HAWTHORNE MILL NORTH
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA
FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

HAWTHORNE MILL NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Supervisors
Hawthorne Mill North Community Development District
City of Lakeland, Florida

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Hawthorne Mill North Community Development District, City of Lakeland, Florida ("District") as of and for the for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, and each major fund of the District as of September 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, thereof for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

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

Other Information Included in the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the other information included in the financial report. The other information comprises the information for compliance with FL Statute 218.39 (3) (c), but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 29, 2025, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Grau & Associates

April 29, 2025

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Our discussion and analysis of Hawthorne Mill North Community Development District, City of Lakeland, Florida ("District") provides a narrative overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024. Please read it in conjunction with the District's Independent Auditor's Report, basic financial statements, accompanying notes and supplementary information to the basic financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The liabilities of the District exceeded its assets at the close of the most recent fiscal year resulting in a net position deficit balance of ($745,167).

- The change in the District's total net position in comparison with the prior fiscal year was ($545,873), a decrease. The key components of the District's net position and change in net position are reflected in the table in the government-wide financial analysis section.

- At September 30, 2024, the District's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of $741,609, an increase of $640,942 in comparison with the prior fiscal year. The total fund balance is restricted for debt service and capital projects, non-spendable for deposits, and the remainder is unassigned balance in the general fund.

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as the introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The statement of net position presents information on all the District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources with the residual amount being 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 District 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.

The government-wide financial statements include all governmental activities that are principally supported by Developer contributions and assessments. The District does not have any business-type activities. The governmental activities of the District include the general government (management) and maintenance functions.

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 District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The District has one fund category: governmental funds.

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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 District'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 District'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 District maintains three governmental funds for external reporting. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the general fund, debt service fund and capital projects fund, all of which are considered major funds.

The District adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general and debt service funds. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with the budget.

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.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of an entity's financial position. In the case of the District, liabilities exceeded assets at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

Key components of the District's net position are reflected in the following table:

NET POSITION
SEPTEMBER 30,

	2024	2023
Assets, excluding capital assets	$ 788,652	$ 131,941
Capital assets, net of depreciation	13,444,642	2,973,138
Total assets	14,233,294	3,105,079
Liabilities, excluding long-term liabilities	367,140	46,338
Long-term liabilities	14,611,321	3,258,035
Total liabilities	14,978,461	3,304,373
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	(1,165,916)	(284,897)
Restricted	418,124	79,493
Unrestricted	2,625	6,110
Total net position	$ (745,167)	$ (199,294)

The District's net position reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g. land, land improvements, and infrastructure) less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. These assets are used to provide services to residents; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in 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.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (Continued)

The restricted portion of the District's net position represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used.

The District's net position decreased during the most recent fiscal year. The majority of the decrease represents the extent to which cost of operations exceed ongoing program revenues.

Key elements of the change in net position are reflected in the following table:

CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,

	2024	2023
Revenues:		
Program revenues		
Charges for services	$ 280,123	$ -
Operating grants and contributions	173,755	53,544
Capital grants and contributions	4,529	-
General revenues		
Miscellaneous	4,380	-
Total revenues	462,787	53,544
Expenses:		
General government	103,584	45,644
Maintenance and operations	120,897	-
Interest on long-term debt	424,628	15,064
Bond issue costs	359,551	183,501
Total expenses	1,008,660	244,209
Change in net position	(545,873)	(190,665)
Net position - beginning	(199,294)	(8,629)
Net position - ending	$ (745,167)	$ (199,294)

As noted above and in the statement of activities, the cost of all governmental activities during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024 was $1,008,660. The costs of the District's activities were paid by program revenues. Program revenues are comprised of Developer contributions, assessments and investment earnings. In total, expenses increased from the prior year mainly as the result of bond issuance costs in the current year.

GENERAL BUDGETING HIGHLIGHTS

An operating budget was adopted and maintained by the governing board for the District pursuant to the requirements of Florida Statutes. The budget is adopted using the same basis of accounting that is used in preparation of the fund financial statements. The legal level of budgetary control, the level at which expenditures may not exceed budget, is in the aggregate. Any budget amendments that increase the aggregate budgeted appropriations must be approved by the Board of Supervisors. The general fund budget for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024 was amended to increase revenues by $8,000 and increase appropriations by $8,000.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At September 30, 2024, the District had $13,444,642 invested in capital assets for its governmental activities No depreciation has been taken in the current fiscal year as the District's infrastructure and other capital assets are under construction. More detailed information about the District's capital assets is presented in the notes of the financial statements.

