



Kent County, Michigan

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014



NORTH KENT SEWER AUTHORITY

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

March 31, 2015

North Kent Sewer Authority
Board of Trustees
Kent County, Michigan

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the North Kent Sewer Authority (the Authority), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, 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 the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Authority, as of December 31, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 3 through 7 and the budgetary comparisons information on pages 29 and 30 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, 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.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the United States Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments and Non Profit Organizations*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual fund financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards 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. Such 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 combining and individual fund financial statements and the schedule of expenditure of federal awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 31, 2015 on our consideration of the Authority'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 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 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 Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Vredaveld Haefner LLC

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of the North Kent Sewer Authority (the Authority), we offer readers of the Authority's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Authority for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information that is furnished in the financial statements and notes to the financial statements.

The North Kent Sewer Authority is a joint venture established to construct and maintain sewer system plant and infrastructure utilized by participating municipalities. Participating municipalities include Alpine, Cannon and Courtland Townships, Plainfield Charter Township and the City of Rockford.

Financial Highlights

- SRF III capital improvement construction projects were completed in 2014.
- NKSA purchased two new Ford F250 work trucks.
- NKSA received over \$120,000 from Consumers Energy in awards and incentives due to the new blower and controls system.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Authority's financial statements. The Authority's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements.

Government-wide financial statements. The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Authority's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business. The government-wide financial statements include only the Authority itself (a special purpose government). The Authority has no legally separate component units for which the Authority is financially accountable. In this report, financial information for the Authority is reported separately from the financial information of joint venture participants.

The *statement of net position* presents information on all of the Authority's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as *net position*. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Authority is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of the timing of related cash flows*. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., payments on debt and compensated absences).

Both of the government-wide financial statements display functions of the Authority that are principally supported by intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities*). The governmental activities of the Authority include public works and interest payments on bonds outstanding. The Authority does not have any business-type activities.

Fund financial statements. A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Authority, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Authority are governmental funds. The Authority does not utilize proprietary or fiduciary funds.

Governmental funds. *Governmental funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on *near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources*, as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

The Authority maintains ten individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the general fund, sewer collection special revenue fund, 1998 bonds debt service fund, wastewater treatment plant debt service fund, SRF bonds debt service fund, improvement capital projects and participant capital projects fund each of which are considered to be a major fund.

Data is combined into a single aggregated presentation for the other governmental funds. Individual fund data for each of the non-major governmental funds is provided in the form of *combining statements*.

The Authority adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general and special revenue funds. Budgetary comparison statements or schedules have been provided herein to demonstrate compliance with those budgets.

Notes to the financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Other information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain *required supplementary information*. Required supplementary information includes this management's discussion and analysis and the major fund budget and actual comparisons.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Authority, assets exceeded liabilities by \$8,754,700 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

The most significant portion of the Authority's net position reflects investment in capital assets (e.g., land, plant and infrastructure), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The Authority uses these capital assets to provide services to joint venture participants; consequently, these assets are *not* available for future spending. Although the Authority's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

Following is a summary of net position of the system:

	Governmental Activities	
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Assets		
Current assets	\$ 4,147,521	\$ 3,879,315
Noncurrent assets		
Due from governmental units	9,697,196	10,417,906
Capital assets	55,035,081	54,156,149
Total assets	<u>68,879,798</u>	<u>68,453,370</u>
Liabilities		
Current liabilities	876,892	631,738
Long-term liabilities	60,066,090	59,066,932
Total liabilities	<u>60,942,982</u>	<u>59,698,670</u>
Net position		
Net invested in capital assets	5,307,189	6,240,046
Restricted	805,755	309,589
Unrestricted	1,823,872	2,205,065
Total net position	<u>\$ 7,936,816</u>	<u>\$ 8,754,700</u>

Net position of the Authority increased by \$817,884. The increase in net position is primarily the result of the timing difference between when joint venture participants provide funding for debt service on capital bonds and when depreciation is recorded on the capital assets funded by these bonds.

