

**Estates at Cherry Lake Community  
Development District**

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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the Board of Supervisors  
Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District  
City of Groveland, Florida

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, and the related notes to financial statements, which collectively comprise the District'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 an opinion 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. 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 opinion.

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To the Board of Supervisors  
Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District

## Opinion

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities, and each major fund of Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District as of September 30, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## Other Matters

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Governmental Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis 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 principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. 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 and opinion or provide any assurance.

## Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated June 10, 2021, 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 and contracts.

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 Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



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Certified Public Accountants PL  
Fort Pierce, Florida

June 10, 2021

**Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2020**

Management's discussion and analysis of Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District's (the "District") financial performance provides an objective and easily readable analysis of the District's financial activities. The analysis provides summary financial information for the District and should be read in conjunction with the District's financial statements.

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The District's basic financial statements comprise three components; 1) *Government-wide financial statements*, 2) *Fund financial statements*, and 3) *Notes to financial statements*. The *Government-wide financial statements* present an overall picture of the District's financial position and results of operations. The *Fund financial statements* present financial information for the District's major funds. The *Notes to financial statements* provide additional information concerning the District's finances.

The *Government-wide financial statements* are the **statement of net position** and the **statement of activities**. These statements use accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. Emphasis is placed on the net position of governmental activities and the change in net position. Governmental activities are primarily supported by special assessments.

The **statement of net position** presents information on all assets and liabilities of the District, with the difference between assets and liabilities reported as net position. Net position is reported in three categories: 1) net investment in capital assets, 2) restricted, and 3) unrestricted. Assets, liabilities, and net position are reported for all Governmental activities.

The **statement of activities** presents information on all revenues and expenses of the District and the change in net position. Expenses are reported by major function and program revenues relating to those functions are reported, providing the net cost of all functions provided by the District. To assist in understanding the District's operations, expenses have been reported as governmental activities. Governmental activities financed by the District include general government, physical environment, and debt service.

*Fund financial statements* present financial information for governmental funds. These statements provide financial information for the major funds of the District. Governmental fund financial statements provide information on the current assets and liabilities of the funds, changes in current financial resources (revenues and expenditures), and current available resources.

**Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
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**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

*Fund financial statements* include a **balance sheet** and a **statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances** for all governmental funds. A **statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances – budget and actual** is provided for the District's General Fund. *Fund financial statements* provide more detailed information about the District's activities. Individual funds are established by the District to track revenues that are restricted to certain uses or to comply with legal requirements.

The *government-wide financial statements* and the *fund financial statements* provide different pictures of the District. The *government-wide financial statements* provide an overall picture of the District's financial standing. These statements are comparable to private-sector companies and give a good understanding of the District's overall financial health and how the District paid for the various activities, or functions, provided by the District. All assets of the District, are reported in the **statement of net position**. All liabilities, including principal outstanding on bonds are included. The **statement of activities** includes depreciation on all long-lived assets of the District, but transactions between the different functions of the District have been eliminated in order to avoid "doubling up" the revenues and expenses. The *fund financial statements* provide a picture of the major funds of the District. In the case of governmental activities, outlays for long lived assets are reported as expenditures and long-term liabilities, such as general obligation bonds, are not included in the fund financial statements. To provide a link from the *fund financial statements* to the *government-wide financial statements*, reconciliations are provided from the *fund financial statements* to the *government-wide financial statements*.

*Notes to financial statements* provide additional detail concerning the financial activities and financial balances of the District. Additional information about the accounting practices of the District, investments of the District, capital assets and long-term debt are some of the items included in the *notes to financial statements*.

**Financial Highlights**

The following are the highlights of financial activity for the year ended September 30, 2020.

- ◆ The District's total assets was exceeded by total liabilities by \$(7,549,464) (net position). Restricted net position was \$404,320 and unrestricted net position was \$(7,953,784).
- ◆ Revenues from governmental activities totaled \$822,900 and expenses from governmental activities totaled \$510,780.

**Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2020**

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**Financial Analysis of the District**

The following schedule provides a summary of the assets, liabilities and net position of the District and is presented by category for comparison purposes.

**Net Position**

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>	
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Current assets	\$ 141,866	\$ 143,823
Restricted assets	585,389	567,248
Total Assets	727,255	711,071
Current liabilities	486,719	477,655
Non-current liabilities	7,790,000	8,095,000
Total Liabilities	8,276,719	8,572,655
Net Position		
Restricted	404,320	380,332
Unrestricted	(7,953,784)	(8,241,916)
Total Net Position	\$ (7,549,464)	\$ (7,861,584)

The increase in restricted assets is primarily the result of revenues exceeding expenditures in the Debt Service Fund in the current year.

The increase in net position is the result of revenues exceeding expenses in the current year.

**Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2020**

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**Financial Analysis of the District (Continued)**

The following schedule provides a summary of the changes in net position of the District and is presented by category for comparison purposes.

**Change In Net Position**

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>	
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Program Revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 818,470	\$ 807,256
General Revenues		
Investment earnings	4,430	11,158
Total Revenues	<u>822,900</u>	<u>818,414</u>
Expenses		
General government	68,647	61,011
Interest and other charges	442,133	457,180
Total Expenses	<u>510,780</u>	<u>518,191</u>
Change in Net Position	312,120	300,223
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>(7,861,584)</u>	<u>(8,161,807)</u>
Net Position - End of Year	<u>\$ (7,549,464)</u>	<u>\$ (7,861,584)</u>

The decrease in interest and other charges is due to the decrease in bonds payable outstanding.



**Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2020**

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

The budgeted expenditures exceeded actual expenditures in the current year because miscellaneous contingency costs were less than anticipated.

There were no budget amendments in the current year.

**Debt Management**

Governmental Activities debt includes the following:

In March 2006, the District issued \$13,315,000 Series 2006 Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds. These bonds were issued to finance the cost of the construction, installation, and equipping of a portion of the Capital Improvement Program (the "2006 Project"). As of September 30, 2020, the balance outstanding was \$8,095,000.

**Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget**

Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District does not expect any economic factors to have any significant effect on the financial position or results of operations of the District in fiscal year 2021.

**Request for Information**

The financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District's finances for all those with an interest. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District's Finance Department at 3434 Colwell Ave, Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33614.

**Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**September 30, 2020**

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Cash	\$ 133,345
Prepaid expenses	8,521
Total Current Assets	141,866
Non-Current Assets	
Restricted Assets	
Investments	585,389
Total Assets	727,255
 <b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,268
Bonds payable	305,000
Accrued interest	180,451
Total Current Liabilities	486,719
Non-Current Liabilities	
Bonds payable	7,790,000
Total Liabilities	8,276,719
 <b>NET POSITION</b>	
Restricted for debt service	295,493
Restricted for capital projects	108,827
Unrestricted	(7,953,784)
Total Net Position	\$ (7,549,464)

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2020**

<b>Functions/Programs</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Program Revenues Charges for Services</b>	<b>Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position Governmental Activities</b>
Governmental Activities			
General government	\$ (68,647)	\$ 66,162	\$ (2,485)
Interest and other charges	(442,133)	752,308	310,175
Total Governmental Activities	\$ (510,780)	\$ 818,470	307,690
	<b>General Revenues</b>		
Investment income			4,430
	Changes in Net Position		312,120
	Net Position - Beginning of Year		(7,861,584)
	Net Position - End of Year		\$ (7,549,464)

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District**  
**BALANCE SHEET -**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**September 30, 2020**

