

**Rocky River Wastewater
Treatment Plant
Cuyahoga County**

**Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015**



Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Management Committee
Rocky River Wastewater Treatment Plant
21012 Hilliard Boulevard
Rocky River, Ohio 44116

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Rocky River Wastewater Treatment Plant, Cuyahoga County, prepared by Ciuni & Panichi, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. 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 Rocky River Wastewater Treatment Plant is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

September 21, 2016

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Management Committee of the
Rocky River Wastewater Treatment Plant
Rocky River, Ohio

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of the Rocky River Wastewater Treatment Plant (the "Plant") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Plant'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 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 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 Plant'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 Plant's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes 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 opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Plant, as of December 31, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

To the Management Committee of the
Rocky River Wastewater Treatment Plant
Rocky River, Ohio

Emphasis of Matter

As described in Note 3 to the financial statements, in 2015, the Plant adopted new accounting guidance, Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions- an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*, and GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date- an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68*, and as a result restated the December 31, 2014 net position of the business-type activities. 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 on pages 3 to 8 and the schedules of the Plant's proportionate share of the net pension asset and liability and schedules of the Plant's contributions on pages 32 through 38 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 an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Plant's basic financial statements. The budgetary comparison information as listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The budgetary comparison information is the responsibility of management and was 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 budgetary comparison information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 30, 2016 on our consideration of the Plant'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 the Plant's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Ciuni + Panichi, Inc.

Cleveland, Ohio
June 30, 2016

Rocky River Wastewater Treatment Plant

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

The annual financial report of the Rocky River Wastewater Treatment Plant (the "Plant") consists of three sections – Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Basic Financial Statements, and Supplemental Information. The Basic Financial Statements include a Statement of Net Position; Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position; and a Statement of Cash Flows. Since the Plant only uses one fund for its operation, the entity-wide and the fund presentation information are the same. The Supplemental Information includes the Schedule of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Equity – Budget (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis) and Actual and related notes to the Supplemental Information.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis of the financial performance provides an overall review of the Plant's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2015. The intent of this section is to look at the Plant's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the Basic Financial Statements to enhance their understanding of the Plant's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2015 are as follows:

- Total cash and cash equivalents decreased \$53,814, which represents a 1.67 percent decrease from 2014.
- Total expenses were \$5,164,285, a \$153,025 decrease from 2014.
- Outstanding debt decreased by \$353,602.
- For the year ended December 31, 2015, the Plant implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an amendment of GASB No. 27* and GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68*. The implementation of these statements resulted in the restatement of net position as of December 31, 2014 for the business-type activities. See Note 3 for additional information regarding the restatement.

Using this Annual Financial Report

Statement of Net Position and Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position looks at the Plant as a whole and can prove to be a useful indicator of the Plant's financial position. These Statements present all assets and liabilities both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term, using the accrual basis of accounting and economic resources focus, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. The accrual basis of accounting takes into account all revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when the cash is received or paid.

The following summary presents the Plant's Net Position; however, in evaluating the overall position of the Plant, non-financial information such as the condition of the Plant's capital assets should also be analyzed.

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Table 1 provides a summary of the Plant's Net Position for 2015 compared to 2014.

	<u>2015</u>	<u>Restated 2014</u>
Assets		
Current Assets	\$ 3,246,248	\$ 3,449,614
Capital Assets, Net	26,875,649	27,716,815
Net Pension Asset	<u>2,032</u>	<u>554</u>
Total Assets	<u>30,123,929</u>	<u>31,166,983</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources		
Pension	<u>186,044</u>	<u>124,144</u>
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities	1,098,894	1,447,262
Noncurrent Liabilities	8,532,925	8,883,092
Net Pension Liability	<u>1,051,714</u>	<u>1,027,959</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>10,683,533</u>	<u>11,358,313</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Pension	<u>19,097</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Position		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	18,011,383	18,498,947
Unrestricted	<u>1,595,960</u>	<u>1,433,867</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 19,607,343</u>	<u>\$ 19,932,814</u>

The Plant's total Net Position decreased from a year ago. There was a decrease of \$325,471 from \$19,932,814 to \$19,607,343.

The decrease in Net Position was primarily due to the payment of interest on long-term debt in 2015. See Note 9 for further detail on the Plant's long-term liability obligations.

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Table 2 shows the changes in Net Position for the year ended December 31, 2015 and 2014.

Table 2
Revenues and Expenses

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Operating Revenues		
Charges for Services	\$ 4,705,467	\$ 4,327,862
Intergovernmental	21,905	1,369
Other Revenues	18,750	1,450
Non-Operating Revenues		
Grant Revenue	86,430	80,057
Interest Revenue	<u>6,262</u>	<u>3,628</u>
Total Revenues	<u>4,838,814</u>	<u>4,414,366</u>
Operating Expenses		
Personal Services	1,624,952	1,400,140
Contractual Services	473,550	733,071
Materials and Supplies	444,105	479,575
Heat, Light and Power	570,239	608,881
Landfill	185,288	208,064
Depreciation	1,500,180	1,495,622
Non-Operating Expenses		
Interest and Fiscal Charges	<u>365,971</u>	<u>391,957</u>
Total Expenses	<u>5,164,285</u>	<u>5,317,310</u>
Decrease in Net Position	(325,471)	(902,944)
Net Position Beginning of Year, Restated	<u>19,932,814</u>	<u>n/a</u>
Net Position End of Year	<u>\$ 19,607,343</u>	<u>\$ 19,932,814</u>

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Effects of GASB 68

The information necessary to restate the 2014 beginning balances and the 2014 pension expense amounts for the effects of the initial implementation of GASB 68 is not available. Therefore, 2014 functional expenses still include pension expense of \$124,144 in the business-type activities computed under GASB 27. GASB 27 required recognizing pension expense equal to the contractually required contributions to the plan. Under GASB 68, pension expense represents additional amounts earned, adjusted by deferred inflows/outflows. The contractually required contribution is no longer a component of pension expense. Under GASB 68, the 2015 statements report pension expense of \$109,277 in the business-type activities. Consequently, in order to compare 2015 total program expenses to 2014, the following adjustments are needed:

	Business-type Activities
Total 2015 program expenses under GASB 68	\$ 5,164,285
Pension expense under GASB 68	(109,277)
2015 Contractually required contribution	<u>129,804</u>
Adjusted 2015 program expenses	5,184,812
Total 2014 program expenses under GASB 27	<u>5,317,310</u>
Decrease in program expenses not related to pension	<u><u>\$ (132,498)</u></u>

Analysis of Overall Financial Position and Results of Operations

The primary reasons for the difference between 2015 and 2014 change in Net Position was the implementation of GASB 68 in 2015 and an increase in charges for services related to the overall increase in operations. The increase in operations was caused by the startup of three large capital improvement projects in 2014, which continued through 2015. Two of these projects are being funded by Ohio Public Works Commission funds causing an increase in intergovernmental revenues as well. The Plant had expenditure classes which fluctuated in both directions with increases and decreases depending on the activity for the year.