	Governmental Activities	
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Revenue		
Program revenue		
Charges for services	\$8,501,412	\$8,384,347
Capital grants	658,574	120,023
General revenue		
Unrestricted investment earnings	1,556	1,590
Total revenue	<u>9,161,542</u>	<u>8,505,960</u>
Expenses		
Public works	5,828,481	5,260,732
Interest	2,481,173	2,427,344
Total expenses	<u>8,309,654</u>	<u>7,688,076</u>
Increase in net position	851,888	817,884
Net position-beginning of year	<u>7,084,928</u>	<u>7,936,816</u>
Net position-end of year	<u>\$7,936,816</u>	<u>\$8,754,700</u>

Governmental activities

During the year 68% of Authority expenses were for public works which included \$3,969,392 for operation and maintenance of the system and \$1,291,340 for depreciation of system infrastructure. The remaining \$2,427,344 of total expenses was for interest and other bond costs.

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

As noted earlier, the Authority uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental funds. The focus of the Authority's *governmental funds* is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of *spendable* resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Authority's financing requirements. In particular, *fund balance* may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year. As of the end of the current fiscal year, the Authority's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$2,514,484, a decrease of \$58,190 in comparison with the prior year. This decrease is primarily the result of timing differences on when connection fees are received and the applicable debt payment is made.

The general fund is the chief operating fund of the Authority. At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance of the general fund was \$603,085. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it is important to note that the general fund operates on a reimbursement basis from joint venture participants.

Budgetary Highlights

- NKSA switched health insurance plans to comply with the new health care laws and reduce expenses.
- Local sewer budgets reflect increased work in Alpine and Plainfield Township's for SAW Grant assessments.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital assets. The Authority's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of December 31, 2014, amounted to \$54,156,149 (net of accumulated depreciation).

The Authority's capital assets (net of depreciation) are summarized as follows:

<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
Land and right-of-way	\$ 874,265
Depreciable assets	<u>53,281,884</u>
Total	<u>\$54,156,149</u>

Additional information on the Authority's capital assets can be found in Note 3 of this report.

Debt. At the end of the current fiscal year, the Authority had bonded debt and compensated absences outstanding of \$57,968,906 and \$69,174 respectively.

Additional information on the Authority's long-term debt can be found in Note 4 of this report.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

- Projected an overall 1% increase in General Fund expenses.
- Budgeted \$45,000 for a portable jetter, \$130,000 for two bioreactor diffuser replacements and \$45,000 to replace Baycor screen panels.
- Increased CIP Budget funding from \$240,000 to \$300,000 per year.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Authority's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the North Kent Sewer Authority, Treasurer, 7 South Monroe, P.O. Box 561, Rockford, MI 49341-0560.

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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NORTH KENT SEWER AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

DECEMBER 31, 2014

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Assets	
Cash	\$ 1,652,227
Investments	483,752
Due from other governments	1,705,813
Prepaid items	37,523
Due from other governments long-term	10,417,906
Capital assets	
Land and right-of-way	874,265
System infrastructure (net of accumulated depreciation)	<u>53,281,884</u>
Total assets	<u>68,453,370</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	182,095
Accrued liabilities	449,643
Noncurrent liabilities	
Compensated absenses	69,174
Unamortized bond premium	1,028,852
Due within one year	2,400,000
Due in more than one year	<u>55,568,906</u>
Total liabilities	<u>59,698,670</u>
Net position	
Net investment in capital assets	6,240,046
Restricted for	
Debt service	248,295
Capital projects	61,294
Unrestricted	<u>2,205,065</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 8,754,700</u>

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

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NORTH KENT SEWER AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues					Net (Expense) Revenue
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions		
Primary government						
Governmental activities						
Public works	\$ 5,260,732	\$ 8,384,347	\$ -	\$ 120,023	\$ 3,243,638	
Interest on long-term debt	<u>2,427,344</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,427,344)</u>	
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 7,688,076</u>	<u>\$ 8,384,347</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 120,023</u>		816,294
General revenues						
Unrestricted interest earnings						<u>1,590</u>
Total general revenues						<u>1,590</u>
Change in net position						817,884
Net position, beginning of year						<u>7,936,816</u>
Net position, end of year						<u>\$ 8,754,700</u>

