



MARBLE CLIFF QUARRY COMMUNITY AUTHORITY FRANKLIN COUNTY

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Marble Cliff Quarry Community Authority Franklin County 842 North 4th Street, Suite 200 Columbus, Ohio 43215

To the Board of Trustees:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Marble Cliff Quarry Community Authority, Franklin County, Ohio (the Authority), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021 and the period of April 10, 2020 through December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Marble Cliff Quarry Community Authority, Franklin County, Ohio as of The year ended December 31, 2021 and the period of April 10, 2020 through December 31, 2020, and the changes in financial position and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards,* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Authority, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Authority's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, we

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to
 fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures
 include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial
 statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Authority's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that
 raise substantial doubt about the Authority's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable
 period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the *management's discussion and analysis* be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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.

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Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 29, 2022, on our consideration of the Authority'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. The purpose of that report is solely 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 the effectiveness of the Authority's 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 Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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November 29, 2022

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

Year ended December 31, 2021 and the period of April 10, 2020 through December 31, 2020 Unaudited

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Financial Highlights

Key highlights for 2021 and 2020:

- □ The Authority undertook project financing by issuing bonds and constructing public infrastructure.
- □ The Authority's total net position increased \$13,012,806 in 2021 due to the increase in project financing.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the Authority's financial activities and financial position. The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position provide information about the activities of the Authority, including all short-term and long-term financial resources and obligations.

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These financial statements look at all financial transactions and ask the question, "How did we do financially?" These statements provide answers to that question. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position include all assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses of the Authority using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by private sector companies. This basis of accounting considers all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when the cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Authority's net position and the changes in net position. The change in net position is important because it tells the reader whether the financial position of the Authority has improved or diminished. However, in evaluating this position, non-financial information such as occupancy will also need to be evaluated. The Notes to the Financial Statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

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Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of financial position. In the case of the Authority assets exceeded liabilities by \$12,839,925 as of December 31, 2021.

The following table provides a summary of the Authority's net position for the year ended December 31, 2021 and the period of April 10, 2020 through December 31, 2020:

Table 1 Net Position

	 2021	2020	
Assets			
Current and other assets	\$ 3,615,237	\$ 291,063	
Capital assets	 15,960,266	 6,266,874	
Total Assets	 19,575,503	 6,557,937	
Liabilities			
Current liabilities	100,625	48,094	
Noncurrent liabilities	 6,635,353	 6,683,124	
Total Liabilities	 6,735,978	 6,731,218	
Net Position			
Net investment in capital assets	9,274,913	(127,687)	
Restricted	3,376,982	-	
Unrestricted	 187,630	 (45,594)	
Total Net Postion	\$ 12,839,525	\$ (173,281)	

While the Authority was created in 2019, no financial activity occurred until 2020 when bonds were issued to finance public infrastructure.

As discussed in Note 7 to the financial statements, the Authority is party to a Cooperative Agreement with the City and the Developer. The Authority has issued revenue bonds to pay for construction of certain infrastructure public improvements. The sources for repayment of bonds and related interest are tax increment financing (TIF) payments which have been assigned by the City to the Authority and the Authority's own community development charge revenues collected.

In 2021, the Authority received \$13,070,004 for project financing in accordance with a Cooperative Agreement (Agreement) as discussed in Note 7 to the financial statements with the Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority (CFCFA), the Dayton-Montgomery County Port Authority (DMCPA) and the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority (TLCPA). The parties have determined to cooperate with each other to assist the Developer of the project in its undertaking and financing of the project.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Year ended December 31, 2021 and the period of April 10, 2020 through December 31, 2020 Unaudited

The following table provides a summary of the changes in the Authority's net position for the year ended December 31, 2021 and the period of April 10, 2020 through December 31, 2020:

	_	2021	2020
Operating revenues:			
Assessed valuation charges	\$	553,546	\$ -
Total operating revenues		553,546	 _
Operating expenses:			
Professional services		14,197	 -
Total operating expenses		14,197	 -
Operating income		539,349	
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):			
Interest		525	-
Interest expense		(597,072)	(48,094)
Intergovernmental project financing		13,070,004	-
Bond issuance costs		-	 (125,187)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)		12,473,457	 (173,281)
Change in net position		13,012,806	(173,281)
Net position, beginning of year		(173,281)	-
Net position, end of year	\$	12,839,525	\$ (173,281)

Table 2Changes in Net Position

The Authority started collecting its community development charges in the form of Assessed Valuation Charges in 2021. In 2021, the Authority received project financing as noted above. Finally, the Authority recorded nonoperating expense for its bond issuance costs and interest on the bonds in 2020.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

As of December 31, 2021, the Authority had land and construction in progress on public infrastructure and issued bonds in the amount of \$6,750,000 during 2020.

