

**METROPARKS OF BUTLER COUNTY
BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2016

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**CASH BASIS BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

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Accountant's Compilation Report

To the MetroParks of Butler County
Butler County, Ohio

We have compiled the basic financial statement, as listed in the table of contents, for the MetroParks of Butler County (the "District"), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statement and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance about whether the financial statement is in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The financial statement has been prepared on the cash basis accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement.

Our responsibility is to conduct the compilation in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The objective of a compilation is to assist management in presenting financial information in the form of financial statements without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statement.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, on pages 3 through 9, 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 which considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting and for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have compiled such information without audit or review and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

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February 14, 2017

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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(SEE ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT)

The discussion and analysis of the MetroParks of Butler County (the "District") financial performance provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2016, within the limitations of the District's cash basis of accounting. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the District's financial performance as a whole. Readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for the year 2016 are as follows:

- Net position decreased \$1,174,743 which represents a 34.89% decrease from 2015.
- General receipts accounted for \$5,272,811, or 67.75% of all receipts. Program specific receipts, in the form of charges for services and sales and operating grants and contributions, accounted for \$2,510,504 or 32.25% of total revenues of \$7,783,315.
- The District had \$8,958,058 in disbursements related to governmental activities; program-specific charges for services, grants and contributions offset only \$2,510,504 of these disbursements. General receipts supporting governmental activities totaling \$5,272,811, including local taxes, unrestricted grants and entitlements and miscellaneous receipts, were not adequate to provide for these programs.
- The District's receipts increased \$2,210,786 or 39.67% from the prior year. Additionally, the disbursements increased \$2,488,412 or 38.46% from the prior year. These increases were primarily related to capital outlay receipts of \$1,910,142 and disbursements of \$2,104,695 for two separate purchases of land. All of the receipts and a portion of the cost, \$1,910,142, was funded from a Clean Ohio Grant. Additionally, in 2017 MetroParks expects to receive \$150,000 in additional grant reimbursements related to that same land acquisition.

Using the Basic Financial Statements

This annual report is presented in a format consistent with the presentation requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, as applicable to the District's cash basis of accounting.

Report Components

The statement of net position - cash basis and the statement of activities - cash basis provide information about the cash activities of the District as a whole.

Fund financial statements provide a greater level of detail. Funds are created and maintained on the financial records of the District as a way to segregate money whose use is restricted to a particular specified purpose. These statements present financial information by fund, presenting funds with the largest balances or most activity in separate columns.

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the government-wide and fund financial statements and provide expanded explanation and detail regarding the information reported in the statements.

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Basis of Accounting

The basis of accounting is a set of guidelines that determine when financial events are recorded. As permitted in the Ohio Revised Code, the District has elected to present its financial statements on a cash basis of accounting. This basis of accounting is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Under the District's cash basis of accounting, receipts and disbursements are recorded when cash is received or paid.

As a result of the use of this cash basis of accounting, certain assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources, and the effects of these items on revenues and expenses, are not recorded in these financial statements.

Reporting the Board as a Whole

The statement of net position - cash basis and the statement of activities - cash basis reflect how the District performed financially during 2016, within the limitations of the cash basis of accounting. The statement of net position - cash basis presents the cash balances of the governmental activities of the District at year-end. The statement of activities - cash basis compares disbursements with program receipts for each governmental activity. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the program's goods or services and grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. General receipts are all receipts not classified as program receipts. The comparison of disbursements with program receipts identifies how each governmental function draws from the District's general receipts.

These statements report the District's cash position and the changes in cash position. Keeping in mind the limitations of the cash basis of accounting, these changes are one way to measure the District's financial health. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's cash position is an indicator of whether the District's financial health is improving or deteriorating. When evaluating the District's financial condition, considerations include other non-financial factors as well, such as the District's tax base, the condition of the District's capital assets and infrastructure, the extent of the District's debt obligations, the reliance on non-local financial resources for operations, and the need for continued growth.

The statement of net position - cash basis and the statement of activities - cash basis present governmental activities, which include all the District's services. The District has no business-type activities.

Reporting the Board's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements provide detailed information about the District's major funds - not the District as a whole. The District establishes separate funds to better manage its many activities and to help demonstrate that money that is restricted as to how it may be used is being spent for the intended purpose. All of the operating funds of the District are governmental.

