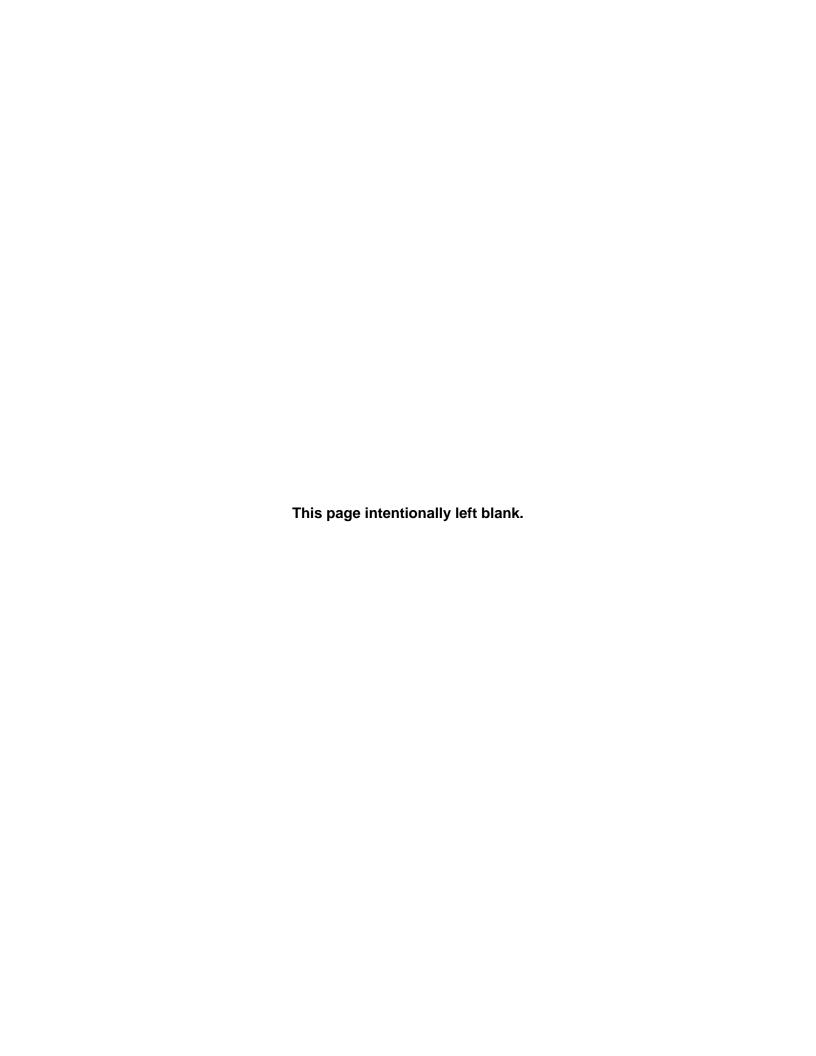




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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority Montgomery County 3777 Old Needmore Road Davton, Ohio 45424

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority, Montgomery County, (the Authority) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 30, 2021, wherein we noted the financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures may impact subsequent periods of the Authority.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the Authority's financial statements. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

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Purpose of this Report

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

Keith Faber Auditor of State Columbus, Ohio

June 30, 2021

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Montgomery County, Ohio

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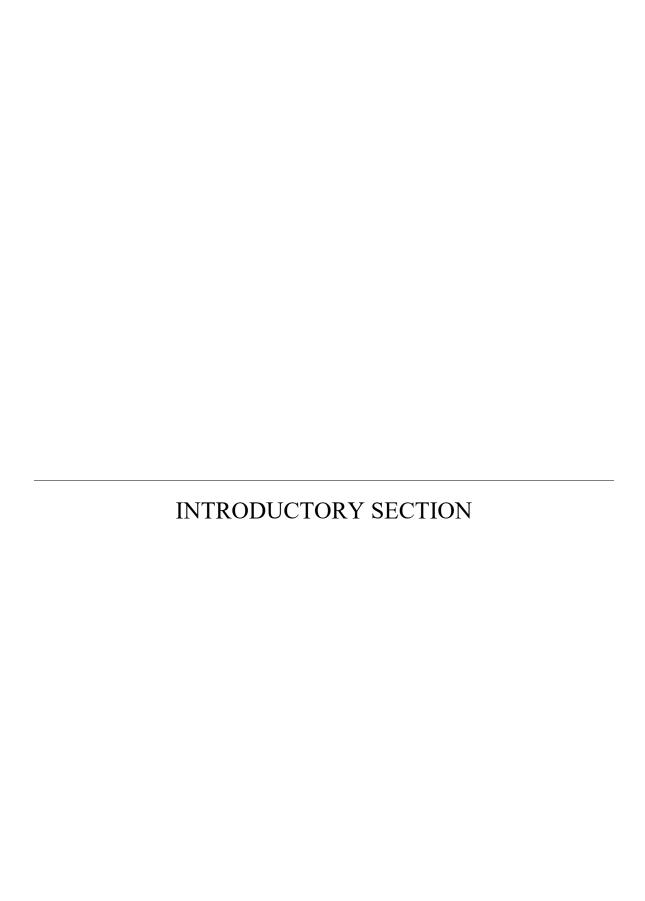
For Year Ending December 31, 2020

Montgomery County, Ohio

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Prepared By: Danny Knife General Manager



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June 30, 2021

Citizens, Taxpayers and Consumers of the Cities of Huber Heights, Vandalia and Tipp City Board of Participants of Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority

Mayors and Members of Council of the Cities of Huber Heights, Vandalia and Tipp City

Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority Finance Committee Members

Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority Technical Committee Members

Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority Planning and Development Committee Members

I am pleased to present the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority (Tri-Cities). This report for the year ended December 31, 2020, contains the financial statements and other financial and statistical data that provide complete and full disclosure of all material financial aspects of Tri-Cities.

Management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of the information contained in this report, based upon a comprehensive framework of internal control that has been established for this purpose. Because the cost of internal control should not exceed anticipated benefits, the objective is to provide reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of any material misstatement.

The Ohio Auditor of State, have issued an unmodified ("clean") opinion on the Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2020. The auditor's report is located at the front of the financial section of this report.

Management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) immediately follows the independent auditor's report and provides a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis of the basic financial statements. The MD&A complements this letter of transmittal and should be read in conjunction with it.

Profile of the Government

Located on a hillside, near the intersection of State Route 202 and Needmore Road, is the wastewater treatment facility that serves the cities of Huber Heights, Vandalia and Tipp City. After two years of serious negotiations, these cities assumed full ownership of this facility from the Miami Conservancy District in an unprecedented acquisition that closed on June 11, 1996.

Under the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 715.02, the cities of Huber Heights, Vandalia and Tipp City signed a joint venture agreement to create Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority. Through Tri-Cities, the cities have full responsibility for the North Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant and associated facilities. Tri-Cities mission is to provide cost effective, environmentally responsible, and reliable wastewater treatment services for the cities of Huber Heights, Vandalia, and Tipp City. This mission is accomplished through the efforts of the professional staff that manages, operates and maintains the facilities, which include 10 miles of interceptor sewer, an innovative and advanced wastewater treatment plant, and a dedicated farm for bio-solids reuse. Tri-Cities facilities are often toured by schools, civic groups, and others interested in learning how technology and science, combined with the dedication of a talented professional staff, can preserve and enhance our irreplaceable water resource.

Prior to June of 1996, the Miami Conservancy District provided the Cities of Huber Heights, Vandalia, and Tipp City with wastewater treatment services. The Miami Conservancy District expressed the intent to discontinue these services to the cities and gave them the option to acquire and operate the facility themselves. In order to do so, the three cities established the Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority. In June of 1996, the Miami Conservancy District deeded the wastewater facility and all of the assets and liabilities associated with the facility to the joint venture at no cost to the joint venture. A joint venture is a legal entity or other organization that results from a contractual arrangement and that is owned, operated, or governed by two or more participants as a separate and specific activity subject to joint control, in which the participants retain (a) an ongoing financial interest or (b) an ongoing financial responsibility. Tri-Cities is a stand—alone government that is governed by a board of participants consisting of the city managers of the three cities. The board has complete authority over all aspects of the operation. Tri-Cities has no component units.

An annual operating budget is adopted for management purposes. Budget information is reported to the board of participants, and modifications may only be made by resolution of the board.

Items of Interest

Tri-Cities wastewater-treatment plant utilizes physical, biological and chemical processes to treat wastewater collected from the cities of Huber Heights, Vandalia and Tipp City. The wastewater treatment process is very similar to that which occurs naturally in rivers and lakes, however; wastewater treatment plants are designed to speed up and enhance the natural cleaning process. The physical processes, the "primary" steps in treating wastewater, utilize screens, settling tanks and skimming devices to remove about half of the pollutants - mostly sand, grit and other heavy or large solids typically found in wastewater. The "secondary" step is a biological one where microorganisms feed on the waste remaining in the water until about 85% of the pollutants are removed. A separate, advanced secondary step biologically removes ammonia. With more than 95% of the pollutants removed, the wastewater is chemically disinfected before it is released into the Great Miami River.

The organic solids removed in these treatment processes are further treated and stabilized to meet stringent regulatory standards for reuse as agricultural fertilizer. A dedicated pipeline was constructed as part of the north regional wastewater system to convey the stabilized sludge seven miles north to Tri-Cities dedicated farm where it is temporarily stored in strategically placed tanks. Pumping sludge to the farm has allowed Tri-Cities to avoid the expense of owning, operating and maintaining a fleet of semi trucks and trailers. While this not only reduces wear and tear on city and county roads, it also minimizes workers' safety issues. Historically, at certain times of the year, sludge was withdrawn from the storage tanks into specially equipped field tankers pulled by tractors. Tri-Cities began use of a new dragline system in 2003 that greatly improved the efficiency of sludge injection because it replaces the use of tankers on most of Tri-Cities fields. This new umbilical type of operation involves pumping sludge directly to the tractor that pulls the hose and injection tool across the fields. Ultimately, sludge is incorporated directly into the soil approximately four inches below the surface where nutrients from the sludge enrich the soil and provide 100% of the nitrogen needed for the grain crops grown on this farm. Reusing the sludge in this way has eliminated the use of commercial fertilizers.

In addition to returning clean water to the river and nutrients to the soil, the north regional wastewater treatment plant is equipped with internal combustion engines fueled with methane gas, a byproduct of the sludge stabilization process. These engines turn generators that produce much of the electricity needed to pump the north regional interceptor sewer influent to the head works of the treatment plant.

Tri-Cities is equipped with a customized sewer maintenance and inspection vehicle used to inspect, evaluate and monitor the sanitary sewers that convey sewage to the treatment plant. A digital video camera, purchased in 2006, is lowered into the sewers and records their condition on a computer system. To aid in overall inspection and sewer line assessment, Tri-Cities purchased a combination jet/vac unit in 2005. This piece of equipment is truck mounted and is used to clean the lines using high pressure water jets in combination with a vacuum system to remove debris from the lines when necessary. Tri-Cities purchased a slip lining system in 2012 which allows for immediate repair of line defects discovered during inspections. This has replaced the use of a grout packer which was often used to seal minor leaks. The inspection vehicle is also equipped with an ElectroScan inspection system purchased in 2013 which utilizes a new technology to detect line defects and prioritize needed repairs. Another inspection vehicle was purchased in 2016 that is equipped with an inspection camera and special cutter tool used to remove mineral buildup blockages and/or pipe protrusions prior to the line being repaired with the slip lining system purchased in 2012. Additionally, portable flow meters are used to measure how much wastewater flows through segments of the sewer system. Flow data is useful in identifying where leaks and unauthorized connections may be contributing to rainfall induced high flows.

An on-site laboratory is used to conduct hundreds of tests each year. These tests are performed by operations staff and certified laboratory professionals. Test results are used to evaluate treatment process performance and to monitor compliance with permit limits. Samples are collected from various locations in the sewer system and the treatment plant as well as from groundwater monitoring wells at the farm. Samples from the Great Miami River are also collected upstream and downstream of the north regional wastewater treatment plant discharge point to monitor potential impacts on the river.

From the collection of raw wastewater to the reuse of stabilized sludge, the north regional facilities are proudly operated and maintained for Tri-Cities by a private operations contractor. An agreement for contract operation and maintenance has been in place since the facilities first came online in 1985, and employee training and certification is ongoing by the contractor to ensure quality performance and compliance with Tri-Cities wastewater discharge permit.