Capital Debt

At September 30, 2024, the District had $14,630,000 Bonds outstanding for its governmental activities. More detailed information about the District's capital debt is presented in the notes of the financial statements.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS

It is anticipated that the general operations of the District will increase as the District is being built out.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, land owners, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the financial resources it manages and the stewardship of the facilities it maintains. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Hawthorne Mill North Community Development District's 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida, 33431.

HAWTHORNE MILL NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash	$ 6,804
Due from Developer	68,762
Deposits and prepaids	600
Restricted assets:	
Investments	712,486
Capital assets:	
Nondepreciable	13,444,642
Total assets	14,233,294
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	38,818
Unearned revenue	2,225
Accrued interest payable	320,097
Developer advance	6,000
Non-current liabilities:	
Due within one year	215,000
Due in more than one year	14,396,321
Total liabilities	14,978,461
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	(1,165,916)
Restricted for debt service	418,124
Unrestricted	2,625
Total net position	$ (745,167)

See notes to the financial statements

HAWTHORNE MILL NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues: Charges for Services	Program Revenues: Operating Grants and Contributions	Program Revenues: Capital Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position: Governmental Activities
Primary government:					
Governmental activities:					
General government	$ 103,584	$ 53,935	$ -	$ -	$ (49,649)
Maintenance and operations	120,897	-	162,681	4,529	46,313
Bond issue costs	359,551	-	-	-	(359,551)
Interest on long-term debt	424,628	226,188	11,074	-	(187,366)
Total governmental activities	1,008,660	280,123	173,755	4,529	(550,253)
Change in net position					(545,873)
Net position - beginning					(199,294)
Net position - ending					$ (745,167)

See notes to the financial statements

HAWTHORNE MILL NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	Major Funds			Total Governmental Funds
	General	Debt Service	Capital Projects	
ASSETS				
Cash	$ 6,804	$ -	$ -	$ 6,804
Investments	-	707,473	5,013	712,486
Due from Developer	38,014	30,748	-	68,762
Deposits	600	-	-	600
Total assets	$ 45,418	$ 738,221	$ 5,013	$ 788,652
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	$ 34,568	$ -	$ 4,250	$ 38,818
Unearned revenue	2,225	-	-	2,225
Developer advance	6,000	-	-	6,000
Total liabilities	42,793	-	4,250	47,043
FUND BALANCES:				
Nonspendable:				
Deposits	600	-	-	600
Restricted for:				
Debt service	-	738,221	-	738,221
Capital projects	-	-	763	763
Unassigned	2,025	-	-	2,025
Total fund balances	2,625	738,221	763	741,609
Total liabilities and fund balances	$ 45,418	$ 738,221	$ 5,013	$ 788,652

See notes to the financial statements

HAWTHORNE MILL NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Fund balance - governmental funds		$ 741,609
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as assets in the governmental funds. The statement of net position includes those capital assets, net of any accumulated depreciation, in the net position of the government as a whole.		
Cost of capital assets	13,444,642	
Accumulated depreciation	-	13,444,642
Liabilities not due and payable from current available resources are not reported as liabilities in the governmental fund statements. All liabilities, both current and long-term, are reported in the government-wide financial statements.		
Accrued interest payable	(320,097)	
Bonds payable	(14,611,321)	(14,931,418)
Net position of governmental activities		$ (745,167)

