Compensated Absences	18,165	--	18,165
Long-term Liabilities:			
Due Within One Year (Note 7)	805,179	154,081	959,260
Due In More Than One Year (Note 7)	820,806	28,719	849,525
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>2,934,382</u>	<u>246,861</u>	<u>3,181,243</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Property Taxes	13,594,235	--	13,594,235
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>13,594,235</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>13,594,235</u>
<b>Net Position</b>			
Investment in Capital Assets and Goodwill	51,566,628	7,633,831	59,200,459
Amounts Restricted for:			
Capital Projects	5,572,741	--	5,572,741
Drug Enforcement	2,654	--	2,654
Unrestricted Amounts	4,647,117	125,450	4,772,567
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<u>\$61,789,140</u>	<u>\$7,759,281</u>	<u>\$69,548,421</u>

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

Lake Metroparks  
Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Program Revenues			
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions
<b>Functions/Programs</b>				
Governmental Activities				
Parks and Recreation	\$14,514,432	\$1,864,614	\$93,284	\$1,906,586
Interest on Long-term Debt	10,534	--	--	--
<i>Total Governmental Activities</i>	<u>14,524,966</u>	<u>1,864,614</u>	<u>93,284</u>	<u>1,906,586</u>
Business-type Activities				
Golf	1,897,051	1,243,789	1,950	--
<i>Total Business-type Activities</i>	<u>1,897,051</u>	<u>1,243,789</u>	<u>1,950</u>	<u>--</u>
<i>Total Primary Government</i>	<u>\$16,422,017</u>	<u>\$3,108,403</u>	<u>\$95,234</u>	<u>\$1,906,586</u>

**General Revenues**

Property Tax  
Local Governmental, Unrestricted  
Interest  
Miscellaneous

*Total General Revenues*

**Transfers**

*Total General Revenues and Transfers*

*Change in Net Position*

*Net Position - Beginning, as Restated See Note 12*

*Net Position - Ending*

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

Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
Primary Government		
Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
(\$10,649,948)	\$--	(\$10,649,948)
(10,534)	--	(10,534)
(10,660,482)	--	(10,660,482)
--	(651,312)	(651,312)
--	(651,312)	(651,312)
(10,660,482)	(651,312)	(11,311,794)
13,446,921	--	13,446,921
1,304,184	--	1,304,184
7,810	447	8,257
99,107	25,039	124,146
14,858,022	25,486	14,883,508
(400,000)	400,000	--
14,458,022	425,486	14,883,508
3,797,540	(225,826)	3,571,714
57,991,600	7,985,107	65,976,707
\$61,789,140	\$7,759,281	\$69,548,421

Lake Metroparks  
Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
December 31, 2014

	General Fund	Improvement Fund	Debt Service
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$5,003,759	\$5,842,492	\$--
Receivables:			
Taxes	14,179,477	--	--
Accounts	15,019	--	--
Interest	639	737	--
Due From Other Governments	916,386	--	--
Inventories at Cost	210,626	--	--
Prepaid Items	117,387	--	--
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>\$20,443,293</u>	<u>\$5,843,229</u>	<u>\$--</u>
<b>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances</b>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	\$81,784	\$116,802	\$--
Due To Other Governments	327,954	145,951	--
Due To Contractors Retainage	--	7,735	--
Matured Compensated Absences	18,165	--	--
Accrued Liabilities	27,367	--	--
Accrued Wages	342,297	--	--
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>797,567</u>	<u>270,488</u>	<u>--</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources:			
Property Taxes	13,594,235	--	--
Unavailable Revenues:			
Intergovernmental	916,386	--	--
Delinquent Property Taxes	585,242	--	--
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>15,095,863</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>
Fund Balances:			
Nonspendable	328,013	--	--
Restricted for Drug Enforcement	--	--	--
Committed to Contract Services	16,008	1,748,933	--
Assigned to:			
Purchase Orders	219,989	445,583	--
Improvements	--	3,378,225	--
Unassigned	3,985,853	--	--
<i>Total Fund Balances</i>	<u>4,549,863</u>	<u>5,572,741</u>	<u>--</u>
<i>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances</i>	<u>\$20,443,293</u>	<u>\$5,843,229</u>	<u>\$--</u>

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Lake Metroparks  
Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to  
Net Position of Governmental Activities  
December 31, 2014

Non-Major Governmental/ Drug Enforcement Fund	Total Governmental Funds		
		<b>Total Governmental Funds Balances</b>	\$10,125,258
\$2,653	\$10,848,904	<i>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:</i>	
--	14,179,477	Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	51,566,628
--	15,019		
1	1,377		
--	916,386		
--	210,626	Other long-term assets that are not available to pay current period expenditures and therefore are unavailable revenues in the fund.	
--	117,387		
<u>\$2,654</u>	<u>\$26,289,176</u>		
		Delinquent Property Taxes	585,242
		Intergovernmental	<u>916,386</u>
			1,501,628
\$--	\$198,586	Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.	(1,625,985)
--	473,905		
--	7,735		
--	18,165	Internal service funds are not reported in the funds statement but are governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position.	221,611
--	27,367		
--	342,297		
--	<u>1,068,055</u>		
		<b>Net Position of Governmental Activities</b>	<u>\$61,789,140</u>
--	13,594,235		
--	916,386		
--	585,242		
--	<u>15,095,863</u>		
--	328,013		
2,654	2,654		
--	1,764,941		
--	665,572		
--	3,378,225		
--	3,985,853		
<u>2,654</u>	<u>10,125,258</u>		
<u>\$2,654</u>	<u>\$26,289,176</u>		

Lake Metroparks  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances  
Governmental Funds  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	General Fund	Improvement Fund	Debt Service
<b>Revenues</b>			
Property Tax	\$13,298,016	\$--	\$637,206
Intergovernmental	2,165,741	1,427,452	--
Fees and Admissions	1,463,957	--	--
Merchandise Sales	414,872	--	--
Interest	7,052	7,259	--
Fines and Forfeits	2,437	--	--
Contributions	85,284	479,134	--
Miscellaneous	99,374	--	--
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>17,536,733</u>	<u>1,913,845</u>	<u>637,206</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Parks and Recreation	12,822,783	--	--
Capital Outlay	124,357	3,369,355	--
Debt Service:			
Principal Retirement	--	--	625,000
Interest	--	--	12,741
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>12,947,140</u>	<u>3,369,355</u>	<u>637,741</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<u>4,589,593</u>	<u>(1,455,510)</u>	<u>(535)</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>			
Transfers In	--	3,046,418	--
Transfers Out	(3,446,418)	--	--
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<u>(3,446,418)</u>	<u>3,046,418</u>	<u>--</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	1,143,175	1,590,908	(535)
<i>Fund Balances - Beginning of the Year</i>	3,420,191	3,981,833	535
<i>Increase (Decrease) in Reserve for Inventories</i>	<u>(13,503)</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>
<i>Fund Balances - End of the Year</i>	<u>\$4,549,863</u>	<u>\$5,572,741</u>	<u>\$--</u>

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Lake Metroparks  
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Non-Major Governmental/ Drug Enforcement Fund	Total Governmental Funds		
		<b>Net Changes in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds</b>	<b>\$2,727,851</b>
		<i>Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:</i>	
\$--	\$13,935,222	Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.	
--	3,593,193		
--	1,463,957		
--	414,872		
10	14,321		
1,133	3,570		
--	564,418	Note: Capital Outlays \$2,439,961, Depreciation (\$1,144,856).	1,295,105
--	99,374		
<u>1,143</u>	<u>20,088,927</u>	Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.	625,000
6,840	12,829,623		
--	3,493,712	Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.	
--	625,000	Compensated Absences	(\$130,001)
--	12,741	Change in Inventory	(13,503)
<u>6,840</u>	<u>16,961,076</u>	Accrued Interest	2,207
(5,697)	3,127,851		(141,297)
		Internal service activity is not reported in governmental funds but is reported as governmental activities in the Statement of Activities.	(275,647)
--	3,046,418		
--	(3,446,418)	Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	
--	(400,000)	Delinquent Property Taxes	(488,301)
(5,697)	2,727,851	Intergovernmental	54,829
8,351	7,410,910		<u>(433,472)</u>
		<b>Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities</b>	<b><u>\$3,797,540</u></b>
--	(13,503)		
<u>\$2,654</u>	<u>\$10,125,258</u>		

Lake Metroparks  
Statement of Net Position  
Proprietary Funds  
December 31, 2014

	Business-type Activities	Governmental Activities
	Golf	Hospitalization - Internal Service
<b>Assets</b>		
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$249,358	\$461,902
Interest Receivable	30	51
Accounts Receivable	19,925	--
Inventories at Cost	85,605	--
Prepaid Items	17,393	--
Total Current Assets	<u>372,311</u>	<u>461,953</u>
Noncurrent Assets		
Net Capital Assets	7,575,423	--
Net Goodwill	58,408	--
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>7,633,831</u>	<u>--</u>
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u><u>\$8,006,142</u></u>	<u><u>\$461,953</u></u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$4,208	\$--
Claims Payable	--	240,342
Due To Other Governments	29,374	--
Accrued Liabilities	5,663	--
Accrued Wages	24,816	--
Compensated Absences Payable	154,081	--
Total Current Liabilities	<u>218,142</u>	<u>240,342</u>
Long Term Liabilities		
Long Term Compensated Absences	28,719	--
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>246,861</u>	<u>240,342</u>
<b>Net Position</b>		
Investment in Capital Assets and Goodwill	7,633,831	--
Unrestricted	125,450	221,611
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<u>7,759,281</u>	<u>221,611</u>
<i>Total Liabilities and Net Position</i>	<u><u>\$8,006,142</u></u>	<u><u>\$461,953</u></u>

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Lake Metroparks  
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position  
Proprietary Funds  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Business-type Activities	Governmental Activities
	Golf	Hospitalization - Internal Service
<b>Operating Revenues</b>		
Billings to Departments	\$--	\$1,229,029
Charges for Services	1,243,789	82,627
Contributions	1,950	--
Miscellaneous	25,039	--
<i>Total Operating Revenues</i>	<u>1,270,778</u>	<u>1,311,656</u>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Salaries	678,854	--
Fringes	222,580	--
Commodities	281,739	--
Contractual Services	306,720	--
Claims	--	1,320,483
Premiums	--	267,454
Depreciation	400,150	--
Amortization	7,008	--
<i>Total Operating Expenses</i>	<u>1,897,051</u>	<u>1,587,937</u>
<i>Operating (Loss)</i>	<u>(626,273)</u>	<u>(276,281)</u>
<b>Non-Operating Revenues</b>		
Interest	447	634
<i>Total Non-Operating Revenues</i>	<u>447</u>	<u>634</u>
<b>Income (Loss) before Transfers</b>	(625,826)	(275,647)
<b>Transfers In</b>	<u>400,000</u>	<u>--</u>
<i>Change in Net Position</i>	(225,826)	(275,647)
<i>Total Net Position - Beginning of the Year</i>	<u>7,985,107</u>	<u>497,258</u>
<i>Total Net Position - End of the Year</i>	<u><u>\$7,759,281</u></u>	<u><u>\$221,611</u></u>

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

Lake Metroparks  
Statement of Cash Flows  
Proprietary Funds  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Business-type Activity	Governmental Activity
	Golf	Hospitalization - Internal Service
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		
Cash Received for Premiums within the Park District	\$--	\$1,246,455
Cash Received from Charges for Services	1,261,193	65,201
Cash Paid to Employees for Services	(876,411)	--
Cash Paid for Operating Contracts and Supplies	(607,117)	--
Cash Paid for Claims and Premiums	--	(1,435,105)
<i>Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities</i>	<u>(222,335)</u>	<u>(123,449)</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities</b>		
Payment for Capital Acquisitions	(189,429)	--
Transfers In	400,000	--
<i>Net Cash Used for Capital and Related Financing Activities</i>	<u>210,571</u>	<u>--</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>		
Interest Received	446	634
<i>Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities</i>	<u>446</u>	<u>634</u>
<i>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents</i>	(11,318)	(122,815)
<i>Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Year</i>	260,676	584,717
<i>Cash and Cash Equivalents at the End of the Year</i>	<u>\$249,358</u>	<u>\$461,902</u>
<b>Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities</b>		
Operating Income (Loss)	(\$626,273)	(\$276,281)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities:		
Depreciation	400,150	--
Amortization	7,008	--
Current Assets (Increase) Decrease:		
Accounts Receivable	(9,586)	--
Inventories	(14,533)	--
Prepaid Items	(476)	--
Decrease (Increase) in Current Assets	<u>(24,595)</u>	<u>--</u>
Current Liabilities Increase (Decrease):		
Accounts Payable	2,851	--
Due To Other Governments	2,215	-
Accrued Liabilities	916	-
Accrued Wages	2,056	-
Compensated Absences Payable	103,254	-
Increase in Current Liabilities	<u>111,292</u>	<u>-</u>
Long-term Compensated Absences Payable	(89,917)	--
Increase (Decrease) in Claims Payables	<u>--</u>	<u>152,832</u>
Total Adjustments	<u>403,938</u>	<u>152,832</u>
<i>Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities</i>	<u><u>(\$222,335)</u></u>	<u><u>(\$123,449)</u></u>

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

Lake Metroparks  
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position  
Agency Fund  
December 31, 2014

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**Assets**

Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$114,573
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>\$114,573</u>

**Liabilities**

Due To Other Governments	\$72,353
Payable From Restricted Assets	26,995
Retainage Due Contractors	15,225
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>\$114,573</u>

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# Notes to Basic Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2014 Lake Metroparks, Ohio

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## Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

- A. **Description of Lake Metroparks.** Lake Metroparks was created December 30, 1958 under the authority of Chapter 1545 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Ohio Revised Code indicates the Park District was created for the purpose of conserving the natural resources of the State. The Ohio Revised Code also provides for a Board of Park Commissioners, which has the authority to develop the Park District lands in a manner conducive to the general welfare of the community. The legislative power of the Park District is vested in the Board of Park Commissioners. The Board of Park Commissioners consists of three members who are appointed by the Judge of the Lake County Probate Court and serve without pay for three-year alternating terms. Appointments or reappointments are made each year. The first Board of Park Commissioners took office on May 11, 1959. During the first session each year, the Board of Park Commissioners elects one of the three members as president and the other two as vice presidents. The Board of Park Commissioners have passed the following Park District's mission statement: "The mission of Lake Metroparks is to conserve and preserve the natural resources of Lake County while providing a variety of safe, affordable and enjoyable educational and recreational programs and activities that enhance the quality of life in Lake County now and for the generations to follow."

The Board of Park Commissioners appoints an Executive Director who is the chief executive officer of the Park District. The Executive Director is responsible for executing the policy of the Board of Park Commissioners and is authorized to establish administrative procedures as he/she deems necessary.

The Park District consists of just over 8,700 owned acres, 789 leased acres of park land and holds 551 acres of conservation easements including 36 parks and 9 natural preserves ranging in size from approximately one acre to 943 acres. Listed below are the names of the parks.

