

**East Nassau Stewardship District**

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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the Board of Supervisors  
East Nassau Stewardship District  
Nassau County, Florida

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of East Nassau Stewardship District as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and related notes to the 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  
East Nassau Stewardship 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 East Nassau Stewardship District as of September 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position and the budgetary comparisons for the General and Special Revenue Funds 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 *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 in accordance with governmental auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted principally of inquires of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

## Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated February 25, 2022 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 East Nassau Stewardship District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



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Fort Pierce, Florida

February 25, 2022

**East Nassau Stewardship District  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021**

Management's discussion and analysis of East Nassau Stewardship 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 and physical environment.

*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.

**East Nassau Stewardship District  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021**

**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, including capital assets 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, 2021.

- ◆ The District's assets exceeded liabilities by \$1,034,378, net position. Net investment in capital assets was \$666,994, and unrestricted net position was \$367,384.
- ◆ Governmental activities revenues totaled \$1,030,904 while governmental activities expenses totaled \$1,362,944

**East Nassau Stewardship District  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021**

**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>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Current assets	\$ 507,933	\$ 490,705
Restricted assets	12,210,978	1,218,605
Capital assets	7,209,763	5,192,071
Total Assets	<u>19,928,674</u>	<u>6,901,381</u>
Current liabilities	1,711,371	264,963
Non-current liabilities	17,182,925	5,270,000
Total Liabilities	<u>18,894,296</u>	<u>5,534,963</u>
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	666,964	1,013,173
Restricted for debt service	-	23,881
Unrestricted	367,384	329,364
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 1,034,348</u>	<u>\$ 1,366,418</u>

The increase in restricted assets is primarily related to the issuance of new long-term debt in the current year.

The increase in current liabilities is mostly related to the increase in contract and retainage payable associated with the capital projects in the current year.

The increase in non-current liabilities is related to the issuance of long-term debt in the current year.

The increase in capital assets and net investment in capital assets is primarily related to the capital projects in process in the current year.

**East Nassau Stewardship District  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021**

**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>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Program Revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 965,327	\$ 736,164
Operating contributions	25,070	110,638
Capital grants and contributions	34,300	1,495,575
Other revenue	5,930	4,900
Investment income	277	9,216
Total Revenues	<u>1,030,904</u>	<u>2,356,493</u>
Expenses		
General government	177,110	214,199
Physical environment	283,627	139,018
Interest and other charges	902,207	274,006
Total Expenses	<u>1,362,944</u>	<u>627,223</u>
Change in Net Position	(332,040)	1,729,270
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>1,366,418</u>	<u>(362,852)</u>
Net Position - End of Year	<u>\$ 1,034,378</u>	<u>\$ 1,366,418</u>

The increase in charges for services is mostly related to increased special assessments levied for debt service in the current year.

The decrease in capital grants and contributions is primarily related to conveyances from the Developer in the prior year.

The decrease in general government is related to the decrease in litigation expenses in the current year.

The increase in physical environment is related to the increase in landscape, streetlight and field operations expenses in the current year.

The increase in interest and other charges is mostly related to the interest and bond issuance costs in the current year.



**East Nassau Stewardship District  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021**

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

**Capital Asset Activity**

The following schedule provides a summary of the District's capital assets as of September 30, 2021 and 2020.

Description	Governmental Activities	
	2021	2020
Land	\$ 34,300	\$ -
Construction in progress	5,748,093	3,696,496
Infrastructure	550,575	550,575
Improvements other than buildings	945,000	945,000
Accumulated depreciation	(68,205)	-
Total Capital Assets, Net	\$ 7,209,763	\$ 5,192,071

Capital asset activity during the year was construction in progress additions of \$2,051,597, land additions of \$34,300 and depreciation of \$68,205.

**General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

Actual expenditures were less than the final budget because there were lower legal and engineering expenditures than were anticipated.

The September 30, 2021 budget was not amended.

**Debt Management**

Governmental Activities debt includes the following:

In December 2018, the District issued \$5,460,000 Series 2018 Special Assessment Revenue Bonds. These bonds were issued to finance a portion of the cost of acquisition, construction, installation, and equipping of the Series 2018 Project. The balance outstanding on the Series 2018 Bonds at September 30, 2021 was \$5,220,000.