See notes to the financial statements

HAWTHORNE MILL NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	Major Funds			Total
	General	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Assessments	$ 53,935	226,188	$ -	$ 280,123
Developer contributions	162,681	-	-	162,681
Interest	-	11,074	4,529	15,603
Miscellaneous revenues	4,380	-	-	4,380
Total revenues	220,996	237,262	4,529	462,787
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government	103,584	-	-	103,584
Maintenance and operations	120,897	-	-	120,897
Debt Service:				
Principal	-	45,000	-	45,000
Interest	-	119,029	-	119,029
Bond issue costs	-	359,551	-	359,551
Capital outlay	-		10,471,504	10,471,504
Total expenditures	224,481	523,580	10,471,504	11,219,565
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(3,485)	(286,318)	(10,466,975)	(10,756,778)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Interfund transfer in	-	-	484	484
Interfund transfer (out)	-	(484)	-	(484)
Proceeds from bond issuance	-	932,746	10,467,254	11,400,000
Original issue discount	-	(2,280)	-	(2,280)
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	929,982	10,467,738	11,397,720
Net change in fund balances	(3,485)	643,664	763	640,942
Fund balances - beginning	6,110	94,557	-	100,667
Fund balances - ending	$ 2,625	$ 738,221	$ 763	$ 741,609

See notes to the financial statements

HAWTHORNE MILL NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	$	640,942
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures; however, the cost of capital assets is eliminated in the statement of activities and capitalized in the statement of net position.		10,471,504
Governmental funds report the face amount of Bonds issued as financial resources when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are eliminated in the statement of activities and recognized as long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.		(11,400,000)
In connection with the issuance of the Bonds, the original issue discount is reported as a financing use/source when debt is first issued, whereas this amount is eliminated in the statement of activities and reduces/increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.		2,280
Amortization of Bond discounts/premiums is not recognized in the governmental fund financial statements, but is reported as an expense in the statement of activities.		(566)
Governmental funds report the payment of principal on the Bonds as an expenditure, whereas these amounts are eliminated in the statement of activities and recognized as a reduction of long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.		45,000
The change in accrued interest on long-term liabilities between the current and prior fiscal year is recorded in the statement of activities but not in the fund financial statements.		(305,033)
Change in net position of governmental activities	$	(545,873)

See notes to the financial statements

HAWTHORNE MILL NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 – NATURE OF ORGANIZATION AND REPORTING ENTITY

Hawthorne Mill North Community Development District ("District") was established by Ordinance 21-041 of the City Commission of the City of Lakeland, pursuant to the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, and otherwise known as Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, effective October 4, 2021. The Act provides among other things, the power to manage basic services for community development, power to borrow money and issue Bonds, and to levy and assess non-ad valorem assessments for the financing and delivery of capital infrastructure.

The District was established for the purposes of financing and managing the acquisition, construction, maintenance and operation of a portion of the infrastructure necessary for community development within the District.

The District is governed by the Board of Supervisors ("Board"), which is composed of five members. The Supervisors are elected by landowners within the District. The Board of Supervisors of the District exercise all powers granted to the District pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes. As of September 30, 2024, all the Board members were affiliated with Forestar Group, Inc. (the “Developer”).

The Board has the responsibility for:
1. Assessing and levying assessments.
2. Approving budgets.
3. Exercising control over facilities and properties.
4. Controlling the use of funds generated by the District.
5. Approving the hiring and firing of key personnel.
6. Financing improvements.

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) Statements. Under the provisions of those standards, the financial reporting entity consists of the primary government, organizations for which the District is considered to be financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the District are such that, if excluded, the financial statements of the District would be considered incomplete or misleading. There are no entities considered to be component units of the District; therefore, the financial statements include only the operations of the District.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements
The basic financial statements include both 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 non-fiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements.

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 who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function or segment. (Operating-type special assessments for maintenance and debt service are treated as charges for services.); and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Other items not included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

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. Assessments are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are to be recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be *available* when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. 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. Expenditures are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

Assessments

Assessments are non-ad valorem assessments on benefited property within the District. Operating and maintenance assessments are based upon the adopted budget and levied annually at a public hearing of the District. Debt service assessments are levied when Bonds are issued and assessed and collected on an annual basis. The District may collect assessments directly or utilize the "Uniform Method of Collection" under Florida Statutes. Direct collected assessments are due as set forth in the annual assessment resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors. Assessments collected under the Uniform Method are noticed by the County Tax Collector on November 1 and due on or before March 31 of each year. Property owners may prepay a portion or all of the debt service assessments on their property subject to various provisions in the Bond documents.