**Arcola Creek Park** -- Lake Road, Madison Twp.

**Baker Road Park** -- Baker Road, Leroy Twp.

**Beaty Landing** -- Walnut Street, Painesville

**Big Creek at Liberty Hollow** -- Fay Road, Concord Twp.

**Chagrin River Park** -- Reeves Road, Willoughby/Eastlake

**Chapin Forest Reservation** -- Hobart Road & Rt. 306, Kirtland

**Children's Schoolhouse Nature Park** -- Baldwin Road, Kirtland Hills

**Concord Woods Nature Park** -- Spear Road, Concord Twp.

**Environmental Learning Center** -- Alexander Road, Concord

**Erie Shores Golf Course** -- Lake Road East, Madison

**Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park** -- Huntington Beach Drive, Fairport Harbor

**Farmpark** -- Rt. 6, Kirtland

**Girdled Road Reservation** -- Radcliffe Road, Concord Twp.

**Grand River Landing** -- N. St. Clair Street, Fairport Harbor

**Greenway Corridor** -- B&O Rail Corridor

**Gully Brook** -- River Road, Willoughby

**Helen Hazen Wyman Park** -- Rt. 86, Painesville

**Hell Hollow Wilderness Area** -- Leroy Center Road, Leroy Twp.

**Hidden Lake** -- Kniffen Road, Leroy Twp.

**Hidden Valley Park** -- Klasen Road, Madison

**Hogback Ridge Park** -- Emerson Road, Madison

**Indian Point Park** -- Seeley Road, Leroy Twp.

**Lake Erie Bluffs** -- Clark Road, Perry Twp.

**Lakefront Lodge** -- Lakeshore Blvd., Willowick

**Lakeshore Reservation** -- Lockwood Road, North Perry

**Mason's Landing Park** -- Vrooman Road, Perry

**Paine Falls Park** -- Paine Road, Leroy Twp.

**Painesville Township Park** -- Hardy Road, Painesville Twp.

**Parsons Gardens** -- Erie Road, Willoughby

**Penitentiary Glen Reservation** -- Kirtland-Chardon Road, Kirtland

**Pete's Pond Preserve** -- Rockefeller Road, Wickliffe

**Pine Ridge Country Club** -- Ridge Road, Wickliffe

**Pleasant Valley Park** -- Pleasant Valley Road, Willoughby Hills

**River Road Park** -- River Road, Madison Twp.

**Riverview Park** -- Bailey Road, Madison

**Veterans Park** -- Hopkins Road, Mentor

- B. Reporting Entity** - In evaluating how to define the governmental entity, the Park District has considered all potential component units. The decision to include or exclude a potential unit was made by applying the criteria defined by Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14 and Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB) Statement No. 61, "The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus.". Component units are legally separate organizations for which the Park District is financially accountable. The Park District is financially accountable for an organization if the Park District appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the Park District is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the Park District is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the Park District is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance deficits of or provide financial support to the organization or the Park District is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include

organizations that are fiscally dependent on the Park District in that the Park District approves the budget, the issuance of debt, or the levying of taxes, and there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burden on, the Park District. Based on this criterion, there are no component units.

***Related Organizations***

***Lake County*** - The Park District is considered a related organization to Lake County. This decision was based on the fact the Board of Park Commissioners are appointed by the Probate Judge of Lake County, but Lake County cannot impose its will on the Park District in any manner, nor does there exist any financial benefit or burden relationship between the Park District and Lake County.

***Lake Parks Foundation*** – The Lake Parks Foundation is a private, not-for-profit foundation to promote the development of parks, recreation, and leisure services in Lake County. The Park District does not appoint the Lake Parks Foundation Board and cannot impose its will on Lake Parks Foundation nor is there a financial benefit received by, or burden placed on, the Park District with respect to the Lake Parks Foundation.

- C. Basis of Presentation – Fund Accounting.** The Park District’s basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, fund financial statements, statement of net position – proprietary funds, statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position – proprietary funds, statement of cash flows and statement of fiduciary net position which provide a more detailed level of financial information. The financial statements of the Park District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to local governmental 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 Park District’s accounting policies are described below.
- D. Governmental Funds.** Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are financed. Governmental fund reporting focuses on the sources, uses and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may or must be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. The following are the Park District’s governmental funds:

***General Fund*** - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Park District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

***Improvement Fund*** - The Improvement Fund is used to finance permanent Park District improvements such as rolling stock and construction. It is funded mainly by intergovernmental revenues, contributions and transfers from the General Fund.

***Debt Service Fund*** - The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the accumulation of financial resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest, and related costs.

***Non-Major Governmental/Drug Enforcement Fund*** - The Drug Enforcement Fund is used to account for the proceeds of a specific revenue source (other than major capital projects) that are legally restricted as to expenditures for specified purposes.

## **E. Proprietary Funds.**

***Enterprise Fund*** - The Enterprise Fund is used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises, where the intent of the governing body is that the costs of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges. The Park District operates two golf facilities within this fund.

***Internal Service Fund*** - The Internal Service Fund is established to account for the provision of goods and services by one department of the government to other departments within the government on generally a not-for-profit (cost-reimbursement) basis. In 1990, the Park District established a self-insured hospitalization program. The Internal Service Fund is financed through the budgets of the user departments and employees.

## **F. Fiduciary Fund.**

***Agency Fund*** - The Agency Fund is used to account for assets held by the Park District in an agency capacity. Included in Agency Fund activities are contractor escrow accounts, patron deposits for various park facilities and programs, stale park checks awaiting the statutory time to be redeposited into the proper fund, and payroll withholding to other government agencies. The Agency Fund is custodial in nature and does not involve measurement of results of operations. The Agency Fund is not reported in the government-wide financial statements.

## **G. Presentation of Financial Statements.**

***Government-wide Financial Statements*** - The *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities* display information about the Park District as a whole. These statements distinguish between activities that are governmental and those that are considered business-type activities. Internal Service Fund results are eliminated to avoid “doubling up” revenues and expenses; however, interfund services provided and used are not eliminated in the process of consolidation.

The government-wide statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. This is the same approach used in the preparation of the proprietary fund financial statements but differs from the manner in which governmental fund financial statements are prepared. Therefore, governmental fund financial statements include reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

The government-wide *Statement of Activities* presents a comparison between expenses and program revenues for both programs of the governmental activities. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipients of the goods or services such as children’s camps, Farmpark admission, senior trips, special populations, softball programs, dance programs, cross-country skiing, sales of snacks and gift shop items, and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues. The comparison of program revenues and expenses identifies the extent to which each program or business segment is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the Park District.

Net position should be reported as restricted when constraints placed on net position use are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The Park District applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes

for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available. The Agency Fund is not reported in the government-wide financial statements.

***Fund Financial Statements*** - The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental fund types are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and deferred outflows of resources with current liabilities and deferred inflows of resources generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e. revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e. expenditures and other financing uses) in fund balance.

Governmental Funds Fund Balance – Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the Park District is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the governmental funds. The classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable - The nonspendable fund balance category includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form, or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The “not in spendable form” criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash. It also includes the long-term amount of interfund loans.

Restricted - Fund balance is reported as restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Enabling legislation authorizes the Park District to assess, levy, charge, or otherwise mandate payment of resources (from external resource providers) and includes a legally enforceable requirement that those resources be used only for the specific purposes stipulated in the legislation. Legal enforceability means that the Park District can be compelled by an external party-such as citizens, public interest groups, or the judiciary to use resources created by enabling legislation only for the purposes specified by the legislation.

Committed - The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes imposed by formal action (resolution) of the Board of Park Commissioners. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Park District removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) it employed to previously commit those amounts. In contrast to fund balance that is restricted by enabling legislation, committed fund balance classification may be redeployed for other purposes with appropriate due process. Constraints imposed on the use of committed amounts are imposed by the Board of Park Commissioners, separate from the authorization to raise the underlying revenue; therefore, compliance with these constraints is not considered to be legally enforceable. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned - Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the Park District for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In all governmental funds, assigned amounts represent encumbrances that were approved by the Chief Financial Officer as provided in the Park District’s purchasing manual as passed by the Board. In governmental funds other than the General Fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted, committed, or encumbered as above.

Unassigned - Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other governmental

funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance resulting from overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted, committed, or assigned.

The Park District applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

Proprietary Funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the *Statement of Net Position*. Fund Equity (i.e. net position) is segregated into investment in capital assets and goodwill and unrestricted. Proprietary fund type operating statements present increases (i.e. revenues) and decreases (i.e. expenses) in net position. Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made. Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing goods and services in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations.

The principal revenue of the Golf Fund is charges to customers for use of the golf course and rental fees. Operating expenses for the Golf Fund include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses and depreciation on capital assets. The Hospitalization Fund revenues include charges to departments and charges for COBRA. Expenses include claims, stop-loss premiums, and administrative cost.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is followed for the governmental funds. Under this basis, revenues are recognized in the accounting period when they become both measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current year or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current year. The available period for the Park District is sixty days after year-end.

In applying the susceptible to accrual concept under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are deemed both measurable and available: earnings on investments, state and local government funds, fees and admissions, and fines and forfeitures. The major revenue source not susceptible to accrual is donations, which is not considered measurable until received.

***Revenues – Exchange and Non-exchange Transactions*** Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current year. For the Park District, available means expected to be received within sixty days of year-end. Non-exchange transactions, in which the Park District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. Revenue from property taxes is recognized in the year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the Park District must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Park District on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The Park District reports no deferred outflows of resources.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. On the Government-Wide Statement of Net Position and Governmental Funds Balance Sheet, property taxes that are intended to finance future fiscal periods are reported as deferred inflows. In addition, the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet reports deferred inflows which arise only under a modified accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, the item, unavailable amounts, is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet.

The governmental funds report unavailable amounts for property taxes and state levied shared taxes. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available.

***Expenses and Expenditures*** - The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are recorded in the account period in which the related fund liability is incurred. Principal and interest on general long-term debt are recorded as fund liabilities when due or when amounts have been accumulated in the Debt Service Fund for payments to be made early in the following year. The costs of accumulated vacation and sick leave are reported as fund liabilities in the period in which they will be liquidated with available financial resources rather than in the period earned by employees. Compensatory time is recorded in the period earned. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in the governmental funds.

The accrual basis of accounting is utilized for reporting purposes by the Internal Service Fund (Hospitalization) and the Enterprise Fund (Golf). Revenues are recognized when they are earned and become measurable, and expenses are recognized when they are incurred, if measurable. The Agency Fund uses the accrual basis of accounting to recognize receivables and payables.

**H. Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents.** Cash balances of certain Park District funds are pooled and invested. Each fund's interest in the pool is presented as "Cash and Cash Equivalents" on the balance sheet. During 2014, investments were limited to STAR Ohio, STAR Plus and certificates of deposit. STAR Ohio is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office, which allows governments within the state to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company but does operate in a manner consistent with Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Investments in STAR Ohio are valued at STAR Ohio's share price, which is the price the investment could be sold for on December 31, 2014. STAR Plus is a bank deposit program endorsed by the Ohio Treasurer's office that offers full FDIC insurance on local government deposits from \$500,000 to \$15 million and provides weekly liquidity. Except for nonparticipating investment contracts, investments are reported at fair value which is based on quoted market prices. The Park District had no investments as of December 31, 2014 recorded at amortized cost. Interest earned from investments purchased with pooled cash is allocated to pooled funds as prescribed by Ohio law and Board policy. For the Internal Service Fund (Hospitalization) and Enterprise Fund (Golf), as noted on the *Statement of Cash Flows*, all restricted cash and cash equivalents with an original maturity date within three months are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and so near their maturity that they present insignificant risk of changes in value because of changes in interest rates.

- I. Inventory.** The expense method (i.e., purchase method) of inventory is used for all governmental fund types, and the consumption method is used for the Enterprise Fund. Inventory is valued at cost, which approximates market, using the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method. The costs of inventory items are recognized as expenditures in the General Fund when purchased or as expenses in the Enterprise Fund when consumed. Recorded inventories in the General Fund are equally offset in a nonspendable fund balance which indicates that they do not constitute available spendable resources even though they are a component of current assets.
  
- J. Prepaid Items.** Prepaid items represent payments made by the Park District for maintenance agreements and insurance that will benefit periods beyond December 31, 2014. Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond the current year, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method by recording a current asset for the prepaid amount at the time of purchase and reflecting the expenditure/expense in the year in which the services are consumed. Recorded prepaids in governmental fund types are equally offset in a nonspendable fund balance which indicates that they do not constitute available spendable resources even though they are a component of net current assets.
  
- K. Capital Assets.** Governmental-type capital assets include land, buildings, furniture and fixtures, livestock, machinery and equipment, vehicles, construction in progress, leasehold improvements and infrastructure owned by the Park District and are stated at historical or estimated historical cost. Donated capital assets are stated at estimated market value at the time of donation. The Park District's threshold for capitalization of assets is \$500 and a lifetime of at least two years.

Depreciation for governmental-type capital assets is provided using the straight-line method over the estimated life of the asset. See Note 6C for accumulated depreciation by asset class. Depreciation lives used for property items within each property classification are as follows:

Buildings	15-50 years	Fencing	10-15 years
Machinery/Equipment	2-20 years	Land Improvements	5-10 years
Vehicles	10-15 years	Trails	15-20 years
Furniture/Fixtures	5-20 years	Earthwork/Wetlands	20-50 years
Boardwalks/Bridges	15-20 years	Utility Lines	15-20 years

Capital assets for the business-type activities (Enterprise Fund) are recorded at historical cost. Depreciation is charged as an expense against operations and capital assets are recorded net of accumulated depreciation on the *Statement of Net Position*. See Note 6D for accumulated depreciation by asset class.

Depreciation in the business-type activities (Enterprise Fund) is provided using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Depreciable lives used for property items within each property classification are as follows:

Buildings	15-50 years
Machinery/Equipment	2-20 years
Vehicles	10-15 years
Furniture/Fixtures	5-20 years
Land Improvement	7-40 years

**L. Compensated Absences.**

Compensated absences are reported in governmental funds only if they have matured. See below for further details.

**Vacation** - Accumulated unpaid vacation pay is accrued when earned and is normally paid in the subsequent calendar year. However, unused vacation can be carried over and accrued up to a maximum of 240 hours. The Park District accrues up to the maximum of vacation hours as long-term for each employee in the Long-term Liabilities in the *Statement of Net Position*. A liability of \$416,968 is included.

**Sick Leave** - Sick leave accumulates at the rate of .0577 for each hour worked. There is no maximum accumulation; it is to be used as needed. Effective May 15, 2013, the Board of Park Commissioners amended the sick leave policy as follows. For employees with 15 or more years of service prior to June 1, 2013:

YEARS OF LAKE METROPARKS EMPLOYMENT	PERCENTAGE OF ACCRUED UNUSED DAYS
1 year	5% or not to exceed 50 hours
2 years	10% or not to exceed 80 hours
3 years	15% or not to exceed 100 hours
4 years	20% or not to exceed 120 hours
5 years through 9 years	25% or not to exceed 240 hours
10 years through 14 years	50% or not to exceed 480 hours
15 years through 19 years	60% or not to exceed 576 hours
20 years through 24 years	70% or not to exceed 672 hours
25 years through 29 years	80% or not to exceed 768 hours
30 years through 34 years	90% or not to exceed 864 hours
35 years or more	100% or not to exceed 960 hours

For employees with less than 15 years of service as of June 1, 2013:

YEARS OF LAKE METROPARKS EMPLOYMENT	PERCENTAGE OF ACCRUED UNUSED DAYS
1 year	5% or not to exceed 50 hours
2 years	10% or not to exceed 80 hours
3 years	15% or not to exceed 100 hours
4 years	20% or not to exceed 120 hours
5 years through 9 years	25% or not to exceed 240 hours
10 years through 14 years	50% or not to exceed 480 hours
15 years through 19 years	60% or not to exceed 480 hours
20 years through 24 years	70% or not to exceed 480 hours
25 years through 29 years	80% or not to exceed 480 hours
30 years through 34 years	90% or not to exceed 480 hours

For employees who join the Park District after June 1, 2013:

YEARS OF LAKE METROPARKS EMPLOYMENT	PERCENTAGE OF ACCRUED UNUSED DAYS
Less than 10 years	No compensation
10 years or more	50% or not to exceed 480 hours

At December 31, 2014, the Park District recorded a liability for sick leave totaling \$1,308,186 in accordance with GASB Statement No. 16.

**Compensatory Time** - All non-exempt employees may be granted compensatory time which is earned at a rate of one and one-half times the hours worked over 40 in a work week. Seasonal positions may be allowed to accumulate compensatory time for a given period of time, not to exceed 160 hours. Shown in Long-term Debt Obligation as part of Compensated Absences is \$37,221 for employee accrued compensatory time as of December 31, 2014.

**Personal Time** - All part-time employees earn personal time at an accrual rate of .0192 per regular hour worked. The maximum accrual per calendar year would be 40 hours. Said personal time accrued by the Park District is in the amount of \$46,410.

**Post Employment Healthcare Benefits** - The Park District does not provide post employment healthcare benefits except those mandated by the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA). The requirements established by COBRA are fully funded by employees who elect coverage under the Act, and no direct costs are incurred by the Park District.

**M. Encumbrances.** Encumbrances represent purchase commitments for goods or services that have not been received or provided. Encumbrance accounting is a form of budgetary control to ensure that appropriations are not exceeded. Encumbrances outstanding at year-end are reported as a restricted, committed or assigned amount of fund balance in the governmental fund types.