Economic Factors and Future Trends

Phase 1 of the Development will consist of approximately 43,000 square feet of office space, 293 apartment units, 12 single family homes, and 31 condominiums. The total market value for Phase 1 is approximately \$93.7 million and is scheduled to be completed by 2022. Included as part of the Development is a public infrastructure construction plan including water, sewer and storm sewer improvements, road, sidewalk and streetscape improvements, and parks and recreation improvements, with acquisition of real estate and interests in that property all improved to City of Columbus public works standards.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Year ended December 31, 2021 and the period of April 10, 2020 through December 31, 2020 Unaudited

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, creditors, investors and elected officials with an overview of the Authority's finances and to show accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional information, contact the Authority's Treasurer, 842 N. 4th Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

MARBLE CLIFF QUARRY COMMUNITY AUTHORITY STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND THE PERIOD OF APRIL 10, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020

ASSETS		<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Current assets: Cash	\$_	238,255	2,500
Restricted assets: Cash with fiscal agents	-	3,376,982	288,563
Capital assets: Land and construction in progress Total assets	-	15,960,266 19,575,503	6,266,874 6,557,937
LIABILITIES Current liabilities:			
Accrued interest payable Bonds payable-current Total current liabilities	-	50,625 50,000 100,625	48,094 48,094
Noncurrent liabilities: Bonds payable, net of current portion	-	6,635,353	6,683,124
Total liabilities	-	6,735,978	6,731,218
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets		9,274,913	(127,687)
Restricted for capital projects Unrestricted		3,376,982 187,630	- (45,594)
Total net position	\$	12,839,525	(173,281)

MARBLE CLIFF QUARRY COMMUNITY AUTHORITY STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND THE PERIOD OF APRIL 10, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020

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MARBLE CLIFF QUARRY COMMUNITY AUTHORITY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND THE PERIOD OF APRIL 10, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020

	2021	2020
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Cash received from land owners	\$ 553,546	-
Cash paid for goods and services	(14,197)	-
Net cash provided by operating activities	539,349	-
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:		
Intergovernmental project financing	13,070,004	-
Payments to developer	(9,693,392)	-
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	3,376,612	-
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
Payments for capital acquisition	-	(6,266,874)
Bond proceeds	-	6,683,124
Bond issuance costs	-	(125,187)
Bond interest payments	(592,313)	
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	(592,313)	291,063
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Interest income	526	
Net change in cash	3,324,174	291,063
Cash at beginning of year	291,063	-
Cash at end of year	\$ 3,615,237	291,063

Notes to Basic Financial Statements Year ended December 31, 2021 and the period of April 10, 2020 through December 31, 2020

1. **REPORTING ENTITY**

The Marble Cliff Quarry Community Authority, Franklin County, Ohio (the "Authority") is a community authority created pursuant to Chapter 349 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC). Marble Cliff Canyon, LLC (the Developer) filed a petition (the Petition) for creation of the Authority with the City Council of the City of Columbus (City), Ohio, (Council) and the Petition was accepted by Resolution No. 0284X-2019 of the Council on October 14, 2019. The Petition, which may be subject to amendment or change, defines the boundaries of the Authority and allows the Authority to finance the costs of publicly owned and operated improvements and community facilities with Community Development Charges.

By its Resolution, the Council determined the Authority would be conducive to the public health, safety, convenience and welfare, and that it was intended to result in the development of a new community as described in ORC. The Authority thereby was organized as a body corporate and politic in the State. While the Authority was formed in 2019, no financial activity occurred until 2020.

By law, the Authority is governed by a seven-member board of trustees. At inception, the Council appointed four of the trustees and the remaining three trustees were appointed by the Developer.