Assessments and interest associated with the current fiscal period are considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. The portion of assessments receivable due within the current fiscal period is considered to be susceptible to accrual as revenue of the current period.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund

The general fund is the general operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Debt Service Fund

The debt service fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for the annual payment of principal and interest on long-term debt.

Capital Projects Fund

The capital projects fund is used to account for the costs of major infrastructure acquired by the District and also to accumulate capital reserves for future maintenance costs and capital projects.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the government's policy to use restricted resources first for qualifying expenditures, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity

Restricted Assets
These assets represent cash and investments set aside pursuant to Bond covenants or other contractual restrictions.

Deposits and Investments
The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand and demand deposits (interest and non-interest bearing).

The District has elected to proceed under the Alternative Investment Guidelines as set forth in Section 218.415 (17) Florida Statutes. The District may invest any surplus public funds in the following:

a) The Local Government Surplus Trust Funds, or any intergovernmental investment pool authorized pursuant to the Florida Inter-local Cooperation Act;
b) Securities and Exchange Commission registered money market funds with the highest credit quality rating from a nationally recognized rating agency;
c) Interest bearing time deposits or savings accounts in qualified public depositories;
d) Direct obligations of the U.S. Treasury.

Securities listed in paragraph c and d shall be invested to provide sufficient liquidity to pay obligations as they come due.

The District records all interest revenue related to investment activities in the respective funds. Investments are measured at amortized cost or reported at fair value as required by generally accepted accounting principles.

Prepaid Items
Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

Capital Assets
Capital assets which include property, plant and equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, sidewalks and similar items) are reported in the government activities columns 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 (amount not rounded) and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

No depreciation has been taken in the current fiscal year as the District's infrastructure and other capital assets are under construction.

Unearned Revenue
Governmental funds report unearned revenue in connection with resources that have been received, but not yet earned.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity (Continued)

Long-Term Obligations
In the government-wide financial statements 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. Bonds payable are reported net of applicable premiums or discounts. Bond issuance costs are expensed when incurred.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

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.

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.

Fund Equity/Net Position
In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report non spendable and restricted fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Assignments of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change. The District can establish limitations on the use of fund balance as follows:

Committed fund balance – Amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action (resolution) of the Board of Supervisors. Commitments may be changed or lifted only by the Board of Supervisors taking the same formal action (resolution) that imposed the constraint originally. Resources accumulated pursuant to stabilization arrangements sometimes are reported in this category.

Assigned fund balance – Includes spendable fund balance amounts established by the Board of Supervisors that are intended to be used for specific purposes that are neither considered restricted nor committed. The Board may also assign fund balance as it does when appropriating fund balance to cover differences in estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year's appropriated budget. Assignments are generally temporary and normally the same formal action need not be taken to remove the assignment.

The District first uses committed fund balance, followed by assigned fund balance and then unassigned fund balance when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

Net position is the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net position in the government-wide financial statements are categorized as net investment in capital assets, restricted or unrestricted. Net investment in capital assets represents net position related to infrastructure and property, plant and equipment. Restricted net position represents the assets restricted by the District's Bond covenants or other contractual restrictions. Unrestricted net position consists of the net position not meeting the definition of either of the other two components.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Other Disclosures

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles 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 revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 3 – BUDGETARY INFORMATION

The District is required to establish a budgetary system and an approved Annual Budget. Annual Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for the general fund. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end.

The District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements.

a) Each year the District Manager submits to the District Board a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the upcoming October 1.
b) A public hearing is conducted to obtain comments.
c) Prior to October 1, the budget is legally adopted by the District Board.
d) All budget changes must be approved by the District Board.
e) The budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.
f) Unused appropriation for annually budgeted funds lapse at the end of the year.

NOTE 4 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Deposits

The District's cash balances were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by a collateral pool pledged to the State Treasurer. Florida Statutes Chapter 280, "Florida Security for Public Deposits Act", requires all qualified depositories to deposit with the Treasurer or another banking institution eligible collateral equal to various percentages of the average daily balance for each month of all public deposits in excess of any applicable deposit insurance held. The percentage of eligible collateral (generally, U.S. Governmental and agency securities, state or local government debt, or corporate bonds) to public deposits is dependent upon the depository's financial history and its compliance with Chapter 280. In the event of a failure of a qualified public depository, the remaining public depositories would be responsible for covering any resulting losses.