**N. 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 Tax Budget, the Certificate of Estimated Resources, and the Appropriation Resolution, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The Certificate of Estimated Resources and the Appropriation Resolution are subject to amendment throughout the year with the legal restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources as certified. All funds, other than agency funds, are legally required to be estimated and appropriated. The legal level of budgetary control is at the object level within each division of the General Fund and by object level for all other funds. A division is defined as an operating group of departments under the direction of an assistant director or a division head. Any budgetary increase or decrease at this level may only be made by resolution of the Board of Park Commissioners.

**Tax Budget** - A budget of estimated cash receipts and disbursements is submitted to the County Auditor, as Secretary of the County Budget Commission, by July 20 of each year for the period January 1 to December 31 of the following year.

**Estimated Resources** - The County Budget Commission certifies its actions to the Park District by September 1. As part of this certification, the Park District receives the official Certificate of Estimated Resources which states the projected receipts of each fund. On or about January 1, this certificate is amended to include any unencumbered fund balances from the preceding year. The Park District must then revise its budget so that the total contemplated expenditures from any fund during the ensuing fiscal year will not exceed the amount stated in the amended Certificate of Estimated Resources. The revised budget then serves as the basis for the annual appropriation measure.

**Appropriations** - A temporary appropriation measure to control cash disbursements 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 during the year as new information becomes available provided that total appropriations do not exceed estimated resources as certified. Any increase in the total appropriation for a division must be approved by the Board of Park Commissioners. In

accordance with Ohio law total expenditures from a fund cannot exceed the total appropriation for that fund.

The Board of Park Commissioners made various supplemental appropriations, intradivision transfers and intrafund transfers which resulted in increases in the final appropriation of the General Fund of \$157,285. The Board of Park Commissioners' appropriation adjustments were made throughout 2014 and are reflected in the budgetary schedules contained in the required supplementary information. Other budgetary schedules are in supplementary information.

At the close of each fiscal year the unencumbered balance of each appropriation reverts to the respective fund from which it was appropriated and becomes subject to future appropriations. The encumbered appropriation balance is carried forward to the succeeding year and need not be reappropriated.

**O. Leasehold Improvements.** In 1974, the Park District signed a 99-year lease agreement with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to operate Chapin Forest. In 1993, the Park District signed a 25-year lease management agreement with Painesville Township Board of Park Commissioners to operate Painesville Township Park. This lease was renewed in 2014 for an additional 25 years. In 1993, the Park District signed a joint-lease agreement with the City of Willoughby for the Lakefront Lodge for 20 years, which was renewed in 2013 for a period of 1 year and renewed in 2014 for 10 additional years.

Also in 1993, the Park District signed a 99-year lease agreement with the City of Willoughby to operate land at Chagrin River Park. In 1997, the Park District signed a lease agreement with the Lake County Soil and Water Conservation to manage Mill Creek Corridor, land that was formally part of Camp Stigwandish. In 2000, the Park District signed a 20-year lease management agreement with the City of Eastlake for additional land at Chagrin River Park. In 2001, a lease of 40.3 acres (Gully Brook) for a period of 20 years was agreed to with the Willoughby/Eastlake Board of Education. In 2004, the Park District renewed a joint-lease agreement with the Lake County Commissioners for the Arcola Creek Estuary for an additional 10 years. The original 10-year agreement was signed in 1993. Also in 2004, the lease agreement with the Mentor Exempted School District for lands adjacent to the Veterans Park facility, originally entered into in 1994, was renewed for 10 years. In 2008, the Park District entered into a memorandum of understanding agreement with Concord Township for the use of property adjacent to the Greenway Corridor for 5 years, which was renewed in 2013 for a period of 5 years. In 2010, the Park District signed a 20-year lease agreement with the Port Authority of Eastlake, Ohio for the Chagrin Islands property. In 2010, lease management agreements originally signed in 1990 for 20 years with the City of Mentor and the Village of Fairport Harbor to operate, respectively, Veterans Park in Mentor and Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park were renewed for an additional 20 years. In 2011, a leasehold agreement originally signed in 2000 for 11 years with the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake comprising 7.7 acres adjacent to Veterans Park was renewed for an additional 11 years. In 2012, the Park District signed a lease agreement with the Wickliffe Board of Education to operate the Pete's Pond Preserve for 10 years. The leasehold improvements recorded as capital assets in Note 6 represent capital assets purchased by the Park District to improve the facilities.

**P. Interfund Transfers**

Transfers Out:	
General Fund	<u>\$3,446,418</u>
Transfers In:	
Improvement Fund	\$3,046,418
Golf Fund (Business-type Activity)	<u>400,000</u>
Total	<u>\$3,446,418</u>

Transfers from the General Fund to the Improvement Fund were for the purchase of rolling stock, land, and equipment. Transfers from the General Fund to the Golf Fund were for operations and capital improvements in the Golf Fund.

**Note 2. Property Tax**

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real, public utility and tangible personal property located in the County. Property tax revenue received during 2014 for real and public utility property taxes represents collections of 2013 taxes. 2014 real property taxes are levied after October 1, 2014 on the assessed value as of January 1, 2014, the lien date. Assessed values are established by state law at 35 percent of appraised market value. 2013 real property taxes are collected in 2014 and intended to finance 2014. Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31, with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, state statute permits later payment dates to be established. Public utility tangible personal property currently is assessed at varying percentages of true value; public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value. 2014 public utility property taxes which became a lien December 31, 2013, are levied after October 1, 2014, and are collected in 2015 with real property taxes.

The Park District property tax is generated from three sources. The first is an unvoted .1 mill levy levied by the Board of Park Commissioners. The second is a voted .3 mill ten-year renewal levy passed in November 1984, replaced in November 1994, and replaced and added an additional .5 mill making a total of .8 mill in November 2012. The third is a voted 1.9 mill ten-year levy passed in November 1986, renewed in November 1995, and replaced in 2005 and 2014.

The full tax rate for all Park District operations for the year ended December 31, 2014, was \$2.80 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The assessed values of real property and public utility tangible property upon which 2014 property tax receipts were based are as follows:

General Real Estate Real/Agriculture	\$4,217,944,420
General Real Estate-Other	1,155,021,390
Public Utility Tangible	301,273,480
<b>Total Valuation</b>	<b>\$5,674,239,290</b>

Property taxes estimated as of December 31, 2014 to be levied in 2015 are accrued as a receivable and offset as deferred inflows.

**Note 3. Deposits and Investments**

State statutes classify monies held by the Park District into three categories.

*Active deposits* are public deposits necessary to meet current demands on the Park District treasury. Active monies must be maintained either as cash in the Park District treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

*Inactive deposits* are public deposits that the Park District has identified as not required for use within the current five year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

**Interim deposits** are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts, including passbook accounts. Interim monies held by the Park District can be deposited or invested in the following securities:

1. U.S. Treasury Bills and Notes and all other investments backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, or an agency of the U.S. Government;
2. Certificates of Deposit, fully collateralized, issued by F.D.I.C. Depository banks and savings institutions in Lake County;
3. As authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 135.45, the Treasurer may invest in the State Treasury Asset Reserve Ohio program (STAR Ohio); and,
4. Repurchase agreements, fully collateralized, purchased through F.D.I.C. local banks or State of Ohio registered brokers operating through a third party trustee.

Specifically excluded securities and obligations are commercial papers, banker's acceptance notes, reverse repurchase agreements, and derivatives.

**Cash on Hand** - At year-end, the Park District had \$11,790 in undeposited cash on hand, which is included on the balance sheet of the Park District as part of cash and cash equivalents.

**Deposits** - At December 31, 2014, the Park District had the following:

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Average Maturity</u>
Demand Deposits	\$2,012,947	N/A
Certificates of Deposit	150,000	02/10/15
STAR Plus	7,200,000	N/A

**Custodial Credit Risk** - Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the Park District will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At year end, \$1,874,185 of the Park District's bank balance of \$2,164,523 was uninsured and uncollateralized. Although the collateral/securities were held by the pledging institutions' trust department and all statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, noncompliance with federal requirements could potentially subject the Park District to a successful claim by the F.D.I.C.

The Park District has no deposit policy for custodial risk beyond the requirement of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits be either insured or be protected by eligible securities pledged to and deposited either with the Park District or a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment, or by a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution whose market value at all times shall be at least one hundred five percent of the deposits being secured.

**Investments** - Investments are reported at fair value. As of December 31, 2014, the Park District had the following investments:

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Average Maturity</u>
STAR Ohio	\$2,000,000	53.4 Days
STAR Ohio Restricted	300,000	53.4 Days

**Interest Rate Risk** As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses caused by rising interest rates, the Park District's investment policy requires that operating funds be invested primarily in investments so that the securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations and long-term debt payments. The stated intent of the policy is to avoid the need to sell securities prior to maturity. To date, no investments have been purchased with a life greater than four years.

**Custodial Credit Risk** - In so much as the Park District's investments are with Certificates of Deposit and STAR Ohio, there is no custodial credit risk.

**Credit Risk** - STAR Ohio carries a rating of AAAm by Standard & Poor's. Ohio law requires that STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service.

#### **Note 4. Employee Retirement System – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System**

**Plan Description** Lake Metroparks contributes to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) which administers three separate pension plans. The Traditional Pension Plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The Member-Directed Plan is a defined contribution plan in which the member invests both member and employer contributions (employer contributions vest over five years at 20 percent per year). Under the Member-Directed Plan, members accumulate retirement assets equal to the value of member and (vested) employer contributions plus any investment earnings. The Combined Plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. Under the Combined Plan, OPERS invests employer contributions to provide a formula retirement benefit similar in nature to, but less than, the Traditional Pension Plan benefit. Member contributions, the investment of which is self-directed by the members, accumulate retirement assets in a manner similar to the Member-Directed Plan.

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits and annual cost-of-living adjustments to members of the Traditional Pension and Combined Plans. Members of the Member-Directed Plan do not qualify for ancillary benefits. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System issues a stand-alone financial report. Interested parties may obtain a copy by visiting <https://www.opers.org/investments/cafr.shtml>, by writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling (614) 222-5601 or 800-222-7377.

**Funding Policy** The Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. For 2014, member and employer contribution rates were consistent across all three plans. While members in the state and local divisions may participate in all three plans, law enforcement and public safety officers participate in only the Traditional Pension Plan. The 2014 member contribution rates were 10.00 percent of earnable salary for members in state and local classifications. Public safety and law enforcement members contributed 12.00 percent and 13.00 percent respectively. The 2014 employer contribution rate for state and local employers was 14.00 percent of earnable salary. The law enforcement and public safety division employer contribution rate was 18.10 percent of earnable salary. The contributions for pension obligations to OPERS for regular employees for the years ending December 31, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were \$833,532, \$884,668 and \$690,093, respectively, 92.37 percent was contributed for 2014, while 100 percent was contributed for 2013 and 2012. The contributions to OPERS for law enforcement employees for the years ending December 31, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were \$112,649, \$114,915 and \$99,892, respectively, 92.99 percent was contributed for 2014, while 100 percent was contributed for 2013 and 2012.

## **Note 5. Post-employment Benefits – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System**

**Plan Description** OPERS administers three separate pension plans: the Traditional Pension Plan – a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan; the Member-Directed Plan – a defined contribution plan, and the Combined Plan – a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a defined benefit and defined contribution plan.

OPERS maintains a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit post-employment health care plan, which includes a medical plan, prescription drug program and Medicare Part B premium reimbursement, to qualifying benefit recipients of both the Traditional Pension and the Combined plans. Members of the Member-Directed Plan do not qualify for ancillary benefits, including post-employment health care coverage.

In order to qualify for post-employment health care coverage, age-and-service retirees under the Traditional Pension and Combined plans must have ten or more years of qualifying Ohio service credit. Health care coverage for disability benefit recipients and qualified survivor benefit recipients is available. The health care coverage provided by OPERS meets the definition of an Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) as described in GASB Statement 45. OPERS' eligibility requirements for post-employment health care coverage changed for those retiring on and after January 1, 2015. Please see the Plan Statement in the OPERS 2013 CAFR for details.

The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require, OPERS to provide the OPEB benefits to its eligible benefit recipients. Authority to establish and amend health care coverage is provided in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report. Interested parties may obtain a copy by visiting <https://www.opers.org/investments/cafr/shtml>, by writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus OH 43215-4642, or by calling 614-222-5601 or 800-222-7377.

**Funding Policy** The Ohio Revised Code provides the statutory authority requiring public employers to fund post-retirement health care coverage through their contributions to OPERS. A portion of each employer's contribution to OPERS is set aside for the funding of post-retirement health care coverage.

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the earnable salary of active members. In 2014, state and local employers contributed at a rate of 14.00 percent of earnable salary and public safety and law enforcement employers contributed at 18.10 percent. These are the maximum employer contribution rates permitted by the Ohio Revised Code. Active member contributions do not fund the OPEB Plan.

OPERS' Post-Employment Health Care Plan was established under, and is administered in accordance with, Internal Revenue Code 401(h). Each year, the OPERS Board of Trustees determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside for funding of post-employment health care. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for members in the Traditional Pension Plan and Combined Plan was 2.0 percent during calendar year 2014. Effective January 1, 2015, the portion of employer contributions allocated to health care remains at 2 percent for both plans, as recommended by OPERS' actuary. The OPERS Board of Trustees is also authorized to establish rules for the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries to pay a portion of the health care provided. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected. The Park District's contributions allocated to fund post-employment health care benefits for regular employees for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were \$138,857, \$68,022, and \$276,018 respectively; 92.37 percent was contributed for 2014, while 100 percent was contributed for 2013 and 2012. The Park District's contributions allocated to fund post-employment health care benefits for law enforcement employees for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were \$14,080, \$6,714, and \$28,339 respectively; 92.99 percent was contributed for 2014, while 100 percent was contributed for 2013 and 2012.

Changes to the health care plan were adopted by the OPERS Board of Trustees on September 19, 2012, with a transition plan commencing January 1, 2014. With the passage of pension legislation under SB 343 and the approved health care changes, OPERS expects to be able to consistently allocate 4 percent of the employer contributions toward the health care fund after the end of the transition period.

## Note 6. Capital Assets

**A. Capital Assets – Governmental Activities.** Changes in capital assets during the year ended December 31, 2014 are as follows.

Class	Balance December 31, 2013	Additions	Deletions	Balance December 31, 2014	Less Accumulated Depreciation	Net Book Value
Non-depreciated assets:						
Land	\$33,312,103	\$1,056,502	\$--	\$34,368,605	\$--	\$34,368,605
Livestock	61,769	1,800	--	63,569		63,569
Construction in Progress	445,235	124,243	250,527	318,951	--	318,951
Total non-depreciated Assets	33,819,107	1,182,545	250,527	34,751,125	--	34,751,125
Depreciated assets:						
Buildings	13,213,120	155,037	--	13,368,157	5,670,726	7,697,431
Machinery/Equipment	4,237,667	336,173	49,240	4,524,600	3,302,380	1,222,220
Vehicles	3,112,354	170,703	84,410	3,198,647	2,237,937	960,710
Furniture/Fixtures	1,249,383	35,478	3,990	1,280,871	900,270	380,601
Leasehold Improvements	1,707,351	95,487	--	1,802,838	823,056	979,782
Infrastructure	9,000,465	852,705	--	9,853,170	4,278,411	5,574,759
Total depreciated Assets	32,520,340	1,645,583	137,640	34,028,283	17,212,780	16,815,503
Total Capital Assets	\$66,339,447	\$2,828,128	\$388,167	\$68,779,408	\$17,212,780	\$51,566,628

**B. Capital Assets – Business-type Activities.** Changes in Golf Fund capital assets during the year ended December 31, 2014 are as follows.

