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For the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016**

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We have reviewed the *Independent Accountants' Report* of the Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste, Geauga County, prepared by Perry & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, A.C., for the audit period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017. 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 Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Auditor of State

May 31, 2018

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

May 15, 2018

Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District  
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5138 Enterprise Drive Northwest  
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To the Board of Directors:

### ***Report on the Financial Statements***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the cash balances, receipts and disbursements by fund type, and related notes of **Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District**, Geauga County, (the District) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit; this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the District's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we express no opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our audit opinions.

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***Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles***

As described in Note 2 of the financial statements, the District prepared these financial statements using the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D), which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), to satisfy these requirements.

Although the effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory accounting basis and GAAP are not reasonably determinable, we presume they are material.

Though the District does not intend these statements to conform to GAAP, auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America require us to include an adverse opinion on GAAP. However, the adverse opinion does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit. Our opinion on this accounting basis is in the *Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting* paragraph below.

***Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles***

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the District as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, or changes in financial position thereof for the years then ended.

***Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances, receipts and disbursements by fund type, and related notes of Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District, Geauga County as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, for the years then ended in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit, described in Note 2.

***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 15, 2018, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine 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 District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



**Perry & Associates**  
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Marietta, Ohio

**GEAUGA-TRUMBULL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
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CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (REGULATORY CASH BASIS)  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
<b>Cash Receipts</b>			
Charges for Services	\$ 1,808,814	\$ -	\$ 1,808,814
Other Revenue	52,888	-	52,888
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	1,861,702	-	1,861,702
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>			
Current:			
Salaries plus Medicare	199,037	-	199,037
Hospitalization	44,870	-	44,870
Public Employee's Retirement	23,273	-	23,273
Worker's Compensation	605	-	605
Supplies	14,587	-	14,587
Contracts - Services	1,022,970	-	1,022,970
Travel	7,590	-	7,590
Legal	39,488	-	39,488
Other	29,472	-	29,472
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	1,381,892	-	1,381,892
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	479,810	-	479,810
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	4,260,829	2,948	4,263,777
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>			
Restricted	-	2,948	2,948
Assigned	672,503	-	672,503
Unassigned	4,068,136	-	4,068,136
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	\$ 4,740,639	\$ 2,948	\$ 4,743,587

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

**GEAUGA-TRUMBULL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**GEAUGA COUNTY**

*Notes to the Financial Statements*

*For the Year Ended December 31, 2017*

**Note 1 – Reporting Entity**

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

**Public Entity Risk Pool**

The District participates in a public entity risk pool, Note 4 to the financial statements provides additional information for the entity.

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

**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

***Basis of Presentation***

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***Fund Accounting***

The District uses funds 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. The funds of the District are presented below:

***General Fund*** The general fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. The general fund balance is available to the District for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

***Special Revenue Funds*** These funds account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The District had the following significant Special Revenue Fund:

***Recycle Ohio Grant Fund*** This fund receives grant monies to be used for the implementation of solid waste reduction, recycling, and litter prevention programs.

***Basis of Accounting***

These financial statements follow the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 (D). This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Board recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 (D) permit.

**GEAUGA-TRUMBULL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**  
*GEAUGA COUNTY*  
*Notes to the Financial Statements*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2017*  
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**Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

***Budgetary Process***

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

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

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

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

A summary of 2017 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

***Deposits and Investments***

As the Ohio Revised Code permits, the Geauga County Treasurer holds the District's deposits as the District's custodian. The County holds the District's assets in its investment pool, valued at the Treasurer's reported carrying amount.

***Capital Assets***

The District records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

***Accumulated Leave***

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

***Fund Balance***

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the District must observe constraints imposed upon the use of its governmental-fund resources. The classifications are as follows:

***Nonspendable*** The District classifies assets as *nonspendable* when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact.

***Restricted*** Fund balance is *restricted* when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

**GEAUGA-TRUMBULL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**  
**GEAUGA COUNTY**  
*Notes to the Financial Statements*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2017*  
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**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**Fund Balance (Continued)**

**Committed** Commissioners can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The District must adhere to these commitments unless the Commissioners amend the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

**Assigned** Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. Governmental funds other than the general fund report all fund balances as *assigned* unless they are restricted or committed. In the general fund, *assigned* amounts represent intended uses established by the Commissioners or a District official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State Statute.

