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FINAL REPORT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Honorable Wayne County Commission:

Enclosed is the final copy of the Office of Legislative Auditor General's Financial Assessment – Limited Review report for the Wayne County Sewage Disposal Systems audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017. Our report is dated July 23, 2018; DAP No. 2018-57-902. The report was accepted by the Committee on Audit at its meeting held on August 1, 2018 and formally received by the Wayne County Commission on August 9, 2018.

We are pleased to inform you that officials from the Wayne County Sewage Disposal Systems provided their full cooperation. If you have any questions, concerns, or desire to discuss the report in greater detail, we would be happy to do so at your convenience. This report is intended for your information and should not be used for any other purpose. Copies of all Office of Legislative Auditor General's final reports can be found on our website at: https://www.waynecounty.com/elected/commission/oag/legislative-auditor.aspx.

Sincerely,

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July 23, 2018

DAP No. 2018-57-902

Honorable Raymond E. Basham, Chairman Audit Committee Wayne County Commission County of Wayne, Michigan 500 Griswold Ave., Suite 727 Detroit, MI 48226

Subject:

Office of Legislative Auditor General's Financial Assessment – Limited Review Report for the Wayne County Sewage Disposal Systems Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017.

Dear Chairman Basham:

The Office of Legislative Auditor General (OAG) received the Wayne County Sewage Disposal Systems financial statements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017 for review, assessment and recommendation. Because we have performed more extensive financial reviews of the Wayne County Sewage Disposal Systems financial statements in the past few years in accordance with professional attestation standards, and determined they were complete, thorough, and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, we elected to conduct a limited review of their financial statements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017.

Our limited review is substantially less in scope than an examination or audit in accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards or Generally Accepted Auditing Standards, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on the audited financial statements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Our limited review of the Sewage Disposal Systems audited financial statements, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017, included, but was not necessarily limited to, a thorough and complete review of the documents; limited inquiries of county officials; and analytical review procedures. Below we have summarized some key items from the financial and other reports for consideration by the Committee and Commission members.

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Background

- Wayne County's Sewage Disposal Systems collectively consist of the Downriver Sewage Disposal System, Rouge Valley Sewage Disposal System, Northeast Sewage Disposal System, and Combined Sewer Overflow Basins (CSO Basins).
- The Sewage Disposal Systems are classified as both major (i.e., Downriver, Rouge Valley) and non-major (i.e., Northeast, CSO Basins) enterprise funds within the county's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). Enterprise funds, operating revenue, and expenses generally result from providing services and producing/delivering goods.
- The Wayne County Department of Public Services Environmental Services Group administers the various sewage disposal systems in accordance with the 1962 Downriver Agreement.

External Auditors Reports and Letters

- o Plante Moran, PLLC, the independent external auditor, stated that the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole for the Sewage Disposal Systems as of September 30, 2017. This unmodified opinion is issued by an auditor when the financial statements presented are free of material misstatements and are represented fairly in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. It is the best type of opinion an entity may receive from an external auditor.
- The financial statements of the Sewage Disposal Systems have been included in the county's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) as enterprise funds.
- o The auditors did not issue a separate SAS 114 letter nor a A-133 (Single Audit) for the Sewage Disposal System. The Auditor's Report to the Audit Committee indicated no deficiencies or material weakness for the Wayne County Sewage Disposal Systems.

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Statement of Net Position (In Thousands)

Description	FY 2017	FY 2016	Increase (Decrease)	Primary Reasons
Assets	\$417,432	\$441,715	(\$24,283)	Primarily due to a decrease in bond principal due from municipalities and Assets subject to depreciation.
Liabilities	\$150,512	\$163,611	(\$13,099)	Primarily due to a decrease in Long-term debt of \$8.7 million and a decrease in Interest payable of \$3.8 million.
Net Position	\$267,526	\$277,997	(\$10,470)	The decrease is primarily due to restricted assets related to Bond principal due of \$9.3 million.

Financial Highlights

- 1. Total assets decreased \$24.3 million primarily due to a decrease in bond principal due from municipalities of \$9.3 million plus a decrease of \$17.8 million in capital assets being depreciated.
- 2. Total liabilities decreased \$13.0 million in FY 2017 primarily due to a decrease in Longterm debt of \$8.7 million and a decrease in Interest payable of \$3.8 million.
- 3. Net Position decreased \$10.5 million in FY 2017 primarily due to a decrease in Bond principal due from local units of \$9.3 million.

Long Term Debt and Other Obligations

As of September 30, 2017, total long-term debt and other obligations totaled \$122.3 million. The Sewage Disposal System primarily issues two types of bonds:

General Obligation Bonds; for which the county has pledged its limited tax full faith and credit for repayment. These bonds are primarily payable from the contractual proceeds received from the respective community. The principal balance for these bonds was approximately \$41.6 million as of September 30, 2017.

Revenue Bonds; which are secondarily secured by the limited tax full faith and credit pledge of the county. These bonds are primarily payable from the charges for sewage disposal services assessed against the communities. The principal balance for these bonds was approximately \$80.7 million as of September 30, 2017.

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Restricted Assets

The Systems' restricted assets total approximately \$58.3 million and represent amounts restricted for use in replacement, improvement and construction projects (\$10.3 million) and bond reserves and amounts pledged toward the payment of outstanding bonds and notes (\$48.0 million). Bond principal due from municipalities was recorded upon the issuance of debt payable from judgement levies for construction of sewage facilities and systems. Such principal will be repaid by the benefited local communities in accordance with the debt services requirements of the County.