In April 2021, the District issued \$12,170,000 Series 2021 Special Assessment Revenue Bonds. These bonds were issued to finance a portion of the cost of acquisition, construction, installation, and equipping of the Series 2021 Project. The balance outstanding at September 30, 2021 was \$12,170,000.

**East Nassau Stewardship District  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021**

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

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

Other than the capital projects in progress East Nassau Stewardship 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 2022.

**Request for Information**

The financial report is designed to provide a general overview of East Nassau Stewardship 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 East Nassau Stewardship District's Finance Department at 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431.

**East Nassau Stewardship District**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**September 30, 2021**

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Cash	\$ 494,059
Assessments receivable	1,894
Prepaid expenses	11,930
Deposits	50
Total Current Assets	507,933
Non-Current Assets	
Restricted Assets	
Restricted investments	12,210,978
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	
Land	34,300
Construction in progress	5,748,093
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	
Infrastructure	550,575
Improvements other than building	945,000
Accumulated depreciation	(68,205)
Total Non-Current Assets	19,420,741
Total Assets	19,928,674
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	29,535
Contracts payable	982,900
Retainage payable	65,723
Due to developer	6,500
Accrued interest payable	291,713
Bonds payable	335,000
Total Current Liabilities	1,711,371
Non-Current Liabilities	
Bonds payable	17,182,925
Total Liabilities	18,894,296
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	666,994
Unrestricted	367,384
Net Position	\$ 1,034,378

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**East Nassau Stewardship District**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2021**

<b>Functions/Programs</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Program Revenues</b>			<b>Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position</b>
		<b>Charges for Services</b>	<b>Operating Grants and Contributions</b>	<b>Capital Grants and Contributions</b>	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
Governmental Activities					
General government	\$ (177,110)	\$ 165,157	\$ 25,070	\$ -	\$ 13,117
Physical environment	(283,627)	339,237	-	34,300	89,910
Interest and other charges	(902,207)	460,933	-	-	(441,274)
Total Governmental Activities	\$ (1,362,944)	\$ 965,327	\$ 25,070	\$ 34,300	(338,247)
		<b>General Revenues</b>			
					5,930
					277
					6,207
					(332,040)
					1,366,418
					\$ 1,034,378

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**East Nassau Stewardship District**  
**BALANCE SHEET -**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**September 30, 2021**

	General	Special Revenue - Wildlight	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash	\$ 494,059	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 494,059
Assessments receivable	19	928	947	-	1,894
Due from other funds	-	428,919	-	-	428,919
Prepaid expenses	11,930	-	-	-	11,930
Deposits	-	50	-	-	50
Restricted Assets					
Restricted investments	-	-	940,438	11,270,540	12,210,978
Total Assets	<u>\$ 506,008</u>	<u>\$ 429,897</u>	<u>\$ 941,385</u>	<u>\$ 11,270,540</u>	<u>\$ 13,147,830</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>					
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 12,690	\$ 16,845	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,535
Contracts payable	-	-	-	982,900	982,900
Retainage payable	-	-	-	65,723	65,723
Due to other funds	428,919	-	-	-	428,919
Due to developer	6,500	-	-	-	6,500
Total Liabilities	<u>448,109</u>	<u>16,845</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,048,623</u>	<u>1,513,577</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>					
Nonspendable - prepaid expense and deposits	11,930	50	-	-	11,980
Restricted for debt service	-	-	941,385	-	941,385
Restricted for capital projects	-	-	-	10,221,917	10,221,917
Committed for special revenue	-	413,002	-	-	413,002
Unassigned	45,969	-	-	-	45,969
Total Fund Balances	<u>57,899</u>	<u>413,052</u>	<u>941,385</u>	<u>10,221,917</u>	<u>11,634,253</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 506,008</u>	<u>\$ 429,897</u>	<u>\$ 941,385</u>	<u>\$ 11,270,540</u>	<u>\$ 13,147,830</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**East Nassau Stewardship District**  
**RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES**  
**TO NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES**  
**September 30, 2021**

Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$ 11,634,253
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Capital assets, land, \$34,300, construction in progress, \$5,748,093, infrastructure, \$550,575, and improvements other than buildings, \$945,000, net of accumulated depreciation, \$(68,205), used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and; therefore, are not reported at the fund level.	7,209,763
Long-term liabilities, bonds payable, \$17,390,000, net of bond premium, net, \$127,925, are not due and payable in the current period and; therefore, are not reported at the fund level.	(17,517,925)
Accrued interest expense for long-term debt is not a current financial use and, therefore, is not reported at the fund level.	<u>(291,713)</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ 1,034,378</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**East Nassau Stewardship District**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES**  
**IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2021**

	General	Special Revenue - Wildlight	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues</b>					
Special assessments	\$ 157,734	\$ 346,660	\$ 460,933	\$ -	\$ 965,327
Developer contributions	25,070	-	-	-	25,070
Investment income	-	-	30	247	277
Miscellaneous income	-	5,930	-	-	5,930
Total Revenues	<u>182,804</u>	<u>352,590</u>	<u>460,963</u>	<u>247</u>	<u>996,604</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
<b>Current</b>					
General government	167,448	4,714	4,948	-	177,110
Physical environment	-	215,422	-	-	215,422
Capital outlay	6,419	-	-	2,045,178	2,051,597
<b>Debt Service</b>					
Principal	-	-	135,000	-	135,000
Interest	-	-	271,515	-	271,515
Other debt service	-	-	453,990	-	453,990
Total Expenditures	<u>173,867</u>	<u>220,136</u>	<u>865,453</u>	<u>2,045,178</u>	<u>3,304,634</u>
Excess of revenues over/(under) expenditures	<u>8,937</u>	<u>132,454</u>	<u>(404,490)</u>	<u>(2,044,931)</u>	<u>(2,308,030)</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources/(Uses)</b>					
Issuance of long-term debt	-	-	899,692	11,270,308	12,170,000
Bond premium	-	-	129,727	-	129,727
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,029,419</u>	<u>11,270,308</u>	<u>12,299,727</u>
Net change in fund balances	8,937	132,454	624,929	9,225,377	9,991,697
Fund Balances - October 1, 2020	<u>48,962</u>	<u>280,598</u>	<u>316,456</u>	<u>996,540</u>	<u>1,642,556</u>
Fund Balances - September 30, 2021	<u>\$ 57,899</u>	<u>\$ 413,052</u>	<u>\$ 941,385</u>	<u>\$ 10,221,917</u>	<u>\$ 11,634,253</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**East Nassau Stewardship 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, 2021**

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds \$ 9,991,697

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, at the government-wide level the cost incurred are capitalized as capital assets and depreciated over their estimated useful lives. This is the amount capital outlay, \$2,051,597, and capital contributions received, \$34,300 exceeded depreciation, \$(68,205), in the current period. 2,017,692

Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position. 135,000

The amortization of bond discount is an expense in the Statement of Activities while the bond discount was listed as an other financing use in the year financing was received. 1,802

At the fund level interest on long-term debt is recognized when due; however, at the government-wide level interest on long-term debt is accrued. This is the change in accrual in the current period. (178,504)

The issuance of long-term debt and bond premium are recognized as other financing sources at the fund level, however at the government-wide level they increase liabilities. (12,299,727)

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities \$ (332,040)

See accompanying notes to financial statements.



**East Nassau Stewardship District**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN**  
**FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2021**

	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Final Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</b>
Revenues				
Special assessments	\$ 157,523	\$ 157,523	\$ 157,734	\$ 211
Developer contributions	90,000	90,000	25,070	(64,930)
Total Revenues	<u>247,523</u>	<u>247,523</u>	<u>182,804</u>	<u>(64,719)</u>
Expenditures				
Current				
General government	247,523	247,523	167,448	80,075
Capital outlay	-	-	6,419	(6,419)
Total Expenditures	<u>247,523</u>	<u>247,523</u>	<u>173,867</u>	<u>73,656</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	-	-	8,937	8,937
Fund Balances - October 1, 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,962</u>	<u>48,962</u>
Fund Balances - September 30, 2021	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 57,899</u>	<u>\$ 57,899</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**East Nassau Stewardship District**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN**  
**FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - WILDLIGHT**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2021**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
Revenues				
Special assessments	\$ 344,082	\$ 344,082	\$ 346,660	\$ 2,578
Miscellaneous revenues	-	-	5,930	5,930
Total Revenues	<u>344,082</u>	<u>344,082</u>	<u>352,590</u>	<u>8,508</u>
Expenditures				
Current				
General government	6,384	6,384	4,714	1,670
Physical environment	<u>437,333</u>	<u>437,333</u>	<u>215,422</u>	<u>221,911</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>443,717</u>	<u>443,717</u>	<u>220,136</u>	<u>223,581</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	(99,635)	(99,635)	132,454	232,089
Fund Balances - October 1, 2020	<u>200,972</u>	<u>200,972</u>	<u>280,598</u>	<u>79,626</u>
Fund Balances - September 30, 2021	<u>\$ 101,337</u>	<u>\$ 101,337</u>	<u>\$ 413,052</u>	<u>\$ 311,715</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**East Nassau Stewardship District**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**September 30, 2021**

