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In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under existing laws, regulations, and judicial decisions, and assuming continued compliance by the Unified Government with certain covenants in the Bond Ordinance, interest on the Series 2025 Bonds is exempt from present State of Georgia income taxation, is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals; however, such interest is taken into account in determining the annual adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations. The opinion contains greater detail, and is subject to exceptions, as noted in "LEGAL MATTERS - Opinion of Bond Counsel" herein.

\$135,425,000*
UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF
ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA
Water and Sewerage Revenue Refunding Bonds,
Series 2025

Dated: Date of Delivery

**Due: January 1, as shown on
inside front cover**

The Water and Sewerage Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2025 (the "Series 2025 Bonds") are being issued by the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia (the "Unified Government") for the purpose of providing funds to (i) refund the Unified Government's previously issued and outstanding Water and Sewerage Revenue Bonds, Series 2015 in the initial aggregate principal amount of \$210,140,000 and currently outstanding in the principal amount of \$147,045,000 (the "Refunded Bonds"), and (ii) pay the costs of issuing the Series 2025 Bonds. See "PLAN OF FINANCING" herein.

Interest on the Series 2025 Bonds is payable semiannually on January 1 and July 1 of each year, commencing on January 1, 2026. See "THE SERIES 2025 BONDS - Description" herein.

The Series 2025 Bonds are special limited obligations of the Unified Government payable solely from and secured by a first priority pledge of and lien on revenues derived by the Unified Government from the operation of the Unified Government's water and sewerage system (as now existent and as hereafter added to, improved and equipped, the "System") remaining after the payment of expenses of operating and maintaining the System. See "SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE SERIES 2025 BONDS" herein.

The Series 2025 Bonds do not constitute a debt or general obligation of the Unified Government or a pledge of the faith and credit or taxing power of the Unified Government. No governmental entity, including the Unified Government, is obligated to levy any tax for the payment of the Series 2025 Bonds. No recourse may be had against the General Fund of the Unified Government for the payment of the Series 2025 Bonds.

The Series 2025 Bonds will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (the "Securities Depository"). The Securities Depository will act as securities depository for the Series 2025 Bonds. Purchases will be made only in book-entry form through the Participants (as herein defined) in the Securities Depository, and no physical delivery of the Series 2025 Bonds will be made to the Beneficial Owners (as herein defined). Payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Series 2025 Bonds will be made to Beneficial Owners by the Securities Depository through its Participants. As long as Cede & Co. is the registered owner of the Series 2025 Bonds, as nominee of the Securities Depository, references herein to the holders of the Series 2025 Bonds or registered owners shall mean Cede & Co., and shall not mean the Beneficial Owners of the Series 2025 Bonds. See "THE SERIES 2025 BONDS" herein.

The Series 2025 Bonds are not subject to redemption prior to maturity. See "THE SERIES 2025 BONDS" herein.

SEE MATURITY RATE AND YIELD SCHEDULES ON THE INSIDE FRONT COVER.

THIS COVER PAGE CONTAINS CERTAIN INFORMATION FOR QUICK REFERENCE ONLY. IT IS *NOT* A SUMMARY OF THIS ISSUE. INVESTORS MUST READ THE ENTIRE OFFICIAL STATEMENT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ESSENTIAL TO MAKING AN INFORMED INVESTMENT DECISION.

The Series 2025 Bonds will be offered through competitive bidding on June 3, 2025 (the "Bid Date"). The Unified Government will receive bids until 11:00 a.m. eastern time on the Bid Date, as more fully set forth in the Official Notice of Sale. The Series 2025 Bonds are offered when, as, and if issued by the Unified Government, subject to prior sale, to the withdrawal or modification of the offer without notice, and subject to approval of legality by Smith, Gambrell & Russell LLP, Atlanta, Georgia, Bond Counsel and Disclosure Counsel. Certain legal matters will be passed on for the Unified Government by its attorney, Judd Drake, Esq., Athens, Georgia. First Tryon Advisors, Charlotte, North Carolina, is acting as the Unified Government's Financial Advisor. The Series 2025 Bonds in definitive form are expected to be delivered through The Depository Trust Company in New York, New York on or about July __, 2025.