Subsequent Events

Northeast Sewage Disposal System (NESDS)

On September 27, 2017, the Southeast Macomb Sanitary District (SEMSD) board unanimously approved the terms of the Transfer Agreement (the 'Agreement'). The NESDS transports wastewater collected from the City of St. Clair Shores, Michigan, City of Eastpointe, Michigan, City of Roseville, Michigan, City of Harper Woods, Michigan, City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, and the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan to the wastewater disposal system now operated by the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) for treatment and disposal.

SEMSD is purchasing the NESDS for \$6,741,007.26 (the 'Transfer Fee'). The Transfer Fee consists of \$2,741,007.26 related to pension and other postemployment benefits the County is retaining (collectively, "OPEB") and a \$4 million payment. There are a large number of conditions prior to closing that must be satisfied (by SEMSD) before either party is obligated to close.

Downriver Sewage Disposal System (DSDS)

On May 16, 2016, the County and the Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority (DUWA), entered into a nonbinding letter of intent to serve as the legal framework for a Definitive Transfer Agreement (DTA) that governs the transfer of the Downriver Sewage Disposal System (DSDS) to DUWA for a total payment of \$57.5 million. Based upon the size and complexity of DSDS, the scope and scale of its operations, and its current financing structure, negotiations of the final terms and conditions of the DTA were not completed until December of 2017. \$54 million in cash due is due at closing. Cash is to be raised by DUWA in a revenue bond issue and \$3.5 million through a subordinated bond deliverable at closing, payable not later than five years after closing with a balloon payment. The County has agreed to transfer virtually all of the assets associated with DSDS and should be approved by the Wayne County Commission on July 26, 2018.

The County and DUWA have identified tasks that both parties believe must be managed in connection with the transfer of the DSDS to ensure that public safety and health standards are maintained at levels equal to or exceeding those maintained by the County prior to transfer of the DSDS. Those tasks have been identified; the County and DUWA have jointly developed procedures, including time lines, for managing and completing tasks while both parties await approval of the DTA by DUWA's board and the County Commission, respectfully.

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Conclusion and Recommendation:

Based on our limited review, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe the financial report, including the audited financial statements of the Sewage Disposal Systems are not presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

It is our recommendation that the OAG's Financial Assessment – Limited Review Report of the Sewage Disposal Systems for fiscal year ended September 30, 2017, be forwarded to the Wayne County Commission for receiving and filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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Auditor General

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Attachment

Wayne County Sewage Disposal Systems Financial Statements Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2017

Financial Report September 30, 2017

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the The Wayne County Commission and the County Executive Charter County of Wayne, Michigan Detroit, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Charter County of Wayne, Michigan (the "County") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2017, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 27, 2018, which contained an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. We have not performed any procedures with respect to the audited financial statements subsequent to March 27, 2018.

In Relation to Opinion on Accompanying Financial Statements

The accompanying financial statements of the Downriver Sewage Disposal System Fund, the Rouge Valley Sewage Disposal System Fund, the Northeast Sewage Disposal System Fund, and the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Basins Fund (collectively, the "Systems") of the Charter County of Wayne, Michigan are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Matters

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, which considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Report on Summarized Comparative Information

The Systems' September 30, 2016 financial statements were audited by a predecessor auditor, which expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in the report dated March 22, 2017. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016 is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.



To the The Wayne County Commission and the County Executive Charter County of Wayne, Michigan Detroit, Michigan

Such information does not include all of the information required or sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Systems' financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2016, from which such summarized information was derived.

Plante & Moran, PLLC

March 27, 2018

Statement of Net Position

				0,	September 30, 2017 and 2016	17 and 2016
,	Downriver	Rouge Valley	Northeast	CSO Basins	Total	2016
vestments (Note 3)	\$ 27,780,929 \$	11,522,119 \$	4,245,089 \$	304,891 \$	43,853,028 \$	44,323,426
Other cash and investments - Investments, uncategorized	1,000	·		ī	1,000	1,000
receivables. Due from other governments Other receivables Allowance for doubtful accounts	5,689,888 995,009 (2,907)	11,575,483 8,756 (1,639,438)	3,706,898	1 1 1	20,972,269 1,003,765 (1,642,345)	18,205,151 115,183 (1,467)
Due from other county funds Restricted assets - Accounts receivable Prepaid expenses	4,410,869	124,461	1 1 1	1,294,594	124,461 5,705,463	9,408,154
Total current assets	38,874,788	21,591,381	7,951,987	1,599,485	70,017,641	72,138,360
Noncurrent assets: Restricted assets: (Note 4) Equity in pooled cash and investments Other cash and investments Bond principal due from municipalities	12,316,202 2,453,485 31,198,860	672		4,184,919	16,501,793 2,453,485 33,680,790	19,352,849 2,812,561 42,986,936
Assets not subject to depreciation Assets subject to depreciation - Net	29,159,264 160,514,256	5,377,376 82,571,475	13,421,902 1,538,436	2,195,372	50,153,914 244,624,167	41,965,726 262,458,417
Total noncurrent assets	235,642,067	87,999,523	14,960,338	8,812,221	347,414,149	369,576,489
Total assets	274,516,855	109,590,904	22,912,325	10,411,706	417,431,790	441,714,849
Deferred Outflows of Resources Bond refunding loss being amortized Deferred pension costs	911,648				911,648	19,438
Total deferred outflows of resources	911,648	t	E	t	911,648	19,438
Liabilities Current liabilities: Accounts and contracts payable Due to other county funds Accrued wages and benefits Compensated absences, current (Note 6) Interest payable Current portion of long-term debt (Note 6) Other liabilities	1,792,108 47,025 155,550 278,647 15,628,281 943,143	420,162 - - 680,000 9,277,417	24,741 124,461 - - 575,000 4,286,106	1,481,661	3,718,672 124,461 47,025 155,550 278,647 18,616,348 14,520,052	4,213,691 43,930 154,207 4,077,968 19,749,033 14,125,410
Total current liabilities	18,844,754	10,377,579	5,010,308	3,228,114	37,460,755	42,364,239