	General	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash	\$ 133,345	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 133,345
Due from other funds	618	-	-	618
Prepaid expenses	8,521	-	-	8,521
Restricted assets				
Investments, at fair value	-	476,562	108,827	585,389
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 142,484</b>	<b>\$ 476,562</b>	<b>\$ 108,827</b>	<b>\$ 727,873</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>				
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 1,268	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,268
Due to other funds	-	618	-	618
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>1,268</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,886</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>				
Nonspendable - prepaid expenses	8,521	-	-	8,521
Restricted:				
Debt service	-	475,944	-	475,944
Capital projects	-	-	108,827	108,827
Unassigned	132,695	-	-	132,695
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>141,216</b>	<b>475,944</b>	<b>108,827</b>	<b>725,987</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 142,484</b>	<b>\$ 476,562</b>	<b>\$ 108,827</b>	<b>\$ 727,873</b>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District**  
**RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES**  
**TO NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES**  
**September 30, 2020**

Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$ 725,987
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Long-term liabilities, bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period, and therefore, are not reported at the fund level.	(8,095,000)
Accrued interest expense for long-term debt is not a financial use, and therefore, is not reported at the fund level.	<u>(180,451)</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ (7,549,464)</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES**  
**IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2020**

	General	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Totals Governmental Funds
Revenues				
Special assessments	\$ 66,162	\$ 752,308	\$ -	\$ 818,470
Investment income	617	3,066	747	4,430
Total Revenues	<u>66,779</u>	<u>755,374</u>	<u>747</u>	<u>822,900</u>
Expenditures				
Current				
General government	68,647	-	-	68,647
Debt service				
Principal	-	290,000	-	290,000
Interest	-	448,598	-	448,598
Total Expenditures	<u>68,647</u>	<u>738,598</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>807,245</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	(1,868)	16,776	747	15,655
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	<u>143,084</u>	<u>459,168</u>	<u>108,080</u>	<u>710,332</u>
Fund Balances - End of Year	<u>\$ 141,216</u>	<u>\$ 475,944</u>	<u>\$ 108,827</u>	<u>\$ 725,987</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District**  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES**  
**AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2020**

Net Change in Fund Balances -Total Governmental Funds	\$	15,655
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:		
Repayments of bond principal are expenditures at the fund level, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities at the government-wide level.		290,000
At the government-wide level, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds; whereas at the fund level, interest expenditures are reported when due. This is the change in accrued interest in the current period.		<u>6,465</u>
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$	<u><u>312,120</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN**  
**FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2020**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
Revenues				
Special assessments	\$ 66,000	\$ 66,000	\$ 66,162	\$ 162
Investment income	-	-	617	617
Total Revenues	<u>66,000</u>	<u>66,000</u>	<u>66,779</u>	<u>779</u>
Expenditures				
Current				
General government	<u>69,900</u>	<u>69,900</u>	<u>68,647</u>	<u>1,253</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	(3,900)	(3,900)	(1,868)	2,032
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	<u>3,900</u>	<u>3,900</u>	<u>143,084</u>	<u>139,184</u>
Fund Balances - End of Year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 141,216</u>	<u>\$ 141,216</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.



**Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**September 30, 2020**

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

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

**1. Reporting Entity**

The District was established on May 26, 2005, pursuant to the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as amended (the "Act"), by City of Groveland Ordinance #2005-05-13 as a Community Development District. The District was established for the purposes of financing and managing the acquisition, construction, maintenance and operation of the infrastructure necessary for community development within its jurisdiction. The District is authorized to issue bonds for the purpose, among others, of financing, funding, planning, establishing, acquiring, constructing district roads, landscaping, and other basic infrastructure projects within or outside the boundaries of the Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District. The District is governed by a five-member Board of Supervisors who are elected on an at large basis by landowners within the District. The District operates within the criteria established by Chapter 190, Florida Statutes.

As required by GAAP, these financial statements present the Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District (the primary government) as a stand-alone government. The reporting entity for the District includes all functions of government in which the District's Board exercises oversight responsibility including, but not limited to, financial interdependency, selection of governing authority, designation of management, significant ability to influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters.

Based upon the application of the above-mentioned criteria as set forth by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, the District has identified no component units.

**2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting**

The basic financial statements of the District are composed of the following:

- Government-wide financial statements
- Fund financial statements
- Notes to financial statements

**Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**September 30, 2020**

**NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)**

**a. Government-wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Government-wide financial statements report all non-fiduciary information about the reporting government as a whole. These statements include all the governmental activities of the primary government. The effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements.

Governmental activities are supported by special assessments and interest. Program revenues are netted with program expenses in the statement of activities to present the net cost of each program.

Amounts paid to acquire capital assets are capitalized as assets, rather than reported as an expenditure. Proceeds of long-term debt are recorded as liabilities in the government-wide financial statements, rather than as an other financing source.

Amounts paid to reduce long-term indebtedness of the reporting government are reported as a reduction of the related liability, rather than as an expenditure.

**b. Fund Financial Statements**

The underlying accounting system of the District is organized and operated on the basis of separate funds, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. Governmental 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.

Fund financial statements for the primary government's governmental funds are presented after the government-wide financial statements. These statements display information about major funds individually.

**Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District**  
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**NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)**

**b. Fund Financial Statements (Continued)**

**Governmental Funds**

The District classifies fund balance according to Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 54 – Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions. The Statement requires the fund balance for governmental funds to be reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent.

The District has various policies governing the fund balance classifications.

**Nonspendable Fund Balance** – This classification consists of amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

**Restricted Fund Balance** – This classification includes amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation.

**Assigned Fund Balance** – This classification consists of the Board of Supervisors' intent to be used for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed. The assigned fund balances can also be assigned by the District's management company.

**Unassigned Fund Balance** – This classification is the residual classification for the government's general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. Unassigned fund balance is considered to be utilized first when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of those unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

**Fund Balance Spending Hierarchy** – For all governmental funds except special revenue funds, when restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balances are combined in a fund, qualified expenditures are paid first from restricted or committed fund balance, as appropriate, then assigned and finally unassigned fund balances.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)**

**b. Fund Financial Statements (Continued)**

**Governmental Funds (Continued)**

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collected within the current period or soon thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period.

Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. Interest associated with the current fiscal period is considered to be an accrual item and so has been recognized as revenue of the current fiscal period.

Under the current financial resources measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The reported fund balance is considered to be 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 assets. Accordingly, they are said to present a summary of sources and uses of “available spendable resources” during a period.

Because of their spending measurement focus, expenditure recognition for governmental fund types excludes amounts represented by non-current liabilities. Since they do not affect net current assets, such long-term amounts are not recognized as governmental fund type expenditures or fund liabilities.

Amounts expended to acquire capital assets are recorded as expenditures in the year that resources are expended, rather than as fund assets. The proceeds of long-term debt are recorded as an other financing source rather than as a fund liability.

Debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

**3. Basis of Presentation**

**a. Governmental Major Funds**

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

**Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**3. Basis of Presentation (Continued)**

**a. Governmental Major Funds (Continued)**

Debt Service Fund – Accounts for debt service requirements to retire the capital improvement bonds which were used to finance the construction of District infrastructure improvements.

Capital Projects Fund – The Capital Projects Funds account for construction of infrastructure improvements within the boundaries of the district.

**b. Non-current Governmental Assets/Liabilities**

GASB Statement 34 requires that non-current governmental assets, such as infrastructure and improvements, and non-current governmental liabilities, such as general obligation bonds and developer obligations be reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide Statement of Net Position.

**4. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Equity**

**a. Cash and Investments**

Florida Statutes require state and local governmental units to deposit monies with financial institutions classified as "Qualified Public Depositories," a multiple financial institution pool whereby groups of securities pledged by the various financial institutions provide common collateral from their deposits of public funds. This pool is provided as additional insurance to the federal depository insurance and allows for additional assessments against the member institutions, providing full insurance for public deposits.

The District is authorized to invest in those financial instruments as established by Section 218.415, Florida Statutes. The authorized investments consist of:

1. Direct obligations of the United States Treasury;
2. The Local Government Surplus Funds Trust or any intergovernmental investment pool authorized pursuant to the Florida Interlocal Cooperative Act of 1969;
3. Interest-bearing time deposits or savings accounts in authorized qualified public depositories;
4. Securities and Exchange Commission, registered money market funds with the highest credit quality rating from a nationally recognized rating agency.

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**September 30, 2020**

**NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**4. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Equity (Continued)**

**a. Cash and Investments (Continued)**

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash equivalents include time deposits and all highly liquid debt instruments with original maturities of three months or less and held in a qualified public depository as defined by Section 280.02, Florida Statutes.

**b. Restricted Net Position**

Certain net position of the District is classified as restricted on the statement of net position because their use is limited either by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation; or by restrictions imposed externally by creditors. In a fund with both restricted and unrestricted net position, qualified expenses are considered to be paid first from restricted net position and then from unrestricted net position.

**c. Budgets**

Budgets are prepared and adopted after public hearings for the governmental funds, pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes. The District utilizes the same basis of accounting for budgets as it does for revenues and expenditures in its various funds. The legal level of budgetary control is at the fund level. All budgeted appropriations lapse at year end. Formal budgets are adopted for the general and debt service funds. As a result, deficits in the budget columns of the accompanying financial statements may occur.

**NOTE B – CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

All deposits are held in qualified public depositories and are included on the accompanying balance sheet as cash and investments.

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a formal deposit policy for custodial credit risk; however, they follow the provisions of Chapter 280, Florida Statutes regarding deposits and investments. As of September 30, 2020, the District's bank balance and the carrying value were \$133,345. Exposure to custodial credit risk was as follows. The District maintains all deposits in a qualified public depository in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 280, Florida Statutes, which means that all deposits are fully insured by Federal Depositors Insurance or collateralized under Chapter 280, Florida Statutes.

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**NOTE B – CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

As of September 30, 2020, the District had the following investments and maturities:

<b>Investment</b>	<b>Maturities</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>
Wells Fargo Treasury Money Market	43 Days*	\$ 585,389

\*Maturity is a weighted average maturity

The District categorizes its fair value measurement within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset, or paid to transfer a liability, in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. The District uses a market approach in measuring fair value that uses prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or similar assets, liabilities, or groups of assets and liabilities.

Assets or liabilities are classified into one of three levels. Level 1 is the most realizable and is based on quoted price for identical assets, or liabilities, in an active market. Level 2 uses significant other observable inputs when obtained quoted prices for identical or similar assets, or liabilities, in markets that are not active. Level 3 is the least reliable and uses significant unobservable inputs that uses the best information available under the circumstances which includes the District's own data in measuring unobservable inputs.

Based on the criteria in the preceding paragraph, the investment listed above is a Level 1 asset.

Interest Rate Risk

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

Credit Risk

The District's investments in treasury funds, money markets and government loans are limited by state statutory requirements and bond compliance. The District has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices. As of September 30, 2020, the District's investments in Wells Fargo Treasury Money Market was rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The District places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one fund. The investments in Wells Fargo Treasury Money Market represent 100% of District's total investments.

The types of deposits and investments and their level of risk exposure as of September 30, 2020 were typical of these items during the fiscal year then ended. The District considers any decline in fair value for certain investments to be temporary.

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**NOTE C – SPECIAL ASSESSMENT REVENUES**

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 by the District. Debt Service Assessments are levied when bonds are issued and collected annually. The District may collect assessments directly or utilize the uniform method of collections (Chapter 197.3632, Florida Statutes). Direct collected assessments are due as determined by annual assessment resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors. Assessments collected under the uniform method are due and payable on November 1 or as soon as the assessment roll is certified and delivered to the Tax Collector. Per Section 197.162, Florida Statutes discounts are allowed for early payment at the rate of 4% in November, 3% in December, 2% in January, and 1% in February. Taxes paid in March are without discount.

All unpaid assessments become delinquent as of April 1. Virtually all unpaid assessments are collected via the sale of tax certificates on, or prior to, June 1; therefore, there were no material amounts receivable at fiscal year-end. Assessment levied for the 2019-2020 fiscal year were levied in October 2019.

**NOTE D – LONG-TERM DEBT**

Governmental Activities

The following is a summary of activity for long-term debt of the Governmental Activities for the year ended September 30, 2020:

Long-term debt at October 1, 2019	\$ 8,385,000
Principal payments	<u>(290,000)</u>
Long-term debt at September 30, 2020	<u>\$ 8,095,000</u>

Long-term debt for Governmental Activities is comprised of the following:

**Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds**

\$13,315,000 Series 2006 Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds are due in annual principal installments beginning May 2008 maturing May 2037. Interest at a rate of 5.35% is due May and November beginning November 2006. Current portion is \$305,000.

\$ 8,095,000



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**NOTE D – LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)**

The annual requirements to amortize the principal and interest of bonded debt outstanding as of September 30, 2020 are as follows:

<u>Year Ending September 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2021	\$ 305,000	\$ 433,083	\$ 738,083
2022	320,000	416,765	736,765
2023	335,000	399,645	734,645
2024	355,000	381,723	736,723
2025	375,000	362,730	737,730
2026-2030	2,190,000	1,491,046	3,681,046
2031-2035	2,850,000	838,615	3,688,615
2036-2037	1,365,000	110,478	1,475,478
Totals	<u>\$ 8,095,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,434,085</u>	<u>\$ 12,529,085</u>

Significant Bond Provisions

The Series 2006 Bonds are subject to redemption at the option of the District prior to their maturity, in whole or in part, at any time after May 1, 2016 at a redemption price equal to the principal amount of the Series 2006 Bonds to be redeemed, together with accrued interest to the date of redemption. The Series 2006 Bonds are subject to extraordinary mandatory redemption prior to maturity in the manner determined by the Bond Registrar if certain events occurred as outlined in the Trust Indenture.

The Trust Indenture established certain amounts be maintained in a reserve account. In addition, the Trust Indenture has certain 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.

In October 2014, the District amended the First Supplemental Trust Indenture. Pursuant to the amendment, the Reserve Requirement shall be zero and the Deferred Cost account closed. Pursuant to the provisions of the Bond Indenture, at least a majority of the Bond owners' consent was obtained.

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**NOTE E – 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 for which the government carries commercial insurance. There were no claims or settled claims from these risks that exceeded commercial coverage in the last three years.

**NOTE F – ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY**

A significant portion of the District's activity is dependent upon continued involvement of the Developers, the loss which could have a material adverse effect on the District's operations. At September 30, 2020, the Developers owned a significant amount of the assessable property located within the District's boundaries. Two of the five board members are affiliated with the Developers.



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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  
Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District  
City of Groveland, 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 Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 10, 2021.

### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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 Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development 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 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.

Board of Supervisors  
Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District's financial statements are free of 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 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.



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## MANAGEMENT LETTER

To the Board of Supervisors  
Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District  
City of Groveland, Florida

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated June 10, 2021.

### Auditor's Responsibility

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government 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 Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and our Independent Auditor's Report on an examination conducted in accordance with *AICPA Professionals 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 June 10, 2021, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

### Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding financial audit report. There were no findings or recommendations in the preceding financial audit report.

### Financial Condition and Management

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.a. and 10.556(7), Rules of the Auditor General, require us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination as to whether or not Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and to identify the specific conditions met. In connection with our audit, we determined that Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1) Florida Statutes.

Fort Pierce / Stuart

To the Board of Supervisors  
Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District

Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.b. and 10.556(8), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures for Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District. It is management's responsibility to monitor the Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District's financial condition; our financial condition assessment was based in part on the representations made by management and the review of the financial information provided by the same as of September 30, 2020.

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

#### **Additional Matters**

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires us to communicate 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 warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not note any such findings.

#### **Purpose of this Letter**

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, the Board of Supervisors, and applicable management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT/COMPLIANCE WITH  
SECTION 218.415, FLORIDA STATUTES**

To the Board of Supervisors  
Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District  
City of Groveland, Florida

We have examined Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District's compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes during the year ended September 30, 2020. Management is responsible for Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development 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 and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District's compliance with the specified requirements.

In our opinion, Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements during the year ended September 30, 2020.

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June 10, 2021