Budgeting Highlights

An annual operating budget for the Plant is adopted for management purposes by the City Council of the City of Rocky River, Ohio, the taxing authority for the Plant. The Plant budget is prepared according to the general laws of the State of Ohio and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances.

Financial information including budget-to-actual comparisons is reported to the Management Committee Chair and Plant Superintendent on a monthly basis. Cash and investments and all capital projects and requests for capital type purchases are budgeted by an annual appropriations ordinance and any supplemental appropriations ordinance(s) as necessary. Recommendations for budget changes from the Plant Superintendent are presented to City Council as a supplemental appropriations ordinance.

During 2015, the Plant had one supplemental appropriation; therefore the original appropriations, including prior year encumbrances in total were \$10,366,791 and final appropriations, including prior year encumbrances in total were \$10,428,645. The total original budgeted revenues were \$8,768,961 and final budgeted revenues were \$8,768,961. Actual revenues were \$3,525,007 less than the final budget estimates of \$8,768,961 as a result of less intergovernmental revenue received than expected. Additionally, the Plant

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had a decrease in actual expenditures of \$3,507,354, from final budgeted expenditures of \$10,428,645. The Plant is currently performing multiple Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) plant improvement projects; however the Plant had less in project expenditures than expected due to the timing of when OPWC payments were made, causing actual revenues and expenditures to be less than budgeted.

Capital Assets

Table 3 provides a summary of the Plant's capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, for 2015 compared to 2014.

Table 3
Capital Assets, Net

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Construction in Progress	\$ 1,026,147	\$ 625,683
Treatment Plant	25,738,783	26,991,749
Equipment and Vehicles	<u>110,719</u>	<u>99,383</u>
Totals	\$ <u>26,875,649</u>	\$ <u>27,716,815</u>

Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation decreased by \$841,166 as depreciation exceeded additions. For more information on capital assets, see Note 8 to the Basic Financial Statements.

Debt

The Plant's debt consists of a 25-year loan from the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) with an interest rate of 5.50 percent. The balance of the outstanding amount of the loan at December 31, 2015 is \$6,532,669. The Plant has four Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) loans; each loan has a zero percent interest rate and a term of 20 years. The balance of the outstanding amounts of the loans at December 31, 2015 is \$2,331,597. The Plant has no bonded indebtedness. See Note 9 for additional information on debt.

Current Financial Related Activities

During 2015, the Plant continued progress on two Ohio Public Works Commission projects: 1) WWTP Improvements 2013 – 2016 and 2) WWTP 2014 – 2017 Capital Improvements Project. The facets of the WWTP Improvements 2013 – 2016 include repair/replacement of components of the four trickling filters and certain electronic actuators and controls. The facets of the WWTP 2014 – 2017 Capital Improvements Project include repair/replacement of a series of Plant components and equipment that date to 1961. The Plant also incurred expenditures relating to the Sewage Pump Replacement Project and Secondary Digester Cleaning Project.

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Contacting the Plant Finance Department

This annual financial report is designed to provide customers, taxpayers, creditors, and investors with a general overview of the Plant's finances and to show the Plant's accountability for all money it receives, spends, or invests. If you have any questions about this report or need financial information, contact the Director of Finance, City of Rocky River, 21012 Hilliard Boulevard, Rocky River, Ohio 44116, telephone 440-331-0600, who serves as fiscal agent of the Plant.

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Statement of Net Position

December 31, 2015

Assets:

Current Assets:

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	3,169,226
Intergovernmental Receivable		23,274
Grants Receivable		9,069
Accrued Interest Receivable		2,610
Materials and Supplies Inventory		<u>42,069</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>3,246,248</u>

Noncurrent Assets:

Capital Assets:

Construction in Progress		1,026,147
Treatment Plant		57,815,882
Equipment		687,551
Vehicles		37,530
Less: Accumulated Depreciation		<u>(32,691,461)</u>
Total Capital Assets, net		26,875,649
Net Pension Asset		<u>2,032</u>
Total Noncurrent Assets		<u>26,877,681</u>

Total Assets 30,123,929

Deferred Outflows of Resources:

Pension		<u>186,044</u>
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Liabilities:

Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable		154,692
Accrued Wages and Benefits		36,913
Intergovernmental Payable		43,801
Compensated Absences Payable		30,332
Accrued Interest Payable		179,648
OPWC Loans Payable		147,924
OWDA Loans Payable		<u>505,584</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>1,098,894</u>

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these basic financial statements.

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Statement of Net Position (continued)

December 31, 2015

Noncurrent Liabilities:

Compensated Absences Payable (Net of Current Portion)	322,167
OPWC Loans Payable (Net of Current Portion)	2,183,673
OWDA Loans Payable (Net of Current Portion)	6,027,085
Net Pension Liability	<u>1,051,714</u>

Total Noncurrent Liabilities 9,584,639

Total Liabilities 10,683,533

Deferred Inflows of Resources

Pension	<u>19,097</u>
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Net Position:

Net Investment in Capital Assets	18,011,383
Unrestricted	<u>1,595,960</u>

Total Net Position \$ 19,607,343

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these basic financial statements.

