

**St. Johns Forest Community
Development District**

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the Board of Supervisors
St. Johns Forest Community Development District
St. Johns County, Florida

Report on Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of St. Johns Forest Community Development District (the "District"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of St. Johns Forest Community Development District as of September 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS), and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management 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; and for 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.

To the Board of Supervisors
St. Johns Forest Community Development District

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for one year beyond the financial statement date, including currently known information that may raise substantial doubt thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore, is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts, and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

To the Board of Supervisors
St. Johns Forest Community Development District

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that Management's Discussion and Analysis be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board* who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about 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 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 21, 2025 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 the effectiveness of the District's 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 St. Johns Forest Community Development District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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February 21, 2025

St. Johns Forest Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

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

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024**

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 improvements and infrastructure, 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 special assessment bonds, are not included in the fund financial statements. To provide a link from the *fund financial statements* to the *government-wide financial statements*, reconciliation is 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, 2024.

- ◆ The District's total assets and deferred outflows exceeded total liabilities by \$3,867,520 (net position). Net investment in capital assets for the District was \$3,318,958. Unrestricted net position for governmental activities was \$480,336 and restricted net position was \$68,226.
- ◆ Governmental activities revenues totaled \$599,405 while governmental activities expenses totaled \$437,893.

**St. Johns Forest Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024**

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Financial Analysis of the District

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

Net Position

	Governmental Activities	
	2024	2023
Current assets	\$ 488,182	\$ 396,297
Restricted assets	231,691	208,289
Capital assets	5,365,577	5,508,759
Total Assets	<u>6,085,450</u>	<u>6,113,345</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>53,348</u>	<u>58,915</u>
Current liabilities	237,446	227,120
Non-current liabilities	2,033,832	2,239,232
Total Liabilities	<u>2,271,278</u>	<u>2,466,352</u>
Net position - net investment in capital assets	3,318,958	3,278,047
Net position - restricted	68,226	43,673
Net position - unrestricted	<u>480,336</u>	<u>384,288</u>
Total Net Position	<u><u>\$ 3,867,520</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,706,008</u></u>

The increase in current assets is related to revenues exceeding expenditures at the fund level in the current year.

The decrease in capital assets in the current year was due to depreciation.

The decrease in non-current liabilities is related to principal payments on the long-term debt in the current year.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024**

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

	Governmental Activities	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Program Revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 556,425	\$ 555,259
General Revenues		
Miscellaneous	600	600
Investment earnings	42,380	20,667
	<u>599,405</u>	<u>576,526</u>
Expenses		
General government	100,077	109,577
Physical environment	251,458	240,609
Interest and other charges	86,358	91,061
	<u>437,893</u>	<u>441,247</u>
Change in Net Position	161,512	135,279
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>3,706,008</u>	<u>3,570,729</u>
Net Position - End of Year	<u><u>\$ 3,867,520</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,706,008</u></u>

The increase in physical environment is related to an increase in landscape repairs and replacements in the current year.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Capital Assets Activity

The following schedule provides a summary of the District's capital assets as of September 30, 2024 and 2023.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Land and improvements	\$ 3,879,381	\$ 3,879,381
Infrastructure	4,183,623	4,183,623
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(2,697,427)</u>	<u>(2,554,245)</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets	<u>\$ 5,365,577</u>	<u>\$ 5,508,759</u>

During the year, depreciation was \$143,182.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The final budget exceeded actual expenditures primarily because of lower professional service, contract cost and reserve expenditures than were anticipated.

The September 30, 2024 budget was not amended.

Debt Management

Governmental Activities debt includes the following:

- ◆ In February 2016, the District issued \$3,685,000 Series 2016 Capital Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds. These bonds were issued to refund and redeem the outstanding Series 2003A Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds. The balance outstanding on the Series 2016 Bonds at September 30, 2024 was \$2,230,000.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

St. Johns Forest Community Development District does not expect any economic factors to have any significant effect on the financial position or results of operations of the District in fiscal year 2025.

**St. Johns Forest Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Request for Information

The financial report is designed to provide a general overview of St. Johns Forest Community Development District's finances for all those with an interest. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the St. Johns Forest Community Development District, Inframark, LLC, 2005 Pan Am circle, Suite 300, Tampa, Florida 33607.