Efficiency, compliance and safety were key ingredients in the design of the north regional wastewater treatment facilities, and continue to be the three goals in day-to-day operations and maintenance. With the aid of programmable controllers and computerized monitoring systems, the north regional facilities are staffed just one shift per day, five days a week.

Local Economy

Each of Tri-Cities member cities continue to experience an increase in the rate of growth in housing and new subdivisions currently being built. Manufacturing and commercial activity in Tri-Cities service area is also increasing as it is throughout other portions of Ohio and the nation. This affects Tri-Cities because industries often are monitored through Tri-Cities Industrial Pretreatment Program designed to work with industries to make certain that pollutants are treated on-site and not discharged into the sewer system. The increase in manufacturing and other commercial development has resulted in a significant increase in Industrial Pretreatment activity.

Long-term Financial Planning

Tri-Cities had a decrease of \$517,816 in net position during 2020. With continued sound fiscal management coupled with the assistance of members of Tri-Cities Finance Committee only slight changes in net position are expected from year to year. Tri-Cities financial condition is relatively constant and the intent is not to profit from its operations but to recover costs. Tri-Cities continues to invest in its wastewater treatment plant through capital improvements and periodic upgrades of equipment but rates charged for wastewater treatment usage continues to remain constant.

Relevant Financial Policies

It is the policy of Tri-Cities to invest public funds in a manner which will provide the highest investment return with maximum security, while meeting daily cash flow demands. Investment objectives in order of priority are safety of principal, liquidity, diversification and public confidence. Compliance with this policy provides Tri-Cities reasonable return while protecting principal during varying economic conditions and allows Tri-Cities to meet its cash flow obligations.

Tri-Cities adopts an annual budget, which has proven beneficial through a process which involves the general manager preparing a budget draft which is reviewed and modified as necessary by each of Tri-Cities committees prior to a recommended draft being presented for Board consideration. Tri-Cities management follows a continuous improvement approach to meet its mission and contain costs.

Major Initiatives

A facilities alternatives analysis was completed in 2020 which identified capital improvements needed to convey and treat project flows and loadings from the member cities for the next 15 years. Preliminary cost estimates for needed upgrades at the WWTP are \$32M and upgrades to the interceptor sewer network are \$10M.

Awards and Acknowledgements

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority, Ohio, for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ended December 31, 2019. This was the nineteenth consecutive year that the government has received this prestigious award. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government unit must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized comprehensive annual financial report that satisfied both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements. A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. I believe this report conforms to the Certificate of Achievement Program requirements, and I am submitting it to GFOA, for my last time as I am retiring in May of 2021, to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

I want to thank staff members of the city of Vandalia finance department who contributed much time and effort in helping prepare this report and I also thank Scott Bushi of Lennon & Company for assistance in preparing this report.

Danny Knife

General Manager

List of Principal Officials
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

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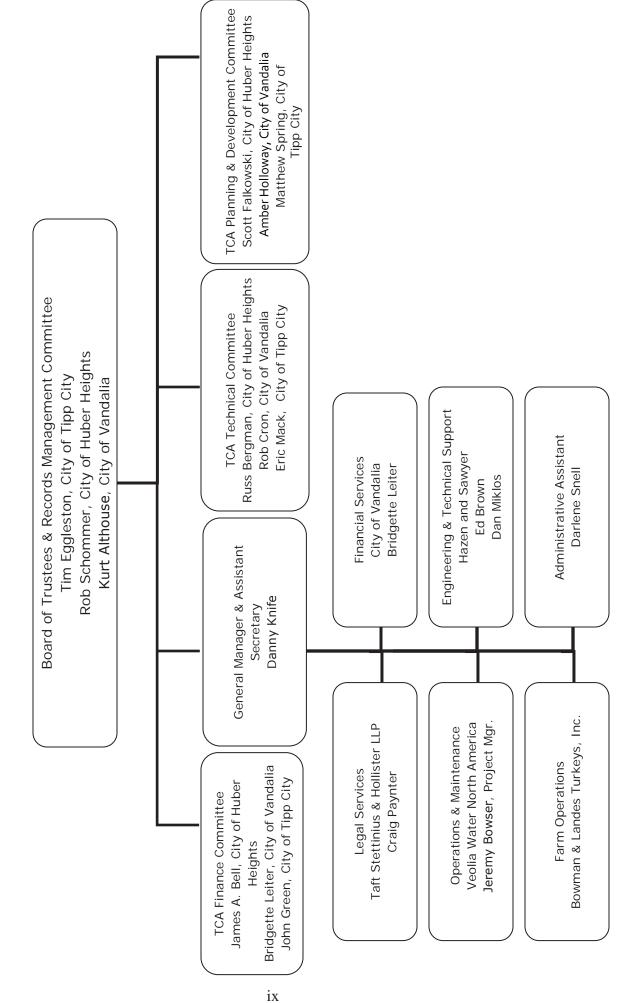
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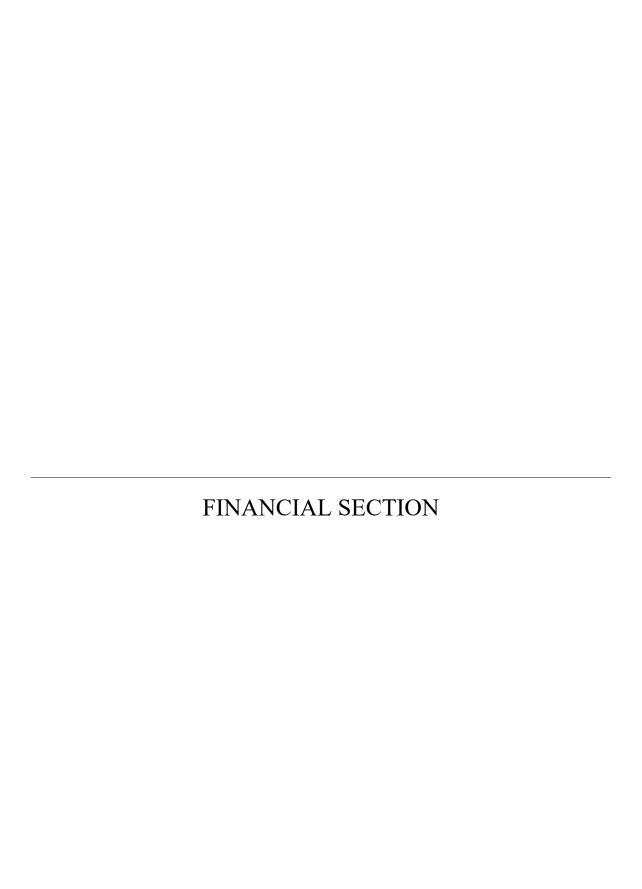
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority Montgomery County 3777 Old Needmore Road Dayton, Ohio 45424

To the Board of Trustees:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority, Montgomery County, Ohio (the Authority), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our audit 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 Authority, as of December 31, 2020, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows thereof 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 13 to the financial statements, the financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures may impact subsequent periods of the Authority. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require this presentation to include *management's discussion and analysis*, and schedules of net pension and other post-employment benefit liabilities and pension and other post-employment benefit contributions listed in the table of contents, to supplement the basic financial statements. Although this information is not part of the basic financial statements, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board considers it essential for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, consisting of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, to the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not opine or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to opine or provide any other assurance.

Supplementary and Other Information

Our audit was conducted to opine on the Authority's basic financial statements taken as a whole.

The introductory section, the financial section's supplementary budget information, and the statistical section information present additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The supplementary budget information is management's responsibility, and derives from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. We subjected this information to the auditing procedures we applied to the basic financial statements. We also applied certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling this information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, this information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

We did not subject the introductory section and statistical section information to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion or any other assurance on them.

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Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 30, 2021, on our consideration of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Keith Faber Auditor of State Columbus, Ohio

June 30, 2021

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended December 31, 2020 Unaudited

The discussion and analysis of Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority's (Tri-Cities) financial performance provides an overall review of the financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2020. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at Tri-Cities financial performance as a whole and readers should also review the transmittal letter, notes to the basic financial statements, and the financial statements to enhance their understanding of Tri-Cities financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2020 are as follows:

- Total net position decreased \$517,816 which represents a 1.75% decrease from 2019.
- Total assets decreased 1,493,960 which represents a 3.93 % decrease from 2019.
- Total liabilities decreased by \$1,055,749. This variance resulted primarily from a decrease in in OWDA loans.
- Charges for services remained constant due to no change in the current charge to member cities of not more than \$1.25 per thousand gallons of usage.

Using this Financial Report

The financial section consists of several parts, the management's discussion and analysis, the basic financial statements, the required supplementary information and an optional section that contains budgetary information. The basic financial statements include a statement of net position, statement of revenues, expenses and changes in fund net position, and a statement of cash flows. Since Tri-Cities only uses one fund for its operations, the entity wide and the fund presentation information is the same.

Statement of Net Position

The Statement of Net Position answers the question, "How did we do financially during 2020?" This statement includes all assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term, deferred outflows of resources, and deferred inflows of resources, using the accrual basis of accounting and economic resources focus, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into account all revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when the cash is received or paid.

This statement reports Tri-Cities net position, however, in evaluating the overall position of Tri-Cities, non-financial information such as changes in the condition of Tri-Cities capital assets will also need to be evaluated.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended December 31, 2020 Unaudited

Table 1

Table 1 provides a summary of Tri-Cities net position for 2020 compared to 2019:

	Table I		
	Net Positio	on	
		2020	2019
Assets:			
Current and other assets	\$	2,963,358	\$ 3,653,479
Capital assets, net of depreciation		33,557,271	34,361,110
Total assets	_	36,520,629	38,014,589
<u>Deferred outflows of resources</u>			
Pension and OPEB	_	37,689	71,482
<u>Liabilities:</u>			
Current and other liabilities		248,521	356,990
Long-term liabilities:			
Due within one year		840,243	888,705
Net pension liability		149,626	211,709
Net OPEB liability		97,379	93,871
Other amounts due in more than one year		6,031,163	6,871,406
Total liabilities	_	7,366,932	8,422,681
Deferred inflows of resources			
Pension and OPEB	_	48,847	3,035
Net Position:			
Net investment in capital assets		26,685,865	26,600,999
Unrestricted		2,456,674	3,059,356
Total net position	\$	29, 142, 539	\$ 29,660,355

The net position of Tri-Cities decreased \$517,816 or 1.75%. With usage rates generating revenue, which reasonably matches expenses, the financial condition of Tri-Cities is relatively constant. Tri-Cities is continuously investing in its wastewater treatment plant through capital improvements and periodic upgrades of associated equipment. The reader must remember that Tri-Cities intent is not to profit from this operation but to recover costs. Unrestricted net position decreased by \$602,682, and net investment in capital assets increased by \$84,866. Total liabilities decreased \$1,055,749, which was due to a decrease in the long-term liabilities as mentioned above.

Table 2 shows the changes in net position for the year ended December 31, 2020, as well as revenue and expense comparisons to 2019.

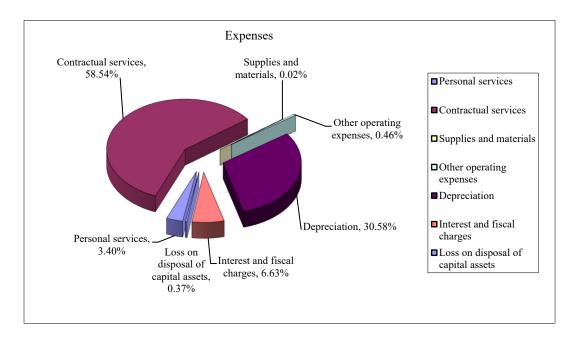
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Table 2
Change in Fund Net Position

	<u>2020</u>	<u> 2019</u>
Operating revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 3,277,525	\$ 3,280,339
Rentals	150,069	82,812
Other revenues	45,342	56,482
Total operating revenues	3,472,936	3,419,633
Operating expenses:		
Personal services	139,482	166,563
Contractual services	2,402,799	2,665,365
Supplies and materials	938	2,005
Other operating expenses	18,791	23,947
Depreciation	1,255,254	1,259,827
Total operating expenses	3,817,264	4,117,707
Operating income	(344,328)	(698,074)
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):		
Intergovernmental	1,631	3,723
Interest income	111,877	52,819
Loss on sale of capital asset	(14,800)	(39,860)
Interest and fiscal charges	(272,196)	(195,520)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	(173,488)	(178,838)
Increase (decrease) in net position	(517,816)	(876,912)
Net position at beginning of year	29,660,355	30,537,267
Net position at end of year	\$ 29,142,539	\$ 29,660,355

Tri-Cities statements prepared on an accrual basis of accounting include an annual pension and OPEB expense for their proportionate share of each plan's change in net pension/OPEB liability not accounted for as deferred inflows/outflows. Tri-Cities is also reporting a net pension/OPEB liability and deferred inflows/outflows of resources related to pension/OPEB on the accrual basis of accounting in the statement of net position.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended December 31, 2020 Unaudited



The interest expense of \$186,207 for 2020 resulted from outstanding loans from the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA).

