

WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT

FINANCIAL REPORT

JUNE 30, 2023



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WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Woodridge Lake Sewer District
Goshen, Connecticut

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Woodridge Lake Sewer District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Woodridge Lake Sewer District, as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. 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 Woodridge Lake Sewer District 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 opinions.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 2 to the financial statements, effective July 1, 2022, the District adopted new accounting guidance for leases. The guidance requires lessees to recognize a right-to-use lease asset and corresponding lease liability and lessors to recognize a lease receivable and corresponding deferred inflow of resources for all leases with lease terms greater than twelve months. As a result of the implementation of this standard, a restatement was reported for the change in accounting principle. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

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 Woodridge Lake Sewer District'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 opinions. 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 Woodridge Lake Sewer District'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 Woodridge Lake Sewer District'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 and budgetary comparison information on pages 4-6 and 25-26 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 on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Woodridge Lake Sewer District's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplemental schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplemental schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 17, 2023, on our consideration of the Woodridge Lake Sewer District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 Woodridge Lake Sewer District'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 Woodridge Lake Sewer District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Rocky Hill, Connecticut
November 17, 2023

WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

JUNE 30, 2023

The Woodridge Lake Sewer District (“WLS D”) is a governmental entity organized under the statutes of the State of Connecticut. Its purpose is to provide wastewater treatment services to the 714 homes within the watershed surrounding Woodridge Lake in Goshen, Connecticut.

The District’s financials are reported under various accounting methods to meet governmental and accounting standards. The District has received an unmodified (clean) opinion from our auditors.

This report will focus on the Statement of Net Position, Operations of our General Fund and Capital Projects Fund including the budget comparisons for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 on pages 25-26.

Statement of Net Position

WLS D net assets at June 30, 2023 totaled \$2,759,531, an increase from \$2,578,435 last year.

Condensed Comparative Financial Information for the Years Ended June 30

TABLE 1
CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION

	2023	2022	Change
Current assets	\$ 834,873	\$ 934,490	\$ (99,617)
Capital assets	2,786,842	2,573,959	212,883
Other assets	1,112,191	1,112,191	-
Total assets	4,733,906	4,620,640	113,266
Current liabilities	247,668	304,398	(56,730)
Noncurrent liabilities	614,516	625,616	(11,100)
Deferred inflows of resources	1,112,191	1,112,191	-
Total liabilities and deferred inflows	1,974,375	2,042,205	(67,830)
Net investment in capital assets	2,172,326	1,948,343	223,983
Unrestricted	587,205	630,092	(42,887)
Total net position	\$2,759,531	\$ 2,578,435	\$ 181,096

WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
 JUNE 30, 2023

Condensed Comparative Financial Information for the Years Ended June 30 (Continued)

TABLE 2
CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Change</u>
Charges for services	\$ 19,000	\$ 26,600	\$ (7,600)
Operating grants and contributions	-	10,073	(10,073)
Total program revenues	<u>19,000</u>	<u>36,673</u>	<u>(17,673)</u>
Sewer assessment taxes, interest, and fees	1,388,841	1,255,188	133,653
Cell tower rental and other	63,579	172,188	(108,609)
Unrestricted investment earnings	18,964	551	18,413
Total general revenues	<u>1,471,384</u>	<u>1,427,927</u>	<u>43,457</u>
Total revenues	<u>1,490,384</u>	<u>1,464,600</u>	<u>25,784</u>
General government expenses	974,478	857,865	116,613
Depreciation	256,580	217,420	39,160
Loss on disposal of assets	78,230	12,226	66,004
Total program expenses	<u>1,309,288</u>	<u>1,087,511</u>	<u>221,777</u>
Total expenses	<u>1,309,288</u>	<u>1,087,511</u>	<u>221,777</u>
Change in net position	181,096	377,089	(195,993)
Beginning net position	<u>2,578,435</u>	<u>2,201,346</u>	<u>377,089</u>
Ending net position	<u>\$2,759,531</u>	<u>\$2,578,435</u>	<u>\$ 181,096</u>

General Fund (see page 25)

The General Fund year end resulted in a surplus of \$538,581, which was greater than our original budget forecast of \$411,655 surplus. The General Fund transferred \$584,057 to the Capital Fund. The General Fund balance at year end was \$593,384.

The General Fund revenue amounted to \$1,488,041, which was more than the budget by \$46,157.