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NORTH KENT SEWER AUTHORITY

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Special Revenue		Debt Service		
			Wastewater		
	<u>General</u>	<u>Sewer Collection</u>	<u>1998 Bonds</u>	<u>Treatment Plant</u>	<u>SRF Bonds</u>
Assets					
Cash	\$ 351,684	\$ 8,650	\$ 150	\$ 185,329	\$ -
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Due from other governments	207,683	145,238	1,044,998	1,384,487	8,713,906
Due from other funds	97,862	-	-	-	-
Prepaid items	<u>37,523</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total assets	\$ 694,752	\$ 153,888	\$ 1,045,148	\$ 1,569,816	\$ 8,713,906
Liabilities and fund balances					
Liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$ 39,346	\$ 48,597	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accrued liabilities	14,798	3,681	-	-	-
Due to other funds	<u>-</u>	<u>97,862</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities	54,144	150,140	-	-	-
Deferred inflows of resources					
Unavailable revenue - contracts	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,044,998</u>	<u>1,322,921</u>	<u>8,713,906</u>
Fund balances					
Nonspendable:					
Prepaid	37,523	-	-	-	-
Restricted for:					
Capital projects	-	-	-	-	-
Committed:					
Debt service	-	-	150	246,895	-
Unassigned	<u>603,085</u>	<u>3,748</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total fund balances	640,608	3,748	150	246,895	-
Total liabilities, deferred inflows and fund balances	\$ 694,752	\$ 153,888	\$ 1,045,148	\$ 1,569,816	\$ 8,713,906

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

Capital Projects					
Improvement Capital Projects	Participant Capital Projects	Nonmajor Governmental Funds		Total	
\$ 1,016,338	\$ 27,532	\$ 62,544	\$ 1,652,227		
483,752	-	-	483,752		
60,000	67,069	-	11,623,381		
-	-	-	97,862		
-	-	-	37,523		
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\$ 1,560,090	\$ 94,601	\$ 62,544	\$ 13,894,745		
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\$ -	\$ 94,152	\$ -	\$ 182,095		
-	-	-	18,479		
-	-	-	97,862		
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-	94,152	-	298,436		
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-	-	-	-	11,081,825	
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-	-	-	-	37,523	
1,560,090	449	61,294	1,621,833		
-	-	1,250	248,295		
-	-	-	606,833		
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1,560,090	449	62,544	2,514,484		
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\$ 1,560,090	\$ 94,601	\$ 62,544	\$ 13,894,745		

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NORTH KENT SEWER AUTHORITY

RECONCILIATION OF FUND BALANCES ON THE BALANCE SHEET FOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES ON THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

DECEMBER 31, 2014

Fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 2,514,484
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Amounts reported for *governmental activities* in the statement of net position are different because

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

Add - capital assets (net)	54,156,149
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Certain assets reported on the statement of net assets are not receivable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.

Add - accrued interest receivable from participants	431,164
Add - accrued compensated absences receivable from participants	69,174
Add - deferred revenue on long-term receivable due from participants	11,081,825

Certain liabilities, such as bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.

Deduct - bonds payable	(57,968,906)
Deduct - unamortized bond premium	(1,028,852)
Deduct - compensated absences	(69,174)
Deduct - accrued interest on bonds	<u>(431,164)</u>

Net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 8,754,700</u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

NORTH KENT SEWER AUTHORITY

**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Special Revenue		Debt Service		
			Wastewater Treatment Plant	SRF Bonds	
	<u>General</u>	<u>Sewer Collection</u>	1998 <u>Bonds</u>		
Revenues					
Intergovernmental revenue					
Participant fees	\$ 1,809,451	\$ 867,608	\$ 330,075	\$ 1,885,768	\$ 486,649
Connection fees	-	-	-	1,109,461	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	198	-	-	206	-
Total revenues	<u>1,809,649</u>	<u>867,608</u>	<u>330,075</u>	<u>2,995,435</u>	<u>486,649</u>
Expenditures					
Current					
Public works	1,741,359	871,896	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-
Debt service					
Principal	-	-	285,000	1,105,000	295,000
Interest	-	-	44,925	1,942,719	191,649
Total expenditures	<u>1,741,359</u>	<u>871,896</u>	<u>329,925</u>	<u>3,047,719</u>	<u>486,649</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	68,290	(4,288)	150	(52,284)	-
Other financing sources (uses)					
Bond issue	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	-	-	-
Net changes in fund balances	68,290	(4,288)	150	(52,284)	-
Fund balances, beginning of year	<u>572,318</u>	<u>8,036</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>299,179</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 640,608</u>	<u>\$ 3,748</u>	<u>\$ 150</u>	<u>\$ 246,895</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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