Contractual services make up 58.54% of Tri-Cities expenses. Tri-Cities north regional facilities are operated and maintained for Tri-Cities by a private operations contractor. These expenses are recorded as contractual services. For 2020, contractual services decreased \$262,566 from the prior year.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended December 31, 2020 Unaudited

As a result of implementing the pension and OPEB accounting standards, Tri-Cities is reporting a significant net pension liability and net OPEB liability, related deferred inflows of resources and an increase in expenses related to pension and OPEB for this fiscal year which have a negative effect on net position. In addition, Tri-Cities is reporting deferred outflows of resources, which have a positive consequence on net position. The increase in pension expense is the difference between the contractually required contributions and the pension expense resulting from the change in the net pension liability that is not reported as deferred inflows or outflows. To further explain the impact of this new accounting standard on Tri-Cities net position, additional information is presented below.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Deferred outflows - pension	\$ 22,188	\$ 63,477
Deferred outflows - OPEB	15,501	8,005
Deferred inflows - pension	(33,847)	(2,780)
Deferred inflows - OPEB	(15,000)	(255)
Net pension liability	(149,626)	(211,709)
Net OPEB liability	 (97,379)	 (93,871)
Impact of GASB 68 and GABB 75 on net position	\$ (258,163)	\$ (237,133)
Net expense impact	\$ (21,030)	\$ (43,007)

For 2020, the net expense impact of GASB 68 and 75 was \$21,030. This was from reporting the increase in the Tri-Cities proportionate share of the pension and other post-employment benefit liability of the Ohio Public Employment Retirement board. This adjustment was a positive expense which increased expenses.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

Table 3
Capital Assets, at Year End
(Net of Depreciation)

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Land	\$ 3,918,235	\$ 3,918,235
Construction in progress	-	14,800
Infrastructure	2,273,467	1,930,338
Buildings and improvements	24,904,531	25,698,143
Machinery and equipment	2,447,079	2,777,659
Vehicles	 13,959	 21,935
Total capital assets	\$ 33,557,271	\$ 34,361,110

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A review of Table 3 shows that capital assets (net of depreciation) decreased \$803,839. The decrease is due to current year deletions, mainly construction in progress and depreciation expense exceeding current year additions.

See Note 4 of the notes to the basic financial statements for more detailed information.

Debt

At December 31, 2020, Tri-Cities had four outstanding OWDA loans totaling \$6,871,406; \$840,243 of which is due within one year. This reflects a \$888,705 overall decrease from 2019.

Table 4
Outstanding Debt, at Year End

	<u> 2020</u>	<u> 2019</u>
OWDA loans payable:		
2000 OWDA loan, 4.66%	\$ 65,994	\$ 193,510
2001 OWDA loan, 0.27%	595,496	892,041
2013 OWDA loan, 2.84%	4,239,041	4,482,532
2017 OWDA loan, 2.38%	 1,970,875	 2,192,028
Totals	\$ 6,871,406	\$ 7,760,111

The 2000 loan was issued for the nitrification process improvement project and it matures in 2021. The 2001 loan was issued for the Ross Road pumping station improvements project and it matures in 2022. The 2013 loan carrying a 2.84% interest rate was issued for the Comprehensive plan/modeling sanitary sewer system project and it matures in 2034. The 2017 loan carrying a 2.38% interest rate was issued for the disinfection facility project and matures in 2028.

See Note 5 of the notes to the basic financial statements for more detailed information.

Current Financial Issues and Concerns

At December 31, 2020, Tri-Cities had total assets of \$36,520,629 and total net position of \$29,142,539 which resulted from a change in fund net position of (\$517,816). Ongoing prudent management of Tri-Cities resources by the Board of Trustees provided financial stability during 2020.

Contacting Tri-Cities

This financial report is designed to provide the citizens, taxpayers and consumers of the cities of Huber Heights, Vandalia and Tipp City, creditors and investors with a general overview of Tri-Cities finances and to show Tri-Cities accountability for the monies it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Danny Knife, Tri-Cities General Manager, 3777 Old Needmore Road, Dayton, Ohio 45424, at (937) 236-6558 or email to dknife@tri-cities.org.

Montgomery County, Ohio Statement of Net Position December 31, 2020

Assets:		
Current assets: Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents Receivables:	\$	2,681,949
Accounts		3,095
Accounts from related parties		272,241
Due from other governments		548
Prepaid items		5,525
Total current assets		2,963,358
Noncurrent assets:		
Capital assets:		
Land		3,918,235
Depreciable capital assets, net		29,639,036
Total noncurrent assets		33,557,271
Total assets		36,520,629
Deferred outflows of resources:		
Pension		22,188
OPEB		15,501
Total deferred outflows of resources		37,689
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable		158,083
Due to related parties		369
Accrued wages and benefits		2,647
Compensated absences payable		1,024
Due to other governments		409
Accrued interest payable		85,989
OWDA loans payable		840,243
Total current liabilities		1,088,764
Long-term liabilities:		6 021 162
OWDA loans payable, net of current portion		6,031,163
Net pension liability Net OPEB liability		149,626 97,379
Total long-term liabilities		6,278,168
Total liabilities		7,366,932
		7,300,732
<u>Deferred inflows of resources:</u>		22.047
Pension OPEB		33,847
Total deferred inflows of resources		15,000 48,847
Total deferred limows of resources		70,077
Net position:		26 695 965
Net investment in capital assets Unrestricted		26,685,865
	•	2,456,674
Total net position	\$	29,142,539

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Montgomery County, Ohio

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position

For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Operating revenues:	
Charges for services	\$ 3,277,525
Rental income	150,069
Other	45,342
Total operating revenue	3,472,936
Operating expenses:	
Personal services	139,482
Contractual services	2,402,799
Supplies and materials	938
Other operating costs	18,791
Depreciation	1,255,254
Total operating expenses	3,817,264
Operating income (loss)	(344,328)
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):	
Intergovernmental	1,631
Interest	111,877
Interest and fiscal charges	(272,196)
Loss on disposal of capital assets	(14,800)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	(173,488)
Change in net position	(517,816)
Net position at beginning of year	29,660,355
Net position at end of year	\$ 29,142,539

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Montgomery County, Ohio

Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Cash flows from operating activities:	
Cash received from customers	\$ 3,497,092
Cash payments for employee services and benefits	(117,079)
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(2,524,893)
Net cash provided by operating activities	 855,120
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:	
Cash payments from subsidy	 2,689
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	 2,689
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:	
Interest paid on debt	(186,207)
Principal payment on loans	(888,705)
Acquisition of capital assets	 (466,215)
Net cash used for capital and related financing activities	 (1,541,127)
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Investment income	 16,427
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(666,891)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	 3,348,840
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 2,681,949
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash	
provided by operating activities:	
Operating income (loss)	\$ (344,328)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net	
cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	1,255,254
Change in assets and liabilities:	
(Increase) decrease in assets:	
Accounts receivable	24,156
Prepaid items	(1,984)
Decrease in deferred outflows of resource	33,793
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:	
Accounts payable	(100,389)
Due to related parties	8
Accrued wages and benefits	629
Compensated absences	647
Due to other governments	97
Net pension liability	(62,083)
Net OPEB liability	3,508
Increase in deferred inflows of resources	 45,812
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 855,120

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Description of the Reporting Entity

A. Description of the Reporting Entity

The Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority ("Tri-Cities") is a joint venture among the cities of Vandalia, Tipp City and Huber Heights. Tri-Cities is a stand-alone government which is governed by a management board of trustees consisting of the city managers of the three member cities. The board has complete authority over all aspects of the operation. Tri-Cities supplies all participating residents of the member cities with sewage treatment services. Each city owns the sewage lines located in its city and bills its residents for the treatment service provided by Tri-Cities.

Tri-Cities board has retained an outside contractor to manage daily operations. These amounts are recorded as contractual services expense. Tri-Cities board has also hired a General Manager to oversee the management of daily operations. These amounts are recorded as personal services expense.

Tri-Cities charges each member city for sewage treatment services provided to the cities' residents in accordance with the joint venture agreement dated June 11, 1996. Such charges are allocated based upon each city's annual usage and are adjusted each year accordingly. The continued existence of Tri-Cities is dependent upon the participation of each member city, and each participating city has an equity interest in Tri-Cities. The following is a schedule of the participating cities' equity interest at December.

Vandalia	2020 26.19%	2019 25.45%
Tipp City	22.15%	24.02%
Huber Heights	51.66% 100.00%	50.53% 100.00%

The financial statements of the Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the Tri-Cities accounting policies are described below.

B. Reporting Entity

The reporting entity is comprised of the stand-alone government, component units and other organizations that are included to ensure that the financial statements of Tri-Cities are not misleading. The stand-alone government consists of all departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from Tri-Cities.

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Component units are legally separate organizations for which Tri-Cities is financially accountable. Tri-Cities is financially accountable for an organization if Tri-Cities appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance deficits of or provide financial support to the organization; or is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on Tri-Cities in that Tri-Cities approves their budget, the issuance of their debt or the levying of their taxes. Based upon the application of these criteria, Tri-Cities has no component units.

C. Basis of Presentation

The Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority basic financial statements consist of a statement of net position, a statement of revenue, expenses and changes in fund net position, and a statement of cash flows.

Tri-Cities use a single enterprise fund 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.

Enterprise fund reporting focuses on the determination of the change in net position, financial position and cash flows. An enterprise fund may be used to account for any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods and services.

D. Measurement Focus

The enterprise fund is accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets, liabilities, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of Tri-Cities are included on the statement of net position. The statement of changes in fund net position presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net total assets. The statement of cash flows provides information about how Tri-Cities finances and meets the cash flow needs of its enterprise activity.

E. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Tri-Cities financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

Revenue is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. Expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

In addition to assets, the statements of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. For Tri-Cities, deferred outflows of resources are reported on the statement of net position for pension/OPEB. The deferred outflows of resources related to pension/OPEB are explained in Note 8 and 9.

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In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position reports a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. For Tri-Cities, deferred inflows of resources are related to pension/OPEB and are reported on the statement of net position. (See Note 8 and 9)

F. Investments

During 2020, investments included an interest in STAR Ohio, the State Treasurer's Investment Pool. Investments are reported at fair value which is based on quoted market prices. For investments in open-end mutual funds, fair value is determined by the fund's current share price.

Tri-Cities investment in the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio) is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company and is recognized as an external investment pool by Tri-Cities. Tri-Cities measures their investment in STAR Ohio at the net asset value (NAV) per share provided by STAR Ohio. The NAV per share is calculated on an amortized cost basis that provides a NAV per share that approximates fair value.

For 2020, there were no limitation or restrictions on any participant withdrawals due to redemption notice periods, liquidity fees, or redemption gates. However, notice is appreciated 24 hours in advance of all deposits and withdrawals exceeding \$25 million. STAR Ohio reserves the right to limit the transaction to \$100 million, requiring the excess amount to be transacted the following business day(s), but only to the \$100 million limit. All accounts of the participant will be combined for these purposes.

For purposes of the statement of cash flows and for presentation on the statement of net position, investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase are reported as cash equivalents on the financial statements.

G. Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond December 31, 2020, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded.

H. Capital Assets

Capital assets utilized by Tri-Cities are reported on the statement of net position. All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their acquisition values as of the date received. Tri-Cities maintains a capitalization threshold of one thousand dollars. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not.

All reported capital assets except for land and construction in progress are depreciated. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets.

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Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	Estimated Lives
Infrastructure	65 years
Buildings and improvements	45-50 years
Machinery and equipment	5-15 years
Vehicles	6 years

Tri-Cities policy is to capitalize net interest on construction projects until substantial completion of the project. The amount of capitalized interest equals the difference between the interest cost associated with the tax-exempt borrowing used to finance the project and the interest earned from temporary investments of the debt proceeds over the same period. Capitalized interest is amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset.

