# CASTLO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

## **MAHONING COUNTY**

Regular Audit

For the Year Ended December 31, 2019





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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the CASTLO Community Improvement Corporation, Mahoning County, prepared by Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The CASTLO Community Improvement Corporation is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Keith Faber Auditor of State Columbus, Ohio

September 24, 2020



# **CASTLO Community Improvement Corporation** *Mahoning County*

# For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

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## Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.

Certified Public Accountants

#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

CASTLO Community Improvement Corporation Mahoning County 100 South Bridge Street Struthers, OH 44471

To the Board of Trustees:

#### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the CASTLO Community Improvement Corporation, Mahoning, County, Ohio (the CIC), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2019, and the related statement of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatements of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the CIC's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the CIC's internal control. Accordingly, we express no opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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#### **Opinion**

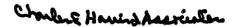
In our opinion the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the CASTLO Community Improvement Corporation, Mahoning County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2019, and the changes in financial position and cash flows, for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 8 to the financial statements, the financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the CIC. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 20, 2020, on our consideration of the CIC's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 CIC's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the CIC's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc. July 20, 2020

## CASTLO Community Improvement Corporation Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2019

<b>Assets</b>	
Current	Accate

Current Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 380,676
Total Current Assets	380,676
Noncurrent Assets	
Notes receivable	121,084
Capital assets:	
Land	5,388,104
Land improvements	1,718,162
Buildings	4,165,162
Buildings and improvements	376,991
Railway improvements	181,408
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	16,859
Machinery and equipment	39,372
Vehicles	23,227
Less: accumulated depreciation	(6,147,027)
Net capital assets	5,762,258
Total Noncurrent Assets	5,883,342
Total Assets	6,264,018
<u>Liabilities</u>	
Current Liabilities	
Accrued payroll expenses	2,743
Other accrued liabilities	18,265
Tenant security deposits	21,986
Total Current Liabilities	42,994
Total Liabilities	42,994
Net Assets	
Without donor restrictions	6,221,024
Total Net Assets	6,221,024
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 6,264,018

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

## CASTLO Community Improvement Corporation Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

	Without Donor Restrictions	
Operating Revenues:		
Tenant rental	\$	276,941
Refunds and reimbursements		19,921
Miscellaneous income		9,582
Site maintenance fees		18,114
Total Operating Revenue		324,558
Operating Expenses:		
Office salaries		50,618
Payroll taxes		4,384
Hospitalization		22,506
Employee benefit program		2,504
Utilities		26,818
Legal and professional		17,359
Accounting		7,255
Auditing		4,111
Temp services		4,066
Insurance		12,317
Office expense and supplies		3,732
Bank charges		52
Advertising		137
Equipment rental		4,738
Donations		2,170
Uniforms and mats		312
Site cleanup and environmental costs		3,618
Maintenance supplies		554
Repairs and maintenance		35,216
Janitorial		580
Real estate taxes		44,647
CIC management fee		52,000
Printing and publications		601
Dues and subscriptions		1,538
Travel and meetings		2,538
Event expenses		7,248
Postage and freight		235
Auto and truck		462
Miscellaneous		368
Small equipment, park		925
Depreciation		39,835
Total Operating Expenses		353,444
Operating Income (Loss)		(28,886)
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Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses):		2.665
Interest income (expense)		3,665
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)		3,665
Change in Net Assets		(25,221)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year		6,246,245
Net Assets, End of Year	\$	6,221,024

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

# CASTLO Community Improvement Corporation Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

	 2019
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:	 _
Cash received from customers	\$ 276,941
Other operating cash receipts	47,617
Cash payments to suppliers and employees	 (313,609)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	10,949
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:	
Interest on investments	3,665
Payments received for notes receivable	34,405
Purchases of property and equipment	 (36,433)
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	1,637
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	12,586
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	 368,090
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$ 380,676
Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Provided (Used) by  Operating Activities	
Operating income	\$ (28,886)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation and amortization	39,835
Increase/decrease in operating assets and liabilities	37,033
Prepaid expenses	638
Accrued liabilities	(2,103)
Accrued payroll liabilities	1,611
Tenant security deposits	(146)
Total adjustments	 39,835
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	\$ 10,949

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

Mahoning County Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

#### Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### A. Description of the Entity

The CASTLO Community Improvement Corporation, Mahoning County, Ohio (the CIC), is a non-profit corporation created on April 5, 1978 by its three charter members: the City of Campbell, the City of Struthers, and the Village of Lowellville, as a non-designated community improvement corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio. The purpose of the CIC is to advance, encourage and promote the industrial, economic, commercial, and civic development of Campbell, Struthers, Lowellville, Poland Township and Coltsville Township.