The Authority includes approximately 82 acres of land located in the City with a planned development of approximately 43,000 square feet of office space, at least 943 apartment units, at least 500 single family homes and condominiums and 16,000 square feet of retail space.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation – The financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of cash flows.

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated from the primary activity of the Authority and will consist of assessed valuation charges. Operating expenses consist primary of administrative expenses. All revenues and expenses not meeting these definitions are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

Cash – The Authority considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time they are purchased to be cash.

Capital Assets and Depreciation – Capital assets, including infrastructure, are recorded at historical cost for assets acquired or constructed and acquisition value for contributed infrastructure. Expenses that increase values or extend the useful life of the respective assets are capitalized while the costs of maintenance and repairs are charged to operating expenses. Interest costs related to the construction are capitalized. Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the various classes of assets. The useful life for computing depreciation is 50 years for infrastructure.

Bonds Payable and Discounts – Bonds payable are reported net of the unamortized bond discount which is deferred and amortized over the term of the bonds. Issuance costs are expensed as incurred.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements Year ended December 31, 2021 and the period of April 10, 2020 through December 31, 2020

Net Position – Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. 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 through the enabling legislation adopted by the Authority or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. The Authority applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

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

3. DEPOSITS

Deposits – Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Authority's deposits may not be returned to it. The Authority does not have a custodial risk policy beyond the requirements of State statute. Any public depository in which the Authority places deposits must pledge as collateral eligible securities of aggregate market value equal to the excess of deposits not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

Cash Equivalents - As of December 31, 2021, the Authority had cash on deposit with Huntington Bank (Trustee) in accordance with the Authority's Master Trust Agreement with the Trustee. The amount on deposit with the Trustee at December 31, 2021 and 2020 was \$3,615,237 and \$291,063, respectively and consists of a US Treasury money market fund.

4. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CHARGES

The Authority can levy community development charges, as defined, for the benefit and use of the Authority to cover all or part of land acquisitions, development, construction, operation and maintenance of land, land development and community facilities, the debt service therefor and any other cost incurred by the Authority. The Authority levied an Assessed Valuation Charge in 2021.

Assessed Valuation Charge

The Assessed Valuation Charge is an annual charge on each chargeable parcel of land within the Authority based on the assessed valuation of each parcel and subject to minimum assessed valuation charge. The Charge is intended to cover costs of acquisition, development and maintenance of land as well as debt service and operations.

5. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Under an agreement with the Authority, the Developer was responsible for overseeing the construction and development of the public infrastructure projects. In addition, the Developer will fulfill certain administrative and operational functions for the Authority on an ongoing basis.

By law, the Authority is governed by a seven-member board of trustees. The Council appointed four of the trustees and the remaining three trustees were appointed by the Developer. The trustees appointed by the Developer are employees of a related party to the Developer. The trustee serving as Secretary also works for the Authority's law firm.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements Year ended December 31, 2021 and the period of April 10, 2020 through December 31, 2020

6. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2021 and the period of April 10, 2020 through December 31, 2020 was as follows:

		Balance		_	Balance
	_	1/1/21	Increases	Decreases	12/31/21
Capital assets not being depreciated:					
Land	\$	-	8,221,060	-	8,221,060
Construction in progress		6,266,874	1,472,332	-	7,739,206
		6,266,874	9,693,392		15,960,266
		Balance			Balance
	-	1/1/20	Increases	Decreases	12/31/20
Capital assets not being depreciated:					
Construction in progress	\$	-	6,266,874		6,266,874

7. PLEDGED REVENUE, COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AND REVENUE BONDS

In December 2020, the Authority issued Subordinate Development Revenue Bonds pursuant to a Trust Indenture dated as of December 1, 2020 between the Authority and The Huntington National Bank, as Trustee (Trustee). Principal and interest on the Series 2020 Bonds will be payable solely by the Authority from the pledged revenues received pursuant to a Cooperative Agreement (Agreement) among the Authority, City of Columbus, and the Developer.