**Unassigned** Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes amounts not included in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The District applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

**Note 3 – Budgetary Activity**

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2017 follows:

2017 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 1,396,625	\$ 1,861,702	\$ 465,077
Total	\$ 1,396,625	\$ 1,861,702	\$ 465,077

2017 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 2,369,930	\$ 1,518,145	\$ 851,785
Total	\$ 2,369,930	\$ 1,518,145	\$ 851,785

**GEAUGA-TRUMBULL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**  
*GEAUGA COUNTY*  
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**Note 4 - Risk Management**

***Commercial Insurance***

The District has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

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

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District, as part of the County, contracts with CORSA (County Risk Sharing Authority) for all property and liability coverage including automobiles, equipment breakdown, crime, and direct physical loss or damage. The Travelers Insurance Company insures boilers.

Limits of liability for each occurrence are \$1,000,000 with a deductible of \$2,500. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years. There has not been a significant change in coverage from the prior year.

For Workers' Compensation purposes, the District participates in the County's plan. It is a charge back program that charges each department based on both claims experience and payroll. With charge back, the proportionate amount of contributions are charged to departments with claims affecting the County's premium. Implementation of the charge back program began with the 2009 budget with a planned phase in over four successive years at increasing increments of 25 percent each year and continuing thereafter. The charge back is fully operational.

To further achieve lower Workers' Compensation rates, the District has participated with the County in the BWC Premium Discount Plus program and the Safety Council rebate program to obtain discounts and rebates that are applied against the County's Workers' Compensation premium.

***Risk Pool Membership***

***County Risk Sharing Authority*** (CORSA) is a public entity risk sharing pool among sixty-five counties in Ohio. CORSA was established in 1987 as an Ohio nonprofit, self-insured pool to provide member counties with the best comprehensive property and liability coverage and highest quality risk management services at a stable and competitive price.

Member Counties agree to jointly participate in coverage of losses and pay all contributions necessary for the specified insurance coverage provided by CORSA. CORSA provides comprehensive coverage and risk management services for property and liability coverage including general liability, law enforcement liability, automobile liability, errors and omissions, direct physical loss or damage, equipment breakdown and crime.

CORSA is governed by nine Directors, who are County Commissioners from member counties. The Directors are elected by CORSA members and are eligible to serve three, two-year terms. The officers are elected by the Board of Directors, and are eligible to serve two, one-year terms. Each member county designates a voting representative and alternate in accordance with CORSA's Code of Regulations.

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*Notes to the Financial Statements*  
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**Note 5 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

***Ohio Public Employees Retirement System***

The District's employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OPERS members contributed 10%, of their gross salaries and the District contributed an amount equaling 14%, of participants' gross salaries. The District has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2017.

Retirement Rates	Year	Member Rates	Employer Rates
OPERS - Local	2012 - 2017	10%	14%

**Note 6 – Postemployment Benefits**

OPERS offers a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plan, which includes 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. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for members in the Traditional Pension Plan and Combined Plan was 1.0 percent during calendar year 2017.

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	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
<b>Cash Receipts</b>			
Charges for Services	\$ 1,612,264	\$ -	\$ 1,612,264
Other Revenue	29,737	-	29,737
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	1,642,001	-	1,642,001
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>			
Current:			
Salaries plus Medicare	208,458	-	208,458
Hospitalization	44,029	-	44,029
Public Employee's Retirement	28,730	-	28,730
Worker's Compensation	371	-	371
Supplies	11,065	-	11,065
Contracts - Services	890,612	-	890,612
Travel	12,343	-	12,343
Legal	32,276	-	32,276
Other	20,549	-	20,549
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	1,248,433	-	1,248,433
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	393,568	-	393,568
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	3,867,261	2,948	3,870,209
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>			
Restricted	-	2,948	2,948
Assigned	973,305	-	973,305
Unassigned	3,287,524	-	3,287,524
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	\$ 4,260,829	\$ 2,948	\$ 4,263,777