#### **B.** Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the CIC have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and accordingly, reflect all significant receivables, payables and other liabilities.

#### C. Basis of Presentation

The financial statements of the CIC have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (US GAAP), which require the CIC to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to the following net asset classifications:

**Net assets without donor restrictions**: Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions and may be expended for any purpose in performing the primary objectives of the organizations. These net assets may be used at the discretion of the CIC's management and the Board of Directors.

**Net assets with donor restrictions**: Net assets subject to stipulations imposed by donors and grantors. Some donor restrictions are temporary in nature; those restrictions will be met by action of the CIC or by the passage of time. Other donor restrictions are perpetual in nature, whereby the donor has stipulated the funds be maintained in perpetuity.

Donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in net assets with donor restrictions. When a restriction expires, net assets are reclassified from net assets with donor restrictions to net assets without donor restrictions in the statement of activities.

#### D. Revenue Recognition

Income from intergovernmental, rental and program fees are recognized over the period to which fees relate.

#### E. Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents include all highly liquid investments with initial maturities of three months or less.

Mahoning County Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

#### Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### F. Federal Income Tax

The CIC is an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. By virtue of Ohio Law, the CIC is not subject to Ohio income taxes.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States require management to evaluate tax positions taken and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if an uncertain tax position has been taken that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Management has concluded that as of December 31, 2019, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken by the CIC that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The CIC is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions, however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The CIC's Federal Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax (Form 990) for 2016, 2017 and 2018 are subject to examination by the IRS, generally for three years after they were filed.

#### G. Property, Plant and Equipment

Equipment is stated at cost and is depreciated over the estimated useful lives by the straight-line method of financial reporting purposes. Repairs and maintenance are charged to operations when incurred and improvements and additions are capitalized. When equipment is sold, or otherwise disposed of, the net asset account and related accumulated depreciation account are relieved, and any gain or loss is included in operations. The CIC has determined that the capitalization threshold has been set at \$5,000 for all capital asset classes.

#### H. Estimates

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. These estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Note 2 – Leases Where Company is Lessor

The CIC leases commercial real estate space in Struthers, Ohio. Leases are granted for month-to-month, yearly, and long-term occupancy. All leases are considered to be operating leases.

#### **Note 3 – Deposits with Financial Institutions**

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the CIC's will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party. As of December 31, 2019, the CIC's bank balances of \$380,676 were covered by federal depository insurance or collateralized with securities held by the pledging institution's trust department or agent in the CIC's name.

Mahoning County Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

#### **Note 3 – Deposits with Financial Institutions (continued)**

The CIC's deposits are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the CIC as of December 31, 2019. The categories are either (1) insured or collateralized with securities held by the entity or by its agent in the entity's name, (2) collateralized with securities held by the pledging institution's trust department or agent in the entity's name, or (3) uncollateralized.

Cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2019 were as follows:

Checking and savings deposits	\$ 380,676
Total cash and cash equivalents	\$ 380,676

#### Note 4 – Pension Plan

A Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) is available to all employees with at least three years of employment services. The percentage of each employee's wage, not to exceed 5%, to be put into the pension fund shall be determined by the Board of Directors at each annual meeting. When granted, the SEP shall be immediately and 100% vested with employees. The CIC's total contribution to employee SEP accounts was \$2,504, which is included with Payroll and Benefits on the Statement of Activities.

#### Note 5 – Risk Management

The CIC is exposed to various risks of loss during the normal course of its business operations, including but not limited to, loss related torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and injuries to employees.

The CIC maintains comprehensive insurance coverage with private carriers for health, real property, and building contents. There was no significant reduction in coverage and no settlements exceeded insurance coverage, during the past four years.