The Bonds are payable from revenues consisting primarily of financing payments as defined in the Agreement. Pursuant to the Agreement, the Authority is obligated to make financing payments, solely from the service payments tax increment financing (TIF) payments received by the City on behalf of the Authority. The City approved the TIF Ordinance for the property. The City has assigned TIF Payments to the Authority and directed those to be paid directly to the Trustee on behalf of the Authority. In addition, the Authority is authorized to charge property owners a community development charge which consists of a minimum assessed valuation charge based on parcel valuations and is also pledged for debt service.

The Subordinate Development Revenue Bonds of \$6,750,000 have a final maturity of December 1, 2050 and bear interest at 9%. The bonds were issued to pay a portion of the costs of certain public infrastructure improvements constructed by the Developer.

Debt activity for the year ended December 31, 2021 and the period of April 10, 2020 through December 31, 2020 was as follows:

	Balance 1/1/21	Additions	Reductions	Balance 12/31/21	Due Within <u>One Year</u>
2020 Revenue Bonds Less deferred amount	\$ 6,750,000	-	-	6,750,000	50,000
for issuance discounts	(66,876)		2,229	(64,647)	
	\$ 6,683,124		2,229	6,685,353	50,000

Notes to Basic Financial Statements Year ended December 31, 2021 and the period of April 10, 2020 through December 31, 2020

	Balance 1/1/20	Additions	Reductions	Balance 12/31/20	Due Within <u>One Year</u>
2020 Revenue Bonds Less deferred amount	\$ -	6,750,000	-	6,750,000	-
for issuance discounts		(66,876)		(66,876)	
	\$ 	6,683,124		6,683,124	-

Principal and interest payments to retire the Bonds as of December 31, 2021 are as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	\$ 50,000	607,500	657,500
2023	60,000	603,000	663,000
2024	75,000	597,600	672,600
2025	80,000	590,850	670,850
2026	90,000	583,650	673,650
2027-2031	615,000	2,777,850	3,392,850
2032-2036	905,000	2,444,850	3,349,850
2037-2041	1,095,000	2,014,650	3,109,650
2042-2046	1,725,000	1,418,400	3,143,400
2047-2050	2,055,000	483,300	2,538,300
Total	\$ 6,750,000	12,121,650	18,871,650

The Authority entered a Cooperative Agreement (Agreement) with the Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority (CFCFA), the Dayton-Montgomery County Port Authority (DMCPA) and the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority (TLCPA). The parties have determined to cooperate with each other to assist the Developer in its undertaking and financing of the project. CFCFA and Summit agreed to finance a portion of the project and issued bonds as follows:

2021C Development Revenue Bonds (CFCFA) \$6,055,000 2021C Development Revenue Bonds (DMCPA) \$5,065,000 2021A Development Revenue Bonds (TLCPA) \$5,065,000

From these three bond issuances, the Authority received \$13,070,004 for project financing in 2021.

Under this agreement, the Authority shall levy and collect community development charges in accordance with the Declaration and transfer certain revenues to a trustee for debt service. Under the agreement, the Authority can use community development charges for administrative disbursements but the remaining revenues are considered pledged.

The debt is payable from revenues consisting primarily of financing payments as defined in the Agreement. In future years, the Authority will record a disbursement to the trustee for community development charges pledged and paid.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements Year ended December 31, 2021 and the period of April 10, 2020 through December 31, 2020

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts and liability, damage to and theft of or destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. The Authority maintains insurance coverage with private carriers for property and general liability insurance. Settled claims did not exceed coverage for the year ended December 31, 2021 and there was no significant change in coverage from the prior year.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

The period of April 10, 2020 through December 31, 2020 Unaudited

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Financial Highlights

Key highlights for 2020:

- □ The Authority undertook project financing by issuing bonds and constructing public infrastructure.
- The Authority's total net position decreased \$173,281 due to 2020 being the Authority's first year of financial activity.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

The period of April 10, 2020 through December 31, 2020 Unaudited

Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of financial position. In the case of the Authority liabilities exceeded assets by \$173,281 as of December 31, 2020.

The following table provides a summary of the Authority's net position for the period of April 10, 2020 through December 31, 2020:

Table 1
Net Position

	 2020
Assets	
Current and other assets	\$ 291,063
Capital assets	 6,266,874
Total Assets	 6,557,937
Liabilities	
Current liabilities	48,094
Noncurrent liabilities	 6,683,124
Total Liabilities	 6,731,218
Net Position	
Net investment in capital assets	(127,687)
Unrestricted	 (45,594)
Total Net Postion	\$ (173,281)

While the Authority was created in 2019, no financial activity occurred until 2020 when bonds were issued to finance public infrastructure.