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Governmental Funds - Most of the District's activities are reported in governmental funds. The governmental fund financial statements provide a detailed short-term view of the District's governmental operations and the health services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or less financial resources that can be spent to finance the District's programs. The District's significant governmental funds are presented on the financial statements in separate columns. The information for nonmajor funds (funds whose activity or balances are not large enough to warrant separate reporting) is combined and presented in total in a single column. The District's major governmental funds are the general fund and the Clean Ohio Fund. The programs reported in the governmental funds are closely related to those reported in the governmental activities section of the entity-wide statements.

The District as a Whole

Table 1 provides a summary of the District's net position for 2016. In 2015, the District prepared financial statements using the regulatory basis of accounting which did not include a Statement of Net Position or a Statement of Activities, therefore comparative information is not available.

**Table 1
Net Position**

	Governmental Activities
	2016
<u>Assets:</u>	
Cash with Fiscal Agent	\$ 2,191,863
Total assets	\$ 2,191,863
<u>Net position:</u>	
Restricted	\$ 5
Unrestricted	2,191,858
Total net position	\$ 2,191,863

The District's cash balance and net position at December 31, 2016 amounted to \$2,191,863. Of this amount, \$5 is restricted as to use.

Table 2 reflects the change in net position in 2016. In 2015, the District prepared financial statements using the regulatory basis of accounting which did not include a Statement of Net Position or a Statement of Activities, therefore comparative information is not available.

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**Table 2
Changes in Net Position - Cash Basis**

	Governmental Activities
	2016
Receipts:	
Program cash receipts:	
Charges for services and sales	\$ 499,706
Operating grants and contributions	100,656
Capital Grants and Contributions	1,910,142
Total program cash receipts	2,510,504
General receipts:	
Local taxes	3,303,046
Grants and entitlements not restricted by specific program	1,317,093
Donations	17,019
Interest	5,053
Miscellaenous	630,600
Total general receipts	5,272,811
Total receipts	7,783,315
Disbursements:	
Salaries and benefits	2,587,810
Materials and supplies	734,320
Contracted service	1,263,804
Other	1,882,013
Capital outlay	2,104,695
Debt Service:	
Principal retirement	321,557
Interest and fiscal charges	63,859
Total disbursements	8,958,058
Change in net position	(1,174,743)
Net position at beginning of year	3,366,606
Net position at end of year	\$ 2,191,863

In 2016, the District received \$1,910,142 in capital grants as part of the Clean Ohio grant. This grant was used for the purchase of land previously known as the Weatherwax golf course. The District had an increase in property taxes due to a recovery of the economy, housing market and land values. Salaries increased in 2016 due to a variety of factors including the timing of the pay periods (27 pays in fiscal year 2016 versus 26 pays in 2015), adding a full-time park planner position, less turnover, merit increases and vacations payouts.

Governmental Activities

If you look at the statement of activities - cash basis, you will see that the first column lists the major disbursement functions of the District. The next column identifies the disbursement amounts associated with each function. The next three columns of the statement entitled program receipts identify amounts paid by people who are directly charged for the service and grants received by the District that must be used to provide a specific purpose. The net cost column compares the program receipts to the cost of the service.

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This "net cost" amount represents the cost of the service which ends up being paid from money provided by taxpayers and state subsidies. These net costs are paid from the general receipts which are presented at the bottom of the statement.

**Table 3
Governmental Activities**

	<u>Total Cost of Services 2016</u>	<u>Net Cost of Services 2016</u>
Disbursements:		
Salaries and benefits	\$ 2,587,810	\$ 2,398,187
Materials and supplies	734,320	680,513
Contracted service	1,263,804	1,171,658
Other	1,882,013	1,723,561
Capital outlay	2,104,695	188,335
Debt Service:		
Principal retirement	321,557	241,557
Interest and fiscal charges	63,859	43,743
Totals	<u>\$ 8,958,058</u>	<u>\$ 6,447,554</u>

The District's Funds

As noted earlier, the District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related requirements. The focus of the District's governmental funds is to provide information on receipts, disbursements, and balances of expendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the District's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of the District's net resources available for spending at the end of the year.

