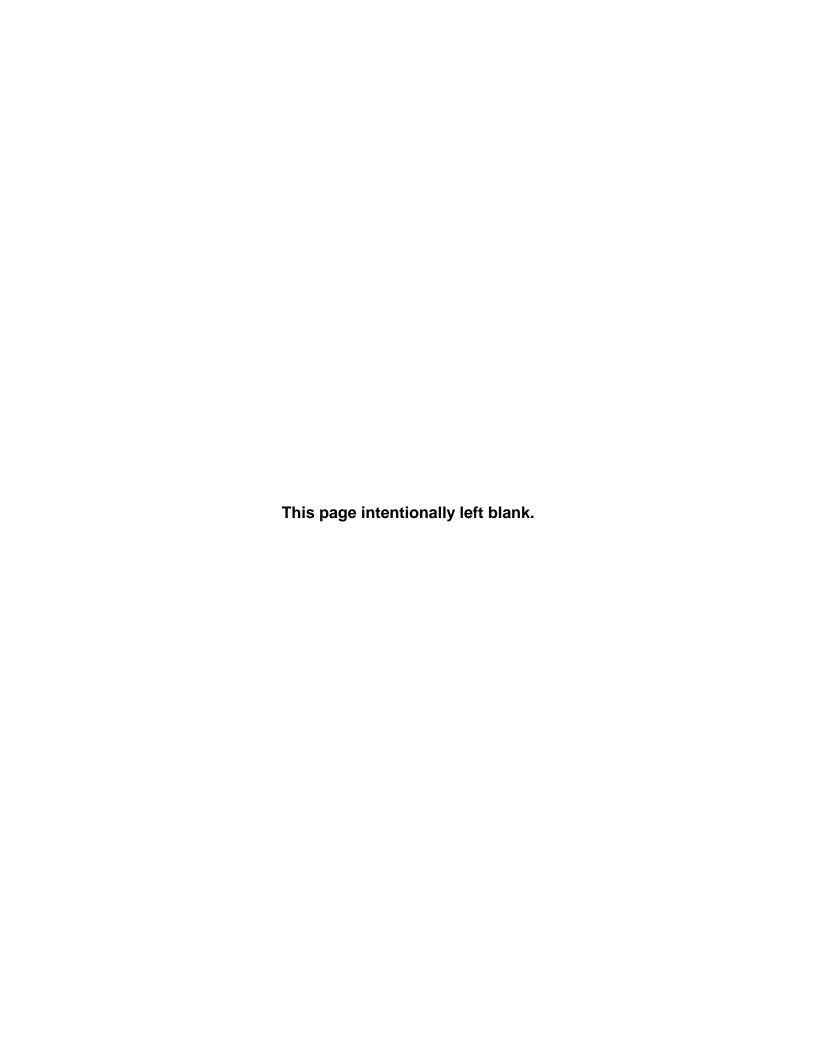




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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Rittman Community Improvement Corporation Wayne County 30 N. Main Street Rittman, Ohio 44270

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Rittman Community Improvement Corporation, Wayne County, Ohio, (the Corporation) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Corporation's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Corporation as of December 31, 2002 and 2001, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 27, 2003 on our consideration of the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

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March 27, 2003

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BALANCE SHEETS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001

	2002	2001
Assets		
Current assets: Cash Prepaid insurance Accrued interest	\$219,441 69 431	\$194,633 71 204
Total Current Assets	219,941	194,908
Noncurrent assets: Land Building Donated real property Less: accumulated depreciation Total Noncurrent Assets Total Assets	35,000 25,000 140,000 (10,464) 189,536 \$409,477	35,000 25,000 140,000 (9,887) 190,113 \$385,021
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current liabilities Loan payable	\$25,000	\$0
Total Net Assets - Unrestricted	384,477	385,021
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$409,477	\$385,021

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

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001

	2002	2001
Unrestricted Revenue		
Rental income Land rent Interest Gain on sale of property	\$1,800 2,647 5,747	\$1,800 2,648 5,117 46,000
Total unrestricted revenue	10,194	55,565
Unrestricted Expenses		
Rent Insurance Real estate taxes Settlement charges Professional fees	152 7,701	5,625 84 2,308 986 350
Repairs Dues Advertising Depreciation	700 800 577	359 577
Other	808	2,236
Total unrestricted expenses	10,738	12,525
Increase (decrease) in net assets	(544)	43,040
Net assets at beginning of year	385,021	341,981
Net assets at end of year	\$384,477	\$385,021

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

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001

	2002	2001
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Increase (decrease) in net assets	(\$544)	\$43,040
Adjustments to reconcile increase (decrease) in net assets to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Depreciation Gain on sale of property (Increase) decrease in assets:	577	577 (46,000)
Prepaid expense	2	(71)
Accrued interest	(227)	<u>(204)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	(192)	(2,658)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities Proceeds from sale of property		145,000
Cash Flows from Financing Activities Proceeds of loan	25,000	
Net increase in cash	24,808	142,342
Cash at beginning of year	194,633	52,291
Cash at end of year	\$219,441	\$194,633

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The Rittman Community Improvement Corporation, Wayne County, Ohio, (the Corporation) is a not-for-profit corporation established under Ohio Rev. Code, Section 1724, for the purpose of advancing, encouraging, and promoting the industrial, economic, commercial, and civic development in the City of Rittman. The Corporation was originally incorporated in 1978.

B. Basis of Accounting

The Corporation follows Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 117, Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations. Under SFAS No. 117, the Corporation is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: Unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets. In addition, the Corporation is required to present a Statement of Cash Flows.

C. Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are capitalized at cost. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their fair market value as of the date received. Maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred.

Depreciation of the building is computed using the straight-line method over an estimated useful life of 39 years. Depreciation expense for 2002 and 2001 was \$577 per year.

D. Income Tax Status

As of December 31, 2002, the Corporation has not obtained status as a tax exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), and is currently being reviewed by management. Should the Corporation fail to obtain federal tax-exempt status, it will be subject to federal income tax, the effect of which has not been assessed. By virtue of Ohio law, the Corporation is not subject to Ohio income taxes.

E. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001 (Continued)

2. DEPOSITS

The carrying amount of the Corporation's deposits were as follows:

	2002	2001
Demand deposits Certificates of deposit	\$8,463 210,978	\$6,107 188,526
Total	\$219,441	\$194,633

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

3. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2002, is a Community Development Loan through Wayne County, and is part of the Wayne County Community Development Revolving Loan Program. Principal outstanding at December 31, 2002 was \$25,000, and bears a zero percent interest rate. The loan is due on or before October 25, 2006.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Corporation is uninsured for the following risks:

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

5. MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Management services to the Corporation are provided by employees of the City of Rittman. No value to these services have been assigned in the accompanying financial statements.

6. RENTALS

The rental income of \$1,800 in 2002 and 2001 resulted from the Corporation's lease of property and a building to a developer for restaurant purposes. The lease agreement, which is valid though June 30, 2005, requires monthly rental payments of \$150 and has a provision to be renewed for 4 years at the agreed upon higher rental rate.

The land rent of \$2,647 and \$2,648 in 2002 and 2001, respectively resulted from certain utility easements and temporary rental of land to local businesses.



INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Rittman Community Improvement Corporation Wayne County 30 N. Main Street Rittman, Ohio 44270

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Rittman Community Improvement Corporation, Wayne County, Ohio, (the Corporation) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated March 27, 2003. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

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

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Corporation'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 another matter involving the internal control over financial reporting that does not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the Corporation in a separate letter dated March 27, 2003.

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

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March 27, 2003



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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.

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED JUNE 12, 2003