As discussed in Note 7 to the financial statements, the Authority is party to a Cooperative Agreement with the City and the Developer. The Authority has issued revenue bonds to pay for construction of certain infrastructure public improvements. The sources for repayment of bonds and related interest are tax increment financing (TIF) payments which have been assigned by the City to the Authority and the Authority's own community development charge revenues collected.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

The period of April 10, 2020 through December 31, 2020 Unaudited

The following table provides a summary of the changes in the Authority's net position for the period of April 10, 2020 through December 31, 2020:

	2020
Operating revenues:	
Assessed valuation charges	<u>\$</u>
Total operating revenues	
<i>Operating expenses:</i> Professional services <i>Total operating expenses</i>	-
Operating income	
Nonoperating revenues (expenses): Interest expense Bond issuance costs	(48,094) (125,187) (173,281)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	(173,201)
Change in net position Net position, beginning of year	(173,281)
Net position, end of year	<u>\$ (173,281)</u>

Table 2Changes in Net Position

As noted above, the Authority has not yet started collecting its community development charges in the form of Assessed Valuation Charges. The Authority recorded nonoperating expense for its bond issuance costs and interest on the bonds.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

As of December 31, 2020, the Authority had construction in progress on public infrastructure and issued bonds in the amount of \$6,750,000 during 2020.

Economic Factors and Future Trends

Phase 1 of the Development will consist of approximately 43,000 square feet of office space, 293 apartment units, 12 single family homes, and 31 condominiums. The total market value for Phase 1 is approximately \$93.7 million and is scheduled to be completed by 2022. Included as part of the Development is a public infrastructure construction plan including water, sewer and storm sewer improvements, road, sidewalk and streetscape improvements, and parks and recreation improvements, with acquisition of real estate and interests in that property all improved to City of Columbus public works standards.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, creditors, investors and elected officials with an overview of the Authority's finances and to show accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional information, contact the Authority's Treasurer, 842 N. 4th Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

MARBLE CLIFF QUARRY COMMUNITY AUTHORITY STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION THE PERIOD OF APRIL 10, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020

ASSETS Current assets: Cash	\$	2,500
Restricted assets: Cash with fiscal agents	_	288,563
Capital assets: Construction in progress Total assets	-	6,266,874 6,557,937
LIABILITIES Current liabilities: Accrued interest payable		48,094
Noncurrent liabilities: Bonds payable Total liabilities	-	6,683,124 6,731,218
NET POSITION Net investment in capital assets Unrestricted Total net position	\$	(127,687) (45,594) (173,281)

MARBLE CLIFF QUARRY COMMUNITY AUTHORITY STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGE IN NET POSITION THE PERIOD OF APRIL 10, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020

Operating revenues: Assessed valuation charges Total operating revenues	\$ <u> </u>
Operating expenses: Professional services Total operating expenses	
Operating income	-
Non-operating revenues (expenses): Interest expense Bond issuance costs Total non-operating revenues (expenses)	(48,094) (125,187) (173,281)
Change in net position	(173,281)
Net position - beginning of year	
Net position - end of year	\$ (173,281)

MARBLE CLIFF QUARRY COMMUNITY AUTHORITY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS THE PERIOD OF APRIL 10, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020

Cash flows from operating activities: Cash received from land owners	\$	-
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
Payments for capital acquisition		(6,266,874)
Bond proceeds		6,683,124
Bond issuance costs		(125,187)
Net cash provided by capital and related financing activities		291,063
Net change in cash Cash at beginning of year		291,063
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Cash at end of year	\$	291,063

Notes to Basic Financial Statements The period of April 10, 2020 through December 31, 2020

1. **REPORTING ENTITY**

The Marble Cliff Quarry Community Authority, Franklin County, Ohio (the "Authority") is a community authority created pursuant to Chapter 349 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC). Marble Cliff Canyon, LLC (the Developer) filed a petition (the Petition) for creation of the Authority with the City Council of the City of Columbus (City), Ohio, (Council) and the Petition was accepted by Resolution No. 0284X-2019 of the Council on October 14, 2019. The Petition, which may be subject to amendment or change, defines the boundaries of the Authority and allows the Authority to finance the costs of publicly owned and operated improvements and community facilities with Community Development Charges.

