

COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP

HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

AUDIT REPORT

For the Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012





Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Trustees
Columbia Township
5686 Kenwood Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45227

We have reviewed the *Report of Independent Accountants* of Columbia Township, Hamilton County, prepared by Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013. 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. Columbia Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

January 8, 2015

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Columbia Township
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Cincinnati, Ohio 45227

To the Board of Trustees:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements and related notes of Columbia Township, Hamilton County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03; this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the Township's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, we express no opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the Township has prepared these financial statements using the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03, which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to satisfy requirements.

The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Township as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, or changes in financial position for the years then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined cash balances of Columbia Township, Hamilton County, as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 permits, described in Note 1.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 9 to the financial statements, during 2012, the Township has elected to change its financial presentation to the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 21, 2014, on our consideration of the Township'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. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine 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 the Township's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.

July 21, 2014

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO
COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
All Governmental Fund Types
For the Year Ended December 31, 2013**

	Governmental Fund Types			Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	
Receipts:				
Property Taxes	\$ 84,434	\$ 1,958,622	\$ -	\$ 2,043,056
Intergovernmenta	87,192	316,185	-	403,377
Fines, Licenses and Permits	61,278	-	-	61,278
Interest	3,922	512	-	4,434
Other	5,822	620	-	6,442
Total Receipts	242,648	2,275,939	-	2,518,587
Disbursements:				
General Government	332,094	132	-	332,226
Public Safety	-	1,201,056	-	1,201,056
Public Works	-	954,155	-	954,155
Health	7,268	-	-	7,268
Capital Outlay	202	3,000	-	3,202
Debt Service:				
Principal	-	201,000	-	201,000
Interest	-	4,816	-	4,816
Total Disbursements	339,564	2,364,159	-	2,703,723
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(96,916)	(88,220)	-	(185,136)
Fund Cash Balance, January 1, 2013	507,028	2,745,755	34	3,252,817
Fund Cash Balance, December 31, 2013:				
Restricted	-	2,657,535	34	2,657,569
Unassigned	410,112	-	-	410,112
Fund Cash Balance, December 31, 2013:	\$ 410,112	\$ 2,657,535	\$ 34	\$ 3,067,681

See Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements

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COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
All Governmental Fund Types
For the Year Ended December 31, 2012**

	Governmental Fund Types			Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	
Receipts:				
Property Taxes	\$ 64,569	\$ 2,005,367	\$ -	\$ 2,069,936
Intergovernmental	100,366	291,207	-	391,573
Fines, Licenses and Permits	62,040	-	-	62,040
Interest	5,908	646	-	6,554
Other	1,732	70,807	-	72,539
Total Receipts	234,615	2,368,027	-	2,602,642
Disbursements:				
General Government	316,370	130	-	316,500
Public Safety	-	1,114,547	-	1,114,547
Public Works	-	978,648	-	978,648
Health	3,648	-	-	3,648
Capital Outlay	-	2,212	-	2,212
Debt Service:				
Principal	-	197,000	-	197,000
Interest	-	12,620	-	12,620
Total Disbursements	320,018	2,305,157	-	2,625,175
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(85,403)	62,870	-	(22,533)
Fund Cash Balance, January 1, 2012	592,431	2,682,885	34	3,275,350
Fund Cash Balance, December 31, 2012				
Restricted	-	2,745,755	34	2,745,789
Unassigned	507,028	-	-	507,028
Fund Cash Balance, December 31, 2012	\$ 507,028	\$ 2,745,755	\$ 34	\$ 3,252,817

See Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012**

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 of Columbia Township, Hamilton County, (the Township) as a body corporate and politic. A publicly-elected three-member Board of Trustees directs the Township. The Township provides road and bridge maintenance, fire protection and emergency medical services. The Township contracts with the Little Miami Joint Fire & Rescue District, Madison Place Fire District, Ridge Fire District, Silverton Fire District and Kenwood Fire District to provide fire and EMS services. The Township contracts with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department for police protection.

