

**SAGINAW AREA
STORM WATER AUTHORITY**

Saginaw County, Michigan

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2022 and 2021

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Trustees of
Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority
Saginaw, Michigan

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities and major fund of Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the business-type activities and major fund of Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority, as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the years 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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority, 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 the 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.

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 Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditors' Responsibilities 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 auditors' 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 generally accepted 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.

To the Board of Trustees of
Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority
Saginaw, Michigan

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment 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 Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority'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 judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority'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.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 4-5 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 we obtained during our audits 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority's basic financial statements. The detailed schedule of operating revenues is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the detailed schedule of operating revenues is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole. In our opinion, the detailed schedule of operating revenues is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Buchanan & Co.

Saginaw, Michigan
February 14, 2023



MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

December 31, 2022

Overview of the Financial Statements:

Our discussion and analysis of the Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority's financial performance provides an overview of the Authority's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2022. Please read it in conjunction with the Authority's financial statements.

Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority as a Whole:

The following table shows, in a condensed format, the statement of net position at:

	<i>December 31,</i>	
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Assets:		
Current assets	\$ 47,326	\$ 41,027
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities	5,204	3,081
Net position:		
Unrestricted	\$ 42,122	\$ 37,946

The following table shows, in a condensed format, the change in fund net position for the years ended:

	<i>December 31,</i>	
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Revenues:		
Program revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 95,810	\$ 110,110
General revenues		
Interest earned	33	4
Total revenues	<u>95,843</u>	<u>110,114</u>
Expenses:		
Program expenses	<u>91,667</u>	<u>91,487</u>
Change in net position	4,176	18,627
Net position, beginning of year	<u>37,946</u>	<u>19,319</u>
Net position, end of year	<u>\$ 42,122</u>	<u>\$ 37,946</u>

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

December 31, 2022

Financial Highlights for 2022:

For the year ended December 31, 2022, the net position of the Authority increased by \$4,176. Some of the significant items for the year are as follows:

The membership charges to various governments were decreased from \$110,110 in the prior year to \$95,810. This decrease was established in the budget for the year.

Overall Analysis of Financial Position and Change in Net Position:

The Authority's unrestricted net position of \$42,122 as of December 31, 2022 is considered, by management, to be adequate. The Authority's revenues and expenses were effectively monitored during the current year and, consequently, the operating results were as expected with an increase in fund net position of \$4,176.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration:

The Authority has no capital assets and no long-term debt.

Economic Factors:

Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority's budget for next year calls for standard membership billings of \$104,360 with an additional apportionment of \$25,000 for catch basin inspections for a total of \$129,360.

Contacting the Authority's Management:

This financial report is intended to provide our citizens and customers with a general overview of the Authority's finances and to show the Authority's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, we welcome you to contact the Authority's office.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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PROPRIETARY FUND
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2022 and 2021

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Assets:		
Cash	\$ 46,146	\$ 41,027
Accounts receivable	<u>1,180</u>	<u>-</u>
Total assets	<u>47,326</u>	<u>41,027</u>
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	<u>5,204</u>	<u>3,081</u>
Net position:		
Unrestricted	<u>\$ 42,122</u>	<u>\$ 37,946</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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PROPRIETARY FUND
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND
CHANGE IN NET POSITION**

Years Ended December 31, 2022 and 2021

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Operating revenues:		
Charges for service - member contributions	\$ 95,810	\$ 110,110
Operating expenses:		
Administrative coordination and planning		
Contracted engineering services	78,210	78,106
Other		
Accounting and auditing services	8,950	8,950
Insurance	4,507	4,431
 Total operating expenses	 <u>91,667</u>	 <u>91,487</u>
 Operating income	 4,143	 18,623
Non-operating revenues:		
Interest income	33	4
 Change in net position	 4,176	 18,627
Net position, beginning of year	<u>37,946</u>	<u>19,319</u>
Net position, end of year	<u>\$ 42,122</u>	<u>\$ 37,946</u>

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PROPRIETARY FUND

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Years Ended December 31, 2022 and 2021

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Cash received from charges for services - member contributions	\$ 95,810	\$ 110,110
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	<u>(90,724)</u>	<u>(92,184)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>5,086</u>	<u>17,926</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Interest received	<u>33</u>	<u>4</u>
Net increase in cash	5,119	17,930
Cash, beginning of year	<u>41,027</u>	<u>23,097</u>
Cash, end of year	<u>\$ 46,146</u>	<u>\$ 41,027</u>
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Operating income	\$ 4,143	\$ 18,623
(Increase) decrease in assets:		
Prepaid expenses	(1,180)	4,431
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:		
Accounts payable	<u>2,123</u>	<u>(5,128)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 5,086</u>	<u>\$ 17,926</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SAGINAW AREA STORM WATER AUTHORITY

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2022 and 2021

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority was created in 2002 by twelve municipalities in Saginaw County under Michigan Public Act 233 of 1955 (enabling act). The purpose of the Authority is to provide its members with assistance in maintaining compliance with the laws and regulations of the United States (Clean Water Act) and the State of Michigan which pertain to the regulation of the storm water discharges, in accordance with the Enabling Act and to perform any other functions permitted by the Enabling Act. The Authority also addresses various water quality issues related to storm water runoff and seeks to educate the general public about protecting the fresh water resources. The Authority is made up of 15 members as of December 31, 2022.