St. Johns Forest Community Development District
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
September 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash	\$ 480,420
Prepaid expenses	1,812
Due from other governments	5,950
Total Current Assets	488,182
Non-Current Assets	
Restricted Assets	
Investments	231,691
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	
Land and improvements	3,879,381
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	
Infrastructure	4,183,623
Less: accumulated depreciation	(2,697,427)
Total Non-Current Assets	5,597,268
Total Assets	6,085,450
 DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred amount on refunding, net	53,348
 LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	4,829
Bonds payable	200,000
Accrued interest	32,617
Total Current Liabilities	237,446
Non-Current Liabilities	
Bonds payable, net	2,033,832
Total Liabilities	2,271,278
 NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	3,318,958
Restricted for debt service	68,226
Unrestricted	480,336
Total Net Position	\$ 3,867,520

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

St. Johns Forest Community Development District
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues Charges for Services	Net (Expense) Revenues and Changes in Net Position Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities			
General government	\$ (100,077)	\$ 128,520	\$ 28,443
Physical environment	(251,458)	142,665	(108,793)
Interest and other charges	(86,358)	285,240	198,882
Total Governmental Activities	\$ (437,893)	\$ 556,425	118,532
	General Revenues		
			600
			42,380
		Total General Revenues	42,980
		Change in Net Position	161,512
		Net Position - October 1, 2023	3,706,008
		Net Position - September 30, 2024	\$ 3,867,520

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

St. Johns Forest Community Development District
BALANCE SHEET –
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
September 30, 2024

	General	Debt Service	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 480,420	\$ -	\$ 480,420
Due from other governments	2,933	3,017	5,950
Prepaid expenses	1,812	-	1,812
Restricted assets			
Investments	-	231,691	231,691
Total Assets	\$ 485,165	\$ 234,708	\$ 719,873
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 4,829	\$ -	\$ 4,829
 FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable:			
Prepaid expenses	1,812	-	1,812
Restricted:			
Debt service	-	234,708	234,708
Assigned:			
Operating reserves	65,128	-	65,128
Entry signs and columns	165,369	-	165,369
Stormwater/roads	45,998	-	45,998
Entry fountain	6,268	-	6,268
Streetlights	29,586	-	29,586
Unassigned	166,175	-	166,175
Total Fund Balances	480,336	234,708	715,044
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 485,165	\$ 234,708	\$ 719,873

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**St. Johns Forest Community Development District
RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES
TO NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
September 30, 2024**

Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$	715,044
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Capital assets not being depreciated, land and improvements, used in governmental activities are not financial resources and; therefore, are not reported at the fund statement level.		3,879,381
Capital assets being depreciated, infrastructure, \$4,183,623; net of accumulated depreciation, \$(2,697,427), used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and; therefore, are not reported at the fund statement level.		1,486,196
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, \$(2,230,000), and bond premium, net, \$(3,832), are not due and payable in the current period and; therefore, are not reported at the fund statement level.		(2,233,832)
Deferred outflows of resources are not current financial resources and therefore, are not reported at the fund statement level.		53,348
Accrued interest expense for long-term debt is not a current financial use and; therefore, is not reported at the fund statement level.		<u>(32,617)</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$</u>	<u>3,867,520</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

St. Johns Forest Community Development District
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

	<u>General</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Revenues			
Special assessments	\$ 271,185	\$ 285,240	\$ 556,425
Miscellaneous revenues	600	-	600
Investment earnings	30,080	12,300	42,380
Total Revenues	<u>301,865</u>	<u>297,540</u>	<u>599,405</u>
Expenditures			
Current			
General government	97,541	2,536	100,077
Physical environment	108,276	-	108,276
Debt service			
Principal	-	190,000	190,000
Interest	-	83,270	83,270
Total Expenditures	<u>205,817</u>	<u>275,806</u>	<u>481,623</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	96,048	21,734	117,782
Fund Balances - October 1, 2023	<u>384,288</u>	<u>212,974</u>	<u>597,262</u>
Fund Balances - September 30, 2024	<u>\$ 480,336</u>	<u>\$ 234,708</u>	<u>\$ 715,044</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

St. Johns Forest Community Development District
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$	117,782
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation. This is the amount of depreciation in the current period.		(143,182)
Repayments of long-term liabilities are expenditures in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.		190,000
Deferred outflows of resources for refunding debt is recognized as a component of interest on long term debt in the Statement of Activities, but not at the fund level. This is the amount of interest in the current year period.		(5,567)
Amortization of bond premium does not require the use of current resources and therefore, is not reported at the fund level. This is the amount of amortization in the current period.		400
In the Statement of Activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds; whereas at the fund level, interest expenditures are reported when due. This is the change in accrued interest in the current period.		2,079
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$	161,512