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**GEAUGA-TRUMBULL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

*GEAUGA COUNTY*

*Notes to the Financial Statements*

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**Note 3 – Budgetary Activity**

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2016 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 1,596,000	\$ 1,642,001	\$ 46,001
Total	\$ 1,596,000	\$ 1,642,001	\$ 46,001

2016 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 2,251,618	\$ 1,388,863	\$ 862,755
Total	\$ 2,251,618	\$ 1,388,863	\$ 862,755

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***County Risk Sharing Authority*** (CORSA) is a public entity risk sharing pool among sixty-five counties in Ohio. CORSA was established in 1987 as an Ohio nonprofit, self-insured pool to provide member counties with the best comprehensive property and liability coverage and highest quality risk management services at a stable and competitive price.

Member Counties agree to jointly participate in coverage of losses and pay all contributions necessary for the specified insurance coverage provided by CORSA. CORSA provides comprehensive coverage and risk management services for property and liability coverage including general liability, law enforcement liability, automobile liability, errors and omissions, direct physical loss or damage, equipment breakdown and crime.

CORSA is governed by nine Directors, who are County Commissioners from member counties. The Directors are elected by CORSA members and are eligible to serve three, two-year terms. The officers are elected by the Board of Directors, and are eligible to serve two, one-year terms. Each member county designates a voting representative and alternate in accordance with CORSA's Code of Regulations.

**GEAUGA-TRUMBULL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**  
**GEAUGA COUNTY**  
*Notes to the Financial Statements*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2016*  
*(Continued)*

**Note 5 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

***Ohio Public Employees Retirement System***

The District's employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OPERS members contributed 10%, of their gross salaries and the District contributed an amount equaling 14%, of participants' gross salaries. The District has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2016.

Retirement Rates	Year	Member Rates	Employer Rates
OPERS - Local	2012 - 2016	10%	14%

**Note 6 – Postemployment Benefits**

OPERS offers a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plan, which includes 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. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for members in the Traditional Pension Plan and Combined Plan was 2.0 percent during calendar year 2016.



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER  
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS  
REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

May 15, 2018

Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District  
Geauga County  
5138 Enterprise Drive Northwest  
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To the Board of Directors:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the cash balances, receipts, and disbursements by fund type of **Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District**, Geauga County, (the District) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 15, 2018, wherein we noted the District followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinion on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the District's financial statements. 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 internal control deficiencies that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Therefore, unidentified material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of audit findings that we consider a material weakness. We consider finding 2017-001 to be a material weakness.

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### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of reasonably assuring whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **Purpose of this Report**

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



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

**SCHEDULE OF AUDIT FINDINGS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016**

<b>FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS</b>
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**FINDING NUMBER 2017-001**

**Material Weakness**

**Fund Balance Classifications and Financial Reporting**

The District should have procedures and controls in place to help prevent and detect errors in financial reporting.

During 2017 and 2016, fund balances were not always classified correctly based on Governmental Accounting Standards Statement No. 54 and footnote disclosures were not always presented correctly. The following errors were noted:

- Outstanding encumbrances for the General Fund were misclassified as Committed instead of Assigned in 2017 and 2016;
- Subsequent year appropriations that exceeded estimated receipts were misclassified as Unassigned instead of Assigned in 2017 and 2016;
- The District did not properly reflect outstanding encumbrances in the Budgetary footnote in 2017 and 2016;
- The District improperly excluded a Postemployment Benefits footnote disclosure in 2017 and 2016.

As a result, reclassifications and modifications were made in order to fairly present the annual financial report. The financial statements and footnotes reflect these reclassifications and modifications.

To help ensure accuracy and reliability in the financial reporting process, we recommend management perform a detailed review of its draft financial statements.

We also recommend the District refer to Auditor of State Bulletin 2011-004 for assistance in properly classifying fund balances. The District should also ensure all applicable footnote disclosures are accurately reported.

**Management's Response –** We did not receive a response from officials to this finding.

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**GEAUGA-TRUMBULL SOLID WASTE DISTRICT**

**GEAUGA 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  
JUNE 14, 2018**