Capital Projects				
Improvement Capital Projects	Participant Capital Projects	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total	
\$ 240,000	\$ 27,997	\$ 876,451	\$ 6,523,999	
-	-	-	1,109,461	
120,023	-	-	120,023	
1,186	-	396	1,986	
<u>361,209</u>	<u>27,997</u>	<u>876,847</u>	<u>7,755,469</u>	
-	-	-	2,613,255	
5,295	1,676,819	78,266	1,760,380	
-	-	565,000	2,250,000	
-	-	310,362	2,489,655	
<u>5,295</u>	<u>1,676,819</u>	<u>953,628</u>	<u>9,113,290</u>	
355,914	(1,648,822)	(76,781)	(1,357,821)	
-	1,299,631	-	1,299,631	
-	349,640	-	349,640	
-	-	(349,640)	(349,640)	
-	1,649,271	(349,640)	1,299,631	
355,914	449	(426,421)	(58,190)	
<u>1,204,176</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>488,965</u>	<u>2,572,674</u>	
<u>\$ 1,560,090</u>	<u>\$ 449</u>	<u>\$ 62,544</u>	<u>\$ 2,514,484</u>	

NORTH KENT SEWER AUTHORITY

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

Net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ (58,190)
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Amounts reported for *governmental activities* in the statement of activities are different because

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets are allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.

Add - capital outlay	412,408
Deduct - depreciation expense	(1,291,340)

Bond proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds in the period issued, but issuing bonds increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets.

Deduct - bond issues	(1,299,631)
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Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds but repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets.

Add - principal payments on bonds	2,250,000
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Some revenues and expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.

Deduct - decrease in interest receivable from participants	(5,357)
Add - increase in compensated absences receivable from participants	8,165
Deduct - payments from participants on long-term receivables	(2,250,000)
Add - increase in participant receivable long-term	2,997,683
Add - decrease in accrued interest payable	5,357
Deduct - increase in compensated absences	(8,165)
Add - amortization of bond premium	<u>56,954</u>

Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ 817,884
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

NORTH KENT SEWER AUTHORITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the North Kent Sewer Authority (the Authority) conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the significant policies.

Reporting Entity The North Kent Sewer Authority, which is established pursuant to Michigan Act 233, is a joint venture governed by a five member Board of Trustees appointed by the legislative bodies of five participating municipalities. The Authority was established to construct and maintain sewer system infrastructure utilized by participating municipalities. Participating municipalities include:

City of Rockford
Alpine Township
Cannon Township
Courtland Township
Plainfield Charter Township

Participating municipalities fund operating and debt service costs based on their common and exclusive sewer system usage. The criteria established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board for determining the reporting entity includes a significant operational financial relationship with another entity. Based on the above criteria, these financial statements present all funds of the North Kent Sewer Authority.

Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the governmental activities of the special purpose government (the Authority). For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. *Governmental activities* of the Authority are supported primarily by intergovernmental revenues from the participants. The Authority has no business-type activities.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. *Program revenues* include (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds. The Authority utilizes no proprietary or fiduciary funds. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

Major governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

The Authority reports the following major governmental funds:

The *General Fund* is the government's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

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The *Sewer Collection Special Revenue Fund* is used to account for maintenance performed on participant specific and share collection systems.

The *Debt Service Funds* for the 1998 bonds, Wastewater Treatment Plant and SRF bonds account for the receipt of participants payments and the payment of principal and interest on those debt issues which finance infrastructure reconstruction, expansion and/or improvement projects.

The *Capital Project Funds* for improvement capital projects and participant capital projects are used to account for system improvements financed with participant contributions and Michigan State Revolving Fund (SRF) bonds and grants.

Additionally, the Authority reports the following fund types:

The *Debt Service Funds* are used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and payment of, long-term debt principal, interest, and related costs.