Dated: June __, 2025

* Preliminary, subject to change

This Preliminary Official Statement and the information contained herein are subject to change, completion or amendment without notice. The Series 2025 Bonds may not be sold nor may offers to buy be accepted prior to the time the Official Statement is delivered in final form. Under no circumstances shall this Preliminary Official Statement constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of the Series 2025 Bonds in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of such jurisdiction.

**MATURITIES, PRINCIPAL AMOUNTS, INTEREST RATES, YIELDS
AND CUSIP NUMBERS***

<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>CUSIP¹</u>
2026	\$ 8,275,000			
2027	7,990,000			
2028	8,390,000			
2029	8,805,000			
2030	9,250,000			
2031	9,710,000			
2032	10,195,000			
2033	10,705,000			
2034	11,240,000			
2035	11,800,000			
2036	12,390,000			
2037	13,010,000			
2038	13,665,000			

* All information in this table is preliminary, subject to change.

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UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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For purposes of compliance with Rule 15c2-12 of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, as amended (the “Rule”), and in effect on the date of this Preliminary Official Statement, this document constitutes a Preliminary Official Statement of the Unified Government with respect to the Series 2025 Bonds that has been deemed “final” by the Unified Government as of its date except for the omission of no more than the information permitted by the Rule.

No dealer, broker, salesman or other person has been authorized to give any information or to make any representation, other than those contained in this Official Statement in connection with the offering contained herein, and if given or made, such other information or representations must not be relied upon. This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of the Series 2025 Bonds by any person in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for such person to make such offer, solicitation or sale.

The information contained in this Official Statement has been obtained from representatives of the Unified Government, public documents, records and other sources considered to be reliable.

NO REGISTRATION STATEMENT RELATING TO THE SERIES 2025 BONDS HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (“SEC”) OR ANY STATE SECURITIES AGENCY. THE SERIES 2025 BONDS HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SEC OR ANY STATE SECURITIES AGENCY, NOR HAS THE SEC OR ANY STATE SECURITIES AGENCY PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

In making an investment decision, investors must rely on their own examination of the Unified Government and the terms of the offering, including the merits and risks involved.

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**OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE
UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA**

relating to its

\$135,425,000 *

**WATER AND SEWERAGE REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS,
SERIES 2025**

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Official Statement, which includes the cover page and the Appendices hereto, is to furnish certain information in connection with the sale by the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia of \$135,425,000* in aggregate principal amount of its Water and Sewerage Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2025 (the “Series 2025 Bonds”). Definitions of certain terms used in this Official Statement and not otherwise defined herein are set forth in Appendix B to this Official Statement under the heading “SUMMARY OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS AND DEFINITIONS OF CERTAIN TERMS – Certain Definitions.”

This introduction is not a summary of this Official Statement and is intended only for quick reference. It is only a brief description of and guide to, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, more complete and detailed information contained in the entire Official Statement, including the cover page and the Appendices, and the documents summarized or described herein. Potential investors should fully review the entire Official Statement. The offering of the Series 2025 Bonds to potential investors is made only by means of the entire Official Statement, including the Appendices hereto. No person is authorized to detach this Introduction from the Official Statement or to otherwise use it without the entire Official Statement, including the Appendices hereto.

The Unified Government

The Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia (the “Unified Government”) is a body corporate and politic and a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, which was created pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, approved March 2, 1990, as amended (the “Unification Act”), which authorized the unification of the municipal corporation known as the “City of Athens, Georgia” and the political subdivision known as “Clarke County, Georgia”. The Unified Government became effective on January 14, 1991. The territory comprising the Unified Government (“Athens-Clarke County”) is located in the northeastern portion of the State of Georgia, approximately 65 miles northeast of Atlanta, Georgia and 100 miles northwest of Augusta, Georgia. For more complete information, see “THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT” herein.

Purpose of the Series 2025 Bonds

The proceeds of the Series 2025 Bonds will be used to (i) refund the Unified Government’s previously issued and outstanding Water and Sewerage Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2015 in the initial aggregate principal amount of \$210,140,000 and currently outstanding in the principal amount of \$147,045,000 (the “Refunded Bonds”) and (ii) pay the costs of issuing the Series 2025 Bonds. For more complete information, see “PLAN OF FINANCING” herein.

The System

The Unified Government owns a water supply, treatment, and distribution system and a sanitary sewer treatment and collection system (collectively, the “System”