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HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
HAMILTON COUNTY

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To the Commission Board:

As you are aware, the Auditor of State's Office (AOS) must modify the *Independent Accountants' Report* we provide on your financial statements due to an interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). While AOS does not legally require your government to prepare financial statements pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the AICPA interpretation requires auditors to formally acknowledge that you did not prepare your financial statements in accordance with GAAP. Our Report includes an adverse opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the amounts the statements present are misstated under the non-GAAP basis you follow. The AOS report also includes an opinion on the financial statements you prepared using the cash basis and financial statement format the AOS permits.

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission  
Hamilton County  
138 East Court Street, Room 807  
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To the Commission Board:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission, Hamilton County, Ohio (the Commission), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Commission'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 the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure 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 our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described more fully in Note 1, the Commission has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and GAAP, we presume they are material.

Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present, GAAP require presenting entity wide statements and also presenting the Commission's larger (i.e. major) funds separately. While the Commission does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require Commissions to reformat their statements. The Commission has elected not to follow GAAP statement formatting requirements. The following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Commission as of December 31, 2008, or its changes in financial position for the years then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of the Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission, Hamilton County, as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

The audit reports of the Commission's financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 have not been issued by the independent professional accountant contracted to complete those audits; therefore any issues affecting the January 1, 2006 balances that may have been identified by the firm in those audits have not been reported in the financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007.

The Commission has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 28, 2009, on our consideration of the Commission's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.



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October 28, 2009



**HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>		
Intergovernmental	\$898,525	\$926,414
Fees Charged to Subdivisions	55,006	56,715
Grants	10,000	18,000
Contractual Services	334,301	277,977
Other Receipts	<u>29,192</u>	<u>44,383</u>
 Total Cash Receipts	 <u>1,327,024</u>	 <u>1,323,489</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>		
Current Disbursements:		
Economic Development		
Salaries	975,424	1,008,645
Supplies	12,013	8,223
Equipment	10,030	536
Contracts - Repair	24,072	23,418
Contracts - Services	114,682	166,535
Rentals	6,932	650
Travel	5,962	5,298
Public Employee's Retirement	109,768	119,462
Worker's Compensation	24,617	5,022
Unemployment Compensation	6,595	0
Project Fund Disbursements	<u>11,531</u>	<u>13,761</u>
 Total Disbursements	 <u>1,301,626</u>	 <u>1,351,550</u>
 Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	 25,398	 (28,061)
 Fund Cash Balances, January 1	 <u>254,673</u>	 <u>282,734</u>
 <b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	 <b><u>280,071</u></b>	 <b><u>254,673</u></b>

*The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.*

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HAMILTON COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007**

**1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**A. Description of the Entity**

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges for the Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission, Hamilton County, Ohio (the Commission), as a body corporate and politic. A seven member Board governs the Commission. The Board consists of four residents of the unincorporated area of Hamilton County who are nominated by Township Trustees, one resident from a City or village with a planning commission, one resident of a City or Village with a planning commission, exclusive of Cincinnati, and one resident from the City of Cincinnati appointed by the Cincinnati Planning Commission. The Commission formulates and reviews plans affecting long and short term social, economic, and governmental development within the region. The participating subdivisions during 2008 were:

Addyston	Anderson Township	Blue Ash
Cheviot	Cincinnati	Cleves
Columbia Township	Deer Park	Elmwood Place
Evendale	Fairfax	Glendale
Green Township	Greenhills	Lincoln Heights
Lockland	Mariemont	Miami Township
Milford	Montgomery	Newtown
North Bend	North College Hill	Reading
Springdale	Springfield Township	Symmes Township
Woodlawn	Wyoming	

The Commission's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Commission is financially accountable.

**B. Accounting Basis**

These financial statements follow the accounting basis the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Commission recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as the Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

**C. Deposits and Investments**

As the Ohio Revised Code permits, the Hamilton County Treasurer holds the Commission's deposits as the Commission's custodian. The County holds the Commission's assets in its investment pool, valued at the Treasurer's reported carrying amount.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007  
(Continued)**

**1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**D. Fund Accounting**

The Commission uses fund accounting to segregate cash and investments that are restricted as to use. The Commission has one fund, the General Fund, which is the general operating fund of the Commission used to account for all financial resources.

**E. Property, Plant, and Equipment**

The Commission records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

**F. Accumulated Leave**

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

**2. Retirement Systems**

The Commission's employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2008 and 2007, OPERS members contributed 10 and 9.5%, respectively, of their gross salaries and the Commission contributed an amount equaling 14 and 13.85%, respectively, of participants' gross salaries. The Commission has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2008.

**3. Risk Management**

**Commercial Insurance**

The Commission has obtained commercial insurance through Hamilton County for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability; and
- Errors and omissions.



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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

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To the Commission Board:

We have audited the financial statements of the Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission, Hamilton County, Ohio (the Commission), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated October 28, 2009, wherein we noted the Commission followed accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Commission's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not to opine on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Commission's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with its applicable accounting basis, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that the Commission's internal control will not prevent or detect a more-than-inconsequential financial statement misstatement.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies resulting in more than a remote likelihood that the Commission's internal control will not prevent or detect a material financial statement misstatement.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all internal control deficiencies that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider material weaknesses, as defined above.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Commission's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect 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 an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We did note certain noncompliance or other matters that we reported to the Commission's management in a separate letter dated October 28, 2009.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of the management and Commission Board Members. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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October 28, 2009



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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  
DECEMBER 8, 2009**