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Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

Operating Revenues:	
Charges for Services	\$ 4,705,467
Intergovernmental	21,905
Other Revenues	<u>18,750</u>
Total Operating Revenues	<u>4,746,122</u>
Operating Expenses:	
Personal Services	1,624,952
Contractual Services	473,550
Materials and Supplies	444,105
Heat, Light and Power	570,239
Landfill	185,288
Depreciation	<u>1,500,180</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>4,798,314</u>
Operating Loss	<u>(52,192)</u>
Non-Operating Revenues and (Expenses):	
Grant Revenue	86,430
Interest Revenue	6,262
Interest and Fiscal Charges	<u>(365,971)</u>
Total Non-Operating Revenues and (Expenses)	<u>(273,279)</u>
Change in Net Position	(325,471)
Net Position at Beginning of Year, Restated – see Note 3	<u>19,932,814</u>
Net Position at End of Year	\$ <u><u>19,607,343</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these basic financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents:

Cash Flows from Operating Activities:

Cash Received from Customers	\$	4,816,742
Cash Received from Other Operating Sources		18,750
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services		(1,686,721)
Cash Payments for Employee Services and Benefits		<u>(1,599,636)</u>

Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities 1,549,135

Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:

Acquisition of Capital Assets		(1,005,463)
Intergovernmental – OPWC Grant		129,891
Proceeds from OPWC Loan		273,205
Principal Paid on OWDA Loan		(478,883)
Principal Paid on OPWC Loan		(147,924)
Interest Paid on OWDA Loan		<u>(379,141)</u>

Net Cash Used for Capital and Related Financing Activities (1,608,315)

Cash Flows from Investing Activities:

Interest Received		<u>5,366</u>
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Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents (53,814)

Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year 3,223,040

Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year \$ 3,169,226

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these basic financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows (continued)

For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash
Provided by Operating Activities:

Operating Loss	\$	(52,192)
Adjustments:		
Depreciation		1,500,180
Changes in Assets/Liabilities:		
Decrease in Accounts Receivable		111,275
Increase in Intergovernmental Receivable		(21,905)
Decrease in Inventory		17,617
Increase in Net Pension Asset		(1,478)
Increase in Deferred Outflows Related to Pension		(61,900)
Decrease in Accounts Payable		(31,156)
Increase in Accrued Wages and Benefits		6,324
Decrease in Matured Compensated Absences		(22,214)
Increase in Compensated Absences		60,468
Increase in Intergovernmental Payable		1,264
Increase in Net Pension Liability		23,755
Increase in Deferred Inflows Related to Pension		19,097
Total adjustments		<u>101,147</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:	\$	<u>1,549,135</u>
Supplemental Schedule of Non-Cash Capital and Related Financing Activities:		
Change in Capital Assets acquired through Accounts Payable	\$	(346,449)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these basic financial statements.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

Note 1: Description of the Plant and Reporting Entity

The Rocky River Wastewater Treatment Plant (the “Plant”) was organized by the Ohio municipal corporations of the City of Bay Village, the City of Fairview Park, the City of Rocky River, and the City of Westlake (individually, a “Member City;” collectively, the “Member Cities”) upon authority conferred by Article XVIII of the Ohio Constitution and by Ohio Revised Code Section 715.02 which provides, in part that, “two or more municipal corporations . . . may enter into an agreement for the joint construction or management, or construction and management, of any public work, utility, or improvement, benefiting each municipal corporation . . .”

The original organizing agreement among the Member Cities was adopted in 1982 and has been subsequently amended by mutual agreement of the Member Cities. The Member Cities adopted Operating By-Laws in July 1982.

The Plant has a Management Committee consisting of the Mayor of each Member City or his/her designee and a fifth member who is appointed by the four Mayors. The Management Committee serves without compensation. The organizing agreement provides that the fifth member may be compensated. In 2015, that member served without compensation.

The Plant is managed by the City of Rocky River with a report of operational activities made to the Management Committee annually. Personnel at the Plant are employees of the City of Rocky River. Pursuant to the organizing agreement (and amendments), the Plant is jointly owned by the Member Cities with each Member City’s share being in proportion to its contribution to the total cost of constructing certain improvements. The Plant is a joint venture in which each Member City has an equity interest. Also, each Member City owns the sanitary sewer lines located in its city and bills residents for wastewater collection services.

The Plant is located at 22303 Lake Road in Rocky River, Ohio, on land owned by that Member City. The Plant supplies all participating residents of the Member Cities, with a combined population of approximately 86,000, with wastewater treatment services. The Plant is a secondary wastewater treatment plant with a dry weather capacity of 22.5 million gallons per day (MGD) and can provide complete primary and secondary treatment for 45 MGD, and primary treatment only for flows up to 128 MGD. The Plant facility was originally built in 1961 (primary treatment) with a major expansion completed in 1985 (addition of secondary biological treatment process required by the 1972 Clean Water Act) and further expanded with a major upgrade to increase primary treatment in 2000. The City has employed a staff of 17 to perform operational duties at the Plant, all which have State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency license certifications ranging from Class I through Class IV. All amounts shown in the table below are in million gallons.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Average Daily Flow</u>	<u>Largest Flow in 24 Hour Period</u>	<u>Peak Influent Flow Rate</u>	<u>Total Wastewater Treated</u>
2015	14.22	86.30	156.0	5,189
2014	15.11	70.52	141.5	5,516
2013	13.98	74.69	142.0	5,102
2012	13.96	92.24	129.8	5,097
2011	18.07	81.54	145.4	6,595

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

Note 1: Description of the Plant and Reporting Entity (continued)

The Plant is authorized to discharge according to National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. 3PE00009 * KD issued by the State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency on December 5, 2011 effective January 1, 2012 to July 31, 2016. The discharge permit establishes certain limits for the quality of water that is discharged from the Plant.

The reporting entity is comprised of the Plant, component units, and other organizations that may be included to ensure that the financial statements of the Plant are not misleading. The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards, and agencies that are not legally separate from the Plant.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the Plant is financially accountable. The Plant is financially accountable for an organization if the Plant appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the Plant is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization or (2) the Plant is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the Plant is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance deficits of or provide financial support to the organization; or the Plant is obligated for the debt of the organization.

Component units may also include organizations for which the Plant approves the budget, the issuance of debt, or the levying of taxes. The Plant has no component units.

The Plant charges each Member City for wastewater treatment services in accordance with the 1982 organizing agreement, as amended. Such charges are allocated based upon each Member City's relative treatment plant usage as determined by a periodic flow quantity and strength study. The following percentages represent the Member City's allocation of Plant expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2015:

Bay Village	24.800%
Fairview Park	15.850
Rocky River	25.310
Westlake	<u>34.040</u>
Total	<u>100.000%</u>

The flow quantity and strength study that established the above listed rates was completed in May 2013. The continued existence of the Plant is dependent upon the participation of each Member City.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

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Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the Plant 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 most significant of the Plant's accounting policies are described as follows.

A. Basis of Presentation

The Plant's basic financial statements consist of a Statement of Net Position; a Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position; and a Statement of Cash Flows.

The Plant uses a single enterprise fund to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

Enterprise fund reporting focuses on the determination of the change in net position, financial position, and cash flows. An enterprise fund may be used to account for any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods and services.