The accounting policies of the Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies:

Reporting Entity:

The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in accordance with criteria established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board for determining the various governmental agencies to be included in the reporting entity. In accordance with these guidelines, there are no component units to be included in these financial statements.

The governing body of the Authority is a Board of Trustees which consists of one voting representative for each member municipality.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation:

Proprietary funds are accounted for using the “economic resources” measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, all assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) are included on the Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position presents increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in total net assets. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the period in which they are earned while expenses are recognized in the period in which the liability is incurred.

Operating revenues in the proprietary funds are those revenues that are generated from the primary operations of the fund. All other revenues are reported as non-operating revenues. Operating expenses are those expenses that are essential to the primary operations of the fund. All other expenses are reported as non-operating expenses.

Assets, Liabilities and Net Position:

Cash – Cash includes cash on hand, if any, and demand deposits. For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the above is considered to be cash.

Receivables – Recognized for all significant amounts due to the Authority. No allowance for uncollectible accounts has been provided as management does not believe collection to be doubtful.

Prepaid Expenses – Certain payments to vendors may reflect costs applicable to future fiscal years and may be recorded as prepaid items in the financial statements.

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December 31, 2022 and 2021

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED

Capital assets – Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are defined by the Authority as assets with an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Currently the Authority reports no capital assets.

Long-Term Obligations – Long-term debt and other long-term obligations, if any, are reported as liabilities. Currently the Authority has no long-term obligations.

Net Position Flow Assumption – Sometimes the Authority will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted (e.g., restricted bond or grant proceeds) and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted net position and unrestricted net position in the financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the Authority's policy to consider restricted net position to have been depleted before unrestricted net position is applied.

Proprietary Funds Operating Classification – Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the proprietary funds are charges to customers for sales and services. The proprietary funds recognize as nonoperating revenues investment income. Operating expenses for proprietary funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All expenses not included in these classifications are reported as nonoperating expenses.

Use of Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2: DEPOSITS

Michigan Compiled Laws Section 129.91 (Public Act 20 of 1943, as amended) authorizes local governmental units to make deposits and invest in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations that have offices in Michigan. The law also allows investments outside the state of Michigan when fully insured. The Authority is allowed to invest in bonds, securities, and other direct obligations of the United States or any agency or instrumentality of the United States; repurchase agreements; bankers' acceptances of United States banks; commercial paper rated within the two highest classifications, which matures not more than 270 days after the date of purchase; obligations of the State of Michigan or its political subdivisions, which are rated as investment grade; and mutual funds composed of investment vehicles that are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan.

The Authority has designated one bank for the deposit of its funds. The investment policy adopted by the board in accordance with Public Act 196 of 1997 has authorized the Authority to deposit and invest in all investments allowed by the state statutory authority as listed above. The Authority's deposits and investment policies are in accordance with statutory authority.

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NOTE 2: DEPOSITS, CONTINUED

The Authority's cash and investments are subject to custodial credit risk of bank deposits, which is examined in more detail below:

Custodial Credit Risk of Bank Deposits – Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Authority's deposits may not be returned to it. The Authority does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. At December 31, 2022, the Authority had \$60,933 of bank deposits that were insured by FDIC insurance. At December 31, 2021, the Authority had \$51,955 of bank deposits that were insured by FDIC insurance.

NOTE 3: RISK MANAGEMENT

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, and errors and omissions. The Authority has purchased commercial insurance for possible claims related to these risks. Settled claims relating to the commercial insurance have not exceeded the amount of insurance since inception. The Authority has no employees, and therefore does not have exposure to risks related to employee injuries or medical expenses.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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DETAILED SCHEDULE OF OPERATING REVENUES

Years Ended December 31, 2022 and 2021

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Operating revenues:		
Charges for service - member contributions:		
Bridgeport Charter Township	\$ 5,108	\$ 6,061
Bridgeport Spaulding Schools	7,080	8,033
Buena Vista Township and Schools	5,812	6,766
Carrollton Township and Schools	6,904	7,857
Saginaw Charter Township	10,671	11,625
Saginaw County Public Works	4,721	5,674
Saginaw County Road Commission	4,721	5,674
Saginaw Intermediate School District	7,009	7,963
Saginaw Township Community Schools	8,383	9,336
Saginaw Valley State University	4,721	5,674
Saginaw, City of	6,305	7,259
Swan Valley School District	5,460	6,413
Thomas Township	6,129	7,082
Tittabawassee Township	7,502	8,456
Zilwaukee, City of	5,284	6,237
	<u>95,810</u>	<u>110,110</u>
Total charges for service - member contributions		
	<u>\$ 95,810</u>	<u>\$ 110,110</u>
Total operating revenues		