The *Capital Projects Funds* account for the accumulation and disbursement of resources for the construction of various capital items.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Joint venture participant fees and connection fees are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are assessed. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

All governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period, except for joint venture participant assessments, connection fees and interest which use one year. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred. Exceptions to this general rule include principal and interest on long-term debt and compensated absences which are recognized when due.

All Governmental Funds are accounted for on a spending or “flow of current financial resources” measurement focus. This means that only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets. Their reported fund balance is considered a measure of “available, spendable resources”.

Governmental fund operating statements present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current financial resources. Accordingly, they are said to present a summary of sources and uses of “available, spendable resources” during a period.

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Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The Authority's procedures for establishing budgetary data are as follows:

- The Treasurer submits a proposed budget for the upcoming year to the Authority's Board.
- The budget is reviewed by the Authority's Board and a public hearing is held. Prior to the beginning of the year, the budget is adopted by the Authority's Board.
- The budget for the general and special revenue funds are adopted following the modified accrual basis of accounting (a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles).
- Budget amounts shown in the financial statements consist of those amounts contained in the original and amended budget.
- The Authority adopts a budget for the general fund and special revenue fund at the department level of detail by means of an appropriations act. Budgets were amended during the year.

Cash and Investments

Cash consists of the balance in checking accounts while investments are money market account and other balances with Michigan financial institutions. Michigan law and authority policy authorizes the Authority to invest in:

- a. Bonds, securities, other obligations and repurchase agreements of the United States, or an agency or instrumentality of the United States.
- b. Certificates of deposit, savings accounts, deposit accounts or depository receipts of a qualified financial institution.
- c. Commercial paper rated at the time of purchase within the two highest classifications established by not less than two standard rating services and that matures not more than 270 days after the date of purchase.
- d. Bankers acceptances of United States banks.
- e. Obligations of the State of Michigan and its political subdivisions that, at the time of purchase are rated as investment grade by at least one standard rating service.
- f. Mutual funds registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 with the authority to purchase only investment vehicles that are legal for direct investment by a public corporation.
- g. External investment pools as authorized by Public Act 20 as amended.

Due From Other Governments

Balances due from other governments include balances due from joint venture participants or the State of Michigan. These balances are reported net of estimated uncollectible balances (estimated uncollectible balances were zero at year-end).

Due to and Due from Other Funds

Interfund receivables and payables are short term borrowings that arise from interfund transactions which are recorded by all funds affected in the period in which transactions are executed.

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Prepaid Items

The Authority incurred costs prior to year-end for services that will be performed in the next fiscal year. In these situations, the Authority records an asset to reflect the investment in future services.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/ expenditure) until then. The government has no items that qualify for reporting in this category.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The government has only one type of item, which arises only under a modified accrual basis of accounting that qualifies for reporting in this category. Accordingly, the item, *unavailable revenue*, is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues from one source: contracts receivable from participants. This amount is deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amount becomes available.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land, property, equipment and infrastructure are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements.

Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are valued at cost where historical records are available and at estimated historical cost where no historical records exist. Donated capital assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date received.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets, as applicable.

Depreciation on capital assets, is computed using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

	<u>Years</u>
System & Plant Infrastructure	50
Sewer Infrastructure	5
Vehicles	3-10

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Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements the long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities statement of net position. Where applicable, bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums, discounts and issuance costs during the year of issuance. The face amount of debt issued and any premiums received are reported as other financing sources. Discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs are reported as public works expenditures.

Compensated Absences

Authority policy provides employees with a vested right to receive payments for unused vacation and sick time benefits under formulas and conditions specified in the personnel policy. Accumulated vacation and sick time of governmental funds is recorded on the statement of net position and not on the governmental fund balance sheets because it is not expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. Compensated absences reported for governmental activities are primarily liquidated from general fund resources.

Fund Equity/Net position

Governmental funds report fund balance in the following five categories:

1. Non-spendable - the related asset's form does not allow expenditure of the balance. The assets are either (a) not in a spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Nonspendable fund balance would be equal to inventory, prepaid items, non-current financial assets, and the nonspendable portion of endowments.
2. Restricted - the related assets can only be spent for the specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or as identified in enabling legislation.
3. Committed - the related assets can only be spent for a specific purpose identified by formal action of the governing board.
4. Assigned - the related assets can only be spent for a specific purpose identified by management as authorized by the governing board.
5. Unassigned - is the residual classification and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications.