**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 as an Independent Special District on June 6, 2017, pursuant to Chapter 2017-206 Laws of Florida, and Chapter 189, Florida Statutes, as amended (the "Act"), and by Ordinance 2017-35 of St. Johns County, Florida, 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 East Nassau Stewardship District. The District is governed by a five-member Board of Supervisors. All of the Supervisors are employed by the Developer.

As required by GAAP, these financial statements present the East Nassau Stewardship 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 in Governmental Accounting Standards Board, The Financial Reporting Entity, 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

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**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.

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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.

*Committed Fund Balance* – This classification consists of amounts that can only be used for specific purposes adopted by the Board via resolution. This classification also includes obligations which require a formal approval from the Board and funding has been set aside for the purpose. This type of fund balance can only be removed by the Board through the same approval process.

**East Nassau Stewardship 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 (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.

Special Revenue Fund-Wildlight – The Special Revenue Fund-Wildlight accounts for the activity of an area within the District known as Wildlight.

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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 – The Debt Service Fund accounts for the activity related to the issuance of long-term debt.

Capital Projects Fund – The Capital Projects Fund accounts for the construction of infrastructure improvements within the District.

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

GASB Statement 34 requires that non-current governmental assets, such as land and improvements, and non-current governmental liabilities, such as general obligation bonds and due to developer 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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**NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

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

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

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 Assets**

Certain net position of the District is classified as restricted assets 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 assets, qualified expenses are considered to be paid first from restricted net position and then from unrestricted net position.

**c. Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include land, improvements other than buildings and infrastructure, are reported in the applicable governmental activities column.

The District defines capital assets as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$5,000 or more and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. The valuation basis for all assets is historical cost.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend its useful life are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

Depreciation of capital assets is computed and recorded by utilizing the straight-line method. Estimated useful lives of the various classes of depreciable capital assets are as follows:

Infrastructure	20-30 years
Improvements other than buildings	15-20 years

**d. Unamortized Bond Premium**

Bond premiums are presented on the government-wide financial statements. The costs are amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method of accounting.



**East Nassau Stewardship District  
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**NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

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

**e. Budgets**

Budgets are prepared and adopted after public hearings for the governmental funds, pursuant to Chapter 2017-206, Laws of Florida, and Chapter 189, 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. A formal budget is adopted for the general fund. 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, 2021, the District's bank balance was \$508,465 and the carrying value was \$494,059. 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.

Investments

As of September 30, 2021, the District had the following investments and maturities:

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Maturities</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
First American Government Obligation Fund	14 days*	<u>\$12,210,978</u>

\* Weighted average maturity

**East Nassau Stewardship District**  
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**NOTE B – CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

Investments (Continued)

The District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy recently 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 reliable and is based on quoted price for identical assets, or liabilities, in an active market. Level 2 uses significant other observable inputs when obtaining 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 in First American Government Obligation Fund 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 commercial paper 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, 2021, the District's investments in First American Government Obligation Fund was rated AAAM by Standard and Poor's.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The District places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one fund. The investments in First American Government Obligation Fund are 100% of the District's total investments.

The types of deposits and investments and their level of risk exposure as of September 30, 2021 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.

**East Nassau Stewardship District**  
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**NOTE C – SPECIAL ASSESSMENT REVENUES**

Special assessment revenues recognized for the 2020-2021 fiscal year were levied in October 2020. All assessments 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. Assessments 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 taxes receivable at fiscal year end.