At the end of 2016, the District had a total ending fund balance of \$2,191,863.

The general fund is the chief operating fund of the District. At the end of 2016, unassigned fund balance in the general fund was \$1,052,935. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare unassigned fund balance to general fund disbursements. Unassigned fund balance represents 15.44% of the total general fund disbursements.

Disbursements exceeded receipts in the general fund by \$1,059,187 in 2016. Local taxes account for 57.34% of receipts in the general fund. Salaries and benefits account for 37.95% of disbursements in the general fund.

The Clean Ohio Fund is a major fund of the District. This fund received a grant of \$1,910,142 and had capital outlay disbursements of the same amount. The fund had a zero beginning and ending fund balance.

General Fund Budgeting Highlights

The District's budget is prepared according to Ohio law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted fund is the general fund.

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During the course of 2016, the District amended its general fund budget several times. For the general fund, final budgeted receipts were \$6,474,307, which were the same as original budgeted receipts. Actual receipts for 2016 were \$5,760,392; this represents a \$713,915 decrease from final budgeted receipts. Variances between actual receipts and the final budgeted receipts were due to the timing of grant revenue and the timing of the receipt of sponsorship fees. The District had budgeted for a grant reimbursement of \$985,000 that was not received during fiscal year 2016, but the District expects to receive this revenue in 2017 and 2018. Also, the District received both 2015 and 2016 sponsorship fees during 2016 due to receipts budgeted and recognized on the cash basis of accounting. Only one year of sponsorship fees was included in the budgeted receipts.

General fund final budgeted disbursements were \$9,193,974, which were greater than original budgeted disbursements of \$117,059. Actual budget-basis disbursements for 2016 totaled \$7,578,576 and were \$1,615,398 less than the final budget. The overall positive budget variance in the disbursements was due to a variety of factors including actual salaries and benefit disbursements being below actual budget by \$286,031, and a savings on materials and supplies due to favorable weather conditions. Also, actual advertising costs were \$129,676 less than the budget, utilities were \$45,000 less than the budget, and several projects came in below budget or were deferred for future periods.

Capital Assets

The District does not record capital assets in the accompanying basic financial statements, but records payments for capital assets as disbursements.

Long Term Obligations

The District had the following long-term obligations outstanding at year-end:

	Balance at 12.31.16	Balance at 12.31.15
PNC Special Revenue Bonds - 2008	\$ 672,284	\$ 751,285
Stander Trust General Obligation Notes	225,336	262,892
PNC Special Revenue Bonds - 2012	480,000	560,000
Notes Payable	125,000	250,000
Totals	\$ 1,502,620	\$ 1,824,177

Current Financial Related Activities

The District is responsible for acquiring, developing, protecting and maintaining park lands and facilities. The District's mission is to provide a superior park system that maximizes the community's quality of life through conservation, education, and recreation. The District continues to seek grant funding and maximize local tax dollars to achieve its mission.

Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and providers with a general overview of the Board's finances and to reflect the District's accountability for the money it receives. Questions concerning any of the information in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to Jonathan R. Granville, Executive Director, 2051 Timberman Road, Hamilton, Ohio 45013.

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - CASH BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2016
(SEE ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT)

		<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Assets		
Cash with fiscal agent	\$	2,191,863
Total assets	\$	2,191,863
Net position		
Restricted for:		
Conservation / Recreation	\$	5
Unrestricted.		<u>2,191,858</u>
Total net position	\$	<u>2,191,863</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016
(SEE ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT)

		Program Cash Receipts			Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Position
	Cash Disbursements	Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental activities:					
Salaries and benefits.	\$ 2,587,810	\$ 189,623	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,398,187)
Materials and supplies.	734,320	53,807	-	-	(680,513)
Contracted services.	1,263,804	92,146	-	-	(1,171,658)
Other.	1,882,013	158,452	-	-	(1,723,561)
Capital outlay.	2,104,695	5,678	540	1,910,142	(188,335)
Debt Service:					
Principal retirement.	321,557	-	80,000	-	(241,557)
Interest and fiscal charges.	63,859	-	20,116	-	(43,743)
Total governmental activities	\$ 8,958,058	\$ 499,706	\$ 100,656	\$ 1,910,142	(6,447,554)
General receipts:					
Local taxes					3,303,046
Grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs.					1,317,093
Donations.					17,019
Interest.					5,053
Miscellaneous					630,600
Total general receipts.					5,272,811
 Change in net position					 (1,174,743)
 Net position at beginning of year					 3,366,606
 Net position at end of year					 \$ 2,191,863