Fund Balance can only be committed and assigned by resolution of the Board.

Net Position and Fund Balance Flow Assumptions

Sometimes the government will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted (e.g., restricted bond or grant proceeds) and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted – net position/fund balance and unrestricted – net position/fund balance, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the government's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resource as they are needed. Further, when the components of unrestricted fund balance can be used for the same purpose, committed fund balance is depleted first, followed by assigned fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is applied last

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2. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The captions on the financial statements relating to cash and investments are as follows:

Governmental Activities	
Cash	\$1,652,227
Investments	<u>483,752</u>
Cash and investments	<u>\$2,135,979</u>

These deposits and investments, which consist of demand deposits and money market accounts, are in financial institutions located in Michigan. All accounts are in the name of the Authority and a specific fund or common account. They are recorded in Authority records at fair value.

Investment and deposit risk

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Authority's deposits may not be returned. As of year-end, \$1,906,922 of the Authority's bank balance of \$2,135,977 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and uncollateralized.

3. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year was as follows:

	Balance January 1, 2014	Additions	Deletions	Balance December 31, 2014
Governmental Activities				
Capital assets, not being depreciated				
Land and right-of-way	\$ 874,265	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 874,265
Construction in progress	93,293	-	93,293	-
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	967,558	-	93,293	874,265
Capital assets, being depreciated				
System and plant infrastructure	61,268,413	-	-	61,268,413
Sewer infrastructure	5,330	-	-	5,330
Vehicles	221,000	505,701	-	726,701
Total capital assets being depreciated	61,494,743	505,701	-	62,000,444
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
System and plant infrastructure	7,370,822	1,225,369	-	8,596,191
Sewer infrastructure	2,132	1,066	-	3,198
Vehicles	54,266	64,905	-	119,171
Total accumulated depreciation	7,427,220	1,291,340	-	8,718,560
Net capital assets, being depreciated	54,067,523	(785,639)	-	53,281,884
Governmental Activities capital assets, net	\$ 55,035,081	\$ (785,639)	\$ 93,293	\$ 54,156,149

Depreciation expense of \$1,291,340 was charged to the public works function.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

4. LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of long-term debt activity and balances of the Authority for the year ended December 31, 2014:

	<u>Balance January 1, 2014</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance December 31, 2014</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Governmental Activities					
1998 Sewer Bonds due in annual installments from \$120,000 to \$365,000 through May 2018; interest at 3.0% to 7.0%.	\$ 1,620,000	\$	-	\$ 285,000	\$ 1,335,000
					\$ 305,000
2005 Sewer Bonds due in annual installments from \$180,000 to \$405,000 beginning in 2009 through November 2025; interest at 3.5% to 4.5%.	5,040,000		-	215,000	4,825,000
					220,000
2006 Sewer Bonds due in annual installments from \$755,000 to \$4,000,000 beginning in 2009 through November 2031; interest at 4% to 5%.	35,490,000		-	890,000	34,600,000
					920,000
2007 Refunding Bonds due in annual installments from \$25,000 to \$505,000 through May 2027, interest at 4.0% to 4.25%	5,110,000		-	305,000	4,805,000
					300,000
2011 Sewer Bonds due in annual installments from \$275,000 to \$435,000 through May 2032, interest at 2.5%	5,698,896		-	240,000	5,458,896
					245,000
2012 Refunding Bonds due in annual installments from \$240,000 to \$360,000 through November 2026, interest at 2.0% to 3.05%	3,950,000		-	260,000	3,690,000
					265,000
\$975,000 2012 Sewer Bonds due in annual installments from \$40,000 to \$60,000 through October 2032, interest at 2.5%	883,234		-	35,000	848,234
					40,000
\$625,000 2012 Sewer Bonds due in annual installments from \$25,000 to \$40,000 through October 2032, interest at 2.5%	500,659		-	20,000	480,659
					20,000