The General Fund's actual expenditures were \$949,460, which was \$80,769 lower than budgeted. We did not utilize the contingency reserve of \$25,000.

WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

JUNE 30, 2023

Capital Projects Fund (see page 26)

Our total capital plan was budgeted to spend \$503,751. Actual total capital spent was \$585,057 as detailed on page 26.

As per our ongoing Infiltration and Inflow (I/I) Reduction Project, during the year we CCTVed and cleaned/repared portions of our sewer system lines. The required CCTV work, analysis, and repairs were budgeted at \$270,000 with an actual spend of \$216,645, which was \$53,355 less than budget.

During the year we spent \$58,843 on emergency repairs to various pumps and motors.

WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>Total Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 591,535
Sewer assessment tax receivable	7,817
Accrued interest receivable	130,447
Spare parts for capital asset repairs	<u>105,074</u>
Total current assets	<u>834,873</u>
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	
Capital assets	7,071,447
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(4,284,605)</u>
Total property and equipment	<u>2,786,842</u>
OTHER ASSETS	
Lease receivable	<u>1,112,191</u>
Total other assets	<u>1,112,191</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 4,733,906</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>Total Governmental Activities</u>
LIABILITIES	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	\$ 212,365
Accrued payroll and payroll taxes	21,758
Accrued interest	<u>13,545</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>247,668</u>
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES	
Due within one year	11,413
Due in more than one year	<u>603,103</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>614,516</u>
Total liabilities	<u>862,184</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred inflows related to leases	<u>1,112,191</u>
Total deferred inflows	<u>1,112,191</u>
NET POSITION	
Investment in capital assets, net of related debt	2,172,326
Unrestricted	<u>587,205</u>
Total net position	<u><u>\$ 2,759,531</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 JUNE 30, 2023

	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 591,535	\$ -	\$ 591,535
Sewer assessment tax receivable	7,817	-	7,817
Accrued interest receivable	130,447	-	130,447
Spare parts for capital asset repairs	105,074	-	105,074
Total current assets	<u>834,873</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>834,873</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 834,873</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 834,873</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 212,365	\$ -	\$ 212,365
Deferred sewer tax revenue	7,366	-	7,366
Accrued payroll and payroll taxes	21,758	-	21,758
Total liabilities	<u>241,489</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>241,489</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Fund balance - unassigned	<u>593,384</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>593,384</u>
Total fund balances	<u>593,384</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>593,384</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 834,873</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 834,873</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE –

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
REVENUE			
Sewer assessment taxation	\$ 1,386,498	\$ -	\$ 1,386,498
Investment income	18,964	-	18,964
Other	63,579	-	63,579
Sewer permit fees / connection charge	<u>19,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,000</u>
Total revenues	<u>\$ 1,488,041</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,488,041</u>
EXPENDITURES			
<u>Personnel</u>			
Payroll, payroll taxes and employee benefits	\$ 542,791	\$ -	\$ 542,791
<u>Operations</u>			
Power and heat	77,428	-	77,428
Plant & collection system maintenance	166,503	-	166,503
Other	62,693	-	62,693
<u>Office</u>			
Office expenses	9,122	-	9,122
<u>Insurance</u>			
Insurance coverage	67,971	-	67,971
<u>Professional fees</u>			
Legal, audit, engineering and testing and other	<u>22,952</u>	<u>7,276</u>	<u>30,228</u>
Total operations	<u>949,460</u>	<u>7,276</u>	<u>956,736</u>
<u>Debt service</u>			
Principal	-	11,100	11,100
Interest	<u>-</u>	<u>17,987</u>	<u>17,987</u>
Total debt service	<u>-</u>	<u>29,087</u>	<u>29,087</u>
<u>Capital outlay</u>			
Emergency refurbishment of sewer pumps	-	58,843	58,843
Pipe lining, clean & TV collection system	-	216,645	216,645
Other capital improvements	<u>-</u>	<u>273,206</u>	<u>273,206</u>
Total capital outlay	<u>-</u>	<u>548,694</u>	<u>548,694</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE –

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Total expenditures	<u>949,460</u>	<u>585,057</u>	<u>1,534,517</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>\$ 538,581</u>	<u>\$ (585,057)</u>	<u>\$ (46,476)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Transfers in	24,386	608,443	632,829
Transfers out	(608,443)	(24,386)	(632,829)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Total other financing sources	<u>(584,057)</u>	<u>585,057</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>(45,476)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(45,476)</u>
Fund Balance - Beginning of year	<u>638,860</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>638,860</u>
Fund Balance - End of year	<u>\$ 593,384</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 593,384</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT

RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2023

Fund balance - governmental funds \$ 593,384

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because of the following:

Capital assets used in government activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds.