See notes to financial statements.

Statement of Net Position (Continued)

						September 30, 2017 and 2016	17 and 2016
	Į	Downriver	Rouge Valley	Northeast	CSO Basins	Total	2016
Noncurrent liabilities: Net pension liability Net OPEB liability Long-term debt - Net of current portion (Note 6)	↔	6,020,120 \$ 2,737,728 79,321,414	10,562,234		2,669,786	6,020,120 \$ 2,737,728 104,293,434	5,409,898 2,757,326 113,079,932
Total noncurrent liabilities	I	88,079,262	10,562,234	11,740,000	2,669,786	113,051,282	121,247,156
Total liabilities		106,924,016	20,939,813	16,750,308	5,897,900	150,512,037	163,611,395
Deferred Inflows of Resources - Related to pension	l	304,741	r			304,741	125,360
Net Position Net investment in capital assets Restricted - Bond programs Unrestricted	J	94,723,825 50,100,769 23,375,152	76,706,617 50,672 11,893,802	2,645,338	(2,207,481) 7,911,443 (1,190,156)	171,868,299 58,062,884 37,595,477	171,595,178 70,482,532 35,919,822
Total net position	φ.	168,199,746	88,651,091	6,162,017 \$	4,513,806	267,526,660	277,997,532

Statement of Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

				rears Enueu September 50, 2017 and 2016	ptember 30, 20	17 and 2016
	Downriver	Rouge Valley	Northeast	CSO Basins	2017	2016
Operating Revenue Sewage disposal charges Industrial surcharges Other charges for services Other revenue	17,106,231 \$ 1,122,999 5,106,411 1,800	55,923,653 \$ - 8,250	26,049,297 \$	46,500 \$ - 1,466,140	99,125,681 \$ 1,122,999 6,580,801 1,800	101,459,947 1,241,049 6,109,543 6,660
Total operating revenue	23,337,441	55,931,903	26,049,297	1,512,640	106,831,281	108,817,199
Operating Expenses Personal Fringe benefits Pension	2,204,479 492,600 888,631	1 1 1		1.1.1	2,204,479 492,600 888,631	2,304,062 1,200,427 (2,576,883)
Materials and supplies Contractual services	2,105,891 6,533,053	1,747 56,495,873	56,222 24,692,830	42,303 1,103,381	2,206,163 88,825,137	2,181,185
Travel Miscellaneous operating Rentals	3,769 4,087,988 58,827	- 69,516 806	393,123 357,895	334,709	3,769 4,885,336 450,372	6,049 4,609,414 414,990
Depreciation	14,661,321	2,821,813	357,761		17,840,895	16,538,113
Total operating expenses	31,036,559	59,389,755	25,857,831	1,513,237	117,797,382	108,516,272
Operating (Loss) Income	(7,699,118)	(3,457,852)	191,466	(284)	(10,966,101)	300,927
Nonoperating Revenue (Expense) Investment income, net Gain on sale of assets Collections from participating local units Interest and fiscal charges State grants	281,890 1,408,554 (2,877,205)	126,227 35,047 1,406 (289,120)	48,489 - (250,812)	37,228 - 2,130,144 (156,619)	493,834 35,047 3,540,104 (3,573,756)	468,665 - 2,289,241 (3,953,209) 5,124
Total nonoperating (expense) revenue	(1,186,761)	(126,440)	(202,323)	2,010,753	495,229	(1,190,179)
Change in Net Position	(8,885,879)	(3,584,292)	(10,857)	2,010,156	(10,470,872)	(889,252)
Net Position - Beginning of year	177,085,625	92,235,383	6,172,874	2,503,650	277,997,532	278,886,784
Net Position - End of year	168,199,746 \$	88,651,091 \$	6,162,017 \$	4,513,806 \$	267,526,660	277,997,532