Mahoning County Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

#### **Note 6 – Capital Assets**

Changes in capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2019 consisted of the following:

	Balance 1/1/2019	Additions	Deletions	Balance 12/31/2019
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated				
Land	\$ 5,388,104	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,388,104
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	5,388,104	-	-	5,388,104
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated				
Buildings and Improvements	4,506,618	35,535	-	4,542,153
Land Improvements	1,718,162	-	-	1,718,162
Railway Improvements	181,408	-	-	181,408
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	16,859	-	-	16,859
Vehicles	23,227	-	-	23,227
Machinery and Equipment	39,372			39,372
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	6,485,646	35,535	-	6,521,181
Accumulated Depreciation				
Buildings and Improvements	(4,155,562)	(35,292)	-	(4,190,854)
Land Improvements	(1,700,851)	(2,472)	-	(1,703,323)
Railway Improvements	(181,408)	-	-	(181,408)
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	(8,380)	(1,411)	-	(9,791)
Vehicles	(23,227)	-	-	(23,227)
Machinery and Equipment	(37,764)	(660)	-	(38,424)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(6,107,192)	(39,835)	-	(6,147,027)
Capital Assets, Net	\$ 5,766,558	\$ (4,300)	\$ -	\$ 5,762,258

#### Note 7 – Contingent Liability

The CIC participates in several state assisted grants that are subject to financial compliance audits by grantor agencies or their representatives. These audits could lead to a request for reimbursement to the grantor agency for expenditures disallowed under the terms of the grant. The CIC believes that disallowed claims, if any, will not have a material adverse effect on the CIC's financial condition.

Management is not aware of any pending legal claims.

#### **Note 8 – Subsequent Events**

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

Mahoning County Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

### Note 9 – Liquidity and Availability

The following represents the CIC's financial assets at December 31, 2019:

Financial assets at year end: 2019
Cash and cash equivalents \$380,676

Total financial assets 380,676

Financial assets available to meet general expenditures over the next 12 months: \$ 380,676

As part of the CIC's liquidity management, its goal generally is to maintain financial assets to meet 290 days of operating expenses.

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

CASTLO Community Improvement Corporation Mahoning County 100 South Bridge Street Struthers, OH 44471

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States 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 CASTLO Community Improvement Corporation, Mahoning County, Ohio (the CIC) which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2019, and the statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated July 20, 2020 wherein we noted the financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the CIC.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the CIC's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the CIC's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the CIC'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 combination of deficiencies in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the CIC'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. Therefore, unidentified material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings, that we consider to be a material weakness. We consider finding 2019-001 to be a material weakness.

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Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters
Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in
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#### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the CIC'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*.

#### CIC's Response to Finding

The CIC's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Corrective Action Plan. We did not subject the CIC's response to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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

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Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc. July 20, 2020

Mahoning County Schedule of Findings December 31, 2019

## Findings Related to the Financial Statements Required to be Reported in Accordance with GAGAS

Finding Number: 2019-001 – Material Weakness

#### **Audit Adjustments and Reclassifications**

During audit procedures performed, errors were noted in the CIC's financial statements that required audit adjustments and reclassifications as follows:

- The financial statements filed with the Hinkle system included statements that are not required by GAAP standards and the statements were not labeled as supplementary information. In addition, comparative information was filed for the Statement of Activities but none of the other financial statements presented comparative information.
- For four out of twelve payments made during 2019, interest earned on the loan was not posted as revenue, but instead decreased the notes receivable balance.
- The financial report filed in the Hinkle system did not implement Financial Accounting Standards Board ASU 2016-14 completely.

The accompanying financial statements and the CIC's records have been adjusted to properly reflect these transactions.

Sound financial reporting is the responsibility of the CIC and is essential to ensure the information provided to the readers of the financial statements is complete and accurate. We recommend the CIC adopt policies and procedures to identify and correct errors and omissions in a timely manner. Management can use Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements, and Auditor of State guidance to aid in properly identifying account classifications and preparing annual financial statements.

#### **Management's Response:**

See Corrective Action Plan on page 15.

# **CASTLO Community Improvement Corporation** *Mahoning County*

Mahoning County
Schedule of Prior Audit Findings
(Prepared by Management)
For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Status	Additional Information
2018-001	Financial Statement Presentation	Not Corrected	Management was not able to fully implement its new policies and procedures related to financial statement preparation and review during the audit period.

# **CASTLO Community Improvement Corporation** *Mahoning County*

Mahoning County
Corrective Action Plan
(Prepared by Management)
December 31, 2019

Finding Number	Planned Corrective Action	Anticipated Completion Date	Responsible Contact Person
2019-001	The note receivable difference noted was due to postings made before the last audit not being properly corrected. Management has already corrected this for all future postings. Management plans to use more care in completing the financial statements in the future and will review the required financial statements before filing in the Hinkle system in the future.	Immediately	Denise Simon, Administrative Assistant





#### **CASTLO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION**

#### **MAHONING COUNTY**

#### **AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION**

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



Certified for Release 10/8/2020

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