Governmental capital assets	\$ 7,071,447	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(4,284,605)</u>	
Net capital assets		2,786,842

Uncollected sewer assessment taxes not available to pay for current period expenditures are deferred in the governmental fund. 7,366

Long-term liabilities, including capital leases are not due and payable in the current period, and therefore not reported in the governmental funds.

Bond payable	(614,516)
Accrued interest	<u>(13,545)</u>

Net position of governmental activities \$ 2,759,531

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCE OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Net change in fund balance - governmental funds \$ (45,476)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. The following items reflect the various adjustments for capital assets.

Total capital outlay	\$ 548,694	
Portion of capital outlay capitalized	548,694	
Less: current year proceeds from sale of capital asset	(1,000)	
Less: current year depreciation	<u>(256,580)</u>	
		291,114
Loss on disposal of assets		(78,230)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.		
Accrued interest		245
Debt service principal payments reported as expenditures in the governmental funds are reported as reduction of liabilities in the district-wide financial statements		11,100
Revenue from sewer assessment taxes in the statement of activities is based on billings, while such revenue is reported in the governmental fund when it becomes currently available.		
Adjustment from available sewer assessment taxes to adjusted billed balances		<u>2,343</u>
Changes in net position of governmental activities		<u><u>\$ 181,096</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2023

NOTE 1 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Woodridge Lake Sewer District (the District) have been prepared substantially in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The following is a summary of the more significant policies:

District Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The district-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the District.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which direct expenses offset program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific revenue. Program revenues include 1) charges for services provided by a given function and 2) grants and contributions, either operating or capital that are restricted to meeting a particular function. Property (sewer assessment) taxes, cell tower rental, investment earnings, and delinquent interest which are not restricted, are recorded as general revenue.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The district-wide 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 related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. Sewer assessment taxes are recognized in the year for which they are levied.

Governmental funds financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Intergovernmental revenues are recognized when the eligibility requirements have been met. Expenditures are generally recorded when a liability is incurred, except for debt service expenditures and claims and judgments which are recorded only when payment is due.

Miscellaneous charges for services, as well as delinquent interest and lien fees, are recorded as revenues when received.

The District reports the following funds

Major Governmental Funds:

General Fund - General operating fund of the District used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. This fund accounts for general governmental operations, which is principally the District's wastewater treatment function.

Capital Projects Fund - Capital projects fund accounts for resources used for the acquisition and/or construction of capital facilities, except those accounted for in proprietary funds.

WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2023

NOTE 1 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Budgets

An annual budget for the General Fund is approved at a District meeting each spring. For management purposes, the budget is informally amended.

General Reporting Entity

The Woodridge Lake Sewer District is a separately organized governmental entity located within the Town of Goshen, Connecticut and is not reported as a component unit of the Town.

The financial statements include all of the funds of the District which meet the criteria for defining the reporting entity as set forth by generally accepted accounting principles.

Property Taxes

Sewer assessment taxes are levied each July on assessed valuations of the preceding October 1st for all real property located within the District. Taxes are generally payable in two installments; first on July 1st and the second on January 1st. Unpaid real estate taxes are liened after January. Since all unpaid taxes may be liened and ultimately collected, there is no allowance for uncollectible taxes.

Interest on delinquent property tax payments is recorded upon collection.

Permit Fees and Sewer Connection charges

Charges for sewer system connection are recorded as revenue when received.

Vacation Pay and Sick Leave

Employees are paid by prescribed formulas for absence due to vacation or illness. Although these benefits are not cumulative, they are not based on the District's fiscal year, and accordingly, an estimated liability for unused vacation time is recognized at the year end.

Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss relating to public official liability, theft or impairment of assets, errors or omissions, injuries to employees and natural disasters. The District purchases commercial insurance coverage to protect against losses from these risks. Additionally, employee health coverage is purchased from a commercial carrier, with no portion being self-insured.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2023

NOTE 1 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts or other commitments for expenditures are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is frequently employed by governmental units. However, the District does not utilize an encumbrance accounting system.

Fund equity and net assets

In the District-wide financial statements, net assets are classified in the following categories:

Invested in Capital Assets - This category groups all capital assets into one component of net assets. Accumulated depreciation and the outstanding balances of debt that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of these assets reduce this category.