B. Measurement Focus

The Plant's fund is accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and deferred outflows and all liabilities and deferred inflows associated with the operation of the Plant are included on the Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in total net position. The Statement of Cash Flows provides information about how the Plant finances and meets the cash flow needs of its proprietary activities.

C. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. The Plant's financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

On the accrual basis, revenue is recorded on exchange transactions when the exchange takes place. Non-exchange transactions, in which the Plant receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include grants, entitlements, and donations. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

D. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash balances are managed by the Director of Finance of the City of Rocky River, the Plant's fiscal agent, in separate bank accounts and may be invested in short-term investments as described in Note 4. The balances in these accounts are presented on the Statement of Net Position as "Cash and Cash Equivalents" and represent deposits.

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Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

D. Cash and Cash Equivalents (continued)

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows and for presentation on the Statement of Net Position, investments with an initial maturity of three months or less are considered to be cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months are reported as investments. During 2015, the Plant held only cash and cash equivalents.

E. Inventory

Inventories are presented at cost on a first-in, first-out basis and are expensed when used. Inventory consists of expendable supplies, materials, and treatment chemicals.

F. Capital Assets

Capital assets utilized by the Plant are reported on the Statement of Net Position. All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The Plant maintains a capitalization threshold of \$2,500. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's useful life are not capitalized.

All capital assets are depreciated, except for Construction In Progress. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Treatment Plant	40 years
Equipment	5 years
Vehicles	5 years

G. Capitalization of Interest

The Plant may capitalize net interest on construction projects until substantial completion of the project. The amount of capitalized interest equals the difference between the interest cost associated with the tax-exempt borrowing used to finance the project from the date of borrowing until completion of the project and the interest earned from temporary investment of the debt proceeds over the same period. Capitalized interest is amortized on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset. For 2015, the Plant did not capitalize any interest.

H. Compensated Absences

Vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the Plant will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid-time-off or some other means. Vacation leave is earned at rates which vary depending upon length of service and standard work week. Vacation accumulation is limited to two times the amount earned by an employee during the year.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

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Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

H. Compensated Absences (continued)

The Plant records a liability for accumulated unused vacation time when earned for all eligible employees with more than one year of service. Accrued vacation is paid to employees as paid-time-off or at the time of termination.

Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the vesting method. The liability includes the employees who are currently eligible to receive termination benefits and those the Plant has identified as probable of receiving payment in the future. The amount is based on accumulated sick leave and employees' wage rates at year-end, taking into consideration any limits specified in the Plant's termination policy. The Plant records a liability for accumulated unused sick leave for employees after two years of current service with the Plant.

Employees earn sick leave at the rate of 2.3 hours for every 40 hours worked. Sick leave accumulation is limited to 960 hours. Plant employees with two or more years of service are paid for their accumulated sick leave upon termination or retirement.

I. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Net Position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either by policy adopted by the Management Committee or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. The Plant applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net positions are available. The Plant did not have any restricted net position as of December 31, 2015.

J. Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from primary activities. For the Plant, these revenues are charges for services and other revenues. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the goods or services that are the primary activity of the Plant. Revenues and expenses which do not meet these definitions are reported as non-operating revenues or expenses.

K. Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

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Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

L. Pension

For purposes of measuring the net pension asset, the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the pension plans and additions to/deductions from their fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the pension systems. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. The pension systems report investments at fair value.

Note 3: Changes in Accounting Principles

For the year ended December 31, 2015, the Plant implemented the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27* and GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68*. GASB 68 established standards for measuring and recognizing pension liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources and expense/expenditure. The implementation of these pronouncements had the following effect on net position as reported at December 31, 2014:

	Business – Type <u>Activities</u>
Net position at December 31, 2014	\$ 20,836,075
Net pension asset	554
Deferred outflow – payments subsequent to measurement date	124,144
Net pension liability	<u>(1,027,959)</u>
Restated net position at December 31, 2014	\$ <u><u>19,932,814</u></u>

Other than employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date, the Plant made no restatement for deferred inflows/outflows of resources as the information needed to generate these restatements was not available.

Note 4: Deposits

Since the City of Rocky River is the Plant's fiscal agent, the Plant follows the guidelines for deposit of funds set forth by the City Charter as well as certain provisions of Ohio Revised Code Chapter 135: Uniform Depository Act.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

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Note 4: Deposits (continued)

City of Rocky River, Charter, Article VII, Section 3 provides, “The Director of Finance may invest moneys of the City in any or all of the following: Bonds or notes of this City, bonds or other obligations of the United States or those for the payment of principal and interest of which the faith of the United States is pledged, bonds or other obligations of this State and bonds or other obligations of any political subdivision or taxing district of this State as to which there is no default of principal or interest, in such manner as is now or hereafter provided by ordinance of Council or by the laws of the State of Ohio, and the State Treasury Asset Reserve (STAR), an investment pool managed by the Ohio Treasurer of State, as defined in Section 135.45(F)(2)(a) of the Ohio Revised Code.”

Ohio Revised Code Section 135.01 classifies public money of the Plant into three categories: 1) active deposits, 2) inactive deposits, and 3) interim deposits. Because of the enacted City of Rocky River Charter provisions described above, the Plant is not subject to certain investment restrictions defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 135.01. The Plant is subject to other Ohio Revised Code Chapter 135 prohibitions and maturity limitations.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the Plant’s deposits may not be returned to it. Protection of the Plant’s deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, by surety company bonds deposited with or by a single collateral pool established by the financial institution. In accordance with Chapter 135 of the Ohio Revised Code, any public depository receiving deposits pursuant to an award of Plant funds shall be required to pledge security for repayment of all public moneys deposited with the institution.

At December 31, 2015, the carrying amount of the Plant’s deposits was \$3,169,226 and the bank balance was \$3,209,739. Of the bank balance, \$500,000 was covered by federal depository insurance and \$2,709,739 was collateralized with securities held by pledging institutions’ agents in its collateral pool.

Note 5: Receivables

Receivables at December 31, 2015, consist of accrued interest, grants receivable from the Ohio Public Works Commission for improvement projects and accounts receivable from the City of Rocky River for one month of their monthly expenses.

Note 6: Risk Management

The Plant is exposed to various risks related to damage to, theft of and destruction of assets; torts; errors and omissions; natural disasters; and injuries to employees. During 2015, the Plant obtained insurance to manage these and other risks. Settled claims have not exceeded this coverage in any of the past four years. There has not been a significant reduction in coverage from the prior year.