Class	Balance December 31, 2013	Additions	Deletions	Balance December 31, 2014	Less Accumulate d Depreciation	Net Book Value
Non-depreciated assets:						
Land	\$2,707,181	\$--	\$--	\$2,707,181	\$--	\$2,707,181
Total non-depreciated assets	2,707,181	--	--	2,707,181	--	2,707,181
Depreciated assets:						
Buildings	4,385,687	22,062	--	4,407,749	1,998,964	2,408,785
Machinery/Equipment	1,425,174	108,424	8,080	1,525,518	1,179,446	346,072
Vehicles	543,988	44,045	--	588,033	311,545	276,488
Furniture/Fixtures	211,058	4,078	--	215,136	185,476	29,660
Land Improvement	4,213,761	10,819	--	4,224,580	2,417,343	1,807,237
Total depreciated assets	10,779,668	189,428	8,080	10,961,016	6,092,774	4,868,242
Total Capital Assets	\$13,486,849	\$189,428	\$8,080	\$13,668,197	\$6,092,774	\$7,575,423

**C. Changes in Accumulated Depreciation – Governmental Activities** for the year ended December 31, 2014. Governmental activities depreciation is charged to Parks and Recreation.

Class	Accumulated	Additions	Deletions	Accumulated
	Depreciation			Depreciation
	December 31,			December 31,
	2013			2014
Buildings	\$5,303,876	\$366,850	\$--	\$5,670,726
Machinery/Equipment	3,160,909	190,711	49,240	3,302,380
Vehicles	2,048,858	251,943	62,864	2,237,937
Furniture/Fixtures	861,090	43,170	3,990	900,270
Lease-hold				
Improvements	762,194	60,862	--	823,056
Infrastructure	3,930,997	347,414	--	4,278,411
<b>Total Accumulated Depreciation</b>	<b>\$16,067,924</b>	<b>\$1,260,950</b>	<b>\$116,094</b>	<b>\$17,212,780</b>

**D. Changes in Accumulated Depreciation – Business-type Activities** for the year ended December 31, 2014. Business-type activities depreciation is charged to Golf.

Class	Accumulated	Additions	Deletions	Accumulated
	Depreciation			Depreciation
	December 31,			December 31,
	2013			2014
Buildings	\$1,842,309	\$156,655	\$--	\$1,998,964
Machinery/Equipment	1,146,598	40,928	8,080	1,179,446
Vehicles	274,757	36,788	--	311,545
Furniture/Fixtures	180,765	4,711	--	185,476
Land Improvements	2,256,275	161,068	--	2,417,343
<b>Total Accumulated Depreciation</b>	<b>\$5,700,704</b>	<b>\$400,150</b>	<b>\$8,080</b>	<b>\$6,092,774</b>

**Note 7. Long-Term Debt Obligations**

**A. 2006 Tax Anticipation Bond.** On July 1, 2006, Lake Metroparks issued an eight-year \$5,000,000 private placement serial tax anticipation bond. The \$5,000,000 was deposited in the Capital Improvement Fund for various land purchases and capital improvements. The final debt payment was made in June 2014 in the amount of \$637,741 (including interest of \$12,741) from the Debt Service Fund.

**B. Changes in Long-term Liabilities.** During the year ended December 31, 2014, the following changes occurred in liabilities reported in long-term liabilities governmental activities and business-type activities.

**Governmental Activities**

Long-Term	December	Additions	Reductions	December	Due Within
Debt Obligations	31, 2013			31, 2014	
Compensated Absences	\$1,495,984	\$865,680	\$735,679	\$1,625,985	\$805,179
Tax Anticipation Bond 2006	625,000	--	625,000	--	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,120,984</b>	<b>\$865,680</b>	<b>\$1,360,679</b>	<b>\$1,625,985</b>	<b>\$805,179</b>

**Business-type Activities**

Long-Term	December	Additions	Reductions	December	Due Within
Debt Obligations	31, 2013			31, 2014	
Compensated Absences	\$169,464	\$81,496	\$68,160	\$182,800	\$154,081
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$169,464</b>	<b>\$81,496</b>	<b>\$68,160</b>	<b>\$182,800</b>	<b>\$154,081</b>

The General Fund is the governmental fund type that has been used to liquidate compensated absences.

## Note 8. Commitments and Contingencies

At December 31, 2014, the Park District had the following significant encumbrances:

### Improvement Fund

Girdled Road Pedestrian Bridge	\$59,358
F-450 Dump Truck/Plow	27,349
Park-wide Aggregate	785
Lake Erie Bluffs Parking Lot	99,906
Lake Erie Bluffs Pavilion	675,450
Multi-Park Demolition	6,700
Hidden Lake Lodge Demolition	50,388
Painesville Township Park Revetment	603,753
Farm Park Playground	198,780
Girdled Road Skok Meadow Bridge	26,464
Total Improvement Fund	<u><u>\$1,748,933</u></u>

## Note 9. Goodwill

On May 1, 1993, the Park District purchased the Pine Ridge Country Club for \$2,700,000. At that time the fair market value of the asset was \$2,489,750. Therefore, \$210,250 was recorded as Goodwill. Goodwill is being amortized on a straight-line basis over 30 years. Goodwill charged in 2014 was \$7,008. As of December 31, 2014, the Goodwill balance was \$58,408. The amortization schedule is shown below:

Year	Amount Amortized	Balance of Goodwill
2015	\$7,008	\$51,400
2016	7,008	44,392
2017	7,008	37,384
2018	7,008	30,376
2019-2023	30,376	--
Total	\$58,408	

## Note 10. Risk Management

The Park District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees, and natural disasters. During 2014, the Park District contracted with several companies for various types of insurance as follows:

Carrier	Coverage	Deductible
Selective Insurance Companies	Property	\$25,000
Selective Insurance Companies	Inland Marine	25,000
Selective Insurance Companies	Liquor Liability	25,000
Selective Insurance Companies	General Liability Package Policy	25,000
Selective Insurance Companies	General Liability Umbrella	N/A
Selective Insurance Companies	Automobile	25,000
Scottsdale Indemnity Company	Law Enforcement	25,000

Scottsdale Indemnity Company	Public Officials Liability	25,000
National Union Fire Insurance	Volunteer Insurance	None
Travelers Insurance	Crime	Various

Settled claims have not exceeded this coverage in any of the past three years. The Park District pays the State Workers' Compensation system a premium based on a rate per \$100 of salary. This rate is calculated based on accident history and administrative costs. The Park District manages the hospital/medical, dental, and vision for its employees on a self-insured basis through the hospitalization self-insurance Internal Service Fund. Payments to the fund are made from the fund from which each employee is paid. Rates for 2014 were \$1,185 for family coverage and \$370 for single coverage. Five percent was paid by the employees. These rates were determined to maintain the balance in the Internal Service Fund to required levels. Medical Mutual of Ohio, the third party administrator, processes and pays the claims. An excess coverage insurance (stop-loss) policy purchased from Medical Mutual of Ohio covers claims in excess of \$85,000 per individual and total aggregate excess of 125 percent of expected claims.

The claims liability of \$240,342 in the fund at December 31, 2014 was enumerated by the third party administrator and is based on the requirements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 10, which requires that a liability for unpaid claims costs, including estimates of costs relating to incurred but not reported claims, be reported. The estimate was not affected by incremental claim adjustment expenses and did not include other allocated or unallocated claim adjustment expenses. Changes in the fund's claims liability amount in 2012, 2013 and 2014 were:

	Balance at Beginning of Year	Current Year Claims	Claims Payments	Balance at End of Year
2012	\$105,247	\$957,929	\$965,293	\$97,883
2013	97,883	799,248	809,621	87,510
2014	87,510	1,320,483	1,167,651	240,342

The claims payable balance of \$240,342 will be paid within one year.

#### **Note 11. Litigation**

The Park District presently has one ongoing litigation matter which management believes will not have a material impact on the financial statements.

#### **Note 12. Restatement on Governmental Net Position**

The Park District reevaluated its method of calculating and recording deferred inflows and related property taxes receivable. Due to this change, taxes receivable decreased by \$861,557 and deferred inflows increased by \$4,966,929 and the Park District restated its December 31, 2013 Net Position as follows:

Net Position, as of December 31, 2013	\$63,820,086
Reduction in revenue due to changes in calculation	( 5,828,486)
Restated Net Position, as of December 31, 2013	<u>\$57,991,600</u>

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	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget- Positive (Negative)
<b>Revenues</b>				
Property Tax	\$13,056,224	\$13,056,224	\$13,298,016	\$241,792
Intergovernmental	1,867,000	1,867,000	2,165,741	298,741
Fees and Admissions	1,283,606	1,283,606	1,464,853	181,247
Merchandise Sales	383,532	383,532	418,285	34,753
Interest	4,000	4,000	6,849	2,849
Fines and Forfeitures	1,000	1,000	2,437	1,437
Contribution	90,500	90,500	93,284	2,784
Miscellaneous	73,200	73,200	99,107	25,907
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>16,759,062</u>	<u>16,759,062</u>	<u>17,548,572</u>	<u>789,510</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Salaries	7,549,149	7,506,118	7,096,371	409,747
OPERS	1,080,649	1,080,649	1,001,234	79,415
Medicare	107,213	107,283	98,986	8,297
Workers' Compensation	154,330	120,428	78,740	41,688
Unemployment Compensation	500	533	377	156
Medical Insurance	1,277,606	1,277,606	1,137,640	139,966
Professional Memberships	15,205	21,705	18,001	3,704
Training and Education	25,805	24,510	17,679	6,831
Travel	48,989	47,989	34,148	13,841
Mileage	6,070	8,070	4,420	3,650
Supplies	1,161,589	1,168,239	1,092,272	75,967
Contract Services	1,208,983	1,195,622	1,090,427	105,195
Electric	190,400	216,525	203,631	12,894
Heat (Oil/Gas)	67,300	81,601	66,976	14,625
Water/Sewer	45,255	45,530	34,872	10,658
Telephone	191,330	340,585	303,911	36,674
Contract Repairs	158,220	163,030	130,338	32,692
Advertising	100,470	97,270	75,074	22,196
Rentals	30,416	38,016	26,154	11,862
Insurance	136,350	154,480	154,479	1
Materials	106,090	108,490	77,188	31,302
Capital Equipment	94,709	114,134	103,157	10,977
Land Acquisition	42,000	37,500	36,971	529
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>13,798,628</u>	<u>13,955,913</u>	<u>12,883,046</u>	<u>1,072,867</u>

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	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget- Positive (Negative)
<i>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures</i>	2,960,434	2,803,149	4,665,526	1,862,377
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Transfers Out	(3,446,418)	(3,446,418)	(3,446,418)	--
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	(3,446,418)	(3,446,418)	(3,446,418)	--
<i>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and Other (Uses)</i>	(485,984)	(643,269)	1,219,108	1,862,377
<i>Fund Balance Budget Basis - Beginning of the Year</i>	3,358,162	3,358,162	3,358,162	--
Recovery of Prior Year Encumbrances	126,278	126,278	126,278	--
<i>Fund Balance Budget Basis - End of the Year</i>	<u>\$2,998,456</u>	<u>\$2,841,171</u>	<u>\$4,703,548</u>	<u>\$1,862,377</u>

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**Note 1.**

The *Detailed Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, Encumbrances and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP) Budgetary Basis - General Fund* is presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results compared to the budget and to demonstrate compliance with State statutes. The budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements. The major differences between the budget basis and the GAAP basis follow.

- (1) Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budget) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP).
- (2) Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash or encumbered (budget) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP).
- (3) Encumbrances are recorded as expenditures (budget) as opposed to a reservation of fund balance (GAAP).

Listed below is a reconciliation of the results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2014 from the modified accrual basis to the budgetary basis.

	General Fund
Net Change in Funds as reported - modified accrual basis	\$1,143,175
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable, interest receivable, due from other governments, and prepaid items and inventory	(771)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable, due to other governments, accrued liabilities, accrued wages, and deferred inflows net of taxes receivable	146,779
2014 encumbrances recognized as expenditures on a budgetary basis	(290,737)
Prior year encumbrances paid in 2014 not recognized budgetary basis	220,496
Petty cash changes	<u>166</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and Other (Uses) as reported - budgetary basis	<u><u>\$1,219,108</u></u>

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	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget- Positive (Negative)
<b>Revenues</b>				
Property Tax	\$13,056,224	\$13,056,224	\$13,298,016	\$241,792
Intergovernmental	1,867,000	1,867,000	2,165,741	298,741
Fees and Admissions	1,283,606	1,283,606	1,464,853	181,247
Merchandise Sales	383,532	383,532	418,285	34,753
Interest	4,000	4,000	6,849	2,849
Fines and Forfeitures	1,000	1,000	2,437	1,437
Contribution	90,500	90,500	93,284	2,784
Miscellaneous	73,200	73,200	99,107	25,907
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>16,759,062</u>	<u>16,759,062</u>	<u>17,548,572</u>	<u>789,510</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Executive Division				
Salaries	324,306	330,006	330,000	6
OPERS	45,500	45,500	45,378	122
Medicare	4,720	4,790	4,782	8
Workers' Compensation	6,730	5,580	3,577	2,003
Medical Insurance	39,855	39,855	35,406	4,449
Professional Memberships	500	6,500	6,429	71
Travel	7,550	5,550	3,986	1,564
Mileage	600	2,600	1,195	1,405
Supplies	3,000	4,000	3,240	760
Contract Services	101,000	89,230	57,903	31,327
Telephone	14,530	14,716	12,021	2,695
Advertising	1,000	1,800	1,254	546
Capital	400	400	54	346
<i>Total Executive Division</i>	<u>549,691</u>	<u>550,527</u>	<u>505,225</u>	<u>45,302</u>

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	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget- Positive (Negative)
<b>Administrative Services Division</b>				
Salaries	843,857	824,727	709,829	114,898
OPERS	99,945	99,945	97,184	2,761
Medicare	10,358	10,358	10,277	81
Workers' Compensation	14,990	14,090	7,647	6,443
Medical Insurance	165,508	165,508	130,440	35,068
Professional Memberships	3,800	3,800	1,822	1,978
Training and Education	13,095	13,095	12,835	260
Travel	16,204	17,204	15,702	1,502
Mileage	2,220	2,220	2,048	172
Supplies	52,279	52,279	37,119	15,160
Contract Services	365,402	365,402	362,317	3,085
Telephone	27,150	58,054	55,640	2,414
Advertising	12,000	12,000	10,405	1,595
Rentals	1,416	1,516	1,428	88
Insurance	136,350	154,480	154,479	1
Capital Equipment	3,500	3,500	723	2,777
Land Acquisition	42,000	37,500	36,971	529
<b>Total Administrative Services Division</b>	<b>1,810,074</b>	<b>1,835,678</b>	<b>1,646,866</b>	<b>188,812</b>
<b>Marketing Division</b>				
Salaries	339,614	339,614	314,791	24,823
OPERS	47,395	47,395	43,916	3,479
Medicare	4,908	4,908	4,549	359
Workers' Compensation	7,280	7,005	3,810	3,195
Medical Insurance	75,981	75,981	75,782	199
Professional Memberships	4,365	4,365	4,130	235
Training and Education	1,600	1,600	1,425	175
Travel	5,625	5,625	4,609	1,016
Mileage	850	850	52	798
Supplies	16,063	15,763	12,755	3,008
Contract Services	193,476	193,476	181,307	12,169
Electric	1,800	1,800	1,497	303
Heat (Oil/Gas)	800	800	658	142
Water/Sewer	105	380	112	268
Telephone	7,280	18,511	13,314	5,197
Contract Repairs	200	200	--	200
Advertising	27,830	24,830	8,741	16,089
Rentals	1,490	4,790	736	4,054
Capital Equipment	--	--	--	--
<b>Total Marketing Division</b>	<b>736,662</b>	<b>747,893</b>	<b>672,184</b>	<b>75,709</b>

