



**Auditor of State
Betty Montgomery**

**SPRINGFIELD CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
CLARK COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

Springfield Conservancy District
Clark County
515 North Fountain Avenue
Springfield, Ohio 45504

To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Springfield Conservancy District (the District) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *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.

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 cash balance of the District as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, 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 June 11, 2004 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. 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.

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This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, 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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Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

June 11, 2004

**SPRINGFIELD CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
CLARK COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN CASH BALANCE
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002**

	2003	2002
Cash Receipts:		
General Property Tax Assessment	\$395,489	\$394,503
Interest	19,276	26,496
Miscellaneous	30	1,485
	414,795	422,484
Cash Disbursements:		
Salaries	81,889	67,167
Supplies and Materials	333	241
Court Costs & Legal Expenditures	217	12
Purchased Services	109,750	107,535
PERS	10,504	8,222
Insurance - Secretary/Treasurer	10,063	9,095
Surety Bonds	100	50
Public Works	1,932	1,119
Repayment of Debt	600,740	
Miscellaneous	1,097	4,860
	816,625	198,301
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	(401,830)	224,183
Cash Balance, January 1	1,044,678	820,495
Cash Balance, December 31	\$642,848	\$1,044,678

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

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**SPRINGFIELD CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
CLARK COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The Springfield Conservancy District, Clark 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 three-member Board of Trustees. One Board member is appointed by each political subdivision within the District.

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.

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

C. Cash and Investments

Investments are included in fund cash balances. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

Certificates of deposit are valued at cost.

2. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The carrying amount of cash and investments at December 31 was as follows:

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Demand deposits	\$142,848	\$444,678
Certificates of deposit	500,000	600,000
Total deposits	<u>\$642,848</u>	<u>\$1,044,678</u>

Deposits: Deposits are either (1) insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation, or (2) collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

The Springfield Conservancy District is not required to prepare budgetary reports.

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4. DEBT

The District purchased Veterans Memorial Park and Old Reid Park from the City of Springfield for a total of \$1,200,000 (interest free). The District's total amount outstanding obligation at December 31, 2003 was \$600,000; payments of \$300,000 to be paid for each of the next two consecutive years.

5. RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The District's Secretary-Treasurer belongs 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 2003 and 2002, PERS member employees 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, 2003.



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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND
ON INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED BY *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

Springfield Conservancy District
Clark County
515 North Fountain Avenue
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To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Springfield Conservancy District (the District), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated June 11, 2004. 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 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 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 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 June 11, 2004.

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Clark County
Report of Independent Accountants on Compliance and on
Internal Control Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

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June 11, 2004



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SPRINGFIELD CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

CLARK 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
JULY 20, 2004**