Health, prescription, dental and life insurance are provided to Plant employees through a paid premium program with the City of Rocky River.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

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Note 6: Risk Management (continued)

Protection for employees' injured at the Plant is provided through the City of Rocky River by the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation. The City of Rocky River has contracted with a third party administrator and a managed care organization to provide case management, consulting and administrative services to the Plant.

Note 7: Contingent Liabilities

There were no legal proceedings seeking damages against the Plant as of December 31, 2015. Plant management is not aware of any pending claims, asserted or unasserted, as of December 31, 2015.

Note 8: Capital Assets

Capital Asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2015, was as follows:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/14</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/15</u>
Capital Assets, not being Depreciated:				
Construction in Progress	\$ <u>625,683</u>	\$ <u>593,495</u>	\$ <u>(193,031)</u>	\$ <u>1,026,147</u>
Capital Assets, being Depreciated:				
Treatment Plant	57,622,851	193,031	-	57,815,882
Equipment	622,032	65,519	-	687,551
Vehicles	<u>37,530</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,530</u>
Total Capital Assets, being Depreciated	<u>58,282,413</u>	<u>258,550</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,540,963</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Treatment Plant	(30,631,102)	(1,445,997)	-	(32,077,099)
Equipment	(522,649)	(54,183)	-	(576,832)
Vehicles	<u>(37,530)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(37,530)</u>
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(31,191,281)</u>	<u>(1,500,180)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(32,691,461)</u>
Total Capital Assets, being Depreciated, Net	<u>27,091,132</u>	<u>(1,241,630)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,849,502</u>
Total Capital Assets, Net	\$ <u>27,716,815</u>	\$ <u>(648,135)</u>	\$ <u>(193,031)</u>	\$ <u>26,875,649</u>

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Note 9: Long-Term Obligations

The changes in the Plant's long-term obligations during the year consisted of the following:

	Outstanding 12/31/14	Additions	Deletions	Outstanding 12/31/15	Amounts Due in One Year
2000 5.50% \$11,582,103					
OWDA Loan – Matures 7/1/25	\$ 7,011,552	\$ -	\$ (478,883)	\$ 6,532,669	\$ 505,584
0.00% OPWC					
Trickling Filter Recycle Pump Replacement	178,274	-	(13,714)	164,560	13,714
WWTP Improvements	1,678,869	-	(115,784)	1,563,085	115,784
WWTP Improvements 2008/2009	294,820	-	(18,426)	276,394	18,426
WWTP Improvements 2013/2016	54,353	273,205	-	327,558	-
Net Pension Liability	1,027,959	23,755		1,051,714	-
Compensated Absences Payable	292,031	89,179	(28,711)	352,499	30,332
Total	\$ 10,537,858	\$ 386,139	\$ (655,518)	\$ 10,268,479	\$ 683,840

Principal and interest requirements to retire the long-term obligations outstanding at December 31, 2015, are as follows:

Year	OWDA Loan		OPWC Loans			Total
	Principal	Interest	Trickling Filter	Improvements	Improvements 2008 - 2009	
2016	\$ 505,584	\$ 352,440	\$ 13,714	\$ 115,784	\$ 18,426	\$ 1,005,948
2017	533,774	324,250	13,714	115,784	18,426	1,005,948
2018	563,535	294,489	13,714	115,784	18,426	1,005,948
2019	594,955	263,069	13,714	115,784	18,426	1,005,948
2020	628,128	229,896	13,714	115,784	18,426	1,005,948
2021-2025	3,706,693	583,425	68,570	578,921	92,130	5,029,739
2026-2030	-	-	27,420	405,244	92,134	524,798
Total	\$ 6,532,669	\$ 2,047,569	\$ 164,560	\$ 1,563,085	\$ 276,394	\$ 10,584,277

In July 2001, the OWDA finalized a loan for Plant expansion totaling \$11,582,103. The loan is being repaid in semi-annual installments of \$429,012 beginning in July 2001, over 24 years, ending in 2025 at 5.5 percent interest.

In September 2007, the OPWC finalized an interest-free loan to the Plant for the Trickling Filter Recycle Pump Replacement project totaling \$274,272. The loan will be repaid in semi-annual installments of approximately \$6,857 over an estimated 20 years, ending in 2027.

In January 2009, the OPWC finalized an interest-free loan for the plant improvements project totaling \$2,315,681. The loan will be repaid in semi-annual installments of approximately \$57,892 beginning in 2009 over an estimated 20 years, ending in 2029.

In May 2010, the OPWC finalized an interest-free loan for the WWTP Improvements 2008 – 2009 projects totaling \$368,524. The loan will be repaid in semi-annual installments of \$9,213 beginning in 2011 over an estimated 20 years, ending in 2030.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

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Note 9: Long-Term Obligations (continued)

The Plant also obtained an OPWC loan for the WWTP Improvements 2013 – 2016 to be repaid in semi-annual principal payments upon project completion. OPWC has authorized this loan up to \$861,600 and the Plant continues to draw monies against this loan, therefore, the debt maturity schedule above does not reflect any amounts for principal or interest. When the loan is finalized, the principal and interest will be included above.

Note 10: Related Party Transactions

Since the continued existence of the Plant is dependent upon the participation of each Member City, all transactions between the Plant and each Member City are considered related party transactions. The Plant's transactions during 2015, involving the four Member Cities, are summarized as follows:

A. Charges for Services and Contributions for Capital Assets Replacement Fund

Charges for services revenue for 2015 consists of amounts charged to the Member Cities for wastewater treatment services provided to the Member Cities' residents, of which a portion is considered a contribution to the Plant for plant and equipment replacement. The total charges for services and contributions to the Plant are as follows:

	Charges for Services	Contributions
Bay Village	\$ 1,108,622	\$ 232,128
Fairview Park	755,749	148,356
Rocky River	1,632,671	318,614
Westlake	<u>1,208,425</u>	<u>236,902</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,705,467</u>	<u>\$ 936,000</u>

B. Land Use Agreement

The Plant is located on property of the City of Rocky River. The organizing agreement (as amended) provides for an annual payment of \$57,000 to the City for the land.

Note 11: Defined Benefit Pension Plans

A. Net Pension Liability

The net pension liability reported on the Statement of Net Position represents a liability to employees for pensions. Pensions are a component of exchange transactions—between an employer and its employees—of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions are provided to an employee—on a deferred-payment basis—as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period. The obligation to sacrifice resources for pensions is a present obligation because it was created as a result of employment exchanges that already have occurred.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

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Note 11: Defined Benefit Pension Plans (continued)

A. Net Pension Liability (continued)

The net pension liability represents the Plant's proportionate share of each pension plan's collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each pension plan's fiduciary net position. The net pension liability calculation is dependent on critical long-term variables, including estimated average life expectancies, earnings on investments, cost of living adjustments and others. While these estimates use the best information available, unknowable future events require adjusting this estimate annually.