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STATEMENT OF CASH BASIS ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
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(SEE ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT)

	General	Clean Ohio	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets				
Cash with fiscal agent.	\$ 2,120,145	\$ -	\$ 71,718	\$ 2,191,863
Fund balances				
Restricted:				
Conservation / recreation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5	\$ 5
Committed:				
Conservation / recreation	209,616	-	71,713	281,329
Assigned:				
Subsequent year appropriation	308,213	-	-	308,213
Conservation / recreation.	549,381	-	-	549,381
Unassigned	1,052,935	-	-	1,052,935
Total fund balances.	\$ 2,120,145	\$ -	\$ 71,718	\$ 2,191,863

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STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS
AND CHANGES IN CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
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(SEE ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT)

	<u>General</u>	<u>Clean Ohio</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Receipts:				
Local taxes.	\$ 3,303,046	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,303,046
Charges for services.	499,706	-	-	499,706
Intergovernmental.	1,317,093	1,910,142	100,000	3,327,235
Earnings on investments.	5,053	-	656	5,709
Donations.	17,019	-	-	17,019
Miscellaneous	618,475	-	12,125	630,600
Total receipts.	<u>5,760,392</u>	<u>1,910,142</u>	<u>112,781</u>	<u>7,783,315</u>
Disbursements:				
Current:				
Conservation / recreation:				
Salaries and benefits.	2,587,810	-	-	2,587,810
Materials and supplies.	734,320	-	-	734,320
Contracted services.	1,257,534	-	6,270	1,263,804
Other.	1,882,013	-	-	1,882,013
Capital outlay.	77,495	1,910,142	117,058	2,104,695
Debt service:				
Principal retirement.	241,557	-	80,000	321,557
Interest and fiscal charges	38,850	-	25,009	63,859
Total disbursements	<u>6,819,579</u>	<u>1,910,142</u>	<u>228,337</u>	<u>8,958,058</u>
Net change in fund balances	(1,059,187)	-	(115,556)	(1,174,743)
Fund balances at beginning				
of year.	<u>3,179,332</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>187,274</u>	<u>3,366,606</u>
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 2,120,145</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 71,718</u>	<u>\$ 2,191,863</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGET BASIS
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016
(SEE ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT)

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Receipts:				
Local taxes.	\$ 3,235,000	\$ 3,235,000	\$ 3,303,046	\$ 68,046
Charges for services.	576,270	576,270	499,706	(76,564)
Intergovernmental.	1,666,500	1,666,500	1,317,093	(349,407)
Earnings on investments.	5,100	5,100	5,053	(47)
Donations.	9,000	9,000	17,019	8,019
Miscellaneous	982,437	982,437	618,475	(363,962)
Total receipts.	<u>6,474,307</u>	<u>6,474,307</u>	<u>5,760,392</u>	<u>(713,915)</u>
Disbursements:				
Current:				
Conservation / recreation:				
Salaries and benefits.	2,873,841	2,873,841	2,587,810	286,031
Materials and supplies.	1,087,725	1,094,550	911,347	183,203
Contracted services.	1,501,217	1,545,693	1,433,694	111,999
Other.	3,256,230	3,321,988	2,287,823	1,034,165
Capital outlay.	77,495	77,495	77,495	-
Debt service:				
Principal retirement.	241,557	241,557	241,557	-
Interest and fiscal charges	38,850	38,850	38,850	-
Total disbursements	<u>9,076,915</u>	<u>9,193,974</u>	<u>7,578,576</u>	<u>1,615,398</u>
Net change in fund balance	(2,602,608)	(2,719,667)	(1,818,184)	901,483
Fund balance at beginning of year.	1,135,160	1,135,160	1,135,160	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated.	2,044,172	2,044,172	2,044,172	-
Fund balance at end of year.	<u>\$ 576,724</u>	<u>\$ 459,665</u>	<u>\$ 1,361,148</u>	<u>\$ 901,483</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of the MetroParks of Butler County, Butler County, Ohio (the "District"), as a body corporate and politic. The probate judge of Butler County appoints a three-member Board of Commissioners to govern the District. The Commissioners are authorized to acquire, develop, protect, maintain, and improve park lands and facilities. The Commissioners may convert acquired land into forest reserves. The Commissioners are also responsible for activities related to conserving natural resources, including streams, lakes, submerged lands, and swamp lands. The Board may also create parks, parkways, and other reservations and may afforest, develop, improve and protect and promote the use of these assets conducive to the general welfare.