**NOTE D – CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital Asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2021 was as follows:

	Balance October 1, 2020	Additions	Deletions	Balance September 30, 2021
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>				
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ -	\$ 34,300	\$ -	\$ 34,300
Construction in progress	3,696,496	2,051,597	-	5,748,093
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	<u>3,696,496</u>	<u>2,085,897</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,782,393</u>
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:				
Infrastructure	550,575	-	-	550,575
Improvements other than building	945,000	-	-	945,000
Accumulated depreciation	-	(68,205)	-	(68,205)
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	<u>1,495,575</u>	<u>(68,205)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,427,370</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets	<u>\$ 5,192,071</u>	<u>\$ 2,017,692</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 7,209,763</u>

Depreciation of \$68,205 was charged to physical environment.

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**NOTE E – LONG-TERM DEBT**

The following is a summary of activity for long-term debt of the District for the year ended September 30, 2021:

Long-term debt at October 1, 2020	\$ 5,355,000
Issuance of long-term debt	12,170,000
Principal payments	<u>(135,000)</u>
Long-term debt at September 30, 2021	17,390,000
Bond premium, net	<u>127,925</u>
Bonds Payable, Net at September 30, 2021	<u><u>\$ 17,517,925</u></u>

In December 2018, the District issued \$5,460,000 Series 2018 Special Assessment Revenue Bonds, due in annual principal installments beginning May 2020, maturing May 2049. Interest is due semi-annually on May 1 and November 1, beginning May 2019, at a rate of 4.25% on the \$455,000 bonds, with a maturity date of May 1, 2024, 4.6% on the \$575,000 bonds, with a maturity date of May 1, 2029, 5.125% on the \$1,650,000 bonds, with a maturity date of May 1, 2039, and 5.25% on the \$2,780,000 bonds, with a maturity date of May 1, 2049. Current portion is \$90,000.

\$ 5,220,000

In April 2021, the District issued \$12,170,000 Series 2021 Special Assessment Revenue Bonds, due in annual principal installments beginning May 2022, maturing May 2051. Interest is due semi-annually on May 1 and November 1, beginning November 2021, at a rate of 2.4% on the \$1,295,000 bonds, with a maturity of May 1, 2026, 3.0% on the \$1,485,000 bonds, with a maturity of May 1, 2031, 3.5% on the \$3,820,000 bonds, with a maturity of May 1, 2041, and 4.0% on the \$5,570,000 bonds, with a maturity of May 1, 2051. Current portion is \$245,000.

\$ 12,170,000

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

The annual requirements to amortize the principal and interest of bonded debt outstanding as of September 30, 2021 are as follows:

Year Ending September 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	\$ 335,000	\$ 698,911	\$ 1,033,911
2023	350,000	688,006	1,038,006
2024	360,000	677,849	1,037,849
2025	365,000	667,359	1,032,359
2026	375,000	656,399	1,031,399
2027-2031	2,095,000	3,085,081	5,180,081
2032-2036	2,530,000	2,661,556	5,191,556
2037-2041	3,100,000	2,108,700	5,208,700
2042-2046	3,835,000	1,396,075	5,231,075
2047-2051	4,045,000	482,338	4,527,338
Totals	<u>\$ 17,390,000</u>	<u>\$ 13,122,274</u>	<u>\$ 30,512,274</u>

Significant Bond Provisions

The Series 2018 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, 2029 at a redemption price equal to the principal amount of the Series 2018 Bonds to be redeemed, together with accrued interest to the date of redemption. The Series 2018 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 Series 2021 Bonds are subject to optional redemption prior to maturity at the option of the District, in whole or in part, on any day on or after May 1, 2031 at the redemption price of 100% of principal amount of the Series 2021 Bonds redeemed together with accrued interest at the redemption date. The Series 2021 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.

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

Significant Bond Provisions (Continued)

Depository Funds

The bond resolution establishes certain funds and determines the order in which revenues are to be deposited into these funds. A description of the significant funds, including their purposes, is as follows:

1. Reserve Fund – Both the 2018 Reserve Account and the 2021 Reserve Account are funded from the proceeds of the Series Bonds in amounts equal to fifty percent of the maximum annual debt service requirement for all outstanding Series Bonds. Monies held in the reserve accounts will be used only for the purposes established in the Trust Indenture.

