

**Deerfield Regional Storm Water District, Warren County, Ohio**

**Audited Financial Statements**

**Year Ended December 31, 2021**



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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Deerfield Regional Storm Water District, Warren County, prepared by MCM CPAs & Advisors LLP, for the audit period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

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

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Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

**July 11, 2022**

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## **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Board of Trustees  
Deerfield Regional Storm Water District, Warren County, Ohio

### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### ***Opinion***

We have audited the accompanying cash basis financial statements of Deerfield Regional Storm Water District, Warren County, Ohio (the "District"), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash basis financial position of Deerfield Regional Storm Water District, Warren County, Ohio as of December 31, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position-cash basis for the year then ended in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 2.

#### ***Basis for Opinion***

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

#### ***Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting***

We draw attention to Note 2 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

#### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

Deerfield Regional Storm Water District's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 2, and for determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## **Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)**

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Deerfield Regional Storm Water District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Deerfield Regional Storm Water District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 4-6 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.



## Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)

### Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 23, 2022 on our consideration of Deerfield Regional Storm Water District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of 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 Deerfield Regional Storm Water District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*MCM CPAs & Advisors LLP*

Cincinnati, Ohio  
June 23, 2022

Deerfield Regional Storm Water District  
Warren County, Ohio  
Management's Discussion and Analysis  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021  
*(Unaudited)*

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This discussion and analysis, along with the accompanying financial reports, of the Deerfield Regional Storm Water District ("the District") is designed to provide our customers, creditors and other interested parties with a general overview of the District and its financial activities.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

The District's cash and cash equivalents (and net position) increased by \$148,067 in 2021.

The District had operating cash receipts of \$610,556 in 2021. Operating cash disbursements decreased by \$58,568 from 2020 to 2021.

**OVERVIEW OF BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The District is a single enterprise fund using proprietary fund accounting, similar to private sector business. The Basic Financial Statements are presented using the cash basis of accounting which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Statements of Net Position-Cash Basis and the Statements of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Net Position-Cash Basis provide information on the District's cash basis operations over the past two years and the success of recovering all its costs through user fees, charges, and other income. Receipts are reported when received in cash and disbursements are reported when paid.

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

**Basis of Accounting**

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

As a result of using the cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable) are not recorded in the basic financial statements. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this report, the reader must keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the cash basis of accounting.

Deerfield Regional Storm Water District  
Warren County, Ohio  
Management's Discussion and Analysis  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021  
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**STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION-CASH BASIS**

Table 1 summarizes the Statements of Net Position of the District.

<b>TABLE 1</b>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Change Amount</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,566,946	\$ 1,418,879	\$ 148,067
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>\$ 1,566,946</u>	<u>\$ 1,418,879</u>	<u>\$ 148,067</u>
Net Position - Unrestricted	<u>\$ 1,566,946</u>	<u>\$ 1,418,879</u>	<u>\$ 148,067</u>
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<u>\$ 1,566,946</u>	<u>\$ 1,418,879</u>	<u>\$ 148,067</u>

The District's net position increased by \$148,067 in 2021. The increase was primarily the result of less than expected engineering fees and capital outlay-type expenditures.

**STATEMENTS OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION – CASH BASIS**

Table 2 below summarizes the changes in Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements and the resulting change in Net Position – Cash Basis.

<b>TABLE 2</b>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Change Amount</u>
Operating Cash Receipts	\$ 610,556	\$ 560,061	\$ 50,495
Operating Cash Disbursements	<u>193,383</u>	<u>251,951</u>	<u>(58,568)</u>
Operating Receipts Over/ (Under) Operating Disbursements	417,173	308,110	109,063
Non-Operating Cash Receipts	2,250	4,836	(2,586)
Non-Operating Cash Disbursements	<u>(271,356)</u>	<u>(305,785)</u>	<u>34,429</u>
Changes in Net Assets	148,067	7,161	140,906
Net Position, January 1	<u>1,418,879</u>	<u>1,411,718</u>	<u>7,161</u>
Net Position, December 31	<u>\$ 1,566,946</u>	<u>\$ 1,418,879</u>	<u>\$ 148,067</u>

Operating cash receipts increased \$50,495 from 2020 to 2021, as increased development within the District's borders resulted in an increase in charges for services. Operating cash disbursements decreased \$58,568 from 2020 to 2021, as the District did not make any payments to Deerfield Township for administrative services during 2021 (recall that the District reports on the cash basis of accounting) but such a payment will be made in 2022 for services the Township provided in 2021.

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Capital outlay spending accounts for all of the non-operating cash disbursements. Capital outlay spending is tied to the projects being undertaken by the District. Drainage, storm water, surveying and other capital outlay-type projects were and/or are in process during 2020 and 2021. As such, non-operating disbursements on the cash basis of accounting fluctuate from year to year depending on the volume and significance of such projects.