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

St. Johns Forest Community Development District
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES – BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues				
Special assessments	\$ 270,642	\$ 270,642	\$ 271,185	\$ 543
Miscellaneous revenues	-	-	600	600
Investment earnings	10,000	10,000	30,080	20,080
Total Revenues	<u>280,642</u>	<u>280,642</u>	<u>301,865</u>	<u>21,223</u>
Expenditures				
Current				
General government	131,513	131,513	97,541	33,972
Physical environment	156,000	156,000	108,276	47,724
Capital outlay	3,000	3,000	-	3,000
Total Expenditures	<u>290,513</u>	<u>290,513</u>	<u>205,817</u>	<u>84,696</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	(9,871)	(9,871)	96,048	105,919
Fund Balances - October 1, 2023	<u>332,514</u>	<u>332,514</u>	<u>384,288</u>	<u>51,774</u>
Fund Balances - September 30, 2024	<u>\$ 322,643</u>	<u>\$ 322,643</u>	<u>\$ 480,336</u>	<u>\$ 157,693</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

St. Johns Forest Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2024

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

1. Reporting Entity

The District was established on March 6, 2003, pursuant to the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as amended (the "Act"), by Ordinance #2003-12 of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, 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 St. Johns Forest Community Development District. The District is governed by a Board of Supervisors who are elected to four year terms. The District operates within the criteria established by Chapter 190, Florida Statutes.

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

Based upon the application of the above-mentioned criteria as set forth in Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement Number 61, 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

St. Johns Forest Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2024

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.

St. Johns Forest Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

b. Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

Governmental Funds

The District reports 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.

St. Johns Forest Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2024

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.

St. Johns Forest Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2024

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3. Basis of Presentation (Continued)

a. Governmental Major Funds (Continued)

Debt Service Fund – Accounts for debt service requirements to retire the special assessment bonds which were used to finance the construction of District infrastructure improvements. The bonds are secured by a first lien on and pledge of the Pledged Revenues.

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, Deferred Outflows of Resources, 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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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2024

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

4. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Net Position or Equity (Continued)

b. Restricted Net Position

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

c. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land and improvements, and infrastructure, are reported in the 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
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d. Deferred Outflows of Resources

Deferred outflows of resources is the consumption of net position by the government that is applicable to a future reported period. Deferred amount on refunding is amortized and recognized as a component of interest expense over the life of the bond.

e. Bond Premiums

Bond premiums are amortized over the life of the bonds.

**St. Johns Forest Community Development District
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 September 30, 2024**

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

4. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Net Position or Equity (Continued)

f. Budgets

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

NOTE B – RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Explanation of Differences Between the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and the Government-wide Statement of Net Position

“Total fund balances” of the District’s governmental funds, \$715,044, differs from “net position” of governmental activities, \$3,867,520, reported in the Statement of Net Position. This difference primarily results from the long-term economic focus of the Statement of Net Position versus the current financial resources focus of the governmental fund balance sheet. The effect of the differences is illustrated below.

Capital related items

When capital assets (land, buildings and improvements and infrastructure that are to be used in governmental activities) are purchased or constructed, the cost of those assets is reported as expenditures in governmental funds. However, the Statement of Net Position included those capital assets among the assets of the District as a whole.

Land and improvements	\$	3,879,381
Infrastructure		4,183,623
Less: accumulated depreciation		<u>(2,697,427)</u>
Total		<u>\$ 5,365,577</u>

St. Johns Forest Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2024

NOTE B – RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

1. Explanation of Differences Between the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and the Government-wide Statement of Net Position (Continued)

Long-term debt transactions

Long-term liabilities applicable to the District’s governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and accordingly are not reported as fund liabilities. All liabilities (both current and long-term) are reported in the Statement of Net Position. Balances at September 30, 2024 were:

Bonds payable	\$ (2,230,000)
Bond premium, net	<u>(3,832)</u>
Bonds payable, net	<u>\$ (2,233,832)</u>

Deferred outflows of resources

Deferred outflows of resources applicable to the District’s governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore, are not reported as fund deferred outflows of resources.