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	<u>Balance January 1, 2014</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance December 31, 2014</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
\$2,130,000 2013 Sewer Bonds due in annual installments from \$85,000 to \$130,000 through October 2034, interest at 2.0%	\$ 626,486	\$1,299,631	\$ -	\$ 1,926,117	\$ 85,000
Total debt	58,919,275	1,299,631	2,250,000	57,968,906	2,400,000
Accrued employee benefits	61,009	69,174	61,009	69,174	69,174
Total Governmental Activities	\$58,980,284	\$1,368,805	\$2,311,009	\$58,038,080	\$2,469,174

Following is a summary of future principal maturities and interest requirements:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2015	\$ 2,400,000	\$ 2,394,979
2016	2,500,000	2,314,241
2017	2,590,000	2,230,027
2018	2,700,000	2,133,001
2019	2,780,000	2,037,676
2020-2024	15,755,000	8,365,734
2025-2029	19,560,000	4,828,455
2030-2033	9,683,906	661,933
Total	\$57,968,906	\$24,966,046

5. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Charges for services and fiscal year-end receivables attributable to related parties are as follows:

	<u>Intergovernmental Revenue</u>	<u>Due From Other Governments</u>
Alpine Township	\$1,419,883	\$ 3,378,228
Cannon Township	784,125	1,957,534
Courtland Township	95,380	8,297
Plainfield Charter Township	3,403,539	5,740,187
City of Rockford	821,072	66,817
Total	\$6,523,999	\$5,740,187

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6. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees, medical benefits provided to employees, and natural disasters for which it obtains coverage from commercial insurance companies. The Authority has had no settled claims resulting from these risks that exceeded commercial coverage in any of the past three years.

7. PENSION PLANS

Defined Contribution Pension Plan

North Kent Sewer Authority's Employee Retirement System is a defined contribution plan, which provides pension benefits to substantially all employees. In a defined contribution plan, benefits depend solely on amounts contributed to the plan plus investment earnings. Employees are eligible to participate immediately upon employment. The Authority contributes 7% of each participant's base salary to the plan. Employees are required to contribute at least 3% of their base salary. The Authority's contributions for this employee group vest based on year of service with 100% vesting occurring after 6 years of service. The plan provisions and contribution amounts were established by the Authority Board and may be amended by the Authority Board. The plan is administered by the Michigan Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS).

The Authority and Authority employees made contributions of \$35,508 and \$15,218 respectively during 2013.

8. FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION

Fund balance remaining in the wastewater treatment plant capital projects fund consists of interest earned on bond proceeds. This amount is available for dedicated projects of participating units, authority capital projects and future debt service. The fund balance of wastewater treatment capital projects fund has been included in restricted for debt service on the statement of net position.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

NORTH KENT SEWER AUTHORITY

***GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL***

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Budget Amounts		Actual Amount	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Intergovernmental revenue				
Participant fees	\$ 2,129,700	\$ 2,129,700	\$ 1,809,451	\$ (320,249)
Interest	200	200	198	(2)
Total revenues	<u>2,129,900</u>	<u>2,129,900</u>	<u>1,809,649</u>	<u>(320,251)</u>
 Expenditures				
Current				
Public works	<u>2,129,900</u>	<u>2,129,900</u>	<u>1,741,359</u>	<u>388,541</u>
Total expenditures	<u>2,129,900</u>	<u>2,129,900</u>	<u>1,741,359</u>	<u>388,541</u>
Net changes in fund balance	-	-	68,290	68,290
Fund balance, beginning of year	<u>572,318</u>	<u>572,318</u>	<u>572,318</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 572,318</u>	<u>\$ 572,318</u>	<u>\$ 640,608</u>	<u>\$ 68,290</u>

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SEWER COLLECTION FUND SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Budget Amounts		Actual Amount	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Intergovernmental revenue				
Participant fees	\$ 1,122,600	\$ 1,243,300	\$ 867,608	\$ (375,692)
Total revenues	<u>1,122,600</u>	<u>1,243,300</u>	<u>867,608</u>	<u>(375,692)</u>
 Expenditures				
Current				
Public works	<u>1,122,600</u>	<u>1,243,300</u>	<u>871,896</u>	<u>371,404</u>
Total expenditures	<u>1,122,600</u>	<u>1,243,300</u>	<u>871,896</u>	<u>371,404</u>
Net changes in fund balance	-	-	(4,288)	(4,288)
Fund balance, beginning of year	<u>8,036</u>	<u>8,036</u>	<u>8,036</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 8,036</u>	<u>\$ 8,036</u>	<u>\$ 3,748</u>	<u>\$ (4,288)</u>