Statement of Cash Flows

					Years Ended S	Years Ended September 30, 2017 and 2016	17 and 2016
•		Downriver	Rouge Valley	Northeast	CSO Basins	2017	2016
Cash Flows from Operating Activities Receipts from customers Payments to suppliers Payments to other funds Payments to employees and their benefits Receipts from other funds	↔	24,127,399 \$ (13,503,139) (4,825,104)	56,580,546 \$ (57,004,453) (124,461)	24,387,050 \$ (25,707,449)	1,512,640 \$ (131,597) (334,482)	106,607,635 \$ (96,346,638) (458,943) (4,825,104)	109,295,417 (90,617,660) (4,567,324)
Net cash and cash equivalents provided by (used in) operating activities		5,799,156	(548,368)	(1,195,938)	1,046,561	5,101,411	14,110,433
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities Repayment of long-term debt Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt Bond principal received from municipalities		(15,749,034) 7,871,591 9,514,320	(665,000) 614,465 25,000	(565,000) 122,177	(1,650,000)	(18,629,034) 8,608,233 10,524,372	(20,804,107) 9,071,037 18,883,578
State grants Proceeds from sale of capital assets Acquisition of capital assets Interest paid Interest received from participating local units		- (7,628,214) (2,877,205) 1,408,554	48,247 (405,619) (289,120) 1,406	(71,623)	- (82,732) (137,181) 170,474	48,247 (8,188,188) (3,554,318) 1,580,434	5,122 (10,266,905) (4,920,825) 2,289,241
Net cash and cash equivalents used in capital and related financing activities		(7,459,988)	(670,621)	(765,258)	(714,387)	(9,610,254)	(5,742,859)
Cash Flows Provided by Investing Activities		281,890	126,227	48,489	37,225	493,831	468,665
Net (Decrease) Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents		(1,378,942)	(1,092,762)	(1,912,707)	369,399	(4,015,012)	8,836,239
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of year		43,930,558	12,615,553	6,157,796	4,120,411	66,824,318	57,988,079
Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of year	49	42,551,616	11,522,791	4,245,089 \$	4,489,810 \$	62,809,306	66,824,318
Classification of Cash and Cash Equivalents Equity in pooled cash and investments Restricted equity in pooled cash and investments Restricted other cash and investments Other cash and investments	∽	27,780,929 \$ 12,316,202 2,453,485 1,000	11,522,119 \$ 672	4,245,089 \$	304,891 \$ 4,184,919	43,853,028 \$ 16,501,793 2,453,485 1,000	44,657,908 19,352,849 2,812,561 1,000
Total cash and cash equivalents	₩	42,551,616 \$	11,522,791 \$	4,245,089 \$	4,489,810 \$	62,809,306	66,824,318

Statement of Cash Flows (Continued)

					Years Ended September 30, 2017 and 2016	ptember 30, 20	17 and 2016
		Downriver	Rouge Valley	Northeast	CSO Basins	2017	2016
Reconciliation of Operating (Loss) Income to Net Cash from Operating Activities	222						
Operating (loss) income	69	(7,699,118) \$	(3 457 852) \$	191 466 \$	\$ (207)	/10 066 101\ ¢	200 002
Adjustments to reconcile operating (loss) income to			(1001.0.10)		9 (200)	6 (101,006,01)	726,006
Depreciation		14 661 224	000000	100			
Amortization of bond discounts, bond premiums		14,001,321	610,120,2	107,766		17,840,895	16,538,113
and deferred loss on refunding		37,606	,	ï		37 606	40 700
Changes in assets and liabilities:						000,75	43,783
Due from other governments		(979.357)	657.399	(1 662 247)	1	(1 08/1 205)	(800 000)
Accounts receivable		667.123	(8,756)	/ (i_) /		658 367	1,006,504)
Accounts payable and other liabilities		(751,214)	(436 511)	(207 379)	1 381 640	(12,464)	1,000,040
Interfunds		(; , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	(124 461)	124 461	040,100,1	(13,404)	588,113
Net nension liability		640.000	(104,421)	104,421	(334,402)	(334,482)	334,482
Net perision mapinity		277,010	,	1		610,222	(3,528,834)
Pension deferrals		(732,267)	•	1	1	(732,267)	73,657
Net other postemployment benefits		(19,598)	,	: I	ı	(19,598)	(18,813)
Compensated absences		1,343	1		ı	1.343	(54.673)
Accrued wages	-	3,095	3	1		3,095	(111,058)
Net cash and cash equivalents							
provided by (used in) operating activities	\$	5,799,156 \$	(548,368)	(1,195,938) \$	1,046,561 \$	5,101,411 \$	14,110,433

September 30, 2017

Note 1 - Nature of Business

The Downriver Sewage Disposal System (Downriver), Rouge Valley Sewage Disposal System (Rouge Valley), Northeast Sewage Disposal System (Northeast), and Combined Sewer Overflow Basins (CSO Basins) that are tributary to the Sewage Disposal Systems (collectively, the "Systems"), are enterprise funds of the Charter County of Wayne, Michigan (the "County"). The County owns and operates the various systems and basins in accordance with enabling legislation and service agreements.

Direct salaries, wages, and employee benefits, plus materials and services supplied by outside vendors or other county operations, are charged to the system responsible for such expenses when incurred. Certain other services are shared among the Systems and other county operations, with the proportionate cost of these services being billed to the individual system based upon actual services provided.

These financial statements present only the Systems and are not intended to present the financial position and results of operation of the County in conformity with United States generally accepted accounting principles.

The financial statements of the Systems are included in the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, reported as enterprise funds. The County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report can be obtained by contacting the Office of Management and Budget, 500 Griswold, 14th Floor, Detroit, MI 48226.

Note 2 - Significant Accounting Policies

Accounting and Reporting Principles

The Systems follow accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. Accounting and financial reporting pronouncements are promulgated by the Governmenalt Accounting Standards Board. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies used by the Systems:

Basis of Accounting

The Systems use the economic resources measurement focus and the full accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Specific Balances and Transactions

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with a maturity of three months or less when acquired. Cash resources of the individual funds of the County, except as specifically stated by ordinance, are pooled and invested. Interest on pooled investments is allocated among the respective funds based on average investment balances.