Investments

The District's investments were held as follows at September 30, 2024:

	Amortized cost	Credit Risk	Maturities
First American Government Obligations Fund - Class X	$ 588,057	S&P AAAm	Weighted average of the fund portfolio: 31 days
First American Institutional Government Fund	124,429	N/A	N/A
	$ 712,486		

Credit risk – For investments, credit risk is generally the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. Investment ratings by investment type are included in the preceding summary of investments.

Concentration risk – The District places no limit on the amount the District may invest in any one issuer.

Interest rate risk – The District does not have a formal policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

NOTE 4 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Investments (Continued)
However, the Bond Indenture limits the type of investments held using unspent proceeds.

Fair Value Measurement – When applicable, the District measures and records its investments using fair value measurement guidelines established in accordance with GASB Statements. The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques.

These guidelines recognize a three-tiered fair value hierarchy, in order of highest priority, as follows:

- *Level 1:* Investments whose values are based on unadjusted quoted prices for identical investments in active markets that the District has the ability to access;
- *Level 2:* Investments whose inputs - other than quoted market prices - are observable either directly or indirectly; and,
- *Level 3:* Investments whose inputs are unobservable.

The fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the entire fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used should maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Money market investments that have a maturity at the time of purchase of one year or less and are held by governments other than external investment pools should be measured at amortized cost.

NOTE 5 – INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Interfund transfers for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024 were as follows:

Fund	Transfers in	Transfers out
Debt service	$ -	$ 484
Capital projects	484	-
	$ 484	$ -

Transfers are used to move revenues from the fund where collection occurs to the fund where funds have been reallocated for use. In the case of the District, transfers from the debt service fund to the capital projects fund were made in accordance with the Bond Indentures.

NOTE 6 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance
Governmental activities				
Capital assets, not being depreciated				
Infrastructure under construction	$ 2,973,138	$ 10,471,504	$ -	$ 13,444,642
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	2,973,138	10,471,504	-	13,444,642
Governmental activities capital assets, net	$ 2,973,138	$ 10,471,504	$ -	$ 13,444,642

The infrastructure intended to serve the District has been estimated at a total cost of approximately $8,108,176. A portion of the project costs was expected to be financed with the proceeds from the issuance of Bonds with the remainder to be funded by the Developer and conveyed to the District. Upon completion, certain improvements are to be conveyed to others for ownership and maintenance responsibilities. The District paid the Developer $10,467,254 for the cost of infrastructure improvements during the current fiscal year.

NOTE 7 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Series 2023

On August 30, 2023, the District issued $3,275,000 of Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2023 with a fixed interest rates of from 4.625% to 5.625%. Principal payments on the Series Bonds are payable annually commencing May 1, 2024 to May 1, 2053. Interest is paid semiannually on each May 1 and November 1, commencing November 1, 2023. The Bonds were issued to finance the acquisition and construction of certain improvements associated with Assessment Area One.

The Series 2023 Bonds are subject to redemption at the option of the District, in whole or in part at a redemption price set forth in the Bond Indenture. The Series 2023 Bonds are subject to extraordinary mandatory redemption prior to maturity in the manner determined by the Bond Indenture.

The Bond Indentures established debt service reserve requirements as well as other restrictions and requirements relating principally to the use of proceeds to pay for the infrastructure improvements and the procedures to be followed by the District on assessments to property owners. The District agrees to levy special assessments in annual amounts adequate to provide payment of debt service and to meet the reserve requirements. The District was in compliance with the requirements at September 30, 2024.

Series 2024

On July 9, 2024, the District issued $11,400,000 of Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, comprised of Term Bonds with fixed interest rates from 4.61% to 5.5% and due dates from May 1, 2031 to May 1, 2054. Principal payments on the Series Bonds are payable annually commencing May 1, 2025 to May 1, 2054. Interest is paid semiannually on each May 1 and November 1, commencing November 1, 2024. The Bonds were issued to finance the acquisition and construction of certain improvements associated with Assessment Area Two.