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	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget- Positive (Negative)
<b>Interpretive Services Division</b>				
Salaries	840,481	831,880	803,228	28,652
OPERS	117,615	117,615	112,325	5,290
Medicare	12,185	12,185	10,822	1,363
Workers' Compensation	17,120	8,511	8,511	--
Medical Insurance	30,381	30,381	30,381	--
Professional Memberships	1,025	1,025	554	471
Training and Education	2,000	500	500	--
Travel	4,300	4,300	2,941	1,359
Mileage	150	150	95	55
Supplies	119,825	121,825	119,264	2,561
Construction	--	--	--	--
Contract Services	60,900	56,309	49,260	7,049
Electric	33,500	36,325	36,317	8
Heat (Oil/Gas)	8,200	11,026	11,026	--
Water/Sewer	5,500	5,500	3,553	1,947
Telephone	26,100	33,577	31,990	1,587
Contract Repairs	15,000	17,500	15,350	2,150
Advertising	15,000	14,000	13,041	959
Rentals	700	900	714	186
Materials	10,800	14,600	14,550	50
Capital Equipment	9,000	21,650	21,642	8
<b>Total Interpretive Services Division</b>	<b>1,329,782</b>	<b>1,339,759</b>	<b>1,286,064</b>	<b>53,695</b>
<b>Park Operations Division</b>				
Salaries	2,476,025	2,476,025	2,293,981	182,044
OPERS	385,277	385,277	336,118	49,159
Medicare	35,386	35,386	32,417	2,969
Workers' Compensation	50,660	40,210	25,481	14,729
Medical Insurance	468,540	468,540	408,538	60,002
Professional Memberships	1,725	1,725	1,138	587
Training and Education	6,900	6,900	1,160	5,740
Travel	8,450	8,450	3,019	5,431
Supplies	443,402	439,402	409,729	29,673
Contract Services	216,308	216,308	195,100	21,208
Electric	56,900	66,400	65,580	820
Heat (Oil/Gas)	26,500	26,500	15,557	10,943
Water/Sewer	12,000	12,000	11,095	905
Telephone	40,770	63,899	51,560	12,339
Contract Repairs	61,540	59,540	41,536	18,004
Advertising	840	840	--	840
Rentals	11,350	15,350	13,405	1,945
Materials	46,690	46,690	28,197	18,493
Capital Equipment	16,333	17,283	17,277	6
<b>Total Park Operations Division</b>	<b>4,365,596</b>	<b>4,386,725</b>	<b>3,950,888</b>	<b>435,837</b>

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Lake Metroparks  
Detailed Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, Encumbrances and Changes in Fund Balance  
Budget and Actual (Non GAAP) Budgetary Basis by Division  
General Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget- Positive (Negative)
<b>Park Planning Division</b>				
Salaries	563,880	563,880	555,965	7,915
OPERS	78,540	78,540	74,826	3,714
Medicare	8,135	8,135	8,025	110
Workers' Compensation	11,320	7,100	5,927	1,173
Medical Insurance	134,320	134,320	112,970	21,350
Professional Memberships	2,650	3,150	3,142	8
Training and Education	2,000	2,000	1,344	656
Travel	2,000	2,000	1,610	390
Mileage	200	200	--	200
Supplies	24,200	25,600	25,213	387
Contract Services	92,418	92,418	77,158	15,260
Telephone	41,190	90,361	90,351	10
Contract Repairs	25,500	25,500	14,873	10,627
Materials	19,000	19,000	15,353	3,647
Capital Equipment	500	500	439	61
<b>Total Park Planning Division</b>	<b>1,005,853</b>	<b>1,052,704</b>	<b>987,196</b>	<b>65,508</b>
<b>Outdoor Education Division</b>				
Salaries	853,170	853,170	802,360	50,810
OPERS	123,207	123,207	112,679	10,528
Medicare	12,531	12,531	9,725	2,806
Workers' Compensation	16,920	14,387	8,813	5,574
Unemployment Compensation	--	33	33	--
Medical Insurance	129,571	129,571	118,339	11,232
Professional Memberships	530	530	201	329
Travel	3,415	3,415	1,796	1,619
Mileage	1,900	1,900	1,030	870
Supplies	169,485	169,485	151,994	17,491
Contract Services	80,069	80,069	69,823	10,246
Electric	32,200	34,000	32,028	1,972
Heat (Oil/Gas)	5,800	9,000	5,466	3,534
Water/Sewer	12,650	12,650	9,226	3,424
Telephone	9,110	21,322	17,632	3,690
Contract Repairs	23,330	20,330	18,691	1,639
Advertising	800	800	111	689
Rentals	5,544	5,544	4,339	1,205
Materials	1,900	1,900	514	1,386
Capital Equipment	48,466	48,466	40,690	7,776
<b>Total Outdoor Education Division</b>	<b>1,530,598</b>	<b>1,542,310</b>	<b>1,405,490</b>	<b>136,820</b> (Continued)

Lake Metroparks  
Detailed Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, Encumbrances and Changes in Fund Balance  
Budget and Actual (Non GAAP) Budgetary Basis by Division  
General Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget- Positive (Negative)
<b>Farmpark Division</b>				
Salaries	1,307,816	1,286,816	1,286,218	598
OPERS	183,170	183,170	178,809	4,361
Medicare	18,990	18,990	18,643	347
Workers' Compensation	29,310	23,545	14,974	8,571
Unemployment Compensation	500	500	90	410
Medical Insurance	233,450	233,450	225,784	7,666
Professional Memberships	610	610	584	26
Training and Education	210	415	415	--
Travel	1,445	1,445	484	961
Mileage	150	150	--	150
Supplies	333,335	339,885	332,957	6,928
Contract Services	99,410	102,410	97,558	4,852
Electric	66,000	78,000	68,210	9,790
Heat (Oil/Gas)	26,000	34,275	34,270	5
Water/Sewer	15,000	15,000	10,888	4,112
Telephone	25,200	40,145	31,401	8,744
Contract Repairs	32,650	39,960	39,887	73
Advertising	43,000	43,000	41,522	1,478
Rentals	9,916	9,916	5,532	4,384
Materials	27,700	26,300	18,574	7,726
Capital Equipment	16,510	22,335	22,333	2
<b>Total Farmpark Division</b>	<b>2,470,372</b>	<b>2,500,317</b>	<b>2,429,133</b>	<b>71,184</b>
<b>Total General Fund Expenditures</b>	<b>13,798,628</b>	<b>13,955,913</b>	<b>12,883,046</b>	<b>1,072,867</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures</b>	<b>2,960,434</b>	<b>2,803,149</b>	<b>4,665,526</b>	<b>1,862,377</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Transfer Out	(3,446,418)	(3,446,418)	(3,446,418)	--
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>(3,446,418)</b>	<b>(3,446,418)</b>	<b>(3,446,418)</b>	<b>--</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and Other (Uses)</b>	<b>(485,984)</b>	<b>(643,269)</b>	<b>1,219,108</b>	<b>1,862,377</b>
<b>Fund Balance Budget Basis - Beginning of the Year</b>	<b>3,358,162</b>	<b>3,358,162</b>	<b>3,358,162</b>	<b>--</b>
<b>Recovery of Prior Year Encumbrances</b>	<b>126,278</b>	<b>126,278</b>	<b>126,278</b>	<b>--</b>
<b>Fund Balance Budget Basis - End of the Year</b>	<b>\$2,998,456</b>	<b>\$2,841,171</b>	<b>\$4,703,548</b>	<b>\$1,862,377</b>

Lake Metroparks  
Detailed Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, Encumbrances and Changes in Fund Balance  
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP) Budgetary Basis  
Improvement Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget- Positive (Negative)
<b>Revenues</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$1,990,000	\$1,990,000	\$1,427,452	(\$562,548)
Interest	--	--	6,033	6,033
Contributions	478,000	478,000	478,134	134
Miscellaneous	--	--	319	319
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>2,468,000</u>	<u>2,468,000</u>	<u>1,911,938</u>	<u>(556,062)</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Construction	3,866,500	3,866,500	3,431,434	435,066
Capital Equipment	492,500	492,500	422,502	69,998
Land Acquisition	651,000	1,151,000	890,095	260,905
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>5,010,000</u>	<u>5,510,000</u>	<u>4,744,031</u>	<u>765,969</u>
<i>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures</i>	(2,542,000)	(3,042,000)	(2,832,093)	209,907
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Transfers In	3,046,418	3,046,418	3,046,418	--
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<u>3,046,418</u>	<u>3,046,418</u>	<u>3,046,418</u>	<u>--</u>
<i>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and Other (Uses)</i>	504,418	4,418	214,325	209,907
<i>Fund Balance Budget Basis - Beginning of the Year</i>	3,003,767	3,003,767	3,003,767	--
Recovery of Prior Year Encumbrances	303,879	303,879	303,879	--
<i>Fund Balance Budget Basis - End of the Year</i>	<u>\$3,812,064</u>	<u>\$3,312,064</u>	<u>\$3,521,971</u>	<u>\$209,907</u>

Lake Metroparks  
Detailed Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, Encumbrances and Changes in Fund Balance  
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP) Budgetary Basis  
Debt Service Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget- Positive (Negative)
<b>Revenues</b>				
Property Tax	\$637,300	\$637,300	\$637,206	(\$94)
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>637,300</u>	<u>637,300</u>	<u>637,206</u>	<u>(94)</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Principal	625,000	625,000	625,000	--
Interest	12,815	12,815	12,741	74
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>637,815</u>	<u>637,815</u>	<u>637,741</u>	<u>74</u>
<i>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures</i>	(515)	(515)	(535)	(20)
<i>Fund Balance Budget Basis - Beginning of the Year</i>	<u>535</u>	<u>535</u>	<u>535</u>	<u>--</u>
<i>Fund Balance Budget Basis - End of the Year</i>	<u>\$20</u>	<u>\$20</u>	<u>\$--</u>	<u>(\$20)</u>

Lake Metroparks  
Detailed Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, Encumbrances and Changes in Fund Balance  
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP) Budgetary Basis  
Drug Enforcement Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget- Positive (Negative)
<b>Revenues</b>				
Fines and Forfeitures	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$1,133	(\$867)
Interest	10	10	10	--
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>2,010</u>	<u>2,010</u>	<u>1,143</u>	<u>(867)</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Supplies	500	500	--	500
Contracts	1,000	1,000	--	1,000
Capital Equipment	3,000	7,000	6,840	160
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>4,500</u>	<u>8,500</u>	<u>6,840</u>	<u>1,660</u>
<i>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures</i>	(2,490)	(6,490)	(5,697)	793
<i>Fund Balance Budget Basis - Beginning of the Year</i>	<u>8,351</u>	<u>8,351</u>	<u>8,351</u>	<u>--</u>
<i>Fund Balance Budget Basis - End of the Year</i>	<u><u>\$5,861</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,861</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,654</u></u>	<u><u>\$793</u></u>

Lake Metroparks  
Schedule of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Equity  
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP) Budgetary Basis  
Enterprise Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget- Positive (Negative)
<b>Revenues</b>				
Fees and Admissions	\$1,204,394	\$1,204,394	\$1,012,493	(\$191,901)
Merchandise Sales	269,500	269,500	231,028	(38,472)
Interest	165	165	446	281
Contributions	4,700	4,700	1,950	(2,750)
Miscellaneous Revenue	2,700	2,700	15,722	13,022
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>1,481,459</u>	<u>1,481,459</u>	<u>1,261,639</u>	<u>(219,820)</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Salaries	707,175	707,175	676,798	30,377
OPERS	99,040	99,040	91,907	7,133
Medicare	10,310	10,310	9,228	1,082
Workers' Compensation	15,190	11,590	7,664	3,926
Unemployment	2,200	2,200	111	2,089
Medical Insurance	99,986	99,986	87,847	12,139
Professional Memberships	3,303	3,303	2,430	873
Training and Education	400	400	220	180
Travel	1,485	1,485	139	1,346
Mileage	100	100	--	100
Supplies	353,767	353,767	312,392	41,375
Contracts, Construction	85,500	85,500	78,792	6,708
Contract Services	66,825	66,825	46,477	20,348
Electric	50,000	40,000	13,080	26,920
Heat (Oil/Gas)	14,190	19,190	14,045	5,145
Water/Sewer	15,960	18,960	13,713	5,247
Telephone	11,060	21,182	15,063	6,119
Contract Repairs	34,780	34,780	32,918	1,862
Advertising	6,825	6,825	2,748	4,077
Rentals	159,530	159,530	157,263	2,267
Insurance	20,300	20,900	20,872	28
Materials	2,850	2,850	952	1,898
Capital Equipment	82,400	82,400	80,065	2,335
Land Acquisition	7,225	7,225	4,140	3,085
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<u>1,850,401</u>	<u>1,855,523</u>	<u>1,668,864</u>	<u>186,659</u>
<i>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenses</i>	(368,942)	(374,064)	(407,225)	(33,161)
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Transfers In	400,000	400,000	400,000	--
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<u>400,000</u>	<u>400,000</u>	<u>400,000</u>	<u>--</u>
<i>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenses and Other (Uses)</i>	31,058	25,936	(7,225)	(33,161)
<i>Fund Equity Budget Basis - Beginning of the Year</i>	189,859	189,859	189,859	--
Recovery of Prior Year Encumbrances	24,852	24,852	24,852	--
<i>Fund Equity Budget Basis - End of the Year</i>	<u>\$245,769</u>	<u>\$240,647</u>	<u>\$207,486</u>	<u>(\$33,161)</u>

Lake Metroparks  
 Schedule of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Equity  
 Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP) Budgetary Basis  
 Internal Service Fund  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance with Final Budget- Positive (Negative)
<b>Revenues</b>				
Fees and Admissions	\$1,333,000	\$1,333,000	\$1,311,656	(\$21,344)
Interest	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>634</u>	<u>134</u>
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>1,333,500</u>	<u>1,333,500</u>	<u>1,312,290</u>	<u>(21,210)</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Contract Services	<u>1,385,000</u>	<u>1,435,110</u>	<u>1,435,106</u>	<u>4</u>
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<u>1,385,000</u>	<u>1,435,110</u>	<u>1,435,106</u>	<u>4</u>
<i>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenses</i>	(51,500)	(101,610)	(122,816)	(\$21,206)
<i>Fund Equity Budget Basis - Beginning of the Year</i>	<u>584,717</u>	<u>584,717</u>	<u>584,717</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<i>Fund Equity Budget Basis - End of the Year</i>	<u><u>\$533,217</u></u>	<u><u>\$483,107</u></u>	<u><u>\$461,901</u></u>	<u><u>(\$21,206)</u></u>

Lake Metroparks  
Combining Statement of Changes in Assets and Liabilities  
Agency Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Balance December 31, 2013	Additions	Deductions	Balance December 31, 2014
<b>Payroll Agency</b>				
Assets				
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$70,120</u>	<u>\$4,730,433</u>	<u>\$4,728,200</u>	<u>\$72,353</u>
Liabilities				
Due to Other Governments	\$70,120	\$3,177,322	\$3,175,089	\$72,353
Due To Others	<u>--</u>	<u>1,553,111</u>	<u>1,553,111</u>	<u>--</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$70,120</u>	<u>\$4,730,433</u>	<u>\$4,728,200</u>	<u>\$72,353</u>
<b>Contractors' Escrow Accounts</b>				
Assets				
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$23,726</u>	<u>\$7,172</u>	<u>\$15,673</u>	<u>\$15,225</u>
Liabilities				
Retainage Due Contractors	<u>\$23,726</u>	<u>\$7,172</u>	<u>\$15,673</u>	<u>\$15,225</u>
<b>Outstanding Check Agency</b>				
Assets				
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$7,201</u>	<u>\$1,655</u>	<u>\$2,484</u>	<u>\$6,372</u>
Liabilities				
Payable from Restricted Assets	<u>\$7,201</u>	<u>\$1,655</u>	<u>\$2,484</u>	<u>\$6,372</u>
<b>Facility Deposit and Program Refund Agency</b>				
Assets				
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$14,949</u>	<u>\$84,112</u>	<u>\$78,438</u>	<u>\$20,623</u>
Liabilities				
Payable from Restricted Assets	<u>\$14,949</u>	<u>\$84,112</u>	<u>\$78,438</u>	<u>\$20,623</u>

Lake Metroparks  
Combining Statement of Changes in Assets and Liabilities  
Agency Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Balance December 31, 2013	Additions	Deductions	Balance December 31, 2014
<b>Total Agency Funds</b>				
Assets				
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$115,996	\$4,823,372	\$4,824,795	\$114,573
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>\$115,996</u>	<u>\$4,823,372</u>	<u>\$4,824,795</u>	<u>\$114,573</u>
Liabilities				
Payable from Restricted Assets	\$22,150	\$85,767	\$80,922	\$26,995
Retainage Due Contractors	23,726	7,172	15,673	15,225
Due to Other Governments	70,120	3,177,322	3,175,089	72,353
Due To Others	--	1,553,111	1,553,111	--
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>\$115,996</u>	<u>\$4,823,372</u>	<u>\$4,824,795</u>	<u>\$114,573</u>