Restricted Net Assets - This category presents external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments and restrictions imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Currently there are no restricted net assets.

Unrestricted Net Assets - This category represents the net assets of the District, which are not restricted for any project or other purpose.

In the fund financial statements, fund balances of governmental funds are classified in two separate categories. The two categories and their general meanings have been restated since prior years in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 54. The categories are as follows:

Committed Fund Balance - indicates that portion of fund equity which is available for appropriation through a District meeting. There was no committed fund balance at June 30, 2023.

Unassigned Fund Balance - indicates that portion of fund equity which is available for appropriation and expenditure in future periods.

Long-term Obligations

In the district-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities' statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenses.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2023

NOTE 1 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Lease Receivables

The District determines if an arrangement is a lease at inception. Leases are included in lease receivables and deferred inflows of resources in the statement of net position.

Lease receivables represent the District's claim to receive lease payments over the lease term, as specified in the contract, in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. Lease receivables are recognized at commencement date based on the present value of expected lease payments over the lease term, reduced by any provision for estimated uncollectible amounts. Interest revenue is recognized ratably over the contract term.

Deferred inflows of resources related to leases are recognized at the commencement date based on the initial measurement of the lease receivable, plus any payments received from the lessee at or before the commencement of the lease term that relate to future periods, less any lease incentives paid to, or on behalf of, the lessee at or before the commencement of the lease term. The deferred inflows related to leases are recognized as lease revenue in a systematic and rational manner over the lease term.

Amounts to be received under residual value guarantees that are not fixed in substance are recognized as a receivable and an inflow of resources if (a) a guarantee payment is required and (b) the amount can be reasonably estimated. Amounts received for the exercise price of a purchase option or penalty for lease termination are recognized as a receivable and an inflow of resources when those options are exercised.

The District recognizes payments received for short-term leases with a lease term of 12 months or less and portions of payments attributable to the revenue-sharing component of lease agreements as revenue as the payments are received. These short-term leases and revenue-sharing components are not included as lease receivables or deferred inflows on the statements of net position and fund financial statements.

The lease contract does not provide information about the discount rate implicit in the lease. Therefore, the District has elected to use their incremental borrowing rate to calculate the present value of expected lease payments.

The District accounts for contracts containing both lease and non-lease components as separate contracts when possible. In cases where the contract does not provide separate price information for lease and non-lease components, and it is impractical to estimate the price of such components, the District treats the components as a single lease unit.

Deferred Inflows of Resources

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period or periods and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The District reports a deferred inflow of resources related to its lease agreement. A deferred inflow of resources related to lease agreements can result when revenues from lease agreements are unavailable. These amounts are deferred and recognized in the period that the amounts become available.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2023

NOTE 1 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Adoption of New Accounting Standards

In June 2017, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued GASB Statement No. 87, Leases. This standard requires the recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and as inflows of resources or outflows of resources recognized based on the payment provisions of the contract. It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. Under this standard, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources.

The District adopted the requirements of the guidance effective July 1, 2022. See Note 11 for the restatement as a result of this implementation.

NOTE 2 - RECONCILIATIONS OF DISTRICT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Page 13 of the basic financial statements includes a reconciliation between fund balance - governmental funds and net assets - governmental activities as reported in the district-wide statement of net assets.

Page 14 of the basic financial statements includes a reconciliation between the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance of the governmental funds and changes in net assets of governmental activities as reported in the district-wide statement of activities.

NOTE 3 – CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS:

Cash and cash equivalents consist of the following accounts at June 30, 2023:

Deposits	
Demand accounts	\$ 591,532
Total deposits	<u>591,532</u>
Petty cash	<u>3</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u><u>\$ 591,535</u></u>

WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2023

NOTE 4 - DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT RISK

Legal and Contractual Provisions

State statutes allow for the investment in obligations of the United States, including its agencies, in obligations of any state (including Connecticut) or any political subdivision, authority or agency thereof provided the obligations meet certain requirements of recognized rating services; or in any custodial arrangement, pool or no-load open-end management-type investment company or investment trust provided certain requirements are met.

Deposits with financial institutions in Connecticut are partially protected against loss in excess of deposit insurance through assessment against segregated collateral required to be maintained by all qualified public depositories in the amount of 10% to 120% of their outstanding public deposits depending on the bank's financial strength as shown by its risk-based capital ratio.