By its Resolution, the Council determined the Authority would be conducive to the public health, safety, convenience and welfare, and that it was intended to result in the development of a new community as described in ORC. The Authority thereby was organized as a body corporate and politic in the State. While the Authority was formed in 2019, no financial activity occurred until 2020.

By law, the Authority is governed by a seven-member board of trustees. At inception, the Council appointed four of the trustees and the remaining three trustees were appointed by the Developer.

The Authority includes approximately 82 acres of land located in the City with a planned development of approximately 43,000 square feet of office space, at least 943 apartment units, at least 500 single family homes and condominiums and 16,000 square feet of retail space.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation – The financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of cash flows.

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated from the primary activity of the Authority and will consist of assessed valuation charges. Operating expenses consist primary of administrative expenses. All revenues and expenses not meeting these definitions are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

Cash – The Authority considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time they are purchased to be cash.

Capital Assets and Depreciation – Capital assets, including infrastructure, are recorded at historical cost for assets acquired or constructed and acquisition value for contributed infrastructure. Expenses that increase values or extend the useful life of the respective assets are capitalized while the costs of maintenance and repairs are charged to operating expenses. Interest costs related to the construction are capitalized. Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the various classes of assets. The useful life for computing depreciation is 50 years for infrastructure.

Bonds Payable and Discounts – Bonds payable are reported net of the unamortized bond discount which is deferred and amortized over the term of the bonds. Issuance costs are expensed as incurred.

Net Position – Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. 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 through the enabling legislation adopted by the Authority or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. The Authority applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

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

3. DEPOSITS

Deposits – Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Authority's deposits may not be returned to it. The Authority does not have a custodial risk policy beyond the requirements of State statute. As of December 31, 2020, the bank balance of the Authority's deposits was \$291,063. This balance was covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or pooled collateral as discussed below. Ohio law requires that deposits be either insured or be protected by eligible securities pledged to and deposited either with the Authority or a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment, or by a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution whose market value at all times shall be at least one hundred five percent of the deposits being secured, unless the financial institution participates in the Ohio Treasurer of State's Ohio Collateral Pool System, which reduces the market value to one hundred two percent of the deposits being secured.

4. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CHARGES

The Authority can levy community development charges, as defined, for the benefit and use of the Authority to cover all or part of land acquisitions, development, construction, operation and maintenance of land, land development and community facilities, the debt service therefor and any other cost incurred by the Authority. The Authority will levy an Assessed Valuation Charge beginning in 2021.

Assessed Valuation Charge

The Assessed Valuation Charge is an annual charge on each chargeable parcel of land within the Authority based on the assessed valuation of each parcel and subject to minimum assessed valuation charge. The Charge is intended to cover costs of acquisition, development and maintenance of land as well as debt service and operations.

5. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Under an agreement with the Authority, the Developer was responsible for overseeing the construction and development of the public infrastructure projects. In addition, the Developer will fulfill certain administrative and operational functions for the Authority on an ongoing basis.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements The period of April 10, 2020 through December 31, 2020

By law, the Authority is governed by a seven-member board of trustees. The Council appointed four of the trustees and the remaining three trustees were appointed by the Developer. The trustees appointed by the Developer are employees of a related party to the Developer. The trustee serving as Secretary also works for the Authority's law firm.

6. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the period of April 10, 2020 through December 31, 2020 was as follows:

		Balance 1/1/20	Increases	Decreases	Balance 12/31/20
Capital assets not being depreciated:	<u></u>		6 266 974		6 266 974
Construction in progress	Ф	-	6,266,874	-	6,266,874

7. PLEDGED REVENUE, COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AND REVENUE BONDS

In December 2020, the Authority issued Subordinate Development Revenue Bonds pursuant to a Trust Indenture dated as of December 1, 2020 between the Authority and The Huntington National Bank, as Trustee (Trustee). Principal and interest on the Series 2020 Bonds will be payable solely by the Authority from the pledged revenues received pursuant to a Cooperative Agreement (Agreement) among the Authority, City of Columbus, and the Developer.