Investments

Investments are reported at fair value or estimated fair value. Short-term investments are reported at cost, which approximates fair value. For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, the Systems consider all highly liquid investments, including restricted assets, with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. All pooled investments qualify as cash equivalents.

Due from Other Governments

Due from other governmental units represents receivables from local municipalities and the State of Michigan, for sewage disposal and grant revenue. The balance sheet (aging) method is used to estimate the reserve for uncollectable.

Notes to Financial Statements

September 30, 2017

Note 2 - Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Restricted Assets

The revenue bonds of the enterprise funds require amounts to be set aside for construction, debt service principal and interest, operations and maintenance, and a bond reserve. These amounts have been classified as restricted assets, as well as amounts due from municipalities recorded at the time of issuance of debt for for the construction of the Systems' sewage facilities and systems. Certain assets that were shown as current restricted assets in the prior year have been reclassified to unrestricted current assets.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets, are defined by the System as assets with an initial individual cost of \$5,000 or more and an estimated useful life in exess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated acquisition value at the date of donation.

Interest, salaries, and employee benefits costs incurred during the construction of capital assets are included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed.

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

	Depreciable Life - Years
Buildings and improvements	5 - 25
Machinery, equipment, and vehicles	5 - 25
Infrastructure (interceptors and appurtenances)	25 - 80

Long-term Obligations

Long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are expensed at the time they are incurred, whereas deferred amounts on refunding are to be reported as deferred outflows of resources.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents a consumption of net position that applies to future periods and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The Systems have two items that qualify for reporting in this category.

The first is the deferred charges related to bond refunding, which became fully amortized during the year ended September 30, 2017. The deferred outflow results from the difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the old debt in a refunding. The deferred amount is then amortized and recorded as a component of interest expense.

The Systems also reports deferred outflows of resources that relate to the defined benefit pension plan. The deferred outflows result from two transactions: the variance between the plan's actual investment earnings compared to the plan's assumed investment earnings and differences between projected and actual experience of the plan.

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Note 2 - Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents an acquisition of net position that applies to future periods and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Systems have one item that qualifies for reporting in this category. It is the deferred inflow of resources related to the defined benefit pension plan. The deferred inflow of resources results from the changes in assumptions related economic and demographic factors, in expected and actual investment returns, assumptions, and benefits provided in the pension plans.

Net Position

Net position of the Systems is classified in three components:

Net investment in capital assets - net of related debt consists of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation reduced by the current balances of any outstanding borrowings used to finance the purchase or construction of those assets.

Restricted net position has been limited for use by grantors, contributors, laws, regulations, or constitutional provisions.

Unrestricted net position is the remaining net position that does not meet the definition of invested in capital or restricted.

The net position classifications presented in the financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2016, as audited by other auditors, included receivables for debt service payments from the participating communities as a component of net investment in capital assets rather than as restricted net position. The 2016 column on the statement of net position has been restated to reflect net position presentation consistent with the 2017 presentation.

Net Position Flow Assumption

The Systems will sometimes fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted net position and unrestricted net position, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the Systems' policy to consider restricted net position to have been depleted before unrestricted net position is applied.

Sewage Disposal Revenue

The Systems' revenue, except for the CSO Basins, is recorded and based on consumption. The CSO Basins' revenue is based on the recovery of operation and maintenance costs from the comminities they serve.

Contractual Services

Contractual services for the Rouge Valley and Northeast systems primarily represent amounts billed for sewage treatment and disposal costs based on rates established by the Great Lakes Water Authority.

Other Postemployment Benefit Costs

The County offers the Systems' employees pension and retiree health care benefits. Information regarding those benefits and the related liabilities, deferrals, and disclosures are presented in the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

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Note 2 - Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Compensated Absences (Vacation and Sick Leave)

The Systems' employees earn vacation and sick leave benefits based, in part, on length of service. Vacation pay is fully vested when earned and sick pay vests upon completion of two years of service. Upon separation from service, employees are paid accumulated vacation and sick pay depending upon the nature of the separation (death, retirement, or termination). Certain limitations are placed on the hours of vacation and sick leave that employees may accumulate and carry over for payment at termination, retirement, or death. Unused hours exceeding these limitations are forfeited. The amount of accumulated unpaid vacation and sick pay is recorded in the statement of net position.

Classification of Revenue and Expenses

The Systems' funds distinguish operating revenue and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenue and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with the Systems' principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenue are charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for the Systems' funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenue and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenue and expenses.

Risk Management

The Systems participate in the County's self-insurance program for its various risk exposure coverages and employee insurance benefits. See the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for further discussion of this program.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Comparative Data/Reclassifications

Comparative total data for the prior year has been presented in order to provide an understanding of the changes in the financial position and operations of the Systems. As noted under the net position section, certain amounts presented in the prior year data have been reclassified in order to be consistent with the current year's presentation.