Deposits

At June 30, 2023, total bank balances were \$605,985. A total of \$250,000 was insured under the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

The balance, \$355,985, was uninsured and exposed to custodial credit risk which is defined as the risk, that in event of a bank failure, the District's deposits might not be recovered.

A total of \$284,029 of the uninsured amount is collateralized with securities held by the financial institution, its trust department or agent, but not in the District's name.

NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets include land, the wastewater collection system, the treatment plant, vehicles and equipment and furnishings. The capital assets have been accumulated over many years without a formal policy to establish a minimum amount an asset must cost before it is capitalized and depreciated. However, a minimum of \$5,000 has been established as a guideline.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

With the exception of land, capital assets are depreciated over their estimated useful lives by the straight-line method. Depreciation expense for 2022-2023 totaled \$256,580. Estimated useful lives of the capital assets range from 5 years for office equipment and certain vehicles to 50 years for buildings and the wastewater collection and treatment system.

WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2023

NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS (Continued)

Capital asset activity for 2022-2023 was as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Land (not depreciated)	\$ 110,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 110,000
Depreciable assets:				
Wastewater treatment plant and system	5,653,889	560,722	183,826	6,030,785
Equipment	827,396	11,357	-	838,753
Vehicles	97,775	-	5,866	91,909
Total capital assets being depreciated:	6,579,060	572,079	189,692	6,961,447
Less: accumulated depreciation	4,115,101	256,580	87,076	4,284,605
Capital assets being depreciated - net	2,463,959	315,499	102,616	2,676,842
Total capital assets - net	\$ 2,573,959	\$ 315,499	\$ 102,616	\$ 2,786,842

NOTE 6 – LONG TERM LIABILITIES

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2023:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Bonds and notes payable:					
General obligation bonds	\$ 625,616	\$ -	\$ 11,100	\$ 614,516	\$ 11,413
Long-Term liabilities	\$ 625,616	\$ -	\$ 11,100	\$ 614,516	\$ 11,413

The District issued a general obligation bond to provide funds for major capital projects. General obligation bonds are direct obligations of the District for which full faith and credit are pledged and are payable from taxes levied on all taxable properties located within the District. General obligation bonds currently outstanding are as follows:

	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Original Issue</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Principal Outstanding June 30, 2023</u>
Bonds Payable:					
General obligation	9/30/2015	\$ 686,000	2.88%	9/1/2055	\$ 614,516

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JUNE 30, 2023

NOTE 6 – LONG TERM LIABILITIES (Continued)

Annual debt service requirements to maturity on general obligation bonds are as follows as of June 30, 2023:

Year Ending June 30th,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 11,413	\$ 17,668	\$ 29,081
2025	11,741	17,340	29,081
2026	12,078	17,003	29,081
2027	12,426	16,655	29,081
2028	12,783	16,298	29,081
2029-2033	69,643	75,763	145,406
2034-2038	80,246	65,160	145,406
2039-2043	92,464	52,942	145,406
2044-2048	106,543	38,863	145,406
2049-2053	122,765	22,641	145,406
2054-2056	82,414	4,834	87,248
	<u>\$614,516</u>	<u>\$345,167</u>	<u>\$ 959,683</u>

Statutory Debt Limitation

Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-374(b) provides that authorized debt of the District shall not exceed seven times base receipts, as defined in the Statute. Further, the Statute limits the amount of debt that may be authorized by the Town for general purposes, schools, sewers, urban renewal and pension deficit. The Town did not exceed any of the statutory debt limitations at June 30, 2023.

NOTE 7 – RETIREMENT PLAN

The District maintains a Simplified Employee Pension Plan which covers employees. Annual discretionary contributions are made by the District to separate Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA's) maintained by each participant. Accordingly, a pension trust fund is not maintained by the District. Employer contributions totaling \$33,266 were made during 2022-2023.

The Plan is available to all employees over 21 years old who have worked at least one year and earned over a minimal amount. The plan is noncontributory by employees and provides for employer discretionary contributions based on an equal percentage of each employee's earnings. All employer contributions vest immediately.

Although the plan may be terminated by the District at any time, its original adoption was under Section 408(k) of the Internal Revenue Code, and as such, amendments must adhere to changes in the Code.

