



**GEAUGA-TRUMBULL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GEAUGA COUNTY**

REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999, 1998 AND 1997



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GEAUGA-TRUMBULL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

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To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District, Trumbull County, Ohio, (the District) as of and for the years ended December 31, 1999, December 31, 1998 and December 31, 1997. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

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

As discussed in Note 1, the District prepares its financial statements on the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the fund cash balances and reserves for encumbrances of the Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District, Trumbull County, as of December 31, 1999, December 31, 1998 and December 31, 1997, and its cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 21, 2000 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Directors and other officials authorized to receive this report under § 117.26, Ohio Revised Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Jim Petro
Auditor of State

July 21, 2000

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**GEAUGA-TRUMBULL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH
DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>
	<u>General</u>
Cash Receipts:	
Charges for services	\$1,146,740
Miscellaneous	<u>41,872</u>
Total cash receipts	<u>1,188,612</u>
Cash Disbursements:	
Current:	
Salaries	104,112
Supplies and Materials	4,976
Contracts - Services	756,204
Public Employee's Retirement	13,296
Worker's Compensation	1,606
Other	<u>48,462</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>928,656</u>
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>259,956</u>
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>815,694</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u><u>\$1,075,650</u></u>
Reserves for Encumbrances, December 31	<u><u>\$108,956</u></u>

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

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STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH
DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>
	<u>General</u>
Cash Receipts:	
Charges for services	\$1,033,015
Miscellaneous	<u>31,883</u>
Total cash receipts	<u>1,064,898</u>
Cash Disbursements:	
Current:	
Salaries	97,721
Supplies and Materials	3,690
Contracts - Services	473,163
Public Employee's Retirement	12,921
Worker's Compensation	572
Other	<u>48,332</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>636,399</u>
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>428,499</u>
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>387,195</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u><u>\$815,694</u></u>
Reserves for Encumbrances, December 31	<u><u>\$122,037</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH
DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>
	<u>General</u>
Cash Receipts:	
Charges for services	\$879,026
Miscellaneous	<u>11,413</u>
Total cash receipts	<u>890,439</u>
Cash Disbursements:	
Current:	
Salaries	90,934
Supplies and Materials	14,336
Contracts - Services	506,406
Public Employee's Retirement	10,957
Worker's Compensation	881
Other	<u>53,262</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>676,776</u>
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>213,663</u>
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>173,532</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u><u>\$387,195</u></u>
Reserves for Encumbrances, December 31	<u><u>\$21,686</u></u>

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**GEAUGA-TRUMBULL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1999, 1998 AND 1997**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District, Trumbull County, (the District) is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The District is directed by a six-member Board of Directors comprised of the three County Commissioners of Geauga and Trumbull Counties. The District provides solid waste disposal, recycling opportunities, and other waste management services to these counties.

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

B. Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

C. Cash and Investments

In accordance with the Ohio Revised Code, the District's cash is held and invested by the Geauga County Treasurer, who acts as custodian for the District's money. The District's assets are held in the County's cash and investment pool, and are valued at the Treasurer's reported carrying amount.

D. Fund Accounting

The District uses fund accounting to segregate cash and investments that are restricted as to use. The District classifies its fund as follows:

General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources.

E. Budgetary Process

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

Appropriations

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

**GEAUGA-TRUMBULL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1999, 1998 AND 1997
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Budgetary Process (Continued)

Estimated Resources

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

Encumbrances

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

A summary of 1999, 1998 and 1997 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

F. Property, Plant and Equipment

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as capital outlay disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements.

G. Unpaid Vacation and Sick Leave

Employees are entitled to cash payments for unused vacation and sick leave in certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment. Unpaid vacation and sick leave are not reflected as liabilities under the basis of accounting used by the District.

2. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 1999, 1998, and 1997 follows:

1999 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 1,790,738	\$ 1,188,612	\$ (602,126)

1998 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 1,362,710	\$ 1,064,898	\$ (297,812)

**GEAUGA-TRUMBULL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1999, 1998 AND 1997
(Continued)**

2. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)

1997 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 1,112,466	\$ 890,439	\$ (222,027)

1999 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 1,182,483	\$ 1,037,612	\$ 144,871

1998 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 1,055,488	\$ 758,436	\$ 297,052

1997 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 1,112,466	\$ 698,462	\$ 414,004

3. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The District's employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. This plan provides retirement benefits, including postretirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 1999, 1998 and 1997, PERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The District contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries. The District has paid all contributions required through December 31, 1999.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

The District has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability
- Vehicles
- Errors and omissions

The District also provides health insurance and dental and vision coverage to full-time employees through a private carrier.

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**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED BY
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

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To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District, Trumbull County, Ohio, (the District) as of and for the years ended December 31, 1999, December 31, 1998 and December 31, 1997, and have issued our report thereon dated July 21, 2000. We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audits and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated July 21, 2000.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audits, we considered District's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that do not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated July 21, 2000.

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

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July 21, 2000



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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
SEPTEMBER 19, 2000**