Ohio Revised Code limits the Plant's obligation for this liability to annually required payments. The Plant cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which pensions are financed; however, the Plant does receive the benefit of employees' services in exchange for compensation including pension.

GASB 68 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires all funding to come from these employers. All contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). State statute requires the pension plans to amortize unfunded liabilities within 30 years. If the amortization period exceeds 30 years, each pension plan's board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension liability. Resulting adjustments to the net pension liability would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable.

The proportionate share of each plan's unfunded benefits is presented as a long-term *net pension liability* on the accrual basis of accounting. Any liability for the contractually-required pension contribution outstanding at the end of the year is included in accrued wages and benefits on both the accrual and modified accrual bases of accounting.

B. Plan Description – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)

Plan Description - Plant employees, other than full-time police and firefighters, participate in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS 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 and the combined plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan with defined contribution features. While members (e.g. Plant employees) may elect the member-directed plan and the combined plan, substantially all employee members are in OPERS' traditional plan; therefore, the following disclosure focuses on the traditional pension plan.

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits, and annual cost of living adjustments to members of the traditional plan. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about OPERS' fiduciary net position that may be obtained by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, by writing to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling 800-222-7377.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

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Note 11: Defined Benefit Pension Plans (continued)

B. Plan Description – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) (continued)

Senate Bill (SB) 343 was enacted into law with an effective date of January 7, 2013. In the legislation, members were categorized into three groups with varying provisions of the law applicable to each group. The following table provides age and service requirements for retirement and the retirement formula applied to final average salary (FAS) for the three member groups under the traditional plan as per the reduced benefits adopted by SB 343 (see OPERS CAFR referenced above for additional information):

Group A	Group B	Group C
Eligible to retire prior to January 7, 2013 or five years after January 7, 2013	20 years of service credit prior to January 7, 2013 or eligible to retire ten years after January 7, 2013	Members not in other Groups and members hired on or after January 7, 2013
State and Local	State and Local	State and Local
Age and Service Requirements: Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 57 with 25 years of service credit or Age 62 with 5 years of service credit
Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 35

Final average salary (FAS) represents the average of the three highest years of earnings over a member's career for Groups A and B. Group C is based on the average of the five highest years of earnings over a member's career.

Members who retire before meeting the age and years of service credit requirement for unreduced benefits receive a percentage reduction in the benefit amount.

When a benefit recipient has received benefits for 12 months, an annual cost of living adjustment (COLA) is provided. This COLA is calculated on the base retirement benefit at the date of retirement and is not compounded. For those retiring prior to January 7, 2013, the COLA will continue to be a 3 percent simple annual COLA. For those retiring subsequent to January 7, 2013, beginning in calendar year 2019, the COLA will be based on the average percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, capped at 3 percent.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

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Note 11: Defined Benefit Pension Plans (continued)

B. Plan Description – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) (continued)

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions as follows:

	<u>State and Local</u>
2015 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates	
Employer	14.0 %
Employee	10.0 %

2015 Actual Contribution Rates

Employer:	
Pension	12.0 %
Post-employment Health Care Benefits	<u>2.0 %</u>
Total Employer	<u>14.0 %</u>
Employee	10.0 %

The Plant's 2015 contribution rate was 14 percent of earnable salary. The Plant's contractually required contribution for pension was \$129,804 for 2015. Of this amount, \$15,288 is reported as accrued wages and benefits at December 31, 2015.

C. Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

The net pension liability for OPERS was measured as of December 31, 2014, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Plant's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Plant's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense:

	<u>OPERS Traditional</u>	<u>OPERS Combined</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 1,051,714	\$ (2,032)	\$ 1,049,682
Proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.008720%	0.005278%	
Pension expense	\$ 108,120	\$ 1,157	\$ 109,277

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

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Note 11: Defined Benefit Pension Plans (continued)

C. Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (continued)

At December 31, 2015, the Plant reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	OPERS <u>Traditional</u>	OPERS <u>Combined</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deferred outflow of resources			
Plant contributions subsequent to the measurement date	\$ 127,804	\$ 2,000	\$ 129,804
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	<u>56,116</u>	<u>124</u>	<u>56,240</u>
Total deferred outflow of resources	\$ <u>183,920</u>	\$ <u>2,124</u>	\$ <u>186,044</u>
Deferred inflow of resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ <u>18,477</u>	\$ <u>620</u>	\$ <u>19,097</u>
Total deferred inflow of resources	\$ <u>18,477</u>	\$ <u>620</u>	\$ <u>19,097</u>

The \$129,804 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from Plant contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending December 31, 2016. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	OPERS <u>Traditional</u>	OPERS <u>Combined</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fiscal Year Ending December 31:			
2016	\$ 5,504	\$ (43)	\$ 5,461
2017	5,504	(43)	5,461
2018	12,603	(43)	12,560
2019	14,028	(43)	13,985
2020	-	(74)	(74)
2021-2024	<u>-</u>	<u>(250)</u>	<u>(250)</u>
	\$ <u>37,639</u>	\$ <u>(496)</u>	\$ <u>37,143</u>

D. Actuarial Assumptions - OPERS

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the values of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and cost trends. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review or modification as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

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Note 11: Defined Benefit Pension Plans (continued)

D. Actuarial Assumptions – OPERS (continued)

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation. The total pension liability in the December 31, 2014, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

	<u>OPERS Traditional Plan</u>	<u>OPERS Combined Plan</u>
Wage Inflation	3.75 percent	3.75 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	4.25 to 10.05 percent	4.25 to 8.05 percent
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA	3 percent	3 percent
Investment Rate of Return	8 percent	8 percent
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age	Individual Entry Age

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Mortality Table projected 20 years using Projection Scale AA. For males, 105 percent of the combined healthy male mortality rates were used. For females, 100 percent of the combined healthy female mortality rates were used. The mortality rates used in evaluating disability allowances were based on the RP-2000 mortality table with no projections. For males 120 percent of the disabled female mortality rates were used set forward two years. For females, 100 percent of the disabled female mortality rates were used.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five year period ended December 31, 2010.

The long-term rate of return on defined benefit investment assets was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected real rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adjusted for inflation.