The Series 2024 Bonds are subject to redemption at the option of the District, in whole or in part at a redemption price set forth in the Bond Indenture. The Series 2024 Bonds are subject to extraordinary mandatory redemption prior to maturity in the manner determined by the Bond Indenture.

The Bond Indentures established debt service reserve requirements as well as other restrictions and requirements relating principally to the use of proceeds to pay for the infrastructure improvements and the procedures to be followed by the District on assessments to property owners. The District agrees to levy special assessments in annual amounts adequate to provide payment of debt service and to meet the reserve requirements. Upon satisfaction of certain conditions, a portion of the original reserve requirements will be released to the Developer for construction costs paid on behalf of the District; this did not occur during the current fiscal year. The District was in compliance with the requirements at September 30, 2024.

Long-term Debt Activity

Changes in long-term liability activity for the for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024 were as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Governmental activities					
Bonds payable:					
Series 2023	$ 3,275,000	$ -	$ 45,000	$ 3,230,000	$ 50,000
Less: original issue discount	(16,965)	-	(566)	(16,399)	-
Series 2024	-	11,400,000	-	11,400,000	$ 165,000
Less: original issue discount	-	(2,280)	-	(2,280)	-
Total	$ 3,258,035	$ 11,397,720	$ 44,434	$ 14,611,321	$ 215,000

NOTE 7 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Long-term Debt Activity (Continued)

At September 30, 2024, the scheduled debt service requirements on the long-term debt were as follows:

Year ending September 30:	Governmental Activities		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	$ 215,000	$ 664,347	$ 879,347
2026	225,000	768,234	993,234
2027	235,000	757,871	992,871
2028	245,000	747,048	992,048
2029	260,000	735,764	995,764
2030-2034	1,495,000	3,480,574	4,975,574
2035-2039	1,950,000	3,047,969	4,997,969
2040-2044	2,535,000	2,478,499	5,013,499
2045-2049	3,320,000	1,717,194	5,037,194
2050-2053	4,150,000	688,436	4,838,436
Total	$ 14,630,000	$ 15,085,936	$ 29,715,936

NOTE 8 – DEVELOPER TRANSACTIONS

The Developer owns a portion of land within the District; therefore, assessment revenues in the general and debt service funds include the assessments levied on those lots owned by the Developer.

The Developer has agreed to fund the general operations of the District. In connection with that agreement, Developer contributions to the general fund were $162,681, which includes a receivable of $30,457 as of September 30, 2024.

NOTE 9 – CONCENTRATION

The District's activity is dependent upon the continued involvement of the Developer, the loss of which could have a material adverse effect on the District's operations.

NOTE 10 – MANAGEMENT COMPANY

The District has contracted with a management company to perform management advisory services, which include financial and accounting services. Certain employees of the management company also serve as officers of the District. Under the agreement, the District compensates the management company for management, accounting, financial reporting, computer and other administrative costs.

NOTE 11 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. The District has obtained commercial insurance from independent third parties to mitigate the costs of these risks; coverage may not extend to all situations. There were no settled claims since inception of the District.

HAWTHORNE MILL NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget - Positive
	Original	Final	Amounts	(Negative)
REVENUES				
Assessments	$ -	$ 54,232	$ 53,935	$ (297)
Developer contributions	236,491	190,259	162,681	(27,578)
Miscellaneous income	-	-	4,380	4,380
Total revenues	236,491	244,491	220,996	(23,495)
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government	96,041	104,041	103,584	457
Maintenance and operations	140,450	140,450	120,897	19,553
Total expenditures	236,491	244,491	224,481	20,010
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	$ -	$ -	(3,485)	$ (3,485)
Fund balance - beginning			6,110	
Fund balance - ending			$ 2,625	

See notes to required supplementary information

HAWTHORNE MILL NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

The District is required to establish a budgetary system and an approved Annual Budget for the general fund. The District's budgeting process is based on estimates of cash receipts and cash expenditures which are approved by the Board. The budget approximates a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (generally accepted accounting principles).

The legal level of budgetary control, the level at which expenditures may not exceed budget, is in the aggregate. Any budget amendments that increase the aggregate budgeted appropriations must be approved by the Board of Supervisors. The general fund budget for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024 was amended to increase revenues by $8,000 and increase appropriations by $8,000.