	Reserve Balance	Reserve Requirement
Series 2018 Special Assessment Revenue Bonds	\$ 179,366	\$ 179,366
Series 2021 Special Assessment Revenue Bonds	\$ 339,250	\$ 339,250

**NOTE F – INTERFUND BALANCES**

Interfund balances at September 30, 2021, consisted of the following:

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>
Special Revenue Fund	General Fund
	\$ 428,280

Interfund balances relate to developer funding collected in the General Fund that were not remitted to the Special Revenue Fund as of year-end.

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**NOTE G – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

All five voting members of the Board of Supervisors are employed by the Developer or a related entity. The District received \$457,900 contributions and assessments from the Developer for the year ended September 30, 2021. Additionally, the District has \$6,500 due to the Developer.

**NOTE H – ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY**

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

**NOTE I – 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. The District has not filed any claims under this commercial coverage.



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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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  
East Nassau Stewardship District  
Nassau County, 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 East Nassau Stewardship District, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 25, 2022.

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

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

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether East Nassau Stewardship 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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February 25, 2022



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## MANAGEMENT LETTER

To the Board of Supervisors  
East Nassau Stewardship District  
Nassau County, Florida

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the East Nassau Stewardship District as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated February 25, 2022.

### 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 that report, which is dated February 25, 2022, 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 made to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding financial audit report. There were no findings or recommendations in the preceding audit.

### Financial Condition and Management

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.a. and 10.556(7), Rules of the Auditor General, requires us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination as to whether or not East Nassau Stewardship 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 the East Nassau Stewardship District did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

To the Board of Supervisors  
East Nassau Stewardship District

Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.c. and 10.556(8), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial conditions assessment procedures as of September 30, 2021 for the East Nassau Stewardship District. It is management's responsibility to monitor the East Nassau Stewardship 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.

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.

### **Specific Information**

The information provided below was provided by management and has not been audited; therefore, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information.

As required by Section 218.39(3)(c) and Section 218.32 (1) (c), Florida Statutes, and Section 10.554(1)(i)6, Rules of the Auditor General, the East Nassau Stewardship District reported:

- 1) The total number of district employees compensated in the last pay period of the District's fiscal year: None
- 2) The total number of independent contractors to whom nonemployee compensation was paid in the last month of the District's fiscal year: 5
- 3) All compensation earned by or awarded to employees, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency: N/A
- 4) All compensation earned by or awarded to nonemployee independent contractors, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency: \$325,260
- 5) Each construction project with a total cost of at least \$65,000 approved by the District that is scheduled to begin on or after October 1, 2020, together with the total expenditures for such project: The District had 2 capital projects during the year, the Series 2018 Capital Project, \$996,555 and the Series 2021 Capital Project, \$1,048,623.
- 6) A budget variance based on the budget adopted under Section 189.016(4), Florida Statutes, before the beginning of the fiscal year being reported if the District amends a final adopted budget under Section 189.016(6), Florida Statutes: There were no amendments to the FY 2021 budget.

As required by Section 218.39(3)(c) and , Section 218.32 (1) (c), Florida Statutes, and Section 10.554(1)(i)8, Rules of the Auditor General, the East Nassau Stewardship District reported:

- 7) The rate or rates of non-ad valorem special assessments imposed by the District: The assessments were per 1,000 square foot /acre/unit and the General Fund \$4.48-\$28.32, Special Revenue Fund \$115.29-\$1,401.84, and Debt Service Fund \$704.18-\$1,747.97.
- 8) The amount of special assessments collected by or on behalf of the District: N/A
- 9) The total amount of outstanding bonds issued by the District and the terms of such bonds: Series 2018 \$5,355,000 bonds outstanding, matures in May 2049 and the Series 2021, \$12,170,000 bonds outstanding, matures in May 2051.

To the Board of Supervisors  
East Nassau Stewardship District

**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 which warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we noted no 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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## INDEPENDANT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT/COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 218.415 FLORIDA STATUTES

To the Board of Supervisors  
East Nassau Stewardship District  
Nassau County, Florida

We have examined East Nassau Stewardship District's compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes during the year ended September 30, 2021. Management is responsible for East Nassau Stewardship District's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on East Nassau Stewardship 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 East Nassau Stewardship 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 East Nassau Stewardship District's compliance with the specified requirements.

In our opinion, East Nassau Stewardship District complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements during the year ended September 30, 2021.

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