I. Net pension liability/Other postemployment benefits (OPEB) liability

For purposes of measuring the net pension/OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions/OPEB, and pension/OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the pension/OPEB plans and additions to/deductions from their fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the pension/OPEB plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. The pension/OPEB plans report investments at fair value.

The current accounting standard requires Tri-Cities to report their proportionate share of the net pension/OPEB liability using the earning approach to pension and OPEB accounting instead of the funding approach as previously used. The funding approach limited pension and post employment costs to contributions annually required by law, which may or may not be sufficient to fully fund each plan's net pension/OPEB liability. Under the new standards, the net pension/OPEB liability equals Tri-Cities proportionate share of the pension plan's collective present value of estimated future pension/OPEB benefits attributable to active and inactive employees' past service minus plan assets available to pay these benefits.

Pension and OPEB obligations, whether funded or unfunded, are part of the employment exchange. The employee is trading his or her labor in exchange for wages, benefits, and the promise of a future pension and other post employment benefits. The unfunded portion of this benefit of exchange is a liability of Tri-Cities. However, Tri-Cities is not responsible for key factors affecting the balance of this liability. In Ohio, the employee shares the obligation of funding pension/OPEB benefits with the employer. Benefit provisions and both employer and employee contribution rates are determined by State statute. The employee and employer enter the employment exchange with the knowledge that the exchange is limited by law. The pension system is responsible for the administration of the pension and OPEB plans.

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There is no repayment schedule for the net pension liability or the net OPEB liability. Tri-Cities has no control over the changes in the benefits, contributions rate, and return on investments affecting the balance of these liabilities. In the event that contributions, investment returns, and other changes are insufficient to keep up with required payments, State statue does not identify the responsible party for the unfunded portion. Due to the unique nature of how the pension liability and the OPEB liability are satisfied, these liabilities are separately identified within the long-term liability section of the statement of net position.

J. Compensated Absences

Vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employee's right to receive compensation is attributable to service already rendered and it is probable that the employer will compensate the employee for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the vesting method. The liability includes employees currently eligible to receive termination benefits and those Tri-Cities has identified as probable of receiving payment in the future. The amount is based on accumulated sick leave and the employee's wage rate at year-end, taking into consideration any limits specified in Tri-Cities termination policy.

K. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net investment in capital assets, consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by Tri-Cities or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. Tri-Cities applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net positions are available. Tri-Cities did not have a restricted net position for 2020.

L. Operating and Nonoperating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from primary activities. For Tri-Cities, these revenues are charges for services, rentals, and miscellaneous reimbursements. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the goods or services that are the primary activity of Tri-Cities.

Nonoperating revenues are those revenues that are not generated directly from primary activities. For Tri-Cities, this revenue is interest income. Nonoperating expenses are costs other than those necessary costs incurred to provide the goods or services that are the primary activity of Tri-Cities.

M. Contributions of Capital

Contributions of capital arise from outside contributions of capital assets or outside contributions of resources restricted to capital acquisition and construction. Tri-Cities did not have any capital contributions during 2020.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

N. Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

Note 2 – Deposits and Investments

The investment and deposit of Tri-Cities monies are governed by the Investment and Deposit Policy of Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority as formally adopted by the Board of Trustees. In accordance with these provisions, investments purchased for the portfolio may be safekept only by financial institutions that have been authorized by Tri-Cities Board of Trustees through formal resolution and recommendations received from the Finance Committee, which considers such criteria as the financial institution's insured status, size, financial condition, location and fee structure.

Investments are made through an individual investment account maintained by the fiscal agent. Whenever there are monies in Tri-Cities account which will not be required to be used for a period of thirty days or more, such funds are invested subject to the limitations contained within the investment policy of Tri-Cities, and subject to all applicable laws and regulations.

The investment objectives controlling the management of Tri-Cities investment portfolio are, in order of importance: (1) Safety of principal. Recognizing that all investments contain one or more elements of risk, the portfolio shall be prudently managed with specific consideration given to credit risk, market risk, and prepayment risk; (2) Liquidity to meet current and contingent requirements; (3) Diversity of investments. Tri-Cities shall diversify its investments to avoid incurring unreasonable risks associated with the practice of concentrating on investments in specific security types and individual institutions; (4) Public Confidence. Tri-Cities shall avoid any transaction which might impair its public confidence.

According to the Tri-Cities investment policy, the maximum maturity of any investment is limited to a final stated maturity of five years or an average life of five years, where the average life is estimated by nationally recognized firms independent of the dealer selling the security, unless matched to a specific cash flow requirement.

The provisions of Tri-Cities investment policy authorizes the following investments:

- 1. Bonds, notes, certificates of indebtedness, treasury bills or other securities which are guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the United States.
- 2. Short-term discount obligations of the Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA).
- 3. State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio).

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- 4. Money market mutual funds registered by the federal government under the amended Investment Company Act of 1940 provided that the portfolio is limited to bonds, notes, certificates of indebtedness, treasury bills or other securities which are guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the United States or agreements to repurchase these same types of obligations.
- 5. Deposits of any Ohio financial institution subject to collateralization of public funds defined by the Ohio Revised Code.
- 6. Shares, savings accounts, certificates of deposit, or other deposit accounts legally issuable by Ohio financial institutions.
- 7. Prime Commercial Paper issued with a credit rating of P-1 by Standard & Poor's Corporation or A-1 by Moody's rating service provided no more than 10% of the portfolio, at the time of investment, is invested in commercial paper.

Tri-Cities has no deposit policy for custodial risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits be either insured or be protected by eligible securities pledged to and deposited either with Tri-Cities or a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment, or by a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution whose market value at all times shall be at least one hundred five percent of the deposits being secured. If the institution participates in the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), the total market value of the securities pledged can be one hundred two percent or lower if permitted by the Treasurer of State.

A. Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, Tri-Cities will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At December 31, 2020, the carrying amount of Tri-Cities deposits was \$963,071, Tri-Cities total bank balance of \$679,759 was not exposed to custodial credit risk.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

B. Investments

At December 31, 2020, Tri-Cities had the following investments:

	Fair	Percentage		
<u>Investment type</u>	<u>Value</u>	of Investments	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Rating</u>
STAR Ohio	 1,718,878	<u>100.00</u> %	55.8 ⁽²⁾	$AAAm^{(1)}$
Total investments	\$ 1,718,878	<u>100.00</u> %		

⁽¹⁾ Standard and Poor's rating

Tri-Cities categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets. Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs. Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. The preceding table identifies Tri-Cities recurring fair value measurement as of December 31, 2020. As previously discussed Star Ohio is reported at its net asset value.

Custodial credit risk for an investment is the risk that in the event of failure of the counterparty, Tri-Cities will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party.

Interest rate risk is the possibility that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Tri-Cities investment policy provides that Tri-Cities shall attempt to match the term to maturity of its investments with anticipated cash flow requirements. It limits direct investment in securities with an average life of 5 years from the date of settlement.

Credit Risk is the possibility that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligation. Standard and Poor's has assigned STAR Ohio an AAAm rating. Ohio law requires that STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard service rating.

Note 3 – Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable represent monies due from United Water and various other parties. Accounts receivable from related parties are monies due from the City of Vandalia, City of Huber Heights and the City of Tipp for their portion of sewage treatment services. (See Note 6 for more information). No allowance for doubtful accounts has been recorded as all amounts are considered collectible. All receivables are expected to be collected within one year.

⁽²⁾ Days (Average)

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Note 4 – Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ending December 31, 2020 was as follows:

	Balance			Balance
Business-type activities	<u>12/31/2019</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>12/31/2020</u>
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 3,918,235	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,918,235
Construction in progress	14,800		(14,800)	
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	3,933,035		(14,800)	3,918,235
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Infrastructure	4,262,028	456,185	-	4,718,213
Buildings and improvements	35,934,041	-	-	35,934,041
Machinery and equipment	10,337,949	10,030	-	10,347,979
Vehicles	341,643		<u>-</u>	341,643
Total capital assets, being depreciated	50,875,661	466,215		51,341,876
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Infrastructure	(2,331,690)	(113,056)	-	(2,444,746)
Buildings and improvements	(10,235,898)	(793,612)	-	(11,029,510)
Machinery and equipment	(7,560,290)	(340,610)	-	(7,900,900)
Vehicles	(319,708)	(7,976)		(327,684)
Total accumulated depreciation	(20,447,586)	(1,255,254)		(21,702,840)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	30,428,075	(789,039)		29,639,036
Business-type activities capital assets, net	\$ 34,361,110	<u>\$ (789,039)</u>	\$ (14,800)	<i>\$ 33,557,271</i>

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Note 5 – Long-term Obligations

A summary of debt and other long-term obligations as of December 31, 2020 follows:

	Balance <u>12/31/19</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	Balance <u>12/31/20</u>	Amount Due in <u>One Year</u>
<u>Loans</u>					
2000 OWDA loan, 4.66%	\$ 193,510	\$ -	\$ (127,516)		\$ 65,994
2001 OWDA loan, 0.27%	892,041	-	(296,545)	595,496	297,346
2013 OWDA loan, 2.84%	4,482,532	-	(243,491)	4,239,041	250,455
2017 OWDA loan, 2.38%	2,192,028		(221,153)	1,970,875	226,448
Total loans	7,760,111		(888,705)	6,871,406	840,243
Other obligations					
Compensated absences	377	1,024	(377)	1,024	1,024
Net pension liability - OPERS	211,709	-	(62,083)	149,626	-
Net OPEB liability - OPERS	93,871	3,508		97,379	
Total other obligations	305,957	4,532	(62,460)	248,029	1,024
Total long-term obligations	\$ 8,066,068	<i>\$</i> 4,532	<u>\$ (951,165)</u>	\$ 7,119,435	<u>\$ 841,267</u>

The 2000 loan was issued for the nitrification improvement project. The principal amount of the original loan is \$1,825,577. The loan was issued with an interest rate of 4.66% with final maturity of January 1, 2021. Current operations are expected to provide cash flows for the repayment of this loan. During 2016, an interest rate buy down was established by the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) to assist local governments with current loans. Tri-Cities loan with an interest rate of 4.66% was reduced to 3% on the outstanding balance of the loan. This interest rate reduction is being reflected as intergovernmental revenue.

The 2001 loan was issued for the Ross Road pumping station improvements project. The principal amount of the original loan is \$6,314,982. The loan was issued with an interest rate of .27% with final maturity of July 1, 2022. Current operations are expected to provide cash flows for the repayment of this loan.

The 2008 loan carrying a 5.11% interest rate was issued for the comprehensive plan project. The principal amount of the original loan is \$709,823 including capitalized interest. During 2013, the planning loan was rolled into a construction loan with a final maturity of July 1, 2034. Current operations are expected to provide cash flows for the repayment of this loan.

The 2017 loan carrying a 2.38% interest rate was issued for the disinfection facility project. The principal amount of the original loan is \$2,408,010 including capitalized interest with a final maturity of July 1, 2028. Current operations are expected to provide cash flows for the repayment of this loan.

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The annual debt service requirements for payment of principal and interest at December 31, 2020, are as follows:

	<u>OWDA loans</u>		
<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	1	nterest**
2021	\$ 840,243	\$	167,135
2022	787,637		152,210
2023	502,408		138,686
2024	515,671		125,423
2025	529,287		111,806
2026-2030	2,309,886		351,551
2031-2034	 1,386,274		90,040
Total	\$ 6,871,406	\$	1,136,851

^{**}Includes \$548 of interest rate buy down

The above annual debt service requirements are based upon the latest estimated amortization schedules provided from OWDA. Until a loan is fully disbursed or closed with the OWDA Chief Engineer, a final amortization is not available for the loan.

Note 6 - Related Party Transactions

Tri-Cities was party to several transactions during 2020 involving the three member cities, which are summarized as follows:

A. Accounts Receivable

Accounts Receivable as of December 31, 2020, includes the balance due from the member cities for sewage treatment services provided to the cities' residents. The amounts included in accounts receivable from member cities is as follows:

	<u> 2020</u>
Vandalia	\$ 68,518
Tipp City	61,968
Huber Heights	 141,755
Total	\$ 272,241

B. Charges for Services

Charges for services for 2020 include the amounts charged to the member cities for sewage treatment services provided to the cities' residents. The amount included in charges for services from member cities is as follows:

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	<u>2020</u>
Vandalia	\$ 850,833
Tipp City	745,612
Huber Heights	1,681,080
Total	\$ 3,277,525

Note 7 – Risk Management

Tri-Cities is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and natural disasters. Tri-Cities carries liability insurance with an independent third party.