**CAPITAL ASSETS**

The District does not record capital assets in the accompanying basic financial statements, but records payments for capital assets as disbursements. The District had capital outlay disbursements of \$271,356 during 2021.

**DEBT**

As of December 31, 2021 the District had no debt outstanding.

**CASH**

Cash balances as of December 31, 2021 were \$1,566,946.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Questions regarding this report and requests for additional information should be forwarded to the Deerfield Regional Storm Water District, 4900 Parkway Drive, Suite 150, Deerfield Township, Ohio 45040.

**Deerfield Regional Storm Water District**  
**Warren County, Ohio**  
Statement of Net Position - Cash Basis  
As of December 31, 2021

<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,566,946
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>1,566,946</u>
<b>Net Position</b>	
Unrestricted	<u>1,566,946</u>
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<u>\$ 1,566,946</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**Deerfield Regional Storm Water District**  
**Warren County, Ohio**  
Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and  
Changes in Net Position - Cash Basis  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

<b>Operating Cash Receipts</b>	
Charges for Services	\$ 610,556
<i>Total Operating Cash Receipts</i>	610,556
<b>Operating Cash Disbursements</b>	
Purchased Services	192,762
Materials and Supplies	504
Other	117
<i>Total Operating Cash Disbursements</i>	193,383
<i>Operating Cash Receipts Over (Under)</i> <i>Operating Cash Disbursements</i>	417,173
<b>Non-Operating Cash Receipts (Disbursements)</b>	
Capital Outlay	(271,356)
Interest	2,250
<i>Total Non-Operating Cash Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	(269,106)
<i>Changes in Net Position</i>	148,067
<i>Net Position Beginning of Year</i>	1,418,879
<i>Net Position End of Year</i>	\$ 1,566,946

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**NOTE 1 – NATURE OF ORGANIZATION**

The Deerfield Regional Storm Water District, Warren County, (the District) is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The District was created on October 31, 2003 by the Warren County Court of Common Pleas to provide storm water management services to the residents of Deerfield Township in accordance with the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 6119. A three (3) member Board of Trustees (who are appointed by the Trustees of Deerfield Township) manage the District. Deerfield Township is a related organization to the Deerfield Regional Storm Water District. See Note 6 for additional information about related organizations.

In accordance with the provisions of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), the accompanying financial statements include only the accounts and transactions of the District. Under the criteria specified by applicable GASB-promulgated Statements, the District has no component units nor is it considered a component unit of the State of Ohio. The District is considered, however, a political subdivision of the State of Ohio. These conclusions regarding the financial reporting entity are based on the concept of financial accountability. The District is not financially accountable for any other organizations. This is evidenced by the fact that the District is a legally and fiscally separate and distinct organization. The District is solely responsible for its finances. The District is empowered to issue debt payable solely from District revenues.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the District is financially accountable. The District is financially accountable for an organization if it 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. Based upon the application of these criteria, the District has no component units.

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

**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

A summary of the significant accounting policies applied in preparation of the accompanying financial statements follows:

Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the cash basis of accounting which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

As a result of the use of the cash basis of accounting as described above, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) and liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods and services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this annual report, the reader should keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the cash basis of accounting.

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters in accordance with the cash basis of accounting as described above.

Deerfield Regional Storm Water District  
Warren County, Ohio  
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

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Cash and Cash Equivalents

For reporting purposes, the District considers “Net Position” and “Cash and Cash Equivalents” to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and all investments held by the District with a maturity date less than or equal to three months from the date of purchase.

Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting

The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The District has created a single fund type and a single fund within that fund type. The fund accounts for the governmental resources allocated to it and the segregation of cash and investments for the purpose of carrying on specific activities in accordance with laws, regulations or other restrictions.

The fund type which the Deerfield Regional Storm Water District uses is described below:

Proprietary Fund Type – This fund type accounts for operations that are organized to be self-supporting through user charges. The fund included in this category used by the District is the Enterprise Fund.

Enterprise Fund – This fund is established to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent is that costs of providing certain goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis are financed or received primarily through user charges. This fund is used by the District to account for storm water management services.

Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires the District to adopt an annual budget.

Appropriations – Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the function level of control, and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The District must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. Appropriations lapse at year-end.

Estimated Resources – Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus cash balances as of January 1.

Encumbrances – The Ohio Revised Code requires the District to reserve (encumber) appropriations when commitments are made.

A summary of 2021 budgetary activity appears in Note 4.

Capital Assets

Acquisitions of capital assets (property, plant and equipment) are recorded as capital outlay disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying basic financial statements.

Long-Term Obligations

In general, bonds and loans are recorded as cash disbursements in the basic financial statements when paid and are not recorded as liabilities in the accompanying basic financial statements.



Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Since under the District's current basis of accounting, the District does not record any other assets other than cash and investments and does not record any liabilities, net position is equivalent to cash and investments. The District currently does not record any restrictions on their net position.

Operating Cash Receipts and Cash Disbursements

Operating cash receipts are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the proprietary fund. For the District, these cash receipts are charges for storm water management services provided. Operating cash disbursements are necessary costs incurred to provide the goods and/or services that are the primary activity of the fund.

**NOTE 3 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

Monies held by the District are classified into three categories.

Active deposits are public deposits necessary to meet current demands on the treasury. Such monies are maintained either as cash in the district treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public deposits that the Board has identified as not required for use within the current five-year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts, including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies, which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories.

Interim deposits held by the District are invested in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 6119.16 which states that, "Moneys in the funds of a regional water and sewer district, except as otherwise provided in any resolution authorizing the issuance of its water resource revenue bonds or in any trust agreement securing the same, in excess of current needs, may be invested in notes, bonds, or other obligations of the United States or of any agency or instrumentality thereof, or in obligations of this state or any political subdivision thereof. Income from all such investments of moneys in any fund shall be credited to such funds as the district determines, subject to the provisions of any such resolution or trust agreement, and such investments may be sold at such times and at such prices as the district determines."

Protection of the District's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as a security for repayment, by surety company bonds deposited with the Treasurer by the financial institution, or by a single collateral pool established by the financial institution to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited with the institution.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the District's deposits may not be returned. The District 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: (1) eligible securities pledged to the District and deposited with a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment whose market value at all times shall be at least one hundred five percent of the deposits being secured; or (2) Participation in the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution. OPCS requires the total market value of the securities pledged to be 102 percent of the deposits being secured or a rate set by the Treasurer of State.

*Deposits:* As of December 31, 2021, the District's bank balance of \$1,570,025 is either covered by FDIC or collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool in the manner described above.

**NOTE 4 – BUDGETARY ACTIVITY**

Budgetary activity for the year ended December 31 was as follows:

**Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts**

	<b>2021</b>
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 612,806
Actual Receipts	612,806
Variance	\$ -

**Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures**

	<b>2021</b>
Appropriation Authority	\$1,126,465
Budgetary Expenditures	656,063
Variance	\$ 470,402

**NOTE 5 – RISK MANAGEMENT**

The District is exposed to various risks of loss due to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District contracts with Municipal Insurance Alliance of Ohio for all their risk management needs. Settlement amounts did not exceed insurance coverage for the past three fiscal years and there were no significant reductions in coverage from the prior year.

**NOTE 6 – RELATED ORGANIZATIONS**

Deerfield Township is a related organization to the Deerfield Regional Storm Water District. The Township Trustees are responsible for appointing the Trustees of the Deerfield Regional Storm Water District, however, the Township Trustees cannot influence the District's operation nor does the Township represent a potential financial benefit or burden to the District.

In addition, the District contracted with Deerfield Township for various program, administrative and fiscal services as follows:

- Payments totaling \$61,889 in 2021 were issued to Deerfield Township in connection with an intergovernmental agreement between the District, Deerfield Township and the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District, for professional services related to storm water management activities in accordance with the OEPA's MS4 Permit requirements.
- The District utilized the Township's building free of charge.

The monetary exchanges above represent approximately 13% of the total expenditures for fiscal year 2021.

**NOTE 7 – COVID-19**

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ohio's state of emergency ended in June 2021 while the national state of emergency continues. The financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures may impact subsequent periods of the District. The impact on the District's future operating costs and revenues cannot be estimated.

## **Controls and Compliance**

**Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting  
and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial  
Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards***

To the Board of Trustees  
Deerfield Regional Storm Water District, Warren County, Ohio

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the cash basis financial statements of Deerfield Regional Storm Water District, Warren County, Ohio (the "District"), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 23, 2022, wherein we noted Deerfield Regional Storm Water District uses the cash basis of accounting which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Internal Control over Financial Reporting***

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Deerfield Regional Storm Water District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Deerfield Regional Storm Water District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Deerfield Regional Storm Water District's internal control.

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

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

**Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting  
and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial  
Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* (Continued)**

***Compliance and Other Matters***

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

***Purpose of this Report***

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Cincinnati, Ohio  
June 23, 2022

**Deerfield Regional Storm Water District, Warren County, Ohio**  
**Schedule of Findings and Prior Audit Findings**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2021**

**Schedule of Findings:**

None noted

**Schedule of Prior Audit Findings:**

None noted

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# OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



**DEERFIELD REGIONAL STORM WATER DISTRICT**

**WARREN COUNTY**

**AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION**

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



**Certified for Release 7/21/2022**

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