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

B. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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 Township 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

The Township's accounting basis includes investments as assets. This basis does not record disbursements for investment purchases or receipts for investment sales. This basis records gains or losses at the time of sale as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

D. FUND ACCOUNTING

The Township uses fund accounting to segregate cash and investments that are restricted as to use. The Township classifies its funds into the following types.

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For the Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

D. FUND ACCOUNTING - (Continued)

General Fund: The general fund reports all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds: These funds account for proceeds from specific sources (other than from private-purpose trusts or for capital projects) that are restricted to expenditures for specific purposes. The Township had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

- Gasoline Tax Fund – This fund receives gasoline tax money to pay for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads.
- Road and Bridge Fund – This fund receives property tax money for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads and bridges.
- Road District Fund – This fund receives property tax money and certain intergovernmental receipts which are used for constructing and maintaining Township roads.
- Ridge Fire District Fund – This fund receives property tax revenue that is used to pay for fire protection service.
- Police District Fund – This fund receives property tax revenue that is used to pay for police protection services.
- Garbage & Waste Disposal – This fund receives property tax money that is used to pay for garbage and waste collection services.

Capital Projects Funds: This fund is used to account for receipts that are restricted for the acquisition or construction of major capital projects. The Township had the following Capital Projects fund:

- Road Project Fund – This fund receives grant funding from state and federal agencies for various Township road projects.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

E. BUDGETARY PROCESS

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund be budgeted annually.

1. Appropriations

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund, function or object level of control, and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Board of Trustees must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. The County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure. Appropriations lapse at year end.

2. Estimated Resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus cash as of January 1. The County Budget Commission must also approve estimated resources.

3. Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Township to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are canceled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of 2013 and 2012 budgetary activity appears in Note 4.

F. PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT

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

G. FUND BALANCES

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the Township is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the governmental funds. The classifications are as follows:

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

G. FUND BALANCES - (Continued)

Nonspendable

The nonspendable fund balance category includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form, or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted

Fund balance is reported as restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

Committed

The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes imposed by a formal action (resolution) of the Board. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) it employed to previously commit those amounts. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned

Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the Township for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds other than the General Fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. In the General Fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by the Board, which includes giving the Fiscal Officer the authority to constrain monies for intended purposes.

Unassigned

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance resulting from overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted, committed, or assigned.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

G. FUND BALANCES - (Continued)

The Township applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Township maintains a deposit and investment pool used by all funds. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of cash and investments at December 31 was as follows:

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Demand Deposits	\$3,067,681	\$3,252,817

Deposits: Deposits are either (1) insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, (2) collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Township or (3) by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

3. PROPERTY TAXES

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the Trustees adopted tax rates. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include homestead and rollback amounts the State pays as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to pay semiannually, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due the following June 20.

Public utilities are also taxed on personal and real property located within the Township.

The County is responsible for assessing property, and for billing, collecting, and distributing all property taxes on behalf of the Township.

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4. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2013 and 2012 follows:

<u>Fund:</u>	<u>2013 Budgeted vs Actual Receipts</u>		<u>Variance</u>
	<u>Budgeted Receipts</u>	<u>Actual Receipts</u>	
General Fund	\$ 215,514	242,648	\$ 27,134
Special Revenue Funds	2,155,788	2,275,939	120,151

<u>Fund:</u>	<u>2013 Budgeted vs Actual Budgetary Basis Disbursements</u>		
	<u>Appropriation Authority</u>	<u>Budgetary Disbursements</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General Fund	\$ 390,106	\$ 339,564	\$ 50,542
Special Revenue Funds	2,509,600	2,364,159	145,441

<u>Fund:</u>	<u>2012 Budgeted vs Actual Receipts</u>		<u>Variance</u>
	<u>Budgeted Receipts</u>	<u>Actual Receipts</u>	
General Fund	\$ 232,756	\$ 234,615	\$ 1,859
Special Revenue Funds	2,363,007	2,368,027	5,020

<u>Fund:</u>	<u>2012 Budgeted vs Actual Budgetary Basis Disbursements</u>		
	<u>Appropriation Authority</u>	<u>Budgetary Disbursements</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General Fund	\$ 441,863	\$ 320,018	\$ 121,845
Special Revenue Funds	2,592,652	2,305,157	287,495

5. RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The Township's employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a state operated, cost sharing, multiple employer plan. These plans provide retirement benefits, including postretirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

Contribution rates are prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2013 and 2012, OPERS members contributed 10.00% of their gross pay while the Township contributed an amount equal to 14.00% of covered payroll. The Township paid all required contributions through 2013.