COMBINING STATEMENTS

NORTH KENT SEWER AUTHORITY

NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS COMBINING BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Debt Service		Capital Projects		<u>Total</u>
	2001/2012 Bonds		2007 Refunding Bonds		
Assets					
Cash	\$ 500		\$ 750	\$ 61,294	\$ 62,544
Total assets	<u>\$ 500</u>		<u>\$ 750</u>	<u>\$ 61,294</u>	<u>\$ 62,544</u>
Liabilities and fund balances					
Liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total liabilities	<u>\$ -</u>		<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Fund balances					
Restricted for:					
Capital projects	-		-	61,294	61,294
Committed:					
Debt service	500		750	-	1,250
Total fund balances	<u>500</u>		<u>750</u>	<u>61,294</u>	<u>62,544</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows and fund balances	<u>\$ 500</u>		<u>\$ 750</u>	<u>\$ 61,294</u>	<u>\$ 62,544</u>

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NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Debt Service		Capital Projects		Total
	2001/2012 <u>Bonds</u>	2007 <u>Refunding Bonds</u>	Wastewater Treatment <u>Plant</u>		
Revenues					
Intergovernmental revenue					
Participant fees	\$ 365,779	\$ 510,672	\$ -	\$ 876,451	
Interest	-	-	396	396	
Total revenues	365,779	510,672	396	876,847	
Expenditures					
Capital outlay				78,266	78,266
Debt service					
Principal	260,000	305,000	-	565,000	
Interest	105,279	205,083	-	310,362	
Total expenditures	365,279	510,083	78,266	953,628	
Revenues over (under) expenditures	500	589	(77,870)	(76,781)	
Other financing sources (uses)					
Transfers out	-	-	(349,640)	(349,640)	
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	(349,640)	(349,640)	
Net changes in fund balances	500	589	(427,510)	(426,421)	
Fund balances, beginning of year	-	161	488,804	488,965	
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 500	\$ 750	\$ 61,294	\$ 62,544	

SINGLE AUDIT SECTION



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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**

March 31, 2015

North Kent Sewer Authority
Board of Trustees
Kent County, Michigan

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the North Kent Sewer Authority (the Authority) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 31, 2015.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Authority's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control.

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

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

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY OMB CIRCULAR A-133

March 31, 2015

North Kent Sewer Authority
Board of Trustees
Rockford, Michigan

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the North Kent Sewer Authority's (the Authority) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Authority's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2014. The Authority's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the Authority's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Authority's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Authority's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Authority complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2014.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the Authority is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the Authority's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control over compliance.

Specializing in services to governmental and nonprofit entities

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

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

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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NORTH KENT SEWER AUTHORITY

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title	Grant Number	CFDA Number	Federal Expenditures
Environmental Protection Agency			
Passed through Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Clean Water State Revolving Fund	5528-01	66.458	\$ 744,770
Total Environmental Protection Agency			
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ 744,770

Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards:

Basis of Presentation

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in the financial statements. Expenditures on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards differs from expenditures in the financial statements due to assets purchased with capital grants being capitalized and depreciated over the assets' estimated useful lives.

Reconciliation to financial statements

Total bond proceeds	\$ 1,299,631
Non-federal portion of bond proceeds	<u>554,861</u>
Federal portion of bond proceeds equal to expenditures reported above	<u>\$ 744,770</u>

NORTH KENT SEWER AUTHORITY
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditors' report issued	Unqualified		
Internal control over financial reporting:			
Material weakness(es) identified?	<input type="checkbox"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	<input type="checkbox"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> none reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:			
Material weakness(es) identified?	<input type="checkbox"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	<input type="checkbox"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> none reported
Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major programs	Unqualified		
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Section 510(a) of OMB Circular A-133?	<input type="checkbox"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Identification of major programs:			
<u>CFDA Number(s)</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>		
66.458	Clean Water State Revolving Fund		
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and B programs:	\$300,000		
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

None noted

SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

None noted

SECTION IV - SUMMARY OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

None