Upcoming Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2015, the GASB issued Statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions, which addresses reporting by governments that provide postemployment benefits other than pensions (OPEB) to their employees and for governments that finance OPEB for employees of other governments. This OPEB standard will require the Systems to recognize on the face of the financial statements their proportionate share of the net OPEB liability related to its participation in the County's OPEB plan. The statement also enhances accountability and transparency through revised note disclosures and required supplemental information (RSI). The Systems are currently evaluating the impact this standard will have on the financial statements when adopted. The provisions of this statement are effective for the Systems' financial statements for the year ending September 30, 2018.

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Note 2 - Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

In June 2017, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board issued GASB Statement No. 87, Leases, which improves accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. This statement requires recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. Under this statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources. The Systems are currently evaluating the impact this standard will have on the financial statements when adopted. The provisions of this statement are effective for the Systems' financial statements for the year ending September 30, 2021.

Note 3 - Cash and Investments

The carrying amount of the Systems' pooled cash and investments, which are deposited entirely in the County treasurer's internal cash management pool except for \$2.4 million in separately held demand deposit accounts, was \$60.3 million for the year ended September 30, 2017. The Systems' pooled cash and investments deposited in the County treasurer's internal cash management pool was \$64.0 million, except for demand deposits held separately was \$2.8 million for the year ended September 30, 2016. Because it is not feasible to allocate risk to individual funds or pool participants, aggregate cash, and investment categories are presented in the County's basic financial statements.

Note 4 - Restricted Assets

The Systems' restricted assets total approximately \$58.3 million and represent amounts restricted for use in replacement, improvement, and construction projects (\$10.3 million) and bond reserves and amounts pledged toward the payment of outstanding bonds and notes (\$48.0 million). Bond principal due from municipalities was recorded upon the issuance of debt payable from judgment levies for construction of sewage facilities and systems. Such principal will be repaid by the benefited local communities in accordance with the debt services requirements of the County.

At September 30, 2017 and 2016, restricted assets are composed of the following:

Description		2017	_	2016
Equity in pooled cash and investments:				
Replacement, improvement, and construction projects	\$	10,331,424	\$	11,951,499
Bond and interest redemption		6,170,369		7,401,350
Other cash and investments - Bond and interest redemption		2,453,485		2,812,561
Receivables:				
Bond and interest redemption		5,705,463		9,408,154
Bond principal due from local units	_	33,680,790		42,986,936
Total	\$	58,341,531	\$	74,560,500

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Note 5 - Capital Assets

Capital assets are capitalized in the fund in which they are utilized. Capital asset activity of the Systems' funds was as follows:

Business-type Activities

	Balance October 1, 2016	Additions	Disposals and Adjustments	Balance September 30, 2017
Downriver Sewage Disposal				
Capital assets not being depreciated: Land Construction in progress	\$ 2,426,717 19,104,333	\$ - 7,628,214	\$ - -	\$ 2,426,717 26,732,547
Subtotal	21,531,050	7,628,214	-	29,159,264
Capital assets being depreciated: Buildings and improvements Machinery and equipment Land improvements Infrastructure	19,213,707 1,397,935 1,367,301 400,607,353	19,844 - -		19,213,707 1,417,779 1,367,301 400,607,353
Subtotal	422,586,296	19,844	-	422,606,140
Accumulated depreciation: Buildings and improvements Machinery and equipment Land improvements Infrastructure	17,988,078 1,033,163 695,899 227,713,424	135,789 104,324 61,710 14,359,497	-	18,123,867 1,137,487 757,609 242,072,921
Subtotal	247,430,564	14,661,320		262,091,884
Net capital assets being depreciated	175,155,732	(14,641,476)		160,514,256
Net Downriver Sewage Disposal capital assets	196,686,782	(7,013,262)	-	189,673,520

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Note 5 - Capital Assets (Continued)

Business-type Activities (Continued)

	Balance October 1, 2016	Additions	Disposals and Adjustments	Balance September 30, 2017
Rouge Valley Sewage Disposal				
Capital assets not being depreciated: Land Construction in progress	\$ 1,448,847 \$ 3,522,910	405,619	\$ - 	\$ 1,448,847 3,928,529
Subtotal	4,971,757	405,619	=	5,377,376
Capital assets being depreciated: Buildings and improvements Machinery and equipment Infrastructure	9,042,608 370,672 139,121,423	- - - -	(440,000) - -	8,602,608 370,672 139,121,423
Subtotal	148,534,703	-	(440,000)	148,094,703
Accumulated depreciation: Buildings and improvements Machinery and equipment Infrastructure	7,677,710 254,571 55,195,934	172,986 31,252 2,536,747	(345,972) - 	7,504,724 285,823 57,732,681
Subtotal	63,128,215	2,740,985	(345,972)	65,523,228
Net capital assets being depreciated	85,406,488	(2,740,985)	(94,028)	82,571,475
Net Rouge Valley Sewage Disposal capital assets	90,378,245	(2,335,366)	(94,028)	87,948,851
Northeast Sewage Disposal				
Capital assets not being depreciated: Land Construction in progress	11,040 13,339,239	71,623		11,040 13,410,862
Subtotal	13,350,279	71,623	-	13,421,902
Capital assets being depreciated: Buildings and improvements Machinery and equipment Infrastructure	10,064,660 184,645 1,156,802	: :	- - 	10,064,660 184,645 1,156,802
Subtotal	11,406,107	-	« <u>-</u>	11,406,107
Accumulated depreciation: Buildings and improvements Machinery and equipment Infrastructure	8,859,773 85,843 564,294	322,454 17,568 17,739	- - -	9,182,227 103,411 582,033
Subtotal	9,509,910	357,761		9,867,671
Net capital assets being depreciated	1,896,197	(357,761)		1,538,436
Net Northeast Sewage Disposal capital assets	15,246,476	(286,138)	ű	14,960,338