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

B. Basis of Accounting and Presentation

The financial statements are presented on a cash basis of accounting. This cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). GAAP includes all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, which have been applied to the extent they are applicable to the cash basis of accounting.

The District's basic financial statements consist of government-wide financial statements, including a statement of net position - cash basis and a statement of activities - cash basis, and fund financial statements, which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds. The statements show those activities of the District that are governmental. Governmental activities generally are financed through intergovernmental receipts or other nonexchange transactions.

The statement of net position - cash basis presents the cash balance of the governmental activities of the District at year-end. The statement of activities - cash basis compares disbursements and program receipts for each program or function of the District's governmental activities. Disbursements are reported by function. A function is a group of related activities designed to accomplish a major service or regulatory program for which the District is responsible. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program, grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational requirements of a particular program. Receipts which are not classified as program receipts are presented as general receipts of the District, with certain, limited exceptions. The comparison of direct disbursements with program receipts identifies the extent to which each governmental program is self-financing on a cash basis or draws from the general receipts of the District.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements

During the year, the District segregates transactions related to certain District functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the District at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Non-major funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by fund type.

C. Cash with Fiscal Agent

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

D. 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. There are three categories of funds: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary. The District has no proprietary or fiduciary funds. Funds are used to segregate resources that are restricted as to use.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions of the District are financed. The following are the District's major governmental funds:

General Fund - The general fund accounts for and reports all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for 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.

Clean Ohio Fund - This fund accounts for monies received from the Clean Ohio grant and used for the purchase of land.

The other governmental funds of the District are used to account for and report grants and other resources, the use of which is restricted for a particular purpose.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

E. Budgetary Process

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

1. Appropriations

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund, function or item 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 also approve the annual appropriation measure. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end.

2. 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 also approve estimated resources.

3. 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.

F. Fund Balance

Under GASB No. 54, fund balances are 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:

1. Nonspendable

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

2. 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.

3. Committed

The Board can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The District must adhere to these commitments unless the Board amends 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.

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4. 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 Board or a District official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State Statute.

5. Unassigned

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes amounts not included in 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.

G. Property, Plant, and Equipment

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

H. 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.

I. Net Position

Net position is reported as restricted to the extent of limitations imposed on its use, either through enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. Net position restricted for other purposes includes monies restricted by grantors and reported in special revenue funds.

The Board's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an obligation is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

J. Employer Contributions to Cost-Sharing Pension Plans

The District recognizes the disbursement for employer contributions to cost-sharing pension plans when they are paid. As described in Notes 6 and 7, the employer contributions include portions for pension benefits and for postretirement health care benefits.

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K. Long-Term Obligations

The District's cash basis financial statements do not report liabilities for long-term obligations. Proceeds of debt are reported when cash is received and principal and interest payments are reported when paid.

NOTE 2 – CHANGE IN BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Last year, the District reported fund financial statements by fund type using the regulatory basis of accounting as prescribed by the State Auditor's Office. This year, the District has implemented the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1. The fund financial statements now present each major fund in a separate column with nonmajor funds aggregated and presented in a single column, rather than a column for each fund type.

NOTE 3 - BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

The budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on the basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balance - budget basis presented for the general fund is prepared on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget.