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JUNE 30, 2023

NOTE 8 - LEASE RECEIVABLES

The District, acting as lessor, leases land under a long-term, non-cancelable lease agreement. During 2004-2005, the District entered into a rental agreement for land and access for a wireless communication base station and antenna. The agreement had an initial term of five years, effective November 29, 2004, with an option to extend 4 additional terms of 5 years each and has been extended for 7 additional five-year terms, and may be further extended for three more years at the option of the lessee. A total of \$55,357 was collected during 2022-2023, which includes \$27,981 in revenue-sharing. During the year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized \$35,598 in interest revenue pursuant to the contract of which \$8,222 was recorded as accrued interest receivable.

Principal and interest requirements to maturity under the lease agreement are as follows:

<u>Year ending June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	\$ -	\$ 35,837	\$ 35,837
2025	-	36,060	36,060
2026	-	36,202	36,202
2027	-	36,339	36,339
2028	-	36,182	36,182
Thereafter	1,112,190	992,069	2,104,259
Totals	<u>\$ 1,112,190</u>	<u>\$ 1,172,689</u>	<u>\$ 2,284,879</u>

NOTE 9 - COMMITMENTS/CONTINGENCY

In 1989 the District agreed to a consent order with the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection. The agreement required a number of steps to determine and analyze alternative solutions to problems with insufficient capacity and plant design. During 2004-2005 a scope of study plan to determine long-term solutions for resolving the consent order was completed. The estimated costs of various options ranged from approximately ten million dollars to nearly twenty million dollars at that time. In July 2009 the Department of Environmental Protection submitted a letter further defining requirements for alternative solutions and requesting additional information and cost analysis. During the year the District obtained the services of an engineering firm to further study and evaluate solutions for resolving the consent order. A grant from the State of Connecticut Clean Water Fund has been obtained to provide reimbursement of 55% of eligible study costs. The final outcome of this matter cannot be estimated and it is not known what future governmental grant funds and/or low interest loans would be available to assist with the cost of any required actions.

In March 2016, USDA-RD formally committed to financing the District's \$15.5 million long range facility project with \$2.8 million in grants and the balance in a 40-year loan at 2.25% interest rate. On June 13, 2016, after the District's taxpayers had previously voted to approve the \$15.5 million appropriation by 194 yes votes and one no vote, the Board ratified the signatures of James Mersfelder and Alfred Shull on two sets of resolution papers from the USDA-RD to secure the grant and loan totaling \$15.5 million. None of the proceeds associated with this particular funding had been advanced to the District as of June 30, 2023. The District also has a construction loan commitment from CoBank; this commitment is intended to provide funding to bridge the gap between required cash outlays for the project and receipt of USDA loan proceeds.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2023

NOTE 10 – INTERFUND TRANSFERS

The District routinely transfers unrestricted receipts to various funds in order to finance the costs in those funds. Transfers for the year ended June 30, 2023 are as follows:

Fund	<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>	<u>Net Transfers</u>
Major Governmental Funds			
General Fund	\$ 24,386	\$ (608,443)	\$ (584,057)
Capital Projects Fund	608,443	(24,386)	584,057
Total	<u>\$ 632,829</u>	<u>\$ (632,829)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

NOTE 11 – RESTATEMENT

The financial statements as of June 30, 2022 have been restated to record the impact of GASB Statement No. 87, Leases. It was not practicable to restate the net position as of July 1, 2021. The impact of these restatements are as follows:

	<u>Balance as previously reported at 6/30/2022</u>	<u>Restatement</u>	<u>Balance as restated at 6/30/2022</u>
Assets	\$ 3,386,224	\$ 1,234,416	\$ 4,620,640
Deferred inflows of resources	-	1,112,191	1,112,191
Liabilities	930,014	-	930,014
Net position as of June 30, 2022	2,456,210	122,225	2,578,435
Change in net position as of June 30, 2022	254,864	122,225	377,089

NOTE 12 - DATE OF MANAGEMENT'S REVIEW

The District has evaluated events and transactions subsequent to June 30, 2023 for potential recognition and disclosure through November 17, 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. There are no other material subsequent events which require recognition or disclosure.

WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – BUDGET
AND ACTUAL – DISTRICT GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUE			
Sewer assessment taxation	\$ 1,386,084	\$ 1,386,498	\$ 414
Investment income	300	18,964	18,664
Other / grant	45,000	63,579	18,579
Sewer permit fees / connection charge	10,500	19,000	8,500
Total revenues	\$ 1,441,884	\$ 1,488,041	\$ 46,157
EXPENDITURES			
<u>Personnel</u>			
Payroll, payroll taxes and employee benefits	\$ 523,229	\$ 542,791	\$ (19,562)
<u>Operations</u>			
Power and heat	80,000	77,428	2,572
Plant & collection system maintenance	235,500	166,503	68,997
Other	37,000	62,693	(25,693)
Contingency	25,000	-	25,000
<u>Office</u>			
Office expenses	13,000	9,122	3,878
<u>Insurance</u>			
Insurance coverage	75,500	67,971	7,529
<u>Professional fees</u>			
Legal, audit, engineering and testing and other	41,000	22,952	18,048
Total operations	1,030,229	949,460	80,769
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	411,655	538,581	126,926
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	24,386	24,386
Transfers out	(393,655)	(608,443)	(214,788)
Total other financing sources	(393,655)	(584,057)	(190,402)
Net Change in Fund Balances	18,000	(45,476)	(63,476)
Fund Balance - Beginning of year		638,860	
Fund Balance - End of year		\$ 593,384	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – BUDGET
AND ACTUAL – CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUE			
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENDITURES			
<u>Professional fees</u>			
Legal, audit, engineering and testing and other	\$ -	\$ 7,276	\$ (7,276)
Total operations	-	7,276	(7,276)
<u>Debt service</u>			
Principal	-	11,100	(11,100)
Interest	18,000	17,987	13
Total debt service	18,000	29,087	(11,087)
<u>Capital outlay</u>			
Emergency refurbishment of sewer pumps	-	58,843	(58,843)
SCADA software upgrade	39,300	-	39,300
Pipe lining, clean & TV collection system	270,000	216,645	53,355
Vehicle replacement	45,000	-	45,000
Other capital improvements	131,451	273,206	(141,755)
Total capital outlay	485,751	548,694	(62,943)
Total expenditures	503,751	585,057	(81,306)
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(503,751)	(585,057)	(81,306)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	393,655	608,443	214,788
Transfers out	-	(24,386)	(24,386)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	-	1,000	1,000
Total other financing sources	393,655	585,057	191,402
Net Change in Fund Balances	(110,096)	-	110,096
Fund Balance - Beginning of year		-	
Fund Balance - End of year		\$ -	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT
SEWER ASSESSMENT TAXES COLLECTED AND UNCOLLECTED BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

List Year	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2022 and Current Billings	Corrections and Adjustments	Actual Collections				Uncollected Sewer Assessment Taxes June 30, 2023
			Sewer Assessment Taxes	Interest	Lien Fees	Total	
2021	\$ 1,379,689	\$ 42	\$ 1,375,415	\$ 8,346	\$ 406	\$ 1,384,167	\$ 4,316
2020	3,696	-	2,151	278	78	2,507	1,545
2019	978	-	-	-	-	-	978
2018	978	-	-	-	-	-	978
Totals:	\$ 1,385,341	\$ 42	\$ 1,377,566	\$ 8,624	\$ 484	\$ 1,386,674	\$ 7,817

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF DEBT LIMITATION

JUNE 30, 2023

Base:

Receipts from taxation	\$ 1,386,674
Property tax relief for elderly	<u>-</u>
Total base	<u><u>\$ 1,386,674</u></u>

Debt limitation:	<u>General Purposes</u>	<u>Schools</u>	<u>Sewers</u>	<u>Urban Renewal</u>
2-1/4 times base	3,120,017	-	-	-
4-1/2 times base	-	6,240,033	-	-
3-3/4 times base	-	-	5,200,028	-
3-1/4 times base	-	-	-	4,506,691
Total debt limitation	<u>3,120,017</u>	<u>6,240,033</u>	<u>5,200,028</u>	<u>4,506,691</u>
Indebtedness:				
Notes payable	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>614,516</u>	<u>-</u>
Total indebtedness	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>614,516</u>	<u>-</u>
Debt limitation in excess of outstanding and authorized debt	<u><u>\$ 3,120,017</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 6,240,033</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,585,512</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,506,691</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.



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Certified Public Accountants

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED
ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

To the Board of Directors
Woodridge Lake Sewer District
Goshen, Connecticut

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major funds of Woodridge Lake Sewer District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Woodridge Lake Sewer District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 17, 2023.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Woodridge Lake Sewer District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Woodridge Lake Sewer District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Woodridge Lake Sewer District'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 entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Woodridge Lake Sewer District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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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 entity'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 entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Rocky Hill, Connecticut
November 17, 2023