# Statistical Section





## STATISTICAL SECTION

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*Sources: Unless otherwise noted, the information in these schedules is derived from the Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports for the relevant year. The Park District implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34 in 2000; schedules presenting government-wide information include information beginning in that year.*

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Lake Metroparks  
Net Position by Component  
Last Ten Years  
*(accrual basis of accounting)*

Table 1

	2014	2013 (Restated)	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>										
Investment in										
Capital Assets	\$51,566,628	\$49,646,523	\$41,081,648	\$39,011,731	\$36,542,728	\$32,459,358	\$29,699,656	\$23,677,330	\$21,601,265	\$24,121,956
Restricted	5,575,395	3,127,569	4,508,926	1,897,181	951,169	1,533,851	1,119,353	2,093,758	2,312,693	628,599
Unrestricted	4,647,117	5,217,508	8,935,678	9,450,590	9,832,222	8,710,625	7,476,608	7,747,885	5,951,473	972,820
<i>Total Governmental Activities</i>										
<i>Net Position</i>	61,789,140	57,991,600	54,526,252	50,359,502	47,326,119	42,703,834	38,295,617	33,518,973	29,865,431	25,723,375
<b>Business-type Activities:</b>										
Investment in										
Capital Assets and Goodwill	7,633,831	7,851,561	8,099,884	8,440,299	8,727,230	8,896,244	9,031,751	8,928,412	7,086,938	6,138,413
Unrestricted	125,450	133,546	124,531	11,796	270,439	213,076	315,875	738,750	967,079	245,555
<i>Total Business-type Activities</i>										
<i>Net Position</i>	7,759,281	7,985,107	8,224,415	8,452,095	8,997,669	9,109,320	9,347,626	9,667,162	8,054,017	6,383,968
<b>Primary Government:</b>										
Investment in										
Capital Assets and Goodwill	59,200,459	57,498,084	49,181,532	47,452,030	45,269,958	41,355,602	38,731,407	32,605,742	28,688,203	30,260,369
Restricted	5,575,395	3,127,569	4,508,926	1,897,181	951,169	1,533,851	1,119,353	2,093,758	2,312,693	628,599
Unrestricted	4,772,567	5,351,054	9,060,209	9,462,386	10,102,661	8,923,701	7,792,483	8,486,635	6,918,552	1,218,375
<i>Total Primary Government</i>										
<i>Net Position</i>	\$69,548,421	\$65,976,707	\$62,750,667	\$58,811,597	\$56,323,788	\$51,813,154	\$47,643,243	\$43,186,135	\$37,919,448	\$32,107,343

Lake Metroparks  
 Changes in Net Position  
 Last Ten Years  
 (accrual basis of accounting)

Table 2

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
<b>Program Revenues</b>										
Governmental Activities:										
Charges for Services	\$1,864,614	\$1,708,250	\$1,596,912	\$1,562,851	\$1,676,087	\$1,558,836	\$1,526,175	\$1,531,375	\$1,479,970	\$1,503,645
Operating Grants and Contributions	93,284	127,874	119,523	259,446	185,464	90,990	125,100	110,980	79,348	141,844
Capital Grants and Contributions	1,906,586	5,307,931	34,768	-	1,300,908	750,545	812,691	1,974,608	640,125	651,676
<i>Total Governmental Activities</i>										
<i>Program Revenues</i>	3,864,484	7,144,055	1,751,203	1,822,297	3,162,459	2,400,371	2,463,966	3,616,963	2,199,443	2,297,165
Business-type Activities:										
Charges for Services	1,243,789	1,336,732	1,484,143	1,331,538	1,479,153	1,523,581	1,469,481	1,389,858	1,478,126	1,468,153
Operating Grants and Contributions	1,950	1,000	4,200	2,950	2,250	4,750	6,000	5,200	4,400	3,100
<i>Total Business-type Activities</i>										
<i>Program Revenues</i>	1,245,739	1,337,732	1,488,343	1,334,488	1,481,403	1,528,331	1,475,481	1,395,058	1,482,526	1,471,253
<i>Total Primary Government</i>										
<i>Program Revenues</i>	5,110,223	8,481,787	3,239,546	3,156,785	4,643,862	3,928,702	3,939,447	5,012,021	3,681,969	3,768,418
<b>Expenses</b>										
Governmental Activities:										
Parks and Recreation	14,514,432	14,765,506	13,409,553	15,017,536	14,935,586	14,365,432	14,181,260	14,973,033	13,038,937	12,205,566
Interest on Long-term Debt	10,534	36,231	66,569	101,959	136,674	171,941	207,046	242,151	181,531	71,100
<i>Total Governmental Activities</i>										
<i>Expenses</i>	14,524,966	14,801,737	13,476,122	15,119,495	15,072,260	14,537,373	14,388,306	15,215,184	13,220,468	12,276,666

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Lake Metroparks  
Changes in Net Position  
Last Ten Years  
*(accrual basis of accounting)*

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
<b>Business-type Activities:</b>										
Golf	1,897,051	1,944,968	1,984,890	1,983,913	2,033,991	2,070,259	2,231,935	1,941,278	1,760,984	1,739,870
<i>Total Business-type Activities</i>										
Expenses	1,897,051	1,944,968	1,984,890	1,983,913	2,033,991	2,070,259	2,231,935	1,941,278	1,760,984	1,739,870
<i>Total Primary Government</i>										
Expenses	16,422,017	16,746,705	15,461,012	17,103,408	17,106,251	16,607,632	16,620,241	17,156,462	14,981,452	14,016,536
<b>Net (Expense) Revenue</b>										
Governmental Activities	(10,660,482)	(7,657,682)	(11,724,919)	(13,297,198)	(11,909,801)	(12,137,002)	(11,924,340)	(11,598,221)	(11,021,025)	(9,979,501)
Business-type Activities	(651,312)	(607,236)	(496,547)	(649,425)	(552,588)	(541,928)	(756,454)	(546,220)	(278,458)	(268,617)
<i>Total Primary Government</i>										
Net Expense	<u>(\$11,311,794)</u>	<u>(\$8,264,918)</u>	<u>(\$12,221,466)</u>	<u>(\$13,946,623)</u>	<u>(\$12,462,389)</u>	<u>(\$12,678,930)</u>	<u>(\$12,680,794)</u>	<u>(\$12,144,441)</u>	<u>(\$11,299,483)</u>	<u>(\$10,248,118)</u>
<b>General Revenues and Other Changes in Net Position</b>										
Governmental Activities:										
Property Tax	\$13,446,921	\$15,014,989	\$13,237,724	\$13,144,102	\$13,006,874	\$12,914,187	\$13,138,980	\$13,745,457	\$13,813,258	\$9,616,123
Local Government Funds	1,304,184	2,139,465	2,815,857	3,153,041	3,820,038	3,783,761	3,564,209	3,014,157	2,769,883	2,058,117
Interest	7,810	12,158	6,773	4,685	9,352	30,895	262,060	502,432	356,456	75,299
Miscellaneous	99,107	134,904	98,015	128,753	131,676	116,374	149,174	89,717	112,984	33,904
Transfers	(400,000)	(350,000)	(266,700)	(100,000)	(435,854)	(300,000)	(413,439)	(2,100,000)	(1,889,500)	-
<i>Total Governmental Activities</i>	<u>14,458,022</u>	<u>16,951,516</u>	<u>15,891,669</u>	<u>16,330,581</u>	<u>16,532,086</u>	<u>16,545,217</u>	<u>16,700,984</u>	<u>15,251,763</u>	<u>15,163,081</u>	<u>11,783,443</u>

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Lake Metroparks  
Changes in Net Position  
Last Ten Years  
*(accrual basis of accounting)*

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
<i>Business-type Activities:</i>										
Interest	447	280	201	51	505	1,331	20,144	56,724	58,219	2,908
Miscellaneous	25,039	17,648	1,966	3,800	4,578	2,291	3,335	2,641	788	10,934
Transfers	400,000	350,000	266,700	100,000	435,854	300,000	413,439	2,100,000	1,889,500	-
<i>Total Business-type Activities</i>	<u>425,486</u>	<u>367,928</u>	<u>268,867</u>	<u>103,851</u>	<u>440,937</u>	<u>303,622</u>	<u>436,918</u>	<u>2,159,365</u>	<u>1,948,507</u>	<u>13,842</u>
<i>Total Primary Government</i>	<u>14,883,508</u>	<u>17,319,444</u>	<u>16,160,536</u>	<u>16,434,432</u>	<u>16,973,023</u>	<u>16,848,839</u>	<u>17,137,902</u>	<u>17,411,128</u>	<u>17,111,588</u>	<u>11,797,285</u>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>										
Governmental Activities	3,797,540	9,293,834	4,166,750	3,033,383	4,622,285	4,408,215	4,776,644	3,653,542	4,142,056	1,803,942
Business-type Activities	(225,826)	(239,308)	(227,680)	(545,574)	(111,651)	(238,306)	(319,536)	1,613,145	1,670,049	(254,775)
<i>Total Primary Government</i>										
<i>Change in Net Position</i>	<u>\$3,571,714</u>	<u>\$9,054,526</u>	<u>\$3,939,070</u>	<u>\$2,487,809</u>	<u>\$4,510,634</u>	<u>\$4,169,909</u>	<u>\$4,457,108</u>	<u>\$5,266,687</u>	<u>\$5,812,105</u>	<u>\$1,549,167</u>

Lake Metroparks  
 Program Revenues by Function/Program  
 Last Ten Years  
*(accrual basis of accounting)*

Table 3

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
<b>Function/Program</b>										
Governmental Activities:										
Parks and Recreation	\$3,864,484	\$7,144,055	\$1,751,203	\$1,822,297	\$3,162,459	\$2,400,371	\$2,463,966	\$3,616,963	\$2,199,443	\$2,297,165
<i>Total Governmental Activities</i>	3,864,484	7,144,055	1,751,203	1,822,297	3,162,459	2,400,371	2,463,966	3,616,963	2,199,443	2,297,165
Business-type Activities:										
Golf	1,245,739	1,337,732	1,488,343	1,334,488	1,481,403	1,528,331	1,475,781	1,395,058	1,482,526	1,471,253
<i>Total Business-type Activities</i>	1,245,739	1,337,732	1,488,343	1,334,488	1,481,403	1,528,331	1,475,781	1,395,058	1,482,526	1,471,253
<i>Total Primary Government</i>	\$5,110,223	\$8,481,787	\$3,239,546	\$3,156,785	\$4,643,862	\$3,928,702	\$3,939,747	\$5,012,021	\$3,681,969	\$3,768,418

Lake Metroparks  
Fund Balances, Governmental Funds  
Last Ten Years  
(modified accrual basis of accounting)

Table 4

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
<b>General Fund</b>										
Nonspendable	\$328,013	\$328,906	\$301,090	\$320,626	\$325,995	\$326,243	\$--	\$--	\$--	\$--
Committed	16,008	28,776	16,416	22,047	40,295	45,089	--	--	--	--
Assigned	219,989	48,350	216,690	239,096	250,470	254,586	--	--	--	--
Unassigned	3,985,853	3,014,159	2,212,275	3,576,721	4,330,452	4,588,029	--	--	--	--
Reserved	--	--	--	--	--	--	551,037	614,088	546,885	529,512
Unreserved	--	--	--	--	--	--	2,344,721	1,457,833	1,811,598	771,090
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>4,549,863</b>	<b>3,420,191</b>	<b>2,746,471</b>	<b>4,158,490</b>	<b>4,947,212</b>	<b>5,213,947</b>	<b>2,895,758</b>	<b>2,071,921</b>	<b>2,358,483</b>	<b>1,300,602</b>
<b>All Other Governmental Funds</b>										
Restricted	2,654	8,351	5,891	4,974	6,136	5,583	--	--	--	--
Committed	1,748,933	786,045	596,018	798,902	1,248,124	278,670	--	--	--	--
Assigned	3,823,808	3,196,323	4,587,460	1,973,860	1,142,960	2,026,439	--	--	--	--
Reserved	--	--	--	--	--	--	432,941	4,421,445	2,535,703	67,703
Undesignated, Reported in:										
Special Revenue Funds	--	--	--	--	--	--	5,495	8,242	4,878	3,747
Debt Service Funds	--	--	--	--	--	--	168	166	165	165
Capital Projects Funds	--	--	--	--	--	--	3,172,635	2,085,350	2,307,650	27,472
<b>Total All Other Governmental Funds</b>	<b>5,575,395</b>	<b>3,990,719</b>	<b>5,189,369</b>	<b>2,777,736</b>	<b>2,397,220</b>	<b>2,310,692</b>	<b>3,611,239</b>	<b>6,515,203</b>	<b>4,848,396</b>	<b>99,087</b>
<b>Total Governmental Funds</b>	<b>\$10,125,258</b>	<b>\$7,410,910</b>	<b>\$7,935,840</b>	<b>\$6,936,226</b>	<b>\$7,344,432</b>	<b>\$7,524,639</b>	<b>\$6,506,997</b>	<b>\$8,587,124</b>	<b>\$7,206,879</b>	<b>\$1,399,689</b>

Note: GASB Statement No. 54 changed the reporting of fund balances by establishing fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which a government is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources reported in governmental funds. The Park District adopted GASB Statement No. 54 for the year ending December 31, 2010.

Lake Metroparks  
Changes in Fund Balances, Governmental Funds  
Last Ten Years  
(modified accrual basis of accounting)

Table 5

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
<b>Revenues</b>										
Property Taxes	\$13,935,222	\$13,941,446	\$12,067,641	\$12,006,006	\$12,024,728	\$12,086,741	\$12,362,912	\$12,921,076	\$13,030,947	\$8,592,742
Intergovernmental	3,593,193	5,955,211	2,815,857	3,249,070	5,130,229	4,539,624	4,232,930	4,227,740	3,410,008	2,731,788
Fees and Admissions	1,463,957	1,303,320	1,203,335	1,199,290	1,284,526	1,191,817	1,161,800	1,157,470	1,102,481	1,098,970
Merchandise Sales	414,872	400,706	392,183	360,971	388,043	362,715	362,045	367,468	373,278	401,545
Interest	14,321	11,932	6,414	4,223	8,403	27,344	238,798	468,251	332,745	69,397
Fines and Forfeitures	3,570	4,224	1,394	2,590	3,518	4,304	2,330	6,437	4,211	3,130
Contributions	564,418	929,099	154,291	163,417	176,181	85,672	269,070	872,005	79,348	119,849
Miscellaneous	99,374	134,904	98,015	128,753	131,676	116,374	149,174	89,717	112,984	33,904
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>20,088,927</u>	<u>22,680,842</u>	<u>16,739,130</u>	<u>17,114,320</u>	<u>19,147,304</u>	<u>18,414,591</u>	<u>18,779,059</u>	<u>20,110,164</u>	<u>18,446,002</u>	<u>13,051,325</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>										
Parks and Recreation	12,829,623	12,343,055	11,942,728	12,635,485	12,839,309	12,657,853	12,667,830	11,810,200	11,563,071	11,139,888
Capital Outlay	3,493,712	9,871,650	2,612,602	3,852,869	5,090,580	3,441,640	6,733,980	3,737,249	3,848,576	1,214,752
Debt Service:										
Principal Retirement	625,000	625,000	825,000	825,000	825,000	825,000	825,000	825,000	200,000	200,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges	12,741	38,437	68,776	103,881	139,013	174,117	209,223	244,327	164,120	71,100
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>16,961,076</u>	<u>22,878,142</u>	<u>15,449,106</u>	<u>17,417,235</u>	<u>18,893,902</u>	<u>17,098,610</u>	<u>20,436,033</u>	<u>16,616,776</u>	<u>15,775,767</u>	<u>12,625,740</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<u>3,127,851</u>	<u>(197,300)</u>	<u>1,290,024</u>	<u>(302,915)</u>	<u>253,402</u>	<u>1,315,981</u>	<u>(1,656,974)</u>	<u>3,493,388</u>	<u>2,670,235</u>	<u>425,585</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>										
Sale of Bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000,000	-
Transfers In	3,046,418	4,000,000	4,509,480	4,078,541	3,677,211	1,300,000	2,600,000	3,000,000	2,770,500	420,000
Transfers Out	(3,446,418)	(4,350,000)	(4,776,180)	(4,178,541)	(4,113,065)	(1,600,000)	(3,013,439)	(5,100,000)	(4,660,000)	(420,000)
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<u>(400,000)</u>	<u>(350,000)</u>	<u>(266,700)</u>	<u>(100,000)</u>	<u>(435,854)</u>	<u>(300,000)</u>	<u>(413,439)</u>	<u>(2,100,000)</u>	<u>3,110,500</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	<u>\$2,727,851</u>	<u>(\$547,300)</u>	<u>\$1,023,324</u>	<u>(\$402,915)</u>	<u>(\$182,452)</u>	<u>\$1,015,981</u>	<u>(\$2,070,413)</u>	<u>\$1,393,388</u>	<u>\$5,780,735</u>	<u>\$425,585</u>
Debt Service as a percentage of noncapital expenditures	4.6%	5.1%	7.0%	6.8%	7.0%	7.3%	7.5%	8.3%	3.1%	2.4%