NOTE 4 - DEBT

At December 31, 2016, debt obligations consisted of the following issuances:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Balance at 12/31/2016</u>
PNC Special Revenue Bonds, Series 2008 to refinance Old Hueston Farm debt due in monthly installments of \$9,952 through 2018, with a final payment of \$515,354, bearing interest of 5.65%. Payments are made from the general fund.	\$ 672,284
Stander Trust General Obligation Notes, Series 2003 to finance the purchase of land to be used for future development due in annual installments of \$37,556 through 2022, bearing no interest. Payments are made from the general fund.	225,336
PNC Special Revenue Bonds, Series 2012 to finance the multi-purpose athletic fields project at Voice of America Park due in annual principal installments of \$80,000 through 2022, bearing interest at 4.45%. Payments are made from the capital projects fund.	480,000
Note Payable, to purchase 1976 Timberman Road, due in annual principal installments of \$125,000, through 2017, bearing no interest. Payments are made from the general fund.	<u>125,000</u>
Total	<u><u>\$1,502,620</u></u>

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NOTE 4 - DEBT - (Continued)

Transactions for the year ended December 31, 2016 is summarized as follows:

	Balance at <u>12/31/2015</u>	<u>Proceeds</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	Balance at <u>12/31/2016</u>
PNC Special Revenue Bonds - 2008	\$ 751,285	\$ -	\$ (79,001)	\$ 672,284
Stander Trust General Obligation Notes - 2003	262,892	-	(37,556)	225,336
PNC Special Revenue Bonds - 2012	560,000	-	(80,000)	480,000
Note Payable	<u>250,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(125,000)</u>	<u>125,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,824,177</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (321,557)</u>	<u>\$ 1,502,620</u>

The principal and interest requirements to retire the debt obligations outstanding at December 31, 2016, are as follows:

Year Ending <u>December 31,</u>	2008		2003		2012	
	<u>PNC Special Revenue Bonds</u> <u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Stander Trust General Obligation Notes</u> <u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>PNC Special Revenue Bonds</u> <u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2017	\$ 83,584	\$ 35,842	\$ 37,556	\$ -	\$ 80,000	\$ 21,360
2018	588,700	28,604	37,556	-	80,000	17,800
2019	-	-	37,556	-	80,000	14,240
2020	-	-	37,556	-	80,000	10,680
2021	-	-	37,556	-	80,000	7,120
2022	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,556</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,000</u>	<u>3,560</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 672,284</u>	<u>\$ 64,446</u>	<u>\$ 225,336</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 480,000</u>	<u>\$ 74,760</u>

Year Ending <u>December 31,</u>	Note Payable		Total	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2017	\$ 125,000	\$ -	\$ 326,140	\$ 57,202
2018	-	-	706,256	46,404
2019	-	-	117,556	14,240
2020	-	-	117,556	10,680
2021	-	-	117,556	7,120
2022	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>117,556</u>	<u>3,560</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 125,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,502,620</u>	<u>\$ 139,206</u>

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NOTE 5 - PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the Board adopted tax rates. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include homestead and rollback amounts the State pays as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to pay semiannually, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due the following June 20.

Public utilities are also taxed on personal and real property located within the District.

The County is responsible for assessing property, and for billing, collecting, and distributing all property taxes on behalf of the District.

NOTE 6 - PENSION PLAN

Plan Description - District employees 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. District 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.

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):

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NOTE 6 - PENSION PLAN - (Continued)

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
Age and Service Requirements:	Age and Service Requirements:	Age and Service Requirements:
Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age 57 with 25 years of service credit or Age 62 with 5 years of service credit
Formula:	Formula:	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	2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	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.

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

	State and Local	
2016 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates		
Employer	14.0	%
Employee	10.0	%
2016 Actual Contribution Rates		
Employer:		
Pension	12.0	%
Post-employment Health Care Benefits	2.0	
Total Employer	14.0	%
Employee	10.0	%

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NOTE 6 - PENSION PLAN - (Continued)

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll.

The District's contractually required contribution was \$248,975 for fiscal year 2016.

NOTE 7 - POSTRETIREMENT BENEFIT PLAN

Plan Description - OPERS maintains a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit post-employment healthcare plan, which includes a medical plan, prescription drug program and Medicare Part B premium reimbursement, to qualifying members of both the Traditional Pension and the Combined Plans. Members of the Member-Directed Plan do not qualify for ancillary benefits, including post-employment health care coverage.

To qualify for post-employment health care coverage, age-and-service retirees under the Traditional Pension and Combined Plans must have ten years or more of qualifying Ohio service credit. The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not mandate, OPERS to provide Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) to its eligible members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Disclosures for the healthcare plan are presented separately in the OPERS financial report which may be obtained by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, OH 43215-4642 or by calling (614) 222-5601 or (800) 222-7377.