The following is a list of insurance coverage and deductibles for 2020:

<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Limit</u>	<u>Deductible</u>
Property	\$ 60,347,873	\$ 2,500
Flood	500,000	50,000
Earthquake	2,000,000	50,000
General liability:		
Per occasion	1,000,000	none
Aggregate	3,000,000	none
Public Officials:		
Per occasion	1,000,000	1,000
Aggregate	3,000,000	1,000
Umbrella:		
Per occasion	5,000,000	none
Aggregate	5,000,000	none
Contractors equipment	1,951,835	1,000
Crime:		
Employee dishonesty	100,000	1,000
Theft - inside premises	10,000	250
Theft - outside premises	10,000	250
Forgery and alteration	100,000	250
Boiler and machinery	included in property	2,500
Automobile:		
Liability	1,000,000	none
Comprehensive	actual cash value	250
Collision	actual cash value	1,000
Uninsured motorist	250,000	none
Under insured motorist	250,000	none
Premises pollution liability	5,000,000	250,000

There were no significant reductions in coverage from prior year. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years.

Tri-Cities pays the State Workers' Compensation System a premium based on a rate per \$100 of salaries. This rate is calculated based on accident history and administrative costs.

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Note 8 – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Net pension liability

The net pension liability reported on the statement of net position represents a liability to employees for pensions. Pensions are a component of exchange transactions between an employer and its employees of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions are provided to an employee on a deferred-payment basis as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period. The obligation to sacrifice resources for pensions is a present obligation because it was created as a result of employment exchanges that already have occurred.

The net pension liability represents Tri-Cities proportionate share of each pension plan's collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each pension plan's fiduciary net position. The net pension liability calculation is dependent on critical long-term variables, including estimated average life expectancies, earnings on investments, cost of living adjustments and others. While these estimates use the best information available, unknowable future events require adjusting this estimate annually.

Ohio Revised Code limits Tri-Cities obligation for this liability to annually required payments. Tri-Cities cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which pensions are financed; however, Tri-Cities does receive the benefit of employees' services in exchange for compensation including pension.

GASB 68 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires all funding to come from these employers. All contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). State statute requires the pension plans to amortize unfunded liabilities within 30 years. If the amortization period exceeds 30 years, each pension plan's board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension liability. Resulting adjustments to the net pension liability would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable.

The proportionate share of each plan's unfunded benefits is presented as a long-term net pension liability on the accrual basis of accounting. Any liability for the contractually-required pension contribution outstanding at the end of the year is included in due to other governments.

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Plan Description – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)

Tri-Cities 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 may elect the member-directed plan and the combined plan, 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 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report referenced above for additional information):

Group	A

Eligible to retire prior to January 7, 2013 or five years after January 7, 2013

State and Local

Age and service requirements:

Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit

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

Group B

20 years of service credit prior to January 7, 2013 or eligible to retire ten years after January 7, 2013

State and Local

Age and service requirements:

Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit

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

Group C

Members not in other Groups and members hired on or after January 7, 2013

State and Local

Age and service requirements:

Age 57 with 25 years of service credit or Age 62 with 5 years of service credit

Formula:

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.

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Once a benefit recipient retiring under the Traditional Plan has received benefits for 12 months, an annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) is provided on the member's base benefit. Members retiring under the Combined Plan receive a cost-of-living adjustment on the defined benefit portion of their retirement benefit. 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. Additionally, a death benefit of \$500-\$2,500, determined by the number of years of service credit of the retiree, is paid to the beneficiary of a deceased retiree or disability benefit recipient under the Traditional and Combined Plan.

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

	State	
	and Local	
2020 Statutory maximum contribution rates		
Employer	14.00 %	6
Employee	10.00 %	6
2020 Actual contribution rates		
Employer:		
Pension	14.00 %	%
Post-employment health care benefits		
Total employer	14.00 %	%
Employee	10.00 %	%

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. Tri-Cities contractually required contribution was \$14,088 for 2020. Of this amount, \$371 is reported as due to other governments.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

The net pension liability for OPERS was measured as of December 31, 2019, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. Tri-Cities proportion of the net pension liability was based on Tri-Cities share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense:

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	<u>OPERS</u>
Proportion of the pension	
liability - prior measurement date	0.0007730 %
Proportion of the pension	
liability - current measurement date	<u>0.0007570</u> %
Change in proportionate share	<u>-0.0000160</u> %
Proportionate share of net	
pension liability	\$ 149,626
Pension expense	\$ 24,361

At December 31, 2020, Tri-Cities reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	_(OPERS
Deferred outflows of resources		
Changes of assumptions	\$	7,992
Changes in proportionate share and differences		
between Tri-Cities contributions and proportionate share of contributions		108
Tri-Cities contributions subsequent to the measurement date		14,088
Total deferred outflows of resources	\$	22,188
Deferred inflows of resources		
Differences between expected and		
actual experience	\$	1,892
Net difference between projected and		
actual earnings on pension plan investments		29,847
Changes in proportionate share and differences		
between employer contributions and proportionate		
share of contributions		2,108
Total deferred inflows of resources	\$	33,847

\$14,088 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from Tri-Cities contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending December 31, 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	(OPERS
Year ending December 31:		
2021	\$	(4,740)
2022		(10,392)
2023		1,236
2024		(11,851)
Total	\$	(25,747)

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Actuarial Assumptions - OPERS

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the values of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and cost trends. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review or modification as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation. The total pension liability in the December 31, 2019, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Experience study
Wage inflation
Future salary increases, including inflation -Traditional plan
Future salary increases, including inflation - Combined plan
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA

Investment rate of return Actuarial cost method 5 - year period ended December 31, 2015
3.25 percent
3.25 percent to 10.75 percent
3.25 percent to 8.25 percent
Pre January 7, 2013 retirees, 3 percent, simple
Post January 7, 2013 retirees, 1.4 percent, simple
through 2020, then 2.15 percent, simple
7.2 percent
Individual entry age

Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Employees mortality table for males and females, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period base year of 2006. The base year for males and females was then established to be 2015 and 2010, respectively. Post-retirement mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant mortality table for males and females, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period base year of 2006. The base year for males and females was then established to be 2015 and 2010, respectively. Post-retirement mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on the RP-2014 Disabled mortality table for males and females, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period base year of 2006. The base year for males and females was then established to be 2015 and 2010, respectively. Mortality rates for a particular calendar year are determined by applying the MP-2015 mortality improvement scale to all of the above described tables.

The long-term rate of return on defined benefit investment assets was determined using a buildingblock method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected real rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adjusted for inflation.

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During 2019, OPERS managed investments in three investment portfolios: the Defined Benefit portfolio, the Health Care portfolio, and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The Defined Benefit portfolio contains the investment assets for the Traditional Pension Plan, the defined benefit component of the Combined Plan and the annuitized accounts of the Member-Directed Plan. Within the Defined Benefit portfolio, contributions into the plans are all recorded at the same time, and benefit payments all occur on the first of the month. Accordingly, the money-weighted rate of return is considered to be the same for all plans within the portfolio. The annual money-weighted rate of return expressing investment performance, net of investment expenses and adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, for the Defined Benefit portfolio was 17.2% for 2019.

The allocation of investment assets with the Defined Benefit portfolio is approved by the Board of Trustees as outlined in the annual investment plan. Plan assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of achieving and maintaining a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the defined benefit pension plans. The table below displays the Board-approved asset allocation policy for 2019 and the long-term expected real rates of return:

		Weighted average
		long-term expected
	Target	real rate of return
Asset class	allocation	(arithmetic)
Fixed income	25.00%	1.83%
Domestic equities	19.00%	5.75%
Real estate	10.00%	5.20%
Private equity	12.00%	10.70%
International equities	21.00%	7.66%
Other investments	13.00%	4.98%
Total	100.00%	5.61%

Discount Rate The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.2 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members and those of the contributing employers are made at the statutorily required rates. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefits payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Tri-Cities Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate The following table presents the Tri-Cities proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.2%, as well as what the Tri-Cities proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (6.2%) or one-percentage-point higher (8.2%) than the current rate:

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	Current					
	1% Decrease discount rate				Increase	
	<u>(6.20%)</u>		<u>(7.20%)</u>	6	8.20% <u>)</u>	
Tri-Cities proportionate share						
of the net pension liability	\$	246,782	\$ 149,626	\$	62,286	

Note 9 – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System Defined Benefit OPEB Plans

Net OPEB Liability

The net OPEB liability reported on the statement of net position represents a liability to employees for OPEB. OPEB is a component of exchange transactions—between an employer and its employees—of salaries and benefits for employee services. OPEB are provided to an employee—on a deferred-payment basis—as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period. The obligation to sacrifice resources for OPEB is a present obligation because it was created as a result of employment exchanges that already have occurred.

The net OPEB liability represents Tri-Cities proportionate share of each OPEB plan's collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each OPEB plan's fiduciary net position. The net OPEB liability calculation is dependent on critical long-term variables, including estimated average life expectancies, earnings on investments, cost of living adjustments and others. While these estimates use the best information available, unknowable future events require adjusting these estimates annually.

Ohio Revised Code limits Tri-Cities obligation for this liability to annually required payments. Tri-Cities cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which OPEB are financed; however, Tri-Cities does receive the benefit of employees' services in exchange for compensation including OPEB.

GASB 75 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because they benefit from employee services. OPEB contributions come from these employers and health care plan enrollees which pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. The Ohio revised Code permits, but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients. Any change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net OPEB liability. Resulting adjustments to the net OPEB liability would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable. The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits.

The proportionate share of each plan's unfunded benefits is presented as a long-term *net OPEB liability* on the accrual basis of accounting. Any liability for the contractually-required OPEB contribution outstanding at the end of the year is included in due to other governments.

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Plan Description – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)

Plan Description - The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) administers three separate pension plans: the traditional pension plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan; the member-directed plan, a defined contribution plan; and the combined plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a defined benefit and defined contribution plan.

OPERS maintains a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment health care trust, which funds multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage and deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement to qualifying benefit recipients of both the traditional pension and the combined plans. This trust is also used to fund health care for member-directed plan participants, in the form of a Retiree Medical Account (RMA). At retirement or refund, member directed plan participants may be eligible for reimbursement of qualified medical expenses from their vested RMA balance.

In order to qualify for postemployment health care coverage, age and service retirees under the traditional pension and combined plans must have twenty or more years of qualifying Ohio service credit. Health care coverage for disability benefit recipients and qualified survivor benefit recipients is available. The health care coverage provided by OPERS meets the definition of an Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) as described in GASB Statement 75. See OPERS' Comprehensive Annual Financial Report referenced below for additional information.

The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require OPERS to provide health care to its eligible benefit recipients. Authority to establish and amend health care coverage is provided to the Board in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Disclosures for the health care plan are presented separately in the OPERS financial report. Interested parties may obtain a copy by visiting https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml, by writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling (614) 222-5601 or 800-222-7377.

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code provides the statutory authority requiring public employers to fund postemployment health care through their contributions to OPERS. When funding is approved by OPERS Board of Trustees, a portion of each employer's contribution to OPERS is set aside to fund OPERS health care plans.

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the earnable salary of active members. In 2020, state and local employers contributed at a rate of 14.0 percent of earnable salary and public safety and law enforcement employers contributed at 18.1 percent. These are the maximum employer contribution rates permitted by the Ohio Revised Code. Active member contributions do not fund health care.

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Each year, the OPERS Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside to fund health care plans. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for members in the Traditional Pension Plan and Combined Plan was 0 percent during calendar year 2020. The OPERS Board is also authorized to establish rules for the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries to pay a portion of the health care provided. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected. The employer contribution as a percentage of covered payroll deposited into the RMA for participants in the Member-Directed Plan for 2019 was 4.0 percent.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. Tri-Cities contractually required contribution was \$0 for 2020. Of this amount, \$0 is reported as due to other governments.

OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

The net OPEB liability and total OPEB liability for OPERS were determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2018, rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2019, by incorporating the expected value of health care cost accruals, the actual health care payment, and interest accruals during the year. Tri-Cities proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on Tri-Cities share of contributions to the retirement plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and OPEB expense:

<u>OPERS</u>
0.0007200%
<u>0.0007050%</u>
<u>0.0000150%</u>
\$97,379
\$10,757

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At December 31, 2020, Tri-Cities reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

		eferred P <u>PERS</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources		
Differences between expected and		
actual experience	\$	3
Changes of assumptions		15,414
Changes in proportion and differences		
between Tri-Cities contributions and		
proportionate share of contributions		84
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$	15,501
Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Differences between expected and		
actual experience	\$	8,906
Net difference between projected and		
actual earnings on OPEB plan investments		4,959
Changes in proportion and differences		
between Tri-Cities contributions and proportion	nate	
share of contributions		1,135
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$	15,000

\$0 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from Tri-Cities contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

	\mathcal{C}	PERS
Year ending December 31:		
2021	\$	1,908
2022		708
2023		4
2024		(2,119)
Total	\$	501

Actuarial Assumptions - OPERS

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the values of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and cost trends. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review or modification as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan and include the types of coverage provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of costs between OPERS and plan members. The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2018, rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2019. The actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions applied to all prior periods included in the measurement in accordance with the requirements of GASB 74:

Experience study 5 - year period ended December 31, 2015

Wage inflation 3.25 percent
Projected salary increases 3.25 to 10.75 percent

(includes wage inflation at 3.25 percent)

Single discount rate:

Current measurement date
Prior measurement date
Prior measurement date
Investment rate of return
Municipal bond rate
Health care cost trend rate

3.16 percent
6.00 percent
2.75 percent
10.5 percent, initial
3.5 percent, ultimate in 2030

Actuarial cost method Individual entry age normal

Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Employees mortality table for males and females, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period base year of 2006. The base year for males and females was then established to be 2015 and 2010, respectively. Post-retirement mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant mortality table for males and females, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period base year of 2006. The base year for males and females was then established to be 2015 and 2010, respectively. Post-retirement mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on the RP-2014 Disabled mortality table for males and females, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period base year of 2006. The base year for males and females was then established to be 2015 and 2010, respectively. Mortality rates for a particular calendar year are determined by applying the MP-2015 mortality improvement scale to all of the above described tables.

The long-term expected rate of return on health care investment assets was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected real rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adjusted for inflation.

During 2019, OPERS managed investments in three investment portfolios: the Defined Benefit portfolio, the Health Care portfolio and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The Health Care portfolio includes the assets for health care expenses for the Traditional Pension Plan, Combined Plan and Member-Directed Plan eligible members. Within the Health Care portfolio, contributions into the plans are assumed to be received continuously throughout the year based on the actual payroll payable at the time contributions are made, and health care-related payments are assumed to occur mid-year. Accordingly, the money-weighted rate of return is considered to be the same for all plans within the portfolio. The annual money-weighted rate of return expressing investment performance, net of investment expenses and adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, for the Health Care portfolio is 19.7 percent for 2019.

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The allocation of investment assets with the Health Care portfolio is approved by the Board of Trustees as outlined in the annual investment plan. Assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of continuing to offer a sustainable health care program for current and future retirees. OPERS' primary goal is to achieve and maintain a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the defined pension plans. Health care is a discretionary benefit. The table below displays the Board-approved asset allocation policy for 2019 and the long-term expected real rates of return:

		Weighted average
		long-term expected
	Target	real rate of return
Asset class	allocation	(arithmetic)
Fixed income	36.00%	1.53%
Domestic equities	21.00%	5.75%
Real estate investment trust	6.00%	5.69%
International equities	23.00%	7.66%
Other investments	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>4.90%</u>
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>4.55%</u>

Discount Rate A single discount rate of 3.16 percent was used to measure the OPEB liability on the measurement date of December 31, 2019. A single discount rate of 3.96 percent was used to measure the OPEB liability on the measurement date of December 31, 2018. Projected benefit payments are required to be discounted to their actuarial present value using a single discount rate that reflects (1) a long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments (to the extent that the health care fiduciary net position is projected to be sufficient to pay benefits), and (2) tax-exempt municipal bond rate based on an index of 20-year general obligation bonds with an average AA credit rating as of the measurement date (to the extent that the contributions for use with the long-term expected rate are not met). This single discount rate was based on an expected rate of return on the health care investment portfolio of 6.00 percent and a municipal bond rate of 2.75 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the actuarially determined contribution rate. Based on these assumptions, the health care fiduciary net position and future contributions were sufficient to finance health care costs through 2034. As a result, the long-term expected rate of return on health care investments was applied to projected costs through the year 2034, and the municipal bond rate was applied to all health care costs after that date.

Sensitivity of the Tri-Cities Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate The following table presents the Tri-Cities proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using the single discount rate of 3.16 percent, as well as what the Tri-Cities proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (2.16 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (4.16 percent) than the current rate:

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	Current				
	1% Decrease	Discount Rate	1% Increase		
	<u>(2.16%)</u>	<u>(3.16%)</u>	<u>(4.16%)</u>		
Tri-Ciites proportionate share					
of the net OPEB liability	\$127,436	\$97,379	\$73,313		

Sensitivity of Tri-Cities Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rate Changes in the health care cost trend rate may also have a significant impact on the net OPEB liability. The following table presents the net OPEB liability calculated using the assumed trend rates, and the expected net OPEB liability if it were calculated using a health care cost trend rate that is 1.0 percent lower or 1.0 percent higher than the current rate.

	(Current Health Care	
		Cost Trend Rate	
	1% Decrease	<u>Assumption</u>	1% Increase
Tri-Cities proportionate share			
of the net OPEB liability	\$94,505	\$97,379	\$100,216

Retiree health care valuations use a health care cost-trend assumption that changes over several years built into the assumption. The near-term rates reflect increases in the current cost of health care; the trend starting in 2020 is 10.50 percent. If this trend continues for future years, the projection indicates that years from now virtually all expenditures will be for health care. A more reasonable alternative is that in the not-too-distant future, the health plan cost trend will decrease to a level at, or near, wage inflation. On this basis, the actuaries' project premium rate increases will continue to exceed wage inflation for approximately the next decade, but by less each year, until leveling off at an ultimate rate, assumed to be 3.50 percent in the most recent valuation.

Note 10 – Other Employee Benefits

A. Deferred Compensation Plan

Tri-Cities employees participates in the Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Plan. This plan is created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. Participation is on a voluntary payroll deduction basis. The plan permits deferral of compensation until future years. According to the plan, the deferred compensation is not available until termination, retirement, death or an unforeseeable emergency.

B. Insurance Benefits

Tri-Cities employees have term life insurance through an independent third party.

C. Compensated Absences

Accumulated Unpaid Vacation - Tri-Cities employees earns vacation leave based on length of service and may accrue a maximum of 45 days. In the event of a termination of employment, death or retirement, the employee (or the estate) would be paid for unused vacation leave. The total obligation for vacation accrual for Tri-Cities amounted to \$1,024 at December 31, 2020.

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Accumulated Unpaid Sick Leave - Tri-Cities employees earn sick leave at the rate of 4.616 hours per eighty hours of service. A maximum of 1,250 hours may be carried from one year to the next. Any hours over 1,250 accrued and not taken will be paid on a one for three basis at the end of the year. In the case of death or retirement, the employee (or the estate) would be paid for one half of the accumulated leave with 625 hours being the maximum amount paid. Tri-Cities paid out all sick leave balances in a prior year leaving no hours to be accrued at year end.

Note 11 – Operating Leases

During 2008, Tri-Cities renewed an existing operating lease with Bowman and Landes Turkeys, Inc. for the use of 675 acres of land. During 2012, the lease was renewed for an additional five year period. Future rental income is based on the type and amount of crop harvested net of related expenses. During 2020, Tri-Cities received \$165,893 in revenues from the lease agreement. During 2008, Tri-Cities entered into an operating lease with the Miami Conservancy District for the use of 235 acres of land. The lease is set to expire during 2027 at which time it may be renewed for a twenty year period. During 2020, Tri-Cities paid \$17,625 for the use of this land.

	Lease
<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2021	\$ 17,625
2022	17,625
2023	17,625
2024	17,625
2025	17,625
2026-2027	 35,250
	\$ 123,375

Note 12 – Contingencies

In September 2008, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (the "Ohio EPA") informed Tri-Cities that its upcoming National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) wastewater permit renewal would include new reporting requirements intended to assist the Ohio EPA in enforcing a prohibition against all sewer system overflows (SSO) occurring anywhere in the collection systems, regardless of the number, duration, and cause of the overflow. The Ohio EPA also informed Tri-Cities that it would be expected to negotiate administrative findings and orders with the Director of Ohio EPA in 2009 that would impose a mandatory schedule to eliminate all remaining overflow points in the collection systems, regardless of the number, duration, and cause of the overflow, including payment of a penalty for past and future overflow events. Based upon the success of its overflow elimination program, Tri-Cities objected to these conditions and met in January 2009 with representatives of the Ohio EPA. Following the meeting, Tri-Cities sent information to the Ohio EPA to correct a misunderstanding about the number of remaining overflow points; to demonstrate the success of the overflow elimination program; and to document the monies spent to date in the program. The Ohio EPA did not respond to this information.

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In March 2009, acting at the request of representatives for the Ohio EPA, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (the "U.S. EPA") announced its intention to conduct a Compliance Enforcement Inspection of the Tri-Cities treatment plant and interceptor sewer lines, and the sewer lines of the member cities. In July of 2009, Tri-Cities received a new NPDES permit from the Ohio EPA which includes new reporting requirements for SSO's as anticipated. The U.S. EPA conducted a Compliance Enforcement Inspection in 2009 as intended and subsequently issued a Unilateral Administrative Order (UAO) against Tri-Cities and its member cities on April 21, 2010. Each Administrative Order included Findings against Tri-Cities and the member cities for alleged NPDES violations for past SSO's, and an Order for Compliance with the NPDES permit and the Clean Water Act. The UAOs state that they will terminate upon compliance with the terms therein, and upon a demonstration that no SSOs have occurred for at least two consecutive years. The UAOs do not impose a fine for past SSOs, but reserved the right to seek such fine. Tri-Cities and its members requested certain modifications to the language of the UAOs addressing the schedule for elimination of remaining collection system overflows, and procedures to terminate the UAOs once the remaining overflows are eliminated. They also requested that the separate UAOs issued to Tri-Cities and its members be rescinded and replaced by a joint UAO that applies to all four parties. The U.S. EPA agreed to the modifications in principle and issued a draft consolidated UAO for all four parties to review and comment on in late summer 2012. Tri-Cities and the members subsequently filed comments with the U.S. EPA and requested additional clarification regarding the conditions that must be met to terminate the joint UAO once the remaining overflows have been eliminated. Tri-Cities and its members continued to work with the U.S. EPA during 2013 to clarify these conditions. They are currently waiting on a written response from the Agency to their comments with the intent of revising the UAO accordingly. In the meantime, Tri-Cities and its members continue to work diligently in implementing their overflow elimination/reduction program, and the location, number and duration of overflow events continues to decline each year.

Note 13 - Coronavirus Pandemic 2019 (COVID-19)

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March 2020 due to the global Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. The financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures may impact subsequent periods of Tri-Cities. The impact on Tri-Cities future operations is dependent on how this pandemic impacts the joint venture owners, which cannot be determined at this time.

Required Supplementary Information

Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority Montgomery County, Ohio Required Supplementary Information Schedule of Tri-Cities Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Last Seven Years (1)

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) - Traditional Plan		2020		2019		2018		2017
Tri-Cities proportion of the net pension liability	0	.000757%	(0.000773%	().000771%	C	0.000751%
Tri-Cities proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$	149,626	\$	211,709	\$	120,955	\$	170,539
Tri-Cities covered payroll	\$	106,886	\$	104,979	\$	101,885	\$	97,525
Tri-Cities proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll		139.99%		201.67%		118.72%		174.87%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability		82.17%		74.70%		84.66%		77.25%

⁽¹⁾ Information prior to 2014 is not available and the amounts presented are as of Tri-Cities measurement date which is the prior year end.

2016			2015	2014			
0	.000726%	0.	.000765%	0.	.000765%		
\$	125,752	\$	92,268	\$	90,184		
\$	90,675	\$	\$ 94,142		93,946		
	138.68%		98.01%		96.00%		
	81.08%		86.45%		86.36%		

Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority

Montgomery County, Ohio Required Supplementary Information Schedule of Tri-Cities Contributions - Pension Last Eight Years (1)

	2020 2019		2018	2017	2016	
Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) - Traditional Plan						
Contractually required contribution	\$ 14,088	\$ 14,964	\$ 14,697	\$ 13,245	\$ 11,703	
Contributions in relation to contractually required contribution	(14,088)	(14,964)	(14,697)	(13,245)	(11,703)	
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Tri-Cities covered payroll	\$ 100,629	\$ 106,886	\$ 104,979	\$ 101,885	\$ 97,525	
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	13.00%	12.00%	

⁽¹⁾ Information prior to 2013 is not available.

