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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Rock Creek Union Cemetery Ashtabula County P.O. Box 49 Rock Creek, Ohio 44084

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Rock Creek Union Cemetery (the Cemetery) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Cemetery'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 Cemetery 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 combined fund cash of the Cemetery as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, and its combined 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 November 19, 2004 on our consideration of the Cemetery'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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Butty Montgomery

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, Board of Trustees 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.

Betty Montgomery

Auditor of State

November 19, 2004

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

	Governmenta	Governmental Fund Types		
	General	Capital Projects	Fiduciary Funds	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes	\$19,777			\$19,777
Charges for Services	3,500			3,500
Sale of Lots	625			625
Interest	396	\$16	\$275	687
Miscellaneous	1,857	100		1,957
Total Cash Receipts	26,155	116	275	26,546
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
Salaries	12,600			12,600
Equipment	429			429
Contracts - Services	3,301			3,301
Public Employees' Retirement	1,707			1,707
Workers' Compensation	474			474
Miscellaneous	4,295			4,295
Total Disbursements	22,806			22,806
Total Receipts Over Disbursements	3,349	116	275	3,740
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	18,430	3,114	34,819	56,363
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$21,779	\$3,230	\$35,094	\$60,103

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

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

	Governmenta	Governmental Fund Types		
	General	Capital Projects	Fiduciary Funds	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes	\$17,651			\$17,651
Charges for Services	3,575			3,575
Sale of Lots	1,250			1,250
Interest	506	\$38	\$546	1,090
Miscellaneous	1,841	171		2,012
Total Cash Receipts	24,823	209	546	25,578
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
Salaries	12,600			12,600
Contracts - Services	3,266			3,266
Public Employees' Retirement	1,707			1,707
Workers' Compensation	209			209
Miscellaneous	5,713		104	5,817
Total Disbursements	23,495		104	23,599
Total Receipts Over Disbursements	1,328	209	442	1,979
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	17,102	2,905	34,377	54,384
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$18,430</u>	\$3,114	\$34,819	\$56,363

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Rock Creek Union Cemetery, Ashtabula County, (the Cemetery) 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 Cemetery is directed by an appointed three-member Board of Trustees. The Board is appointed by the Rock Creek Village and Morgan Township. These entities also provide funding to meet the Cemetery's operating costs under the agreement which established the Cemetery. This accompanying financial statement presents this funding as Intergovernmental Receipts. The Cemetery provides grounds maintenance, opening and closing of graves, and the sale of grave lots.

The Cemetery's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Cemetery 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 reported as assets. 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.

D. Fund Accounting

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

1. General Fund

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

2. Capital Project Funds

These funds are used to account for receipts that are restricted for the acquisition or construction of major capital projects (except those financed through trust funds). The Cemetery had the following significant Capital Project Fund:

Chapel Fund – This fund is used to account for donations for the sole purpose of construction of a chapel in the Cemetery.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (Continued)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3. Fiduciary Funds (Trust Funds)

These funds are used to account for resources restricted by legally binding trust agreements. The Cemetery had the following significant Fiduciary Fund:

Cemetery Trust Fund: This fund receives interest from fund investments. Proceeds are used to maintain grave sites as well as cemetery maintenance as a whole.

E. Budgetary Process

The Cemetery budgets for its General Fund annually.

1. Appropriations

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the function level of control. The Board annually approves appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. Appropriations lapse at year end.

2. Estimated Resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus cash as of January 1.

A summary of 2003 and 2002 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.

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The Cemetery maintains a cash and investments pool used by all funds. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of cash and investments at December 31 follows:

	2003	2002
Demand deposits	\$42,952	\$39,392
Certificates of deposit	17,151_	16,971
Total deposits	\$60,103	\$56,363

Deposits: Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (Continued)

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2003 and 2002 follows:

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts				
	Budgeted	Actual	_	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance	
General	\$36,430	\$26,155	(\$10,275)	
2003 Rudget	ed vs. Actual Budgetary	Rasis Expenditu	res	
	Appropriation	Budgetary		
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance	
General	\$36,215	\$22,806	\$13,409	
20	002 Budgeted vs. Actual	Receipts		
	Budgeted	Actual		
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance	
General	\$35,102	\$24,823	(\$10,279)	
2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures				
	Appropriation	Budgetary		
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance	
General	\$26,340	\$23,495	\$2,845	

4. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (Continued)

4. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2003 and 2002, PERS employee members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Cemetery contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries through December 31, 2003. The Cemetery has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2003.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Rock Creek Union Cemetery has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

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



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

Rock Creek Union Cemetery Ashtabula County P.O. Box 49 Rock Creek, Ohio 44084

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Rock Creek Union Cemetery (the Cemetery) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002 and have issued our report thereon dated November 19, 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 Cemetery'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 Cemetery'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 Cemetery in a separate letter dated November 19, 2004.

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November 19, 2004



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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 JANUARY 20, 2005