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Note 5 - Capital Assets (Continued)

Business-type Activities (Continued)

CSO Basins

 Capital assets not being depreciated - Construction in progress
 \$ 2,112,640
 \$ 82,732
 \$ \$ 2,195,372

 Net business-type activity capital assets
 \$ 304,424,143
 \$ (9,552,034)
 \$ (94,028)
 \$ 294,778,081

Construction in progress in the Systems involves various improvements. The costs expected to be incurred to complete these projects are estimated at \$4.6 million. These projects are expected to be funded by future contributions from federal grants, participating local governmental units, and assets restricted for improvements.

Note 6 - Long-term Debt

Long-term debt activity for the year ended September 30, 2017 can be summarized as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Downriver Sewage Disposal: General obligations Revenue bonds Compensated absences Deferred amounts - For	\$ 50,384,660 52,065,578 154,207	\$ - 7,871,591 155,550	\$ (13,044,034) (2,705,000) (154,207)		\$ 11,375,675 4,215,000 155,550
issuance premiums	414,506	-	(37,606)	376,900	37,606
Total Downriver Sewage Disposal	\$ 103,018,951	\$ 8,027,141	\$ (15,940,847)	\$ 95,105,245	\$ 15,783,831
Rouge Valley Sewage Disposal: General obligations Revenue bonds Total Rouge Valley	75,000 11,217,769 	614,465	(25,000) (640,000) \$ (665,000)	50,000 11,192,234 \$ 11,242,234	25,000 655,000 \$ 680,000
Sewage Disposal	Ψ 11,232,703	Ψ 014,400	ψ (000,000)	<u> </u>	-
Northeast Sewage Disposal - Revenue bonds	12,757,823	122,177	(565,000)	12,315,000	575,000
CSO Basins: General obligations Deferred amounts - For	5,681,715	160,307	(1,650,000)	4,192,022	1,711,984
issuance premiums	231,914		(21,083)	210,831	21,083
Total CSO Basins	\$ 5,913,629	\$ 160,307	\$ (1,671,083)	\$ 4,402,853	\$ 1,733,067

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Note 6 - Long-term Debt (Continued)

General Obligation Bonds and Contracts

The Systems issue general obligation bonds to provide for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities. General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the Systems. County contractual agreements and installment purchase agreements are also general obligations of the Systems. General obligations outstanding at September 30, 2017 are as follows:

Purpose	Year of Maturity	Interest Rates	0	Original Amount		Outstanding	
Downriver Sewage Disposal:							
1995-3	2019	2.25%	\$	49,525,000	\$	3,040,000	
1995-8	2021	2.25%		58,035,000		10,455,000	
1995-11	2018	2.25%		1,907,456		118,751	
1995-12	2018	2.25%		5,773,353		340,000	
1995-13	2019	2.25%		3,840,000		235,000	
2007B-3	2028	4.25-5.75%		15,790,000		10,530,000	
1997	2018	2.25%		2,509,825		155,000	
1998	2021	2.25%		16,865,000		3,040,000	
1999-2	2020	2.25%		105,103		15,128	
1999-3	2021	2.25%		12,030,000		2,210,000	
1999-4	2020	2.25%		11,731,749		1,381,747	
1999B-5	2019	4.5-5.125%		15,005,000		2,295,000	
2000	2021	2.5%		5,085,000		1,230,000	
2005	2026	1.63%		4,680,000	_	2,295,000	
Total Downriver Sewage Disposal			\$	202,882,486	\$	37,340,626	
Rouge Valley Sewage Disposal - SFR 5140-01	2019	2.25%		425.000		50,000	
SFR 5140-01	2019	2.2570		420,000		00,000	
CSO Basins:							
SRF 5123-01	2019	2.25%		5,856,984		356,984	
2007B-2	2018	4.25-5.75%		9,935,000		1,215,000	
2011A-3	2030	2.50%		275,368		225,368	
2011A-4	2032	2.50%		760,000		605,000	
SRF 5430-02	2036	2.50%	_	2,175,000	-	1,789,670	
			\$	19,002,352	\$	4,192,022	
Total CSO Basins					_		

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Note 6 - Long-term Debt (Continued)

Revenue Bonds

Revenue bonds involve a pledge of specific income derived from the acquired or constructed assets and to pay debt service. Revenue bonds currently outstanding are as follows:

				Amount
	Year of Maturity	Interest Rates	Original Amount	Outstanding
Downriver Sewage Disposal:			\$ -	\$ -
2007D	2028	4.0-5.4%	4,300,000	2,840,000
2008D	2030	2.50%	4,329,086	2,859,086
2008A-2	2031	2.50%	10,612,059	7,472,059
2008B-2	2030	2.50%	12,115,000	8,535,000
2008C	2030	2.50%	4,330,000	2,850,000
2011A-2	2033	2.50%	13,780,990	11,515,990
2013-1	2035	2.00%	11,955,000	9,744,340
2016	2037	2.50%	17,705,000	11,415,694
Total Downriver Sewage Disposal			\$ 79,127,135	\$ 57,232,169
Rouge Valley Sewage Disposal:				
SRF-5350-01	2031	2.50%	8,553,417	8,553,417
2015 (5402-01)	2036	2.50%	2,638,817	2,638,817
Total Rouge Valley Sewage Disposal			\$ 11,192,234	\$ 11,192,234
Northeast Sewage Disposal - 2013-2	2035	2.00%	\$ 13,435,000	\$ 12,315,000