2015		 2014	2013			
\$	10,881	\$ 11,297	\$	12,213		
	(10,881)	 (11,297)		(12,213)		
\$		\$ 	\$			
\$	90,675	\$ 94,142	\$	93,946		
	12.00%	12.00%		13.00%		

Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority Montgomery County, Ohio Required Supplementary Information Schedule of Tri-Cities Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability Last Four Years (1)

	2020	2019	2018		2017
Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)					
Tri-Cities proportion of the net OPEB liability	0.000705%	0.000720%	0.000719%	0.0	000703%
Tri-Cities proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 97,379	\$ 93,871	\$ 78,078	\$	71,005
Tri-Cities covered payroll	\$ 106,886	\$ 104,979	\$ 101,885	\$	97,525
Tri-Cities proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	91.11%	89.42%	76.63%		72.81%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total OPEB liability	47.80%	46.33%	54.14%		54.05%

⁽¹⁾ Information prior to 2017 is not available and the amounts presented are as of Tri-Cities measurement date which is the prior year end.

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Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority

Montgomery County, Ohio Required Supplementary Information Schedule of Tri-Cities Contributions - OPEB Last Eight Years (1)

		2020		2019		2018		2017	
Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)		_				_			
Contractually required contribution	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,019	
Contributions in relation to contractually required contribution								(1,019)	
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$		\$		\$		\$		
Tri-Cities covered payroll	\$	100,629	\$	106,886	\$	104,979	\$	101,885	
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		1.00%	

⁽¹⁾ Information prior to 2013 is not available.

 2016	 2015	2014		 2013
\$ 1,950	\$ 1,814	\$	1,883	\$ 939
 (1,950)	 (1,814)		(1,883)	 (939)
\$ 	\$ 	\$		\$
\$ 97,525	\$ 90,675	\$	94,142	\$ 93,946
2.00%	2.00%		2.00%	1.00%

Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority

Montgomery County, Ohio Notes to Required Supplementary Information For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Pension

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)

Changes in benefit terms: There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported.

Changes in assumptions: There was a change in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for 2020. See the notes to the basic financial statements for the methods and assumptions in this calculation.

OPEB

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)

Changes in benefit terms: There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported.

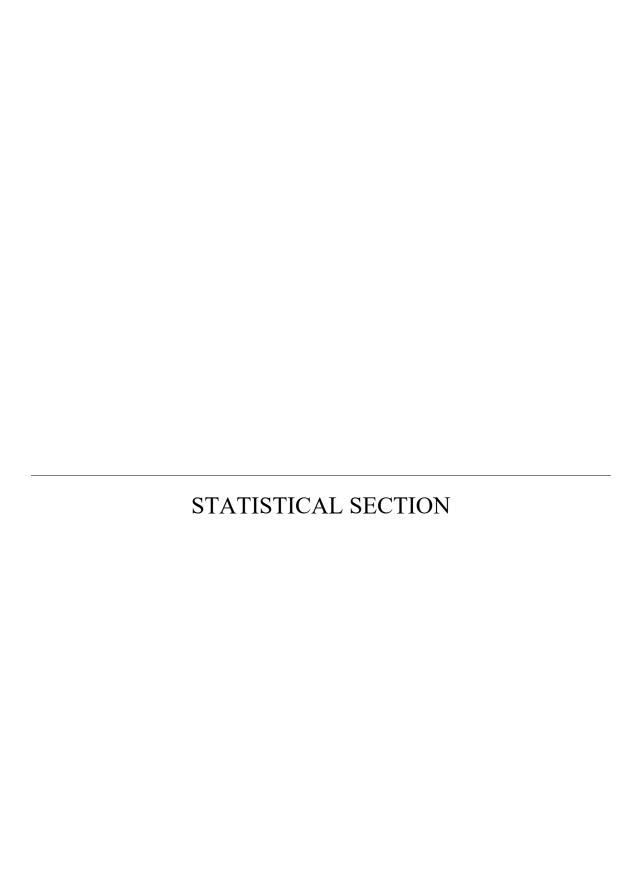
Changes in assumptions: There was a change in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for 2020. See the notes to the basic financial statements for the methods and assumptions in this calculation.

Supplementary Budget Information

Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater AuthoritySchedule of Revenues, Expenses and Changes In Fund Equity - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual

For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Tot the Teat Ended December 51, 2020		Budgeted	Amou	unts			iance with
		Original		Final	 Actual]	al budget Positive legative)
Revenues:							
Charges for services	\$	3,267,454	\$	3,267,454	\$ 3,278,079	\$	10,625
Intergovernmental		-		-	2,689		2,689
Investment income Rentals		40,000 132,800		40,000 161,283	16,427 173,693		(23,573) 12,410
Other		132,000		44,883	45,320		437
Total revenue		3,440,254		3,513,620	 3,516,208		2,588
Expenses:					 		
Current:							
Personal services		131,939		131,939	117,079		14,860
Contractual services		2,477,606		2,888,808	2,775,991		112,817
Supplies and materials Other		2,000 29,000		2,147 35,609	1,710 25,609		437 10,000
Capital outlay		201,716		975,997	750,232		225,765
Debt service:		7,		,	, .		- ,
Principal retirement		888,705		888,705	888,705		-
Interest and fiscal charges		197,659		197,659	186,207		11,452
Total expenses		3,928,625		5,120,864	 4,745,533	-	375,331
Excess of expenses over revenues		(488,371)		(1,607,244)	 (1,229,325)		377,919
Other financing sources (uses):							
Transfers - in		239,716		542,858	542,858		-
Transfers - out		(239,716)		(606,216)	 (542,858)		63,358
Total other financing sources (uses)		<u>-</u>		(63,358)	 		63,358
Net change in fund equity		(488,371)		(1,670,602)	(1,229,325)		441,277
Fund equity at beginning of year		2,720,101		2,720,101	2,720,101		-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated		628,739		628,739	 628,739		
Fund equity at end of year	\$	2,860,469	\$	1,678,238	\$ 2,119,515	\$	441,277
The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to to excess of expenses over revenues.	recor	ncile the change	in fun	d net position			
Change in net position					\$ (517,816)		
Net adjustment for revenue accruals					25,214		
Net adjustment for expense accruals					(110,453)		
Net adjustment for the net pension liability					10,273		
Net adjustment for the net OPEB liability					10,757		
Capital outlay					(466,215)		
Disposal of capital assets					14,800		
Depreciation					1,255,254		
Principal payments					(888,705)		
Encumbrances					(562,434)		
Excess of expenses over revenues					\$ (1,229,325)		



Statistical Section

This part of Tri-Cities Comprehensive Annual Financial Report presents detailed information as a context for understanding what the information in the financial statements, note disclosures, and required supplementary information says about Tri-Cities overall financial health.

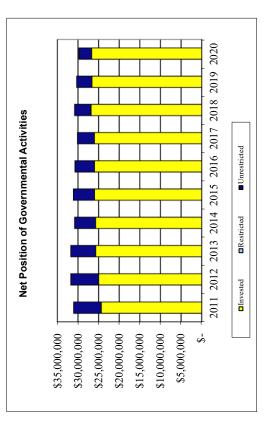
<u>Contents</u>	Page(s)
Financial Trends These schedules contain trend information to help the reader understand how Tri- Cities financial position has changed over time.	S2 - S6
Revenue Capacity These schedules contain information to help the reader understand and assess the factors affecting Tri-Cities ability to generate its most significant local revenue source(s).	S7 - S9
Debt Capacity These schedules present information to help the reader assess the affordability of Tri-Cities current levels of outstanding debt and Tri-Cities ability to issue additional debt in the future.	S10 - S11
Economic and Demographic Information This schedule offers economic and demographic indicators to help the reader understand the environment within which Tri-Cities financial activities take place and to provide information that facilitates comparisons of financial information over time and among governments.	S12 - S13
Operating Information This schedule contains service and infrastructure data to help the reader understand how the information in Tri-Cities financial report relates to the services Tri-Cities provides and the activities it performs.	S14 - S15

Sources: Unless otherwise noted, the information in these schedules is derived from the comprehensive annual financial reports for the relevant year.

Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority Net Position by Component Last Ten Years (1)

			rrimary government: Net investment in	capital assets	Unrestricted	Total primary	government net	position
	2011	1	:	\$ 24,350,330	6,764,285			\$ 31,114,615
	<u>2012</u>			\$ 24,984,376	6,764,285 6,062,274 5,096,814			31,114,615 \$ 31,046,650 \$ 30,788,578
	<u>2013</u>			\$ 25,691,764	5,096,814			\$ 30,788,578
Restated	2014 (2)			\$ 25,721,314	5,112,768			\$ 30,834,082
	<u>2015</u>			\$ 25,979,809	4,736,992			\$ 30,716,801
	<u>2016</u>			\$ 25,985,262	4,093,676			\$ 30,078,938
Restated	2017 (3)			\$ 26,015,554	3,980,514			\$ 29,996,068
	2018				3,712,571			
	<u>2019</u>			•	3,059,356			\$ 30,537,267 \$ 29,660,355
	<u>2020</u>			₩	2,456,674			\$ 29,142,539

- (1) Accrual basis of accounting.
 (2) Tri-Cities implemented GASB 68 during 2015 and as a result 2014 was restated.
 (3) Tri-Cities implemented GASB 75 during 2018 and as a result 2017 was restated.



Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority Changes in Fund Net Position Last Ten Years (1)

2020	7 \$ 3,817,264	3,472,936	(344,328)	3) (173,488)		\$ 541,199 \$ (876,912) \$ (517,816)
2019	\$ 4,117,707	3,419,633	(698,074)	(178,838)		\$ (876,912
<u>2018</u>	\$ 3,502,547	3,703,671	201,124	(122,889)	462,964	\$ 541,199
2017	\$ 3,346,075	3,578,175	232,100	(244,984)	1	\$ (12,884)
2016	\$ 3,892,269	3,404,026	(488,243)	(149,620)	1	\$ (637,863)
<u>2015</u>	\$ 3,215,637	3,392,674	177,037	(294,318)	1	\$ (117,281) \$ (637,863) \$ (12,884)
2014	\$ 3,003,787	3,414,222	410,435	(286,044)	'	\$ 124,391
<u>2013</u>	\$ 3,710,229	3,602,288	(107,941)	(150,131)	'	\$ (258,072)
<u>2012</u>	\$ 3,374,255	3,406,037	31,782	(99,747)	'	\$ (67,965)
2011	\$ 3,579,473	3,462,877	(116,596)	(37,910)	75,491	\$ (79,015)
	Operating expenses	Operating revenues	Operating income (loss)	Nonoperating revenues (expenses)	Other revenues (expenses)	Change in fund net position \$ (79,015) \$ (67,965) \$ (258,072)

(1) Accrual basis of accounting.

Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority
Operating Revenues by Source
Last Ten Years (1)

<u>2012</u> <u>2013</u> <u>2014</u> <u>2015</u>	\$ 3,265,055 \$ 3,264,857	218,087 104,114	119,146 45,251	\$ 3,602,288 \$ 3,414,222
2012	\$ 3,257,131	4 133,576	15,330	\$ 3,462,877 \$ 3,406,037
2013	8			8
2014	\$ 3,264,857	104,114	45,251	\$ 3,414,222
2015	\$ 3,264,050	102,910	25,714	\$ 3,392,674
2016	\$ 3,268,799	132,065	3,162	\$ 3,404,026
2017	\$ 3,273,972	124,355	179,848	\$ 3,578,175
2018	\$ 3,278,567	88,446	336,658	\$ 3,703,671
2019	\$ 3,280,339	82,812	56,482	\$ 3,419,633
2020	\$ 3,277,525	150,069	45,342	\$ 3,472,936

(1) Accrual basis of accounting.

Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority Operating Expenses
Last Ten Years (1)

<u>2019</u> 2020						ļ	= 3 4,117,707 \$ 3,817,264
<u>2018</u>	6 7 0	\$ 142,565	2,210,204	1,941	17,716	1,130,121	\$ 3,502,547
2017	6	\$ 144,034	2,011,567	2,225	55,081	1,133,168	\$ 3,346,075
2016	9	\$ 118,601	2,613,175	1,750	11,602	1,147,141	\$ 3,892,269
2015		\$ 104,769	2,025,185	2,271	35,269	1,048,143	\$ 3,215,637
2014		\$ 111,965	1,820,599	2,205	39,909	1,029,109	\$ 3,003,787
$\frac{2013}{}$	-	\$ 111,80	2,544,823	2,449	36,500	1,014,651	\$ 3,710,22
2012	6	11/,140 \$ 112,04/	2,202,750	2,595	46,988	1,009,875	\$ 3,374,255
2011	6	\$ 117,140	2,027,944	5,244	379,212	1,049,933	\$ 3,579,473
	Expenses	Personal services	Contractual services	Materials and supplies	Other operating expenses	Depreciation	Total operating expenses

(1) Accrual basis of accounting.

Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority
Nonoperating Revenues and Expenses/Other Revenues and Expenses
Last Ten Years (1)

(1) Accrual basis of accounting.

Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater AuthorityThree Largest Customers
Last Ten Years

Year	City of Vandalia	City of Huber Heights	City of Tipp City	Total charges for services for largest customers
2011	877,851	1,757,480	647,198	3,282,529
2012	875,200	1,763,248	616,686	3,255,134
2013	892,921	1,693,089	676,973	3,262,983
2014	859,601	1,712,963	690,441	3,263,005
2015	868,687	1,710,207	685,614	3,264,508
2016	858,989	1,688,272	720,352	3,267,613
2017	875,139	1,685,505	711,396	3,272,040
2018	844,856	1,653,721	779,709	3,278,286
2019	828,146	1,663,827	788,162	3,280,135
2020	850,833	1,681,080	745,612	3,277,525

Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater AuthorityWastewater Treated
Last Ten Years

	Gallons of	Total
	Wastewater	Direct
Year	Treated	Sewer Rates (1)
2011	3,890	0.82
2012	3,141	1.02
2013	3,540	0.91
2014	2,958	0.96
2015	3,803	0.80
2016	3,655	0.88
2017	4,085	0.78
2018	4,475	0.68
2019	4,480	0.67
2020	4,520	0.95

⁽¹⁾ per 1,000 gallons.

Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater AuthoritySchedule of Participating Cities' Equity Interest
Last Ten Years

Year	City of Vandalia		City of Huber Heights		City of Tipp City		Total	_
2011	26.74	%	53.54	%	19.72	%	100.00	%
2012	26.88		54.14		18.98		100.00	
2013	27.37		51.88		20.75		100.00	
2014	26.34		52.50		21.16		100.00	
2015	26.63		52.41		20.96		100.00	
2016	26.12		51.80		22.08		100.00	
2017	26.94		51.29		21.77		100.00	
2018	25.46		50.48		24.06		100.00	
2019	25.45		50.53		24.02		100.00	
2020	26.19		51.66		22.15		100.00	

Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority
Ratio of Outstanding Debt By Type
Last Ten Years

	OWDA		Per	Percentage of Personal
Year	Loans	Population (2)	Capita	Income (3)
2011	6,462,449	63,036	102.52	0.37%
2012	5,778,706	63,036	91.67	0.33%
2013	6,954,917	63,036	110.33	0.40%
2014	8,998,769	63,036	142.76	0.52%
2015	8,101,489	63,036	128.52	0.47%
2016	7,476,220	63,036	118.60	0.43%
2017	7,611,175	63,036	120.74	0.44%
2018	8,630,334	63,036	136.91	0.50%
2019	7,760,111	63,036	123.11	0.45%
2020 (1)	6,871,406	63,266	108.61	0.36%

⁽¹⁾ Details regarding the Tri-Cities outstanding debt can be found in Note 5 in the current financial statements.

⁽²⁾ Population total of all member cities.

⁽³⁾ Percentage of personal income of all member cities.

Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater AuthorityDebt Service Coverage
Last Ten Years

	C	0	Net Revenue	<u>Debt</u>	Service Requireme	<u>ents</u>	
Year	Gross Revenues (1)	Operating Expenses (2)	Available for Debt Service	Principal	Interest	Total	Coverage
2011	3,462,877	2,529,540	933,337	607,368	122,884	730,252	1.28
2012	3,406,037	2,364,380	1,041,657	712,894	141,488	854,382	1.22
2013	3,602,288	2,695,578	906,710	784,749	144,105	928,854	0.98
2014	3,414,222	1,974,678	1,439,544	787,351	129,820	917,171	1.57
2015	3,392,674	2,167,494	1,225,180	1,027,812	215,649	1,243,461	0.99
2016	3,418,863	2,745,128	673,735	625,269	191,766	817,035	0.82
2017	3,585,805	2,212,907	1,372,898	612,517	176,761	789,278	1.74
2018	3,709,393	2,372,426	1,336,967	641,379	161,516	802,895	1.67
2019	3,423,356	2,857,880	565,476	870,223	204,689	1,074,912	0.53
2020	3,474,567	2,562,010	912,557	888,705	186,207	1,074,912	0.85

⁽¹⁾ Gross revenues exclusive of interest income, gain (loss) on sale of capital assets and special items.

⁽²⁾ Total operating expenses exclusive of depreciation.

Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority Demographic and Economic Statistics of Participating Cities Last Ten Years

						City of Vandalia	andalia	City of Huber Heights	er Heights	City of Tipp City	pp City
					Montgomery	F-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1		F		E	-
					County	l otal	Personal	lotal	Fersonal	Lotal	Personal
	City of	City of	City of	Total	Unemployment	Personal	Income	Personal	Income	Personal	Income
Year	Vandalia	Huber Heights	Tipp City	Population	Rate (2)	Income (3)	Per Capita (1)	Income (3)	Per Capita (1)	Income (3)	Per Capita (4)
2011	15,246	38,101	689,6	63,036	8.5%	415,514,484	27,254	983,882,123	25,823	334,222,055	34,495
2012	15,246	38,101	689,6	63,036	7.0%	415,514,484	27,254	983,882,123	25,823	334,222,055	34,495
2013	15,246	38,101	689,6	63,036	7.0%	415,514,484	27,254	983,882,123	25,823	334,222,055	34,495
2014	15,246	38,101	689,6	63,036	4.6%	415,514,484	27,254	983,882,123	25,823	334,222,055	34,495
2015	15,246	38,101	689,6	63,036	4.7%	415,514,484	27,254	983,882,123	25,823	334,222,055	34,495
2016	15,246	38,101	689,6	63,036	4.6%	415,514,484	27,254	983,882,123	25,823	334,222,055	34,495
2017	15,246	38,101	689,6	63,036	4.6%	415,514,484	27,254	983,882,123	25,823	334,222,055	34,495
2018	15,246	38,101	689,6	63,036	4.8%	415,514,484	27,254	983,882,123	25,823	334,222,055	34,495
2019	15,246	38,101	689,6	63,036	4.8%	415,514,484	27,254	983,882,123	25,823	334,222,055	34,495
2020	14,997	38,154	10,115	63,266	6.3%	517,636,452	34,516	1,068,998,772	28,018	316,134,210	31,254

Sources: (1) U.S. Bureau of Census, Census of Population.

⁽²⁾ U.S. Department of Labor.(3) Computation of per capita personal income multiplied by population(4) Personal income is a calculation based on the County's Per Capita Income, which is the only information available for this City.

Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority

Principal Employers of Tri-Cities Participating Cities As of December 31, 2011 and 2020

As of December 31, 2011 and 2020						
		<u>2020</u>			<u>2011</u>	
			Percentage			Percentage
Participating city:	Employees	Rank	of Total	Employees	Rank	of Total
<u>Vandalia</u>						
Staffmark Investment LLC (formerly CBS Personnel)	711	1	4.34%	-	-	0.00%
GE Aviation Systems	637	2	3.89%	474	4	3.96%
All Service Plastic Molding	545	3	3.33%	-	-	0.00%
Vandalia-Butler City Schools	519	4	3.17%	608	2	5.09%
City of Vandalia	408	5	2.49%	494	3	4.13%
Kroger Limited Partnership	343	6	2.09%	216	8	1.81%
Beau Townsend Ford/Nissan	318	7	1.94%	194	10	1.62%
SAIA Burgess, Inc. (formerly Johnson Controls)	299	8	1.83%	272	6	2.28%
Dayton Freight Lines Inc.	292	9	1.78%	_	_	0.00%
Adare Pharmaceuticals Inc. (Formerly Aptalis Pharmatech, Inc.)	232	10	1.42%	_	_	0.00%
CBS Personnel Services		-	0.00%	827	1	6.92%
Delphi Automotive Systems	_	_	0.00%	277	5	2.32%
Leis Medical, Inc.	_	_	0.00%	263	7	2.20%
Projects Unlimited	_	_	0.00%	206	9	1.72%
Total for the City of Vandalia	4,603	-	28.11%	3,831	7	32.04%
Total for the City of Vandana	4,003		20.1170	3,631		32.0470
Huber Heights						
Huber Heights Livbor Heights City Sahaala	972	1	5.94%	961	1	8.04%
Huber Heights City Schools		1			1	
Trimble Navigation	623	2	3.80%	462	3	3.86%
ADECCO USA	574	3	3.51%	-	-	0.00%
Meijer Stores	574	4	3.51%	411	5	3.44%
Walmart Stores Incorporated	555	5	3.39%	349	6	2.92%
Miami Valley Hospital	512	6	3.13%	-	-	0.00%
ABF Freight Systems	500	7	3.05%	428	4	3.58%
Minute Men	479	8	2.93%	-	-	0.00%
Scott M & A Corp (McDonald's)	450	9	2.75%	-	-	0.00%
AM PM Employment LLC	418	10	2.55%	-	-	0.00%
Fed Ex Freight	415	11	2.53%	320	7	2.68%
Kroger	411	12	2.51%	305	8	2.55%
Time Warner Cable	-	-	0.00%	291	9	2.43%
Kohl's	-	-	0.00%	286	10	2.39%
CBS Personnel		-	0.00%	548	2	4.58%
Total for the City of Huber Heights	6,483		39.59%	4,361		36.48%
<u>Tipp City</u>						
Meijer, Inc.	2,554	1	15.60%	1,247	1	10.43%
Tipp City Exempted Village School District	451	2	2.75%	477	4	3.99%
FHI LLC	355	3	2.17%	195	8	1.63%
Abbott Laboratories	350	4	2.14%	-	-	0.00%
Menards	307	5	1.87%	249	5	2.08%
Arbogast	297	6	1.81%	155	10	1.30%
US Express	288	7	1.76%	-	-	0.00%
Creative Extruded Products	259	8	1.58%	207	7	1.73%
Adcare Health Systems (formerly Springmeade)	245	9	1.50%	229	6	1.92%
Rostam Direct (formerly Gardens Alive-Springhill)	183	10	1.12%	523	2	4.37%
AO Smith Corporation	-	-	0.00%	306	3	2.56%
Tip Top Canning	_	_	0.00%	176	9	1.47%
Total for the City of Tipp City	5,289		32.30%	3,764		31.48%
Grand total all three participating cities	16,375			11,956		

Source: Participating cities financial records.

Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater AuthorityOperating and Capital Indicators
Last Ten Years

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Wastewater treatment										
Miles of sewers	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Number of treatment plants	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Treatment capacity (MGD)	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2
Annual engineering maximum plant capacity (millions of gallons)	4,088	4,088	4,088	4,088	4,088	4,088	4,088	4,088	4,088	4,088
Amount treated annually (millions of gallons)	3,890	3,141	3,540	2,958	3,803	3,655	4,085	4,475	4,480	4,520
Unused capacity (millions of gallons)	198	947	548	1,130	285	433	3	(387)	(392)	(432)
Percentage of capacity utilized	95%	77%	87%	72%	93%	89%	100%	109%	110%	111%

Notes: MGD = millions of gallons per day. Source: Tri-Cities financial records.

Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority

Miscellaneous Statistics

Last Ten Years

General Information:

Year of Incorporation 1996

Form of Government Joint Venture

Miscellaneous Statistics:

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Number of Full Time Employees	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Number of Part Time Employees	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Miles of Sewer Line	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Number of Manholes	112	112	112	112	112	112	112	112	112	112
Number of Siphons	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Number of Pump Stations	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Number of Booster Stations	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Number of Equalization Basins	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	2



TRI-CITIES NORTH REGIONAL WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

MONTGOMERY 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.



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