OPERS manages investments in four investment portfolios: the Defined Benefits portfolio, the Health Care portfolio, the 115 Health Care Trust portfolio and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The Defined Benefit portfolio includes the investment assets of the Traditional Pension Plan, the defined benefit component of the Combined Plan, the annuitized accounts of the Member-Directed Plan and the VEBA Trust. Within the Defined Benefit portfolio, contributions into the plans are all recorded at the same time, and benefit payments all occur on the first of the month. Accordingly, the money-weighted rate of return is considered to be the same for all plans within the portfolio. The money weighted rate of return, net of investments expense, for the Defined Benefit portfolio is 6.95 percent for 2014.

The allocation of investment assets with the Defined Benefit portfolio is approved by the Board of Trustees as outlined in the annual investment plan. Plan assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of achieving and maintaining a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the defined benefit pension plans.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

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Note 11: Defined Benefit Pension Plans (continued)

D. Actuarial Assumptions – OPERS (continued)

The table below displays the Board-approved asset allocation policy for 2014 and the long-term expected real rates of return:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Arithmetic)
Fixed Income	23.00%	2.31%
Domestic Equities	19.90	5.84
Real Estate	10.00	4.25
Private Equity	10.00	9.25
International Equities	19.10	7.40
Other Investments	18.00	4.59
Total	100.00%	

Discount Rate The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 8 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members and those of the contributing employers are made at the statutorily required rates. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefits payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Plant's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate The following table presents the Plant's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 8 percent, as well as what the Plant's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (7 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (9 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (7%)	Discount Rate (8%)	1% Increase (9%)
Plant's proportionate share of the net pension liability – Traditional	\$ 1,934,851	\$ 1,051,714	\$ 307,898
Plant's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) – Combined	\$ 264	\$ (2,032)	\$ (3,853)

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

Note 12: Post-Employment Benefits

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (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 two cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment health care trusts, which fund multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage, deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement and Medicare Part B premium reimbursements, 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 OPERS sponsored health care coverage.

In order to qualify for health care coverage, age-and-service retirees under the Traditional Pension and Combined plans must have 20 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. Please see the Plan Statement in the OPERS 2014 CAFR for details.

The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require, OPERS to provide health care to its eligible benefit recipients. Authority to establish and amend health care coverage is provided to the Board 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/financial/reports.shtml#CAFR>, by writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, OH 43215-4642, or by calling 614-222-5601 or 800-222-7377.

The Ohio Revised Code provides the statutory authority requiring public employers to fund health care through their contributions to OPERS. A portion of each employer's contribution to OPERS is set aside to fund OPERS health care plans.

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the earnable salary of active members. In 2015, State and Local employers contributed at a rate of 14.0% of earnable salary. This is the maximum employer contribution rate permitted by the Ohio Revised Code. Active member contributions do not fund health care.

OPERS maintains three health care trusts. The two cost-sharing, multiple-employer trusts, the 401(h) Health Care Trust and the 115 Health Care Trust, work together to provide health care funding to eligible retirees of the Traditional Pension and Combined plans. The third trust is a Voluntary Employee's Beneficiary Association (VEBA) that provides funding for a Retiree Medical Account for Member-Directed Plan members. Each year, the OPERS Board of Trustees determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside to fund health care plans. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for members in the Traditional Pension Plan and Combined Plan was 2.0% during calendar year 2015. As recommended by OPERS' actuary, the portion of employer contributions allocated to health care beginning January 1, 2016 remained at 2.0% for both plans. The Board 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.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

Note 12: Post-Employment Benefits (continued)

The employer contribution as a percentage of covered payroll deposited to the VEBA for participants in the Member-Directed Plan for 2015 was 4.5%. The Plant's contributions for health care for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013 were \$22,074, \$20,867, and \$10,499, respectively. The full amount has been contributed for 2014 and 2013. For 2015, 90.11 percent has been contributed, with the remainder being reported as a liability in the accrued wages and benefits.

Note 13: Contractual Commitments

At December 31, 2015, the Plant's significant contractual commitments consisted of:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Remaining on Contract</u>
Building Maintenance and Repair	\$ 50,100	\$ 17,880	\$ 32,220
Equipment Purchase and Maintenance	73,900	2,681	71,219
Professional Services	92,786	48,484	44,302
Pump Replacement Project	199,500	190,000	9,500
2013-2016 Capital Improvement Project	765,832	160,488	605,344
2014-2017 Capital Improvement Project	981,229	263,586	717,643
Total	\$ <u>2,163,347</u>	\$ <u>683,119</u>	\$ <u>1,480,228</u>

Note 14: Permitting and Compliance

The Plant operates under Ohio NPDES Permit No. 3PE00009*KD that was issued December 5, 2011 for the period January 1, 2012 to July 31, 2016.

There were two compliance issues in December 2015, both relating to construction activities taking place at the Plant: CBOD at 15.111 mg/L for monthly average, 0.7% higher than permitted, and oil and grease at 11.2 mg/L, 12% higher than permitted. Both issues were timely reported to Ohio EPA and as of the date of this report, no penalty has been imposed by the Ohio EPA. Further, Plant management is of the opinion no penalty will be imposed for these incidents.

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Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the Plant's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
Ohio Public Employee Retirement System – Traditional Plan

Last Two Years (1)

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Plant's proportion of the net pension liability	0.008720%	0.008720%
Plant's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 1,051,714	\$ 1,027,959
Plant's covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,016,709	\$ 1,013,273
Plant's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	103.44%	101.45%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	86.45%	n/a

(1) Information prior to 2013 is not available.

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Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the Plant's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Asset
Ohio Public Employee Retirement System – Combined Plan

Last Two Years (1)

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Plant's proportion of the net pension asset	0.005278%	0.005278%
Plant's proportionate share of the net pension asset	\$ 2,032	\$ 554
Plant's covered-employee payroll	\$ 17,822	\$ 15,854
Plant's proportionate share of the net pension asset as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	11.40%	3.49%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension asset	114.83%	n/a

(1) Information prior to 2013 is not available.