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Note 6 - Long-term Debt (Continued)

Debt Service Requirements to Maturity

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for the above bonds and note obligations are as follows:

	Downriver Sewage Disposal			
Years Ending				
September 30		Principal		Interest
2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023-2027 2028-2032 2033-2037	\$	15,590,675 11,978,673 10,371,278 5,170,000 4,995,000 27,040,000 17,671,839 1,755,330	\$	2,528,657 2,116,909 1,843,267 1,574,676 1,427,313 4,747,044 1,097,200 21,749
Total	\$	94,572,795	\$	15,356,815
	Rouge Valley Sewage Disposal			
Years Ending		Principal	Interest	
2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023-2027 2028-2032 2033-2035	\$	680,000 695,000 685,000 705,000 730,000 3,910,000 3,683,417 153,817	\$	274,316 257,087 239,931 222,618 204,743 738,976 229,651 3,845
Total	\$	11,242,234	\$	2,171,167
	Northeast Sewage Disposal			
Years Ending		Principal	Interest	
2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023-2027 2028-2032 2033-2035	\$	575,000 590,000 600,000 610,000 625,000 3,310,000 3,655,000 2,350,000	\$	244,060 228,900 217,000 204,900 192,550 768,700 420,550 70,600
Total	\$	12,315,000	\$	2,347,260

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Note 6 - Long-term Debt (Continued)

		CSO Basins			
Years Ending	Principal		01	Interest	
2018	\$	1,711,984	\$	73,606	
2019		140,000		62,001	
2020		145,000		58,501	
2021		145,000		54,876	
2022		150,000		51,251	
2023-2027		805,000		197,880	
2028-2032		910,368		92,255	
2033-2035		184,670		5,984	
Total	\$	4,192,022	\$	596,354	

Note 7 - Subsequent Events

Northeast Sewage Disposal System (NESDS)

On September 27, 2017, the Southeast Macomb Sanitary District (SEMSD) board unanimously approved the terms of the Transfer Agreement (the "Agreement"). The NESDS transports wastewater collected from the City of St. Clair Shores, Michigan, City of Eastpointe, Michigan, City of Roseville, Mlchigan, City of Harper Woods, Michigan, City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, and the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan to the wastewater disposal system now operated by the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) for treatment and disposal. The main physical assets of the NESDS are the Grosse Pointe Interceptor, a 2.8 mile, six-ft diameter concrete sewer main, and two pump stations, the Marter Road Booster Pump Station and the Kerby Road Pump Station. The SEMSD consists of three of the communities that convey wastewater to the NESDS, St. Clair Shores, Roseville, and Eastpointe.

SEMSD is purchasing the NESDS for \$6,741,007.26 (the "Transfer Fee"). The Transfer Fee consists of \$2,741,007.26 related to pension and other postemployment benefits the County is retaining (collectively, "OPEB") and a \$4,000,000 payment. There are a large number of conditions prior to closing that must be satisfied (by SEMSD) before either party is obligated to close.

Downriver Sewage Disposal System (DSDS)

On May 16, 2016, the County and the Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority (DUWA), entered into a nonbinding letter of intent to serve as the legal framework for a Definitive Transfer Agreement (DTA) that governs the transfer of the Downriver Sewage Disposal System (DSDS) to DUWA for a total payment of \$57.5 million. Based upon the size and complexity of DSDS, the scope and scale of its operations, and its current financing structure, negotiations of the final terms and conditions of the DTA were not completed until December of 2017. \$54 million dollars in cash due is due at closing. Cash is to be raised by DUWA in a revenue bond issue and \$3.5 million through a subordinated bond deliverable at closing, payable not later than five years after closing with a balloon payment. Upon approval of the DTA by DUWA, DUWA will proceed to finalize its financing with the MFA based upon the preliminary reviews and discussions held to date. The County has agreed to transfer virtually all of the assets associated with DSDS.

As of February 28, 2018, the County has \$96,457,368 of outstanding debt related to DSDS, consisting of revenue bonds and judgment levy bonds. At the time of closing of the transfer of the DSDS, DUWA will assume virtually all of the liabilities associated with the ownership, maintenance, operating, and administration of the DSDS, including third-party claims associated with lawsuits.

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Note 7 - Subsequent Events (Continued)

The County and DUWA have identified tasks that both parties believe must be managed in connection with the transfer of the DSDS to ensure that public safety and health standards are maintained at levels equal to or exceeding those maintained by the County prior to transfer of the DSDS. Those tasks have been identified, the County and DUWA have jointly developed procedures, including time lines, for managing and completing tasks while both parties await approval of the DTA by DUWA's board and the County Commission, respectively.

The DUWA board voted on the DTA to acquire the DSDS at its February 8, 2018 meeting. The DUWA board unanimously voted to recommend and advance the DTA to the communities with a deadline on their votes back to the board by April 30. The 13 communities will pass resolutions directing their DUWA representative's action on the DTA for a DUWA meeting the second week in May.