

NEW ALBANY PLAIN LOCAL JOINT PARK DISTRICT
New Albany, Ohio

Report on Audit of General-Purpose
Financial Statements
and
Additional Reports in Accordance
With Government Auditing Standards

For the year ended December 31, 2001



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We have reviewed the Independent Auditor's Report of the New Albany Plain Local Joint Park District, Franklin County, prepared by Schneider Downs & Co. Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

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

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JIM PETRO
Auditor of State

May 31, 2002

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Trustees
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We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of New Albany Plain Local Joint Park District (the Organization) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2001, as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. 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 and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of 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 of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of New Albany Plain Local Joint Park District as of December 31, 2001, and its change in fund balance for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated March 1, 2002 on our consideration of New Albany Plain Local Joint Park District's internal control over financial reporting and our test of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with the *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

SCHNEIDER DOWNS & CO., INC.

Columbus, Ohio
March 1, 2002

NEW ALBANY PLAIN LOCAL JOINT PARK DISTRICT

BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2001

	Governmental Fund Types		Account Groups		Total (Memorandum Only)
	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	General Fixed Asset	General Long-term Debt	
ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS					
Cash	\$56,911	-	-	-	\$ 56,911
Construction in progress	-	\$581,994	-	-	581,994
Furniture and equipment	-	-	\$8,800	-	8,800
Amount to be provided for long-term debt	-	-	-	\$278,426	278,426
Total Assets and Other Debits	<u>\$56,911</u>	<u>\$581,994</u>	<u>\$8,800</u>	<u>\$278,426</u>	<u>\$ 926,131</u>
LIABILITIES, FUND BALANCES AND OTHER CREDITS					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$23,545	-	-	-	\$ 23,545
Note payable	-	-	-	\$278,426	278,426
Total Liabilities	23,545	-	-	278,426	301,971
FUND BALANCES AND OTHER CREDITS					
Investment in general fixed assets	-	-	\$8,800	-	8,800
FUND BALANCES:					
Reserved	-	\$581,994	-	-	581,994
Unreserved	<u>33,366</u>	-	-	-	<u>33,366</u>
Total Fund Balances and Other Credits	<u>33,366</u>	<u>581,994</u>	-	-	<u>615,360</u>
Total Liabilities, Fund Balances and Other Credits	<u>\$56,911</u>	<u>\$581,994</u>	<u>\$8,800</u>	<u>\$278,426</u>	<u>\$ 926,131</u>

See notes to financial statements.

NEW ALBANY PLAIN LOCAL JOINT PARK DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>Total (Memorandum Only)</u>
REVENUES:			
Real estate and public utility tax revenue	\$ 332,656	-	\$ 332,656
Personal property settlement	11,511	-	11,511
Donations	5,135	-	5,135
Interest income	<u>2,724</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,724</u>
Total Revenues	352,026	-	352,026
EXPENDITURES:			
Debt service payment	28,158	-	28,158
Personnel	27,653	-	27,653
Administrative	4,470	-	4,470
Insurance	<u>3,830</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,830</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>64,111</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,111</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	287,915	-	287,915
OTHER FINANCING (USES) SOURCES			
Operating transfers (out) in	<u>(340,521)</u>	<u>\$ 340,521</u>	<u>-</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	(52,606)	340,521	287,915
FUND BALANCE - Beginning of Year	<u>85,972</u>	<u>241,473</u>	<u>327,445</u>
FUND BALANCE - End of Year	<u><u>\$ 33,366</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 581,994</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 615,360</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

NEW ALBANY PLAIN LOCAL JOINT PARK DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2001

NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION

New Albany Plain Local Joint Park District (the Organization) was created in April 1999 as a jointly governed organization among the Village of New Albany, Plain Township and the Plain Local School District pursuant to provisions of the Ohio Revised Code. The Organization's mission is the efficient development, funding and maintenance of active parks and passive recreation areas for the residents of the Plain Township, the Village of New Albany and the Plain Local School District.