Deferred amount on refunding, net	<u>\$ 53,348</u>
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Accrued interest

Accrued liabilities in the Statement of Net Position differ from the amount reported in governmental funds due to the accrued interest on bonds.

Accrued interest	<u>\$ (32,617)</u>
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2. Explanation of Differences Between the Governmental Fund Operating Statements and the Statement of Activities

The “net change in fund balances” for government funds, \$117,782, differs from the “change in net position” for governmental activities, \$161,512, reported in the Statement of Activities. The differences arise primarily from the long-term economic focus of the Statement of Activities versus the current financial resources focus of the governmental funds. The effect of the differences is illustrated as follows.

St. Johns Forest Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2024

NOTE B – RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

2. Explanation of Differences Between the Governmental Fund Operating Statements and the Statement of Activities (Continued)

Capital related items

When capital assets that are to be used in governmental activities are purchased or constructed, the resources expended for those assets are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. However, in the Statement of Activities, the costs of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation. As a result, fund balances decrease by the amount of financial resources expended, whereas net position decreases by the amount of depreciation charged for the year.

Depreciation	\$ <u>(143,182)</u>
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Long-term debt transactions

Repayments of long-term debt is an expenditure at the fund level, but the repayment reduces non-current liabilities at the government-wide level.

Repayments of long-term debt	\$ <u>190,000</u>
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Amortization of the bond premium does not require the use of current resources and therefore is not reported at the fund level.

Amortization of bond premium	\$ <u>400</u>
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Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources, and therefore, are not reported as expenditures at the fund level.

Net change in accrued interest payable	\$ 2,079
Decrease in deferred amount on refunding	<u>(5,567)</u>
Total	<u>\$ (3,488)</u>

**St. Johns Forest Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2024**

NOTE C – 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, 2024, the District's bank balance was \$481,639 and the carrying value was \$480,420. 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, 2024, the District had the following investments and maturities:

Investment	Maturities	Fair Value
U.S. Bank Managed Money Market	N/A	\$ 231,691

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 listed above is a Level 1 asset.

Interest Rate Risk

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

St. Johns Forest Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2024

NOTE C – CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Credit Risk

The District's investments in money markets 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, 2024, the District's investments in U.S. Bank Managed Money Market is not rated.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The District places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one fund. The investments in U.S. Bank Managed Money Market are 100% of the District's total investments.

The types of deposits and investments and their level of risk exposure as of September 30, 2024 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.

NOTE D – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2024 was as follows:

	Balance October 1, 2023	Additions	Deletions	Balance September 30, 2024
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land and land improvements	\$ 3,879,381	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,879,381
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Infrastructure - storm drainage	2,877,726	-	-	2,877,726
Infrastructure - common areas	689,417	-	-	689,417
Infrastructure - entrance and roadways	616,480	-	-	616,480
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	<u>4,183,623</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,183,623</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Infrastructure - storm drainage	(1,671,163)	(95,924)	-	(1,767,087)
Infrastructure - common areas	(490,935)	(26,709)	-	(517,644)
Infrastructure - entrance and roadways	(392,147)	(20,549)	-	(412,696)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(2,554,245)</u>	<u>(143,182)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,697,427)</u>
Total Capital Assets Depreciated, Net	<u>1,629,378</u>	<u>(143,182)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,486,196</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets	<u>\$ 5,508,759</u>	<u>\$ (143,182)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,365,577</u>

Depreciation of \$143,182 was charged to physical environment.

St. Johns Forest Community Development District
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NOTE E – LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of activity in the long-term debt account group of the District for the year ended September 30, 2024:

Long-term debt at October 1, 2023	\$	2,420,000
Principal payments		(190,000)
Long-term debt at September 30, 2024		2,230,000
Plus: bond premium, net		3,832
Bonds payable, net	\$	2,233,832

Long-term debt is comprised of the following:

Capital Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds

\$3,685,000 Series 2016 Bonds, interest at various rates between 2.0% and 3.8% maturing thru May 1, 2034, payable on May 1 and November 1; collateralized by the pledged revenues of special assessments levied against the benefited property owners. Current portion is \$200,000.