HAWTHORNE MILL NORTHCOMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA
OTHER INFORMATION – DATA ELEMENTS
REQUIRED BY FL STATUTE 218.39(3)(C)
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024
UNAUDITED

Element	Comments
Number of District employees compensated in the last pay period of the District's fiscal year being reported.	0
Number of independent contractors compensated to whom nonemployee compensation was paid in the last month of the District's fiscal year being reported.	2
Employee compensation	$0
Independent contractor compensation	$67,189
Construction projects to begin on or after October 1; (>$65K)	None
Budget variance report	See the Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - General Fund
Ad Valorem taxes;	Not applicable
Non ad valorem special assessments;	
Special assessment rate	Operations and maintenance - $296.35 Debt service - $1,099.94 - $1,399.92
Special assessments collected	$280,123
Outstanding Bonds:	see Note 7 for details

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

To the Board of Supervisors
Hawthorne Mill North Community Development District
City of Lakeland, Florida

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 Hawthorne Mill North Community Development District, City of Lakeland, Florida ("District") as of and for the for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our opinion thereon dated April 29, 2025.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District'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 District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

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

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and 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 entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Brown & Associates

April 29, 2025

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 218.415, FLORIDA STATUTES, REQUIRED BY RULE 10.556(10) OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

To the Board of Supervisors
Hawthorne Mill North Community Development District
City of Lakeland, Florida

We have examined Hawthorne Mill North Community Development District, City of Lakeland, Florida's ("District") compliance with the requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, in accordance with Rule 10.556(10) of the Auditor General of the State of Florida during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024. Management is responsible for District's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on District's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the District complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced in Section 218.415, Florida Statutes. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether the District complied with the specified requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the District's compliance with specified requirements.

We are required to be independent and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to the examination engagement.

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, management, and the Board of Supervisors of Hawthorne Mill North Community Development District, City of Lakeland, Florida and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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April 29, 2025

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MANAGEMENT LETTER PURSUANT TO THE RULES OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

To the Board of Supervisors
Hawthorne Mill North Community Development District
City of Lakeland, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of Hawthorne Mill North Community Development District, City of Lakeland, Florida ("District") as of and for the for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated April 29, 2025.

Auditor's Responsibility

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in G*overnment Auditing Standards,* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Florida Auditor General.

Other Reporting Requirements

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards;* and Independent Auditor's Report on an examination conducted in accordance with *AICPA Professional Standards*, AT-C Section 315, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in those reports, which are dated April 29, 2025, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Purpose of this Letter

The purpose of this letter is to comment on those matters required by Chapter 10.550 of the Rules of the Auditor General for the State of Florida. Accordingly, in connection with our audit of the financial statements of the District, as described in the first paragraph, we report the following:

I. Current year findings and recommendations.
II. Status of prior year findings and recommendations.
III. Compliance with the Provisions of the Auditor General of the State of Florida.

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies, as applicable, management, and the Board of Supervisors of Community Development District, City of Lakeland, Florida and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We wish to thank Hawthorne Mill North Community Development District, City of Lakeland, Florida and the personnel associated with it, for the opportunity to be of service to them in this endeavor as well as future engagements, and the courtesies extended to us.

Grau & Associates

April 29, 2025

REPORT TO MANAGEMENT

I. CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

None

II. PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

None

III. COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Unless otherwise required to be reported in the auditor's report on compliance and internal controls, the management letter shall include, but not be limited to the following:

1. A statement as to whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report.

   There were no significant findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

2. Any recommendations to improve the local governmental entity's financial management.

   There were no such matters discovered by, or that came to the attention of, the auditor, to be reported For the for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024.

3. Noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance.

   There were no such matters discovered by, or that came to the attention of, the auditor, to be reported, For the for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024.

4. The name or official title and legal authority of the District are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

5. The District has not met one or more of the financial emergency conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

6. We applied financial condition assessment procedures and no deteriorating financial conditions were noted as of September 30, 2024. It is management's responsibility to monitor financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same.

7. Management has provided the specific information required by Section 218.39(3)(c) in the Other Information section of the financial statements on page 23.