Lake Metroparks  
 Tax Revenues by Source, Governmental Funds  
 Last Ten Years  
*(modified accrual basis of accounting)*

Table 6

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Property Taxes	\$13,935,222	\$13,941,446	\$12,067,641	\$12,006,006	\$12,024,728	\$12,086,741	\$12,362,912	\$12,921,076	\$13,030,947	\$8,592,742

Lake Metroparks  
 Assessed and Estimated Actual Value of Taxable Property  
 Last Ten Years  
 (Amounts in 000's)

Table 7

Fiscal Year	<u>REAL PROPERTY</u>		<u>PUBLIC UTILITY PROPERTY</u>		<u>PERSONAL PROPERTY</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>		Full Tax Rate Per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation	Weighted Average Tax Rate
	Assessed Value	Estimated Actual Value (1)	Assessed Value	Estimated Actual Value (1)	Assessed Value	Estimated Actual Value (1)	Assessed Value	Estimated Actual Value		
2014	\$5,372,965	\$15,351,329	\$301,273	\$342,356	\$0	\$0	\$5,674,238	\$15,693,685	2.8000	2.80000
2013	5,391,010	15,402,887	335,746	381,529	0	0	5,726,756	15,784,416	2.8000	2.80000
2012	5,978,514	17,081,468	339,983	386,344	0	0	6,318,497	17,467,812	2.3000	2.17590
2011	6,032,522	17,235,777	380,705	432,619	0	0	6,413,227	17,668,396	2.3000	2.16429
2010	5,971,597	17,061,705	361,650	410,966	5,280	52,800	6,338,527	17,525,471	2.3000	2.15792
2009	6,442,180	18,406,230	342,160	388,818	10,559	105,590	6,794,899	18,900,638	2.3000	2.00370
2008	6,347,852	18,136,720	333,127	378,554	195,820	1,566,563	6,876,800	20,081,837	2.3000	2.01802
2007	6,250,907	17,859,734	370,225	370,225	271,966	1,087,864	6,893,098	19,317,823	2.3000	2.02426
2006	5,573,621	15,924,631	379,428	379,428	375,492	1,501,968	6,328,541	17,806,027	2.3000	2.21184
2005	5,464,031	15,611,518	403,485	403,485	478,532	1,914,128	6,346,048	17,929,131	2.3000	1.45092
2004	5,376,660	15,361,888	385,590	385,590	490,145	1,960,580	6,252,395	17,708,058	2.3000	1.44855

(1) Estimated Actual Value is calculated by dividing the Assessed Value by the assessment percentage. The percentages for 2014 are 35% for all Real Property and 88% for Public Utility Property.

Source: Lake County Auditor's Office

Lake Metroparks  
Property Tax Rates - All Direct and Overlapping Governments  
(Per \$1,000 Of Assessed Value)  
Last Ten Years

Table 8

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>COUNTY UNITS</b>					
General Fund	\$2.10	\$2.10	\$2.10	\$2.10	\$2.10
Dev. Disabilities Board	4.90	4.90	4.90	4.90	4.90
ADAMHS Board	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60
Narcotics	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30
Child Welfare	.70	.70	.70	.70	.70
Regional Forensic Lab	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30
Senior Citizens	<u>.30</u>	<u>.30</u>	<u>.30</u>	<u>.40</u>	<u>.40</u>
TOTAL RATES	10.20	10.20	10.20	10.30	10.30
<b>SCHOOL DISTRICTS</b>					
Fairport Harbor (a)	78.62	85.47	84.48	84.49	84.66
Kirtland Local (a)	72.17	72.06	73.19	73.34	73.42
Madison Local (a)	56.15	56.10	55.49	55.46	55.46
Mentor Exempt	77.46	77.28	76.68	76.70	76.89
Painesville City (a)	86.20	86.09	84.84	85.01	85.14
Riverside (a)	56.19	56.05	55.33	55.25	55.28
Perry Local (a)	45.70	45.70	45.70	45.70	45.70
Wickliffe Local	60.82	67.31	67.31	67.31	67.31
Willoughby-Eastlake	49.77	49.40	48.52	48.64	48.75
<b>CORPORATIONS</b>					
Eastlake	9.26	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30
Kirtland	11.05	11.05	11.05	11.05	11.05
Mentor	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
Mentor-on-the-Lake	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00
Painesville	3.70	3.70	3.70	3.70	3.70
Wickliffe	7.40	8.01	7.96	7.96	7.97
Willoughby	6.68	6.58	8.56	8.54	8.54
Willoughby Hills	7.40	7.30	7.30	7.30	7.30
Willowick	19.50	19.50	16.50	19.50	19.50

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
\$2.10	\$2.10	\$2.10	\$1.00	\$1.00
4.90	4.90	4.90	4.90	4.90
1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60
.30	.30	.30	.30	.30
.70	.70	.70	.70	.70
.30	.30	.30	.30	.30
<u>.40</u>	<u>.40</u>	<u>.40</u>	<u>.50</u>	<u>.50</u>
10.30	10.30	10.30	9.30	9.30
85.43	85.42	90.33	90.90	90.95
73.88	73.70	73.56	80.19	79.94
55.74	55.57	55.59	60.13	59.60
77.64	77.61	76.96	77.80	77.49
86.12	86.12	59.80	92.22	92.98
55.68	55.67	55.79	56.25	56.24
45.70	45.70	45.70	45.70	45.70
67.31	67.31	75.21	75.20	75.21
52.81	52.55	53.02	60.52	61.24
8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30
11.05	11.05	11.05	11.05	11.05
4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00
3.70	3.70	3.70	3.70	8.17
8.02	8.01	8.02	8.09	8.11
8.58	8.58	8.53	8.53	8.51
7.30	7.30	7.30	7.30	7.30
19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50

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Lake Metroparks  
Property Tax Rates - All Direct and Overlapping Governments  
(Per \$1,000 Of Assessed Value)  
Last Ten Years

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>VILLAGES</b>					
Fairport Harbor	\$9.56	\$9.56	\$9.56	\$9.56	\$9.56
Grand River	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50
Kirtland Hills	20.00	20.00	20.00	18.00	18.00
Lakeline	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Madison (b)	9.43	9.43	9.43	9.43	9.43
North Perry (c)	11.10	11.10	11.50	11.50	11.50
Perry (c)	14.10	14.10	14.50	14.50	14.50
Timberlake	21.20	21.20	21.20	21.20	21.20
Waite Hill	13.00	13.00	13.00	16.00	16.00
<b>TOWNSHIPS</b>					
Concord	9.40	9.40	9.40	9.40	9.40
Leroy	11.90	11.90	11.90	11.90	11.90
Madison (b)	21.63	21.63	21.63	21.63	21.63
Painesville	12.65	12.65	12.65	12.65	12.65
Perry	11.10	11.10	11.50	11.50	11.50
<b>LIBRARIES</b>					
Fairport	1.84	1.84	1.84	1.84	1.84
Kirtland	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Madison	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Mentor	.625	.625	.625	.625	1.10
Morley	1.75	1.74	1.66	1.66	1.66
Perry	.60	.60	1.00	1.00	1.00
Wickliffe	1.20	1.20	1.20	2.90	2.90
Willoughby-Eastlake	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30
<b>PORT AUTHORITY</b>					
Fairport Harbor	.56	.56	.00	.00	0.00

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
\$9.56	\$9.56	\$10.06	\$10.06	\$10.06
7.50	7.50	8.00	8.00	8.00
18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
6.00	6.00	6.00	8.00	8.00
9.43	9.43	9.43	9.43	9.43
12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
15.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
21.20	21.20	21.20	21.20	21.20
16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	22.20
9.40	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.40
11.90	11.90	11.90	11.90	11.90
21.63	21.63	21.63	21.43	21.43
12.65	13.45	13.45	13.45	16.35
12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
1.84	1.84	1.84	1.84	1.84
.00	.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1.00	1.00	2.25	2.25	2.25
1.10	1.10	1.10	2.00	2.00
1.74	1.73	1.74	1.82	1.80
1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
2.90	2.90	2.90	2.90	2.90
2.30	2.30	2.30	2.30	2.30
.00	.00	.00	.00	.00

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Lake Metroparks, Ohio  
 Property Tax Rates - All Direct and Overlapping Governments  
 (Per \$1,000 Of Assessed Value)  
 Last Ten Years

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS</b>					
Lake Metroparks	\$2.30	\$2.30	\$2.30	\$2.30	\$2.30
Lakeland Community College	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.20
Auburn Joint Vocational School	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Lake County School Financing District	4.90	4.90	4.90	4.90	4.90
Madison Fire District	6.48	6.48	6.48	6.48	6.48
Perry Fire District	6.90	6.90	6.90	6.90	6.90

- a. Includes millage for Auburn Joint Vocational School
- b. Includes millage for Madison Fire District
- c. Includes millage for Perry Library District and Perry Fire District

Source: Lake County Auditor's Office

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2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
\$2.30	\$2.30	\$2.30	\$2.80	\$2.80
3.20	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.20
1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
4.90	4.90	4.90	4.90	4.90
6.48	6.48	6.48	6.48	6.48
7.40	7.40	7.00	7.40	7.40

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Lake Metroparks  
Principal Taxpayers  
Current Year and Nine Years Ago

Table 9

Name of Taxpayer	Nature of Business	Assessed Value	Percent of Total Assessed Value
<b>Principal Taxpayers Real Estate Tax</b>		<b>January 1, 2014</b>	
First Energy Nuclear	Electric company	\$65,240,000	1.21%
Mall at Great Lakes LLC	Developer of Great Lakes Mall	22,559,720	0.42%
First Energy Generation Corp.	Electric company	18,900,000	0.35%
Lubrizol Corporation	Mfg. for chemical additives for fuels and lubricants	16,411,110	0.30%
Tam A Rac Estate	Residential developer	12,848,810	0.24%
Lake Hospital System, Inc.	Hospital system	12,697,160	0.24%
Transamerica Premier Life Insurance	Commercial offices	10,062,510	0.19%
First Interstate	Developer of Willoughby Commons and Creekside	9,938,280	0.18%
Wal Mart Real Estate	Retail sales	7,702,540	0.14%
Pine Ridge G & H LLC		7,000,900	0.13%
Winchester Apts. LTD	Apartments	<u>6,790,010</u>	<u>0.13%</u>
	Totals	<u>\$190,151,040</u>	<u>3.52%</u>
	Total Assessed Valuation	<u>\$5,394,376,190</u>	
<b>Principal Taxpayers Real Estate Tax</b>		<b>January 1, 2005</b>	
Simon Property Group LP	Developer of Great Lakes Mall	\$25,900,140	0.41%
First Interstate	Developer of Willoughby Commons and Creekside Commons Shopping Centers	14,239,620	0.22%
Avery Dennison Corporation	Pressure-sensitive adhesives, papers, foils and films	13,038,610	0.21%
Inland Southeast	Retail developer	12,642,150	0.20%
Lubrizol Corporation	Manufacturer of chemical additives for fuels, lubricants	12,350,300	0.19%
Steris Corporation	Provider of infection, contamination prevention systems and products	9,116,090	0.14%
Points East Enterprise	Developer of Points East Shopping Center	7,013,210	0.11%
Osborne, Jerome T.	Contractor and developer	6,256,420	0.10%
Wal Mart Real Estate	Retail developer	5,584,270	0.09%
Millstein, Norman Trustee	Developer of apartment complexes	<u>5,292,930</u>	<u>0.08%</u>
	Totals	<u>\$111,433,740</u>	<u>1.75%</u>
	Total Assessed Valuation	<u>\$6,346,048,449</u>	

Real property taxes paid in 2014 are based on January 1, 2013 values.

Real property taxes paid in 2005 are based on January 1, 2004 values.

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Lake Metroparks  
Principal Taxpayers  
Current Year and Nine Years Ago

Name of Taxpayer	Nature of Business	Assessed Value	Percent of Total Assessed Value
<b>Tangible Personal Property Taxpayers</b>		<b>January 1, 2014</b>	
Tangible personal property is no longer being collected.			
<b>Tangible Personal Property Taxpayers</b>		<b>January 1, 2005</b>	
Avery Dennison Corporation	Pressure-sensitive adhesives, papers, foils and films	\$37,990,860	0.60%
Lubrizon Corporation	Mfg. of chemical additives for fuels, lubricants	29,837,630	0.47%
GE Quartz	Manufacturer of light bulbs	13,668,080	0.22%
PCC Airfoils	Manufacturer of blades, vanes and vane segments for airline turbine engines	10,673,200	0.17%
Swagelok Manufacturing Company	Manufacturer of fluid system components	10,372,670	0.16%
ABB Automation, Inc.	Computer systems for electrical power plants, industrial processes and shipboard automations	7,730,160	0.12%
Swagelok Semiconductor Services	Manufacturer of semiconductors	7,173,310	0.11%
Parker Hannifin Corporation	Manufacturer of fluid hose products, fittings	6,240,260	0.10%
Steris Corporation	Provider of infection, contamination prevention and therapy support systems	5,849,290	0.09%
Morton International, Inc.	Salt mines	4,389,330	0.07%
	Totals	<u>\$133,924,790</u>	<u>2.11%</u>
	Total Assessed Valuation	<u>\$6,346,048,449</u>	

General business tangible personal property tax paid in 2005 is based on values listed on December 31, 2004.

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Lake Metroparks  
Principal Taxpayers  
Current Year and Nine Years Ago

Name of Taxpayer	Nature of Business	Assessed Value	Percent of Total Assessed Value
<b>Tangible Public Utility Property Taxpayers</b>		<b>January 1, 2014</b>	
First Energy Nuclear	Electric utility	\$141,524,990	41.04%
Cleveland Electric Illuminating	Electric utility	114,631,610	33.24%
Aqua Ohio, Inc.	Water utility	28,091,660	8.15%
American Transmission	Electric utility	26,737,740	7.75%
East Ohio Gas	Natural gas utility	11,810,340	3.43%
FirstEnergy Generation	Electric utility	8,353,150	2.42%
Ohio Edison	Electric utility	7,370,960	2.14%
Orwell Natural Gas	Natural gas utility	2,358,420	0.68%
Norfolk and Southern	Railroad utility	468,260	0.14%
Cobra Pipeline Co. LTD		<u>348,890</u>	<u>0.10%</u>
	Totals	<u>\$341,696,020</u>	<u>99.09%</u>
	Total Assessed Valuation	<u>\$344,819,210</u>	
<b>Tangible Public Utility Property Taxpayers</b>		<b>January 1, 2005</b>	
Cleveland Electric Illuminating	Electric utility	\$311,652,190	4.91%
Ohio Edison Company	Electric utility	61,345,700	0.97%
Ameritech	Telephone utility	30,186,190	0.48%
American Transmission	Electric utility	19,862,610	0.31%
Aqua Ohio, Inc.	Water utility	16,725,140	0.26%
First Energy Corporation	Electric utility	14,334,620	0.23%
Pennsylvania Power	Electric utility	13,321,850	0.21%
East Ohio Gas	Natural gas utility	6,891,840	0.11%
Western Reserve Telephone	Telephone utility	5,395,630	0.09%
CEI Company	Electric utility	<u>2,934,420</u>	<u>0.05%</u>
	Totals	<u>\$482,650,190</u>	<u>7.62%</u>
	Total Assessed Valuation	<u>\$6,346,048,449</u>	

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Public utility tangible personal property tax paid in 2014 is based on values listed on December 31, 2013.  
Public utility tangible personal property tax paid in 2005 is based on values listed on December 31, 2004.