\$ 2,230,000

The annual requirements to amortize the principal and interest of bonded debt outstanding as of September 30, 2024 are as follows:

Year Ending September 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 200,000	\$ 78,105	\$ 278,105
2026	195,000	72,610	267,610
2027	200,000	66,760	266,760
2028	210,000	60,360	270,360
2029	215,000	52,800	267,800
2030-2034	1,210,000	139,780	1,349,780
Totals	\$ 2,230,000	\$ 470,415	\$ 2,700,415

St. Johns Forest Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE E – LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Significant Bond Provisions

The Series 2016 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, 2026 at a redemption price set in the Bond indenture, together with accrued interest to the date of redemption. The 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 Bond indenture.

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

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 – The 2016 Reserve Account is funded from the proceeds of the Series 2016 Bonds in an amount equal to fifty percent of the maximum annual debt service requirement for all outstanding Series 2016 Bonds. Monies held in the reserve accounts will be used only for the purposes established in the Trust Indenture.

	Reserve Balance	Reserve Requirement
Series 2016 Capital Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds	\$ 134,518	\$ 133,865

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NOTE F – SPECIAL ASSESSMENT REVENUES

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

Assessments for the 2023-2024 fiscal year were levied in October 2023.

NOTE G – RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the government carries commercial insurance. There were no claims or settled claims from these risks that have exceeded commercial insurance coverage over the past three years.

NOTE H – SUBSEQUENT EVENT

In November 2024, the District made a \$10,000 prepayment on the Series 2016 Capital Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, which is included in the current liabilities on the Statement of Net Position.



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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
St. Johns Forest Community Development District
St. Johns 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, as listed in the table of contents, of St. Johns Forest Community Development District, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 21, 2025.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered St. Johns Forest Community Development District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of St. Johns Forest Community Development District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of St. Johns Forest Community Development District's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

To the Board of Supervisors
St. Johns Forest Community Development District

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether St. Johns Forest Community Development District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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MANAGEMENT LETTER

To the Board of Supervisors
St. Johns Forest Community Development District
St. Johns County, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the St. Johns Forest Community Development District as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated February 21, 2025.

Auditor's Responsibility

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; 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 Reports and Schedule

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 21, 2025, 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 financial audit report.

To the Board of Supervisors
St. Johns Forest Community Development District

Financial Condition

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 St. Johns Forest Community Development District has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and to identify the specific conditions met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the St. Johns Forest Community Development District has not met one of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.b. and 10.556(8), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial conditions assessment procedures as of September 30, 2024 for the St. Johns Forest Community Development District. It is management's responsibility to monitor the St. Johns Forest Community Development District's financial condition; our financial condition assessment was based in part on the representations made by management and the review of the financial information provided by the same.

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

As required by Section 218.39(3)(c), Florida Statutes, and Section 10.554(1)(i)7, Rules of the Auditor General, St. Johns Forest Community Development District reported:

- 1) The total number of District employees compensated in the last pay period of the District's fiscal year: 0
- 2) The total number of independent contractors, defined as individuals or entities that receive 1099s, 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: \$0
- 4) All compensation earned by or awarded to nonemployee independent contractors, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency: \$91,373
- 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, 2023, together with the total expenditures for such project: N/A
- 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: The Board did not amend the budget.

To the Board of Supervisors
St. Johns Forest Community Development District

As required by Section 218.39(3)(c), Florida Statutes, and Section 10.554(1)(i)9, Rules of the Auditor General, the St. Johns Forest Community Development District reported:

- 1) The rate or rates of non-ad valorem special assessments imposed by the District: \$508.02 - \$11,652.46, General Fund; \$705.79 - \$1,320.50, Debt Service.
- 2) Total special assessments collected was \$556,425.
- 3) The total amount of outstanding bonds issued by the District and the terms of such bonds as: The bonds outstanding as of September 30, 2024 is \$2,230,000 due on May 1, 2034 at various rates from 2.0% to 3.8%.

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 fraud, waste, or abuse, that has occurred or is likely to have occurred, that has 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 did not note any such findings.

Purpose of this Letter

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies, the Board of Supervisors, and applicable management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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

To the Board of Supervisors
St. Johns Forest Community Development District
St. Johns County, Florida

We have examined St. Johns Forest Community Development District's compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes during the year ended September 30, 2024. Management is responsible for St. Johns Forest Community Development District's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on St. Johns Forest Community Development District's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about St. Johns Forest Community Development District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on St. Johns Forest Community Development District's compliance with the specified requirements.

In our opinion, St. Johns Forest Community Development District complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements during the year ended September 30, 2024.

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