Funding Policy - The post-employment healthcare plan was established under, and is administered in accordance with, Internal Revenue Code Section 401(h). State statute requires that public employers fund post-employment healthcare through contributions to OPERS. A portion of each employer's contribution to the Traditional or Combined Plans is set aside for the funding of post-employment health care.

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the covered payroll of active employees. In 2016, local government employers contributed 14.00% of covered payroll. Each year the OPERS' Retirement Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside for the funding of the postemployment health care benefits. The portion of employer contributions allocated to fund post-employment healthcare for members in the Traditional Plan and Combined Plan for 2016 was 2.00%.

The OPERS Retirement Board is also authorized to establish rules for the payment of a portion of the health care benefits provided, by the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected. Active members do not make contributions to the post-employment healthcare plan.

Changes to the health care plan were adopted by the OPERS Board of Trustees on September 19, 2012, with a transition plan commencing January 1, 2014. With the recent passage of pension legislation under State Bill 343 and the approved health care changes, OPERS expects to be able to consistently allocate 4.00% of the employer contributions toward the health care fund after the end of the transition period.

The District's contribution to fund post-employment healthcare was \$41,496.

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NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The District belongs to the Ohio Plan Risk Management, Inc. (OPRM) - formerly known as the Ohio Government Risk Management Plan, (the "Plan"), a non-assessable, unincorporated non-profit association providing a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance risk management program and other administrative services to Ohio governments ("Members"). The Plan is legally separate from its member governments.

Pursuant to Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code, the plan provides property, liability, errors and omissions, law enforcement, automobile, excess liability, crime, surety and bond, inland marine and other coverages to its members sold through fourteen appointed independent agents in the State of Ohio.

OPRM coverage programs are developed specific to each member's risk management needs and the related premiums for coverage are determined through the application of uniform underwriting criteria addressing the member's exposure to loss. Effective November 1, 2012 (and through October 2014) the plan increased its retention to 50% of the first \$250,000 casualty treaty. Effective November 1, 2014, the OPRM retained 47% of the premium and losses on the first \$250,000 casualty treaty and 10% of the first \$1,000,000 property treaty. Members are only responsible for their self-retention (deductible) amounts, which vary from member to member. OPRM had 772 and 783 members as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 respectively.

Plan members are responsible to notify the Plan of their intent to renew coverage by their renewal date. If a member chooses not to renew with the Plan, they have no other financial obligation to the Plan, but still need to promptly notify the Plan of any potential claims occurring during their membership period. The former member's covered claims, which occurred during their membership period, remain the responsibility of the Plan.

Settlement amounts did not exceed insurance coverage for the past three fiscal years. There has also been no significant reduction in coverage from the prior year.

The Pool's audited financial statements conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and equity at December 31, 2015 and 2014.

	2015	2014
Assets	\$14,643,667	\$14,830,185
Liabilities	(9,112,030)	(8,942,504)
Members' Equity	\$5,531,637	\$5,887,681

You can read the complete audited financial statements for OPRM at the Plan's website, www.ohioplan.org.

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NOTE 9 - CONTINGENT LIABILITES

LITIGATION

The District is involved in no material litigations as either plaintiff or defendant.

GRANT FUNDING

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the District are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor. The grantor may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

The District has entered into contractual agreements with third parties that provide for future receipts to be provided to the District in exchange for certain sponsorships and naming rights of District-owned facilities and District-managed events. Based on the accounting basis these financial statements have been prepared on, more fully described in Note 1, no amounts have been recorded in the financial statements related to these future receipts or the District's future obligations under the contractual agreements.

NOTE 10 – SUBSEQUENT EVENT

The District issued \$1,500,000 in Series 2017 Tax Anticipation Bonds and \$2,218,000 in Series 2017 Special Revenue Bonds dated January 20, 2017. The Tax Anticipation Bonds mature on November 1, 2022 and have an interest rate of 3.8%. The Special Revenue Bonds mature on November 1, 20122 and have an interest rate of 4.10%. The proceeds of the bonds will be used to refinance the series 2008 Special Revenue Bonds and for capital projects.