The Bonds are payable from revenues consisting primarily of financing payments as defined in the Agreement. Pursuant to the Agreement, the Authority is obligated to make financing payments, solely from the service payments tax increment financing (TIF) payments received by the City on behalf of the Authority. The City approved the TIF Ordinance for the property. The City has assigned TIF Payments to the Authority and directed those to be paid directly to the Trustee on behalf of the Authority. In addition, the Authority is authorized to charge property owners a community development charge which consists of a minimum assessed valuation charge based on parcel valuations and is also pledged for debt service.

The Subordinate Development Revenue Bonds of \$6,750,000 have a final maturity of December 1, 2050 and bear interest at 9%. The bonds were issued to pay a portion of the costs of certain public infrastructure improvements constructed by the Developer.

Debt activity for the period of April 10, 2020 through December 31, 2020 was as follows:

	Balance 1/1/20	Additions	Reductions	Balance 12/31/20	Due Within <u>One Year</u>
2020 Revenue Bonds Less deferred amount	\$ -	6,750,000	-	6,750,000	-
for issuance discounts		(66,876)		(66,876)	
	\$ -	6,683,124	-	6,683,124	-

	Principal	ncipal Interest Tota	
2021	\$ -	592,313	592,313
2022	50,000	607,500	657,500
2023	60,000	603,000	663,000
2024	75,000	597,600	672,600
2025	80,000	590,850	670,850
2026-2030	560,000	2,828,250	3,388,250
2031-2035	875,000	2,523,600	3,398,600
2036-2040	1,010,000	2,105,550	3,115,550
2041-2045	1,575,000	1,560,150	3,135,150
2046-2050	2,465,000	705,150	3,170,150
Total	\$ 6,750,000	12,713,963	19,463,963

Principal and interest payments to retire the Bonds as of December 31, 2020 are as follows:

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts and liability, damage to and theft of or destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. The Authority maintains insurance coverage with private carriers for property and general liability insurance. Settled claims did not exceed coverage for the period of April 10, 2020 through December 31, 2020 and there was no significant change in coverage from the prior year.

9. COVID-19

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures may impact subsequent periods of the Authority. The impact on the Authority's future operating costs, revenues, and any recovery from emergency funding, either federal or state, cannot be estimated.



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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

Marble Cliff Quarry Community Authority Franklin County 842 North 4th Street, Suite 200 Columbus, Ohio 43215

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of the Marble Cliff Quarry Community Authority, Franklin County, (the Authority) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021 and the period of April 10, 2020 through December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 29, 2022.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Authority's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purposes of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority'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 Authority'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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2021-001 that we consider to be a material weakness.

Marble Cliff Quarry Community Authority Franklin County Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Required by *Government Auditing Standards* Page 2

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Authority'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 financial statements. 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 Authority'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 Authority's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Keith Faber Auditor of State Columbus, Ohio

November 29, 2022

MARBLE CLIFF QUARRY COMMUNITY AUTHORITY FRANKLIN COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND THE PERIOD OF APRIL 10, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS

FINDING NUMBER 2021-001

Financial Reporting – Material Weakness

In our audit engagement letter, as required by AU-C Section 210, *Terms of Engagement*, paragraph .06, management acknowledged its responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of their financial statements; 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 as discussed in AU-C Section 210 paragraphs .A14 & .A16. Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Cod. 1100 paragraph .101 states a governmental accounting system must make it possible both: (a) to present fairly and with full disclosure the funds and activities of the governmental unit in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, and (b) to determine and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions.

The Authority improperly classified Land in the amount of \$8,221,060 as Construction in Progress in the fiscal year 2021 financial statements. This misstatement was corrected by the Authority and is reflected in the financial statements.

Failure to properly record financial transactions can decrease reliability over the annual financial statements.

The Treasurer and Board should review policies and procedures to help enhance controls over recording transactions and financial reporting to properly record and present financial data.

Officials' Response: We did not receive a response from officials to this finding.

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AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report, which is required to be filed pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in the Office of the Ohio Auditor of State in Columbus, Ohio.



Certified for Release 12/20/2022

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