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Required Supplementary Information
 Schedule of the Plant Contributions
 Ohio Public Employee Retirement System – Traditional Plan

For The Last Ten Years

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Contractually-required contribution	\$ 127,804	\$ 122,005	\$ 131,726	\$ 93,031	\$ 107,776
Contributions in relation to the contractually-required contribution	<u>(127,804)</u>	<u>(122,005)</u>	<u>(131,726)</u>	<u>(93,031)</u>	<u>(107,776)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>
Plant covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,065,035	\$ 1,016,709	\$ 1,013,273	\$ 930,308	\$ 1,077,756
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	12.00%	12.00%	13.00%	10.00%	10.00%
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Contractually-required contribution	\$ 100,498	\$ 84,180	\$ 70,449	\$ 79,996	\$ 84,835
Contributions in relation to the contractually-required contribution	<u>(100,498)</u>	<u>(84,180)</u>	<u>(70,449)</u>	<u>(79,996)</u>	<u>(84,835)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>
Plant covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,116,642	\$ 990,352	\$ 1,006,420	\$ 953,038	\$ 922,122
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	9.00%	8.50%	7.00%	8.35%	9.20%

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Required Supplementary Information
 Schedule of the Plant Contributions
 Ohio Public Employee Retirement System – Combined Plan

For The Last Ten Years

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Contractually-required contribution	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,139	\$ 2,061	\$ 1,456	\$ 1,686
Contributions in relation to the contractually-required contribution	<u>(2,000)</u>	<u>(2,139)</u>	<u>(2,061)</u>	<u>(1,456)</u>	<u>(1,686)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ <u>-</u>				
Plant covered-employee payroll	\$ 16,663	\$ 17,822	\$ 15,854	\$ 14,556	\$ 16,863
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	12.00%	12.00%	13.00%	10.00%	10.00%
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Contractually-required contribution	\$ 1,572	\$ 1,317	\$ 1,102	\$ 1,252	\$ 1,327
Contributions in relation to the contractually-required contribution	<u>(1,572)</u>	<u>(1,317)</u>	<u>(1,102)</u>	<u>(1,252)</u>	<u>(1,327)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ <u>-</u>				
Plant covered-employee payroll	\$ 17,471	\$ 15,495	\$ 15,746	\$ 14,990	\$ 14,428
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	9.00%	8.50%	7.00%	8.35%	9.20%

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Supplemental Information

Schedule of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Equity – Budget (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis) and Actual

For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

	Budget		Actual	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Charges for Services	\$ 5,454,359	\$ 5,454,359	\$ 4,816,742	\$ (637,617)
Intergovernmental	3,303,302	3,303,302	403,096	(2,900,206)
Other Revenues	4,500	4,500	18,750	14,250
Investment Revenue	6,800	6,800	5,366	(1,434)
Total Revenues	<u>8,768,961</u>	<u>8,768,961</u>	<u>5,243,954</u>	<u>(3,525,007)</u>
Expenses:				
Personal Services	1,611,350	1,673,204	1,600,432	72,772
Contractual Services	1,084,468	1,093,168	861,159	232,009
Materials and Supplies	580,219	571,519	483,207	88,312
Heat, Light and Power	715,000	715,000	619,009	95,991
Landfill	299,268	299,268	249,375	49,893
Capital Outlay	5,070,150	5,070,150	2,102,161	2,967,989
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	627,036	627,036	626,807	229
Interest and Fiscal Charges	<u>379,300</u>	<u>379,300</u>	<u>379,141</u>	<u>159</u>
Total Expenses	<u>10,366,791</u>	<u>10,428,645</u>	<u>6,921,291</u>	<u>3,507,354</u>
Net Change in Fund Equity	(1,597,830)	(1,659,684)	(1,677,337)	(17,653)
Fund Equity at Beginning of Year	1,580,153	1,580,153	1,580,153	-
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	<u>1,642,887</u>	<u>1,642,887</u>	<u>1,642,887</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Equity at End of Year	\$ <u>1,625,210</u>	\$ <u>1,563,356</u>	\$ <u>1,545,703</u>	\$ <u>(17,653)</u>

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

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Supplemental Information

Schedule of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Equity – Budget (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis) and Actual (continued)

For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the changes in net position to the changes in fund equity.

Change in Net Position	\$	(325,471)
Net Adjustments for Revenue Accruals		405,140
Net Adjustments for Expense Accruals		(974,649)
Depreciation Expense		1,500,180
Additions of Capital Assets		(659,014)
Encumbrances		<u>(1,623,523)</u>
Change in Fund Equity	\$	<u><u>(1,677,337)</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

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Notes to Supplemental Information

For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

Note 1: Budgetary Basis of Accounting

On the accrual basis of accounting used by the Plant, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

The Schedule of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Equity – Budget (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis) and Actual is presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The budgetary basis, as provided by the general laws of the State of Ohio, is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. In addition, allocations of cost, such as depreciation, are not recognized on a budgetary basis; and outlays for capital assets are capitalized on a GAAP basis.

The table on page 36 presents the adjustments necessary to reconcile the Change in Net Position (GAAP basis) to the Net Change in Fund Equity (budgetary basis).

Note 2: Budgetary Data

The Plant fund is required to be budgeted and appropriated in accordance with the general laws of the State of Ohio. The budget documents prepared are the Alternative Tax Budget Information, the Certificate of Estimated Resources, and the Appropriations Ordinance, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The Certificate of Estimated Resources establishes a limit on the amount the Management Committee may recommend to appropriate. The Appropriations Ordinance of the City of Rocky River is authorization to spend resources and sets annual limits on expenditures plus encumbrances at the level of control. The legal level of control has been established through the Appropriation Ordinance at the object level. Budgetary modifications may only be made by supplemental Appropriation Ordinance.

The Certificate of Estimated Resources may be amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the City of Rocky River Director of Finance as fiscal agent. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts on the budgetary schedule reflect the amounts on the Certificate of Estimated Resources when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the amended Certificate of Estimated Resources in effect at the time the permanent appropriations were enacted.

The Appropriation Ordinance is subject to amendment throughout the year with the restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts reflect the first Appropriation Ordinance for the Plant that covered the entire year, including encumbered amounts carried forward from prior years. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the permanent appropriations amounts, as supplemented.

For management purposes, monthly budget-to-actual comparisons are reported to the Superintendent and Management Committee Chair.

**Independent Auditor’s 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 Management Committee of the
Rocky River Wastewater Treatment Plant
Rocky River, 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 business-type activities Rocky River Wastewater Treatment Plant (the “Plant”), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Plant’s basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 30, 2016, wherein we noted the Plant implemented Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions- an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*, and GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68*, and as a result restated the December 31, 2014 net position, as disclosed in Note 3.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Plant’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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plant’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plant’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 Plant’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.

To the Management Committee of the
Rocky River Wastewater Treatment Plant
Rocky River, Ohio

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Ciuni + Panichi, Inc.

Cleveland, Ohio
June 30, 2016

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ROCKY RIVER WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

CUYAHOGA 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
OCTOBER 4, 2016**