Source: Lake County Auditor's Office

Lake Metroparks  
Property Tax Levies and Collection  
Real, Public Utility and Tangible Personal Property (1)  
Last Ten Years

Table 10

Tax Year	Fiscal Year	Current Tax Levy	Current Tax Collection	Percent of Levy Collected	Delinquent Tax Collections	Total Tax Collections	Total Collections as a Percent of Levy
2013-2014	2014	\$15,933,486	\$15,402,832	96.7%	\$378,551	\$15,781,383	99.05%*
2012-2013	2013	16,024,888	15,549,743	97.0%	475,876	16,025,619	100.00% *
2011-2012	2012	13,696,683	13,281,826	97.0%	401,559	13,683,385	99.90% *
2010-2011	2011	13,268,143	12,632,233	95.2%	373,765	13,005,998	98.02% *
2009-2010	2010	13,704,113	12,915,199	94.2%	460,060	13,375,259	97.60% *
2008-2009	2009	13,660,146	13,183,172	96.5%	468,130	13,651,302	99.94% *
2007-2008	2008	13,775,956	13,338,956	96.8%	572,968	13,911,924	100.99% *
2006-2007	2007	14,040,822	13,620,573	97.0%	502,936	14,123,509	100.58% *
2005-2006	2006	14,071,507	13,652,564	97.0%	550,396	14,202,960	100.93% *
2004-2005	2005	8,464,692	8,154,568	96.3%	387,770	8,542,338	100.92% *

(1) Do not equal amounts in financial statements due to State reimbursements.

\* Delinquent collections are not segregated by tax year.

Source: Lake County Auditor's Office

Lake Metroparks  
Ratios of Outstanding Debt  
Last Ten Years

Table 11

Year	Population	Assessed Value	Gross Bonded Debt	Less Balance in Debt Service Fund	Net Bonded Debt	Ratio of Net Bonded Debt to Assessed Value	Net Bonded Debt Per Capita	Net Bonded Debt as a Percentage of Personal Income
2014	229,857	\$5,674,239,290	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%	\$0	0%
2013	229,857	5,726,757,170	625,000	535	624,465	.01%	2.72	.01%
2012	230,351	6,318,496,590	1,250,000	28,792	1,221,028	.02%	5.30	.02%
2011	230,619	6,413,227,720	2,075,000	38,158	2,036,842	.03%	8.83	.04%
2010	236,775	6,388,526,292	2,900,000	173	2,899,827	.05%	12.25	.06%
2009	233,392	6,794,899,728	3,725,000	171	3,724,829	.05%	15.96	.08%
2008	234,030	6,876,799,810	4,550,000	168	4,549,832	.07%	19.44	.10%
2007	233,392	6,893,097,697	5,375,000	166	5,374,834	.08%	23.03	--
2006	232,872	6,328,540,447	6,200,000	165	6,199,835	.10%	26.62	--
2005	230,510	6,346,048,449	1,400,000	165	1,399,835	.02%	6.07	--

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau  
Lake County Auditor's Office  
Prior to 2008, Net Bonded Debt as a Percentage of Personal Income information is not available.

Lake County, Ohio  
 Computation of Direct and Overlapping Debt  
 December 31, 2014

Table 12

	Net General Obligation Bonded Debt Outstanding (1)	Percent Applicable (2)	Lake Metroparks Share
<u>DIRECT DEBT</u>			
Lake Metroparks	\$0	100.00%	<u>\$0</u>
Total Direct Debt			<u>\$0</u>
<u>OVERLAPPING DEBT</u>			
County of Lake	\$12,405,000	100.00%	\$12,405,000
All Cities wholly within Lake County	75,298,209	100.00%	75,298,209
All Villages wholly within Lake County	4,424,580	100.00%	4,424,580
All Townships wholly within Lake County	737,114	100.00%	737,114
All School Districts wholly within Lake County	57,785,000	100.00%	57,785,000
All Library Districts wholly within Lake County	4,690,000	100.00%	4,690,000
Kirtland Local School District	13,268,419	99.25%	13,169,353
Madison Local School District	23,520,603	99.65%	23,439,098
Mentor Exempted Village School District	780,000	99.72%	777,815
Riverside Local School District	953,289	99.57%	949,143
Auburn Vocational School District	4,915,000	50.60%	<u>2,487,018</u>
Total Overlapping Debt			<u>196,162,330</u>
Total Net Direct and Overlapping Debt			<u>\$196,162,330</u>

- (1) Per confirmation with respective entities. Amount excludes general obligation debt reported in enterprise funds.  
 (2) Determined, on a percentage basis, by dividing the amount of assessed valuation of the political subdivision's territory that is within the boundaries of the County by the total assessed valuation of the political subdivision.

Source: Lake County Auditor's Office, Most current information available.

Lake Metroparks  
 Legal Debt Margin Information  
 Last Ten Years

Table 13

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Debt Limit	\$56,742,393	\$57,267,572	\$63,184,966	\$64,132,277	\$63,385,623	\$67,948,997	\$68,767,998	\$68,930,977	\$63,285,404	\$63,460,484
Total Debt Applicable to Limit	-	625,000	1,250,000	2,075,000	2,900,000	3,725,000	4,550,000	5,375,000	6,200,000	1,400,000
Legal Debt Margin	\$56,742,393	\$56,642,572	\$61,934,966	\$62,057,277	\$60,485,623	\$64,223,997	\$64,217,998	\$63,555,977	\$57,085,404	\$62,060,484
Total Net Debt Applicable to Limit as a Percentage of Debt Limit	0.00%	1.09%	1.98%	3.24%	4.58%	5.48%	6.62%	7.80%	9.80%	2.21%

Legal Debt Margin Calculation Decemer 31, 2014:

Assessed value of taxable property	\$5,674,239,290
Debt Limit (1% of total assessed value)	\$56,742,393
Bonded Debt	\$0

<b>POPULATION</b>	<b>LAKE COUNTY</b>	<b>OHIO</b>
Population, 2014 estimate	N/A	11,594,163
Population, 2013 estimate	229,857	11,572,005
Population, percent change, April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2014	N/A	0.5%
Population, percent change, April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2013	(0.1%)	0.3%
Population, 2010	230,041	11,536,504
Persons under 5 years, percent, 2013	5.1%	6.0%
Persons under 18 years, percent, 2013	21.3%	22.9%
Persons 65 years and over, percent, 2013	17.5%	15.1%
Female persons, percent, 2013	51.1%	51.1%
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White alone, percent, 2013 (a)	93.3%	83.2%
Black or African American alone, percent, 2013 (a)	3.8%	12.5%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent, 2013 (a)	0.2%	0.3%
Asian alone, percent, 2013 (a)	1.3%	1.9%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent, 2013 (a)	--	--
Two or more races, percent, 2013	1.5%	2.0%
Hispanic or Latino, percent, 2013 (b)	3.8%	3.4%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent, 2013	89.8%	80.5%
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Living in same house 1 year and over, 2009-2013	89.7%	85.5%
Foreign born persons, percent, 2009-2013	5.3%	4.0%
Language other than English spoken at home, pct age 5+, 2009-2013	7.2%	6.6%
High school graduates, percent of persons age 25+, 2009-2013	91.2%	88.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher, pct of persons age 25+, 2009-2013	24.9%	25.2%
Veterans, 2009-2013	18,485	864,923
Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16+, 2009-2013	23.3	23.0
Housing units, 2013	101,397	5,123,997
Homeownership rate, 2009-2013	75.0%	67.5%
Housing units in multi-unit structures, percent, 2009-2013	18.2%	22.9%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2009-2013	\$151,300	\$130,800
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Households, 2009-2013	94,048	4,557,655
Persons per household, 2009-2013	2.41	2.47
Per capita money income in past 12 months 2009 - 2013	\$29,132	\$26,046
Median household income 2009-2013	\$56,018	\$48,308
Persons below poverty level, percent, 2009-2013	9.2%	15.8%

(a) Includes persons reporting only one race

(b) Hispanics may be of any race, so also are included in applicable race categories

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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**UNEMPLOYMENT RATES**  
 (LAST TEN YEARS)

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Year	Lake County	State of Ohio	United States
2014	5.7%	4.8%	5.6%
2013	6.4%	7.2%	6.7%
2012	6.3%	6.7%	7.9%
2011	6.6%	8.1%	8.5%
2010	7.6%	9.6%	9.4%
2009	7.9%	10.9%	10.0%
2008	6.6%	7.6%	7.1%
2007	5.6%	5.8%	4.8%
2006	4.8%	5.5%	4.6%
2005	5.2%	5.9%	4.9%

Source: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

**POPULATION**

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Year	County Population	Increase (Decrease)	Percent Increase (Decrease)
1940	50,202		
1950	75,979	25,777	51.3%
1960	148,700	72,721	95.7%
1970	197,200	48,500	32.6%
1980	212,801	15,601	7.9%
1990	215,499	2,698	1.3%
2000	227,511	12,012	5.6%
2010	230,041	2,530	1.1%

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**AGE DISTRIBUTION 2009-2013 ACS Survey 5-Year Estimates**

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<u>Age</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Percentage of Total</u>
Under 5 years	12,185	5.3%
5 – 9 years	13,887	6.0%
10 – 14 years	14,788	6.4%
15 – 19 years	14,640	6.4%
20 – 24 years	11,997	5.2%
25 – 34 years	25,896	11.3%
35 – 44 years	29,207	12.7%
45 – 54 years	36,686	16.0%
55 – 59 years	17,792	7.7%
60 – 64 years	14,737	6.4%
65 – 74 years	20,292	8.8%
75 – 84 years	12,727	5.5%
85 and older	<u>5,016</u>	<u>2.2%</u>
Total	<u>229,873</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Male	112,108	48.8%
Female	117,742	51.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; American Community Survey – (non-census years are estimates)

Lake County, Ohio  
Principal Employers  
Current Year and Nine Years Ago  
December 31, 2014

Table 15

<u>2014</u> <u>Employer (1)</u>	<u>Nature of Business</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Employed</u>	<u>Percentage of</u> <u>Total Employment</u>
Lake Hospital System, Inc.	Health care	2,103	1.76%
Lake County Government (4)	County government	1,883	1.57%
Steris Corporation (5)	Infection and contamination preventive systems	1,600	1.34%
Lubrizon Corporation	Chemical additives	1,530	1.28%
Avery Dennison Corporation	Pressure-sensitive products	1,310	1.10%
First Energy Corporation	Electric utility	1,007	0.84%
Mentor Exempted Village Schools	School District	992	0.83%
Willoughby-Eastlake City Schools (6)	School District	946	0.79%
Lincoln Electric	Welders, welding equipment	494	0.41%
ABB Automation, Inc.	Computer systems for power plants	<u>415</u>	<u>0.35%</u>
Totals		<u>12,280</u>	<u>10.27%</u>
Total employment within the County (3)		119,600	
<u>2005</u> <u>Employer (2)</u>	<u>Nature of Business</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Employed</u>	<u>Percentage of</u> <u>Total Employment</u>
Lake County Government (4)	County government	2,218	1.79%
Lake Hospital System, Inc.	Health care	1,750	1.41%
Lubrizon Corporation	Chemical additives	1,261	1.02%
Avery International	Pressure-sensitive products	1,259	1.02%
First Energy Corporation	Electric utility	1,256	1.02%
Cleveland Clinic	Health care	1,022	0.83%
Mentor Exempted Village Schools	School District	1,008	0.81%
Willoughby-Eastlake City Schools	School District	927	0.75%
Steris Corporation	Infection and contamination prevention systems	845	0.68%
Giant Eagle, Inc.	Grocery store chain	<u>649</u>	<u>0.52%</u>
Totals		<u>12,195</u>	<u>9.85%</u>
Total employment within the County (3)		123,800	

(1) From the respective businesses

(2) Crain's Cleveland Business – March 21, 2005 (full-time equivalent employees)

(3) Ohio Labor Market Information

(4) Includes Lake County Board of DD

(5) Most current number available

(6) Crain's Cleveland Business – Dec. 22, 2014 – Jan. 4, 2015 Vol. 35

Lake Metroparks  
 Total Park Employees by Function  
 Last Ten Years

Table 16

<u>Function/Program</u>	<u>Total Number of Employees Paid as of December 31</u>									
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Governmental	450	438	399	396	397	402	416	406	416	407
Business-type	68	58	61	57	55	60	63	66	68	70
Total	<u>518</u>	<u>496</u>	<u>460</u>	<u>453</u>	<u>452</u>	<u>462</u>	<u>479</u>	<u>472</u>	<u>484</u>	<u>477</u>

Lake Metroparks  
Operating Indicators - Parks and Recreation  
Last Ten Years

Table 17

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Park Visits	2,895,612	2,563,142	2,610,279	2,429,384	2,448,395	2,478,600	2,280,000	2,240,000	2,100,000	2,114,000
Rounds of Golf	52,684	52,268	65,189	53,898	64,430	66,676	65,452	58,500	68,000	67,500
Registered Programs	2,081	2,200	2,025	1,469	1,651	2,352	1,271	1,737	1,676	1,475
Program Participants	37,510	35,471	37,243	28,027	29,986	39,589	22,502	23,041	23,552	23,107
Special Events (including events held at the Farmpark)	36	45	43	43	41	44	41	44	43	42
Environmental Learning Center	12,042	5,817	3,363	11,331	19,885	19,022	5,330	--	--	--
Beach Attendance***	267,012	263,028	214,430	222,605	165,741	224,973	208,429	--	--	--
Special Events Participants (attendance totals calculated in the Farmpark totals also)	147,844	76,108	137,708	126,725	162,050	166,188	127,958	171,003	170,014	145,611
Farmpark Visits*	181,845	174,993	172,866	168,811	187,330	181,771	188,170	188,712	190,928	187,762
Penitentiary Glen Visits**	51,572	48,812	48,565	48,858	51,455	42,066	--	--	--	--

\* Final Farmpark attendance figure includes special events held at facility; America the Beautiful, Vintage Ohio, Halloween Hayrides, Country Lights, corporate outings, and other special events (Ability Fair, Fiberfest, Fall Harvest Festival, Discovery Days, Quilt Show, Earth Day, Working Dog Weekend, Horsefest, Railroads in the Parks, Maple Sugaring Weekend, Corn and Pumpkin Weekend and Senior Day) and evening classes.

\*\* Penitentiary Glen Nature Center (only) visitation was not tracked until 2009.

\*\*\*PerchFest event was not held in 2012, 2013, and 2014.

Source: Lake Metroparks Marketing Division

Lake Metroparks  
 Capital Asset Statistics by Function - Parks and Recreation  
 Last Ten Years

Table 18

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
<u>Leisure Services</u>										
Number of Park Properties	45	45	44	43	43	42	42	41	38	37
Area of Properties (acres)	8,700	8,643	8,199	8,078	8,051	7,837	7,675	7,631	7,486	7,210
Programmed Buildings (sq.ft.)	129,244	125,156	125,156	125,156	125,156	125,156	125,156	113,231	113,231	101,723

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LAKE COUNTY, OHIO**

**AUDIT REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
DECEMBER 31, 2014**

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LAKE COUNTY, OHIO  
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**REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING  
AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

To the Board of Park Commissioners  
Lake Metroparks

The Honorable David Yost  
Auditor of State  
State of Ohio

We have audited, in accordance with the 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 governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Lake Metroparks, Lake County, Ohio, (the Park District) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Lake Metroparks, Ohio's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 15, 2015, wherein we noted the Park District restated its December 31, 2013 net position of governmental activities due to a change in the calculation and recording of deferred inflows and related property taxes receivable in prior years.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Lake Metroparks, Ohio's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Lake Metroparks, Ohio's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Lake Metroparks, Ohio'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 Park District'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 may exist that have not been identified.

## Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Lake Metroparks, Ohio'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 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 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 that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity'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 Park District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

James G. Zupka,  
CPA, President



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April 15, 2015

**LAKE METROPARKS  
LAKE COUNTY, OHIO  
STATUS OF PRIOR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

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The prior audit report, as of December 31, 2013, included no findings or management letter recommendations.

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# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

**LAKE METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT**

**LAKE 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  
JUNE 25, 2015**