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6. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Township belongs to the Ohio Plan Risk Management, Inc. (OPRM) - formerly known as the Ohio Government Risk Management Plan, (the "Plan"), a non-assessable, unincorporated non-profit association providing a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance risk management program and other administrative services to Ohio governments ("Members"). The Plan is legally separate from its member governments.

Pursuant to Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code, the plan provides property, liability, errors and omissions, law enforcement, automobile, excess liability, crime, surety and bond, inland marine and other coverages to its members sold through fourteen appointed independent agents in the State of Ohio.

OPRM coverage programs are developed specific to each member's risk management needs and the related premiums for coverage are determined through the application of uniform underwriting criteria addressing the member's exposure to loss, except OPRM retains 41.5% (effective November 1, 2011) of the premium and losses on the first \$250,000 casualty treaty and 10% of the first \$1,000,000 property treaty.

Effective November 1, 2012 the plan increased its retention to 50% of the first \$250,000 casualty treaty. The Plan's property retention remained unchanged from prior years. This change was made to balance the reinsurance market conditions. Members are only responsible for their self-retention (deductible) amounts, which vary from member to member. OPRM had 767 and 765 members as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 respectively.

Plan members are responsible to notify the Plan of their intent to renew coverage by their renewal date. If a member chooses not to renew with the Plan, they have no other financial obligation to the Plan, but still need to promptly notify the Plan of any potential claims occurring during their membership period. The former member's covered claims, which occurred during their membership period, remain the responsibility of the Plan.

Settlement amounts did not exceed insurance coverage for the past three fiscal years.

The Pool's audited financial statements conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31, 2012 and 2011 (the latest information available).

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Assets	\$13,100,381	\$12,501,280
Liabilities	(6,687,193)	(5,328,761)
Members' Equity	<u>\$6,413,188</u>	<u>\$7,172,519</u>

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP
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6. RISK MANAGEMENT – (Continued)

You can read the complete audited financial statements for OPRM at the Plan’s website, www.ohioplan.org.

The Township pays the State Workers’ Compensation System (the System) a premium based on a rate per \$100 of salaries. This rate is calculated based on accident history and administrative costs. The System administers and pays all claims.

7. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES / SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Township is defendant in a lawsuit. Although management cannot presently determine the outcome of this suit, they believe the resolution of this matter will not materially affect the Township’s financial condition.

8. DEBT

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
Road Improvement Obligation Bonds	\$102,000	1.91 %

In June 2011, the Township issued Road Improvement Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$500,000. The bonds were issued for road improvement projects within the Township.

Amortization of the above debt, including interest, is scheduled as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2014	\$102,000	\$974

9. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE

For fiscal year 2012, the Township implemented the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03. This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Township recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. The implementation of this accounting basis reclassified the concept of major and nonmajor funds and government-wide statements and now summarizes by fund type.

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

Columbia Township
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5686 Kenwood Road,
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of Columbia Township, Hamilton County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated July 21, 2014, wherein we noted the Township changed to financial reporting provisions that Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 permit.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the Township's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinions on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the Township's financial statements. 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.

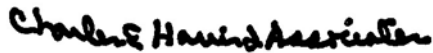
Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all internal control deficiencies that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, we did not identify any deficiencies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

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Township'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, opining 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*.

Purpose of this Report

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Township's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.
July 21, 2014

COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP
HAMILTON COUNTY
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SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

FINDING NUMBER	FUNDING SUMMARY	FULLY CORRECTED?	Not Corrected. Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; Explain
2011-001	Township erroneously posted intergovernmental receipts and debt proceeds.	Yes	Finding no longer valid.

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Dave Yost • Auditor of State

COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP

HAMILTON COUNTY

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
FEBRUARY 10, 2015**