The original term of the organization expires on April 30, 2002. The provisions of the agreement state that the term may be renewed and extended for additional successive terms of 10 years each by appropriate resolutions. It is management's belief that Plain Township, the Village of New Albany and the Plain Local School District intend to make the appropriate resolutions to extend the term through April 30, 2012.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

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 expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Basis of Presentation (Fund Accounting) - The accounts of the Organization are organized on the basis of funds and account groups. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. An account group, on the other hand, is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect the net expendable available financial resources. These funds and account groups are used to report on the Organization's financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain governmental functions or activities. Resources are accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the restrictions, if any, on the spending activities.

Governmental Fund Types - Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions of the Organization are financed. The acquisition, use and balances of the Organization's expendable financial resources and the related liabilities are accounted for through governmental fund types. The measurement focus is upon determination of changes in the financial position, rather than upon net income determination. The following are the Organization's governmental fund types:

General Fund - The general operating fund of the Organization accounts for all financial resources that are not required to be accounted for in the capital projects fund.

NEW ALBANY PLAIN LOCAL JOINT PARK DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2001

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Capital Projects Fund - The capital projects fund accounts for all construction in progress related to the development of Bevelhymmer Park.

Account Groups - Account groups are used to establish accounting control and accountability for the organization's general fixed assets and long-term debt. The two account groups are not "funds". They are concerned only with measurement of financial position and do not measure results of operations. The following are the organization's account groups:

General Fixed Assets Account Group - Fixed assets used in governmental fund type operations (general fixed assets) are accounted for in the General Fixed Assets Account Group rather than in governmental funds.

General Long-Term Debt Account Group - This account group is established to account for all long-term obligations that consist of a note payable to a bank.

Cash - The Organization maintains cash in two financial institutions, which may exceed federally insured amounts at times.

Construction in Progress - Construction in progress is valued at cost. Amount includes items such as fencing, playground equipment and land improvements for the development of Bevelhymmer Park. Upon completion, the assets will revert to ownership of the Village of New Albany.

Furniture and Equipment - Furniture and equipment consists of numerous items donated to the Organization and is valued at fair market value on the date of donation.

Total Column on General-Purpose Statements - This column on the General Purpose Statement is captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that it is presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in this column does not present financial position or results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

NOTE 3 - NOTE PAYABLE

Note payable consists of a note payable to a bank, due in October 2010. The note originated in October 2000 with an issue price of \$290,000. The note is payable in semiannual installments of approximately \$20,000, including interest of 5.95% per annum. Principal balances outstanding approximated \$278,000 as of December 31, 2001.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2001

NOTE 3 - NOTE PAYABLE (Continued)

The annual principal payments due on the notes payable subsequent to December 31, 2001 are as follows:

2002	\$ 24,000
2003	26,000
2004	27,000
2005	29,000
2006	30,000
Thereafter	<u>142,426</u>
	<u>\$ 278,426</u>

NOTE 4 - LEASES

The Organization leases land from New Albany. Pursuant to the lease, the Organization may use the land free of charge provided that, at its own cost, the Organization develops a public recreational park and related improvements to the premises. The lease expires in 2014, but will automatically renew for additional successive 15-year terms as long as the Organization remains in existence. As part of the agreement, the Organization has the option to purchase the premises from New Albany for approximately \$340,000 within five years of inception of the lease (July 2000).

NOTE 5 - PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The Organization contributes to the Public Employees Retirement System of Ohio (the System), a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board. The System provides basic retirement benefits, disability, survivor and health care benefits based on eligible service credit to members and beneficiaries. Benefits are established by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. The System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System.

Organization employees are required to contribute 8.5% of their annual covered salary to fund pension obligations, and the Organization, is required to contribute 10.65% in 2001. Contributions are authorized by State statute. The contribution rates are determined actuarially. The Organization's contribution to the System for the year ended December 31, 2001 approximated \$3,000, equal to the required contribution for the year.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON
COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of Trustees
New Albany Plain Local Joint Park District
New Albany, Ohio

We have audited the financial statements of New Albany Plain Local Park District (the Organization) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated March 1, 2002. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Organization's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, 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 that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Organization's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the board of trustees, management and federal awarding agencies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

SCHNEIDER DOWNS & CO., INC.

Columbus, Ohio
March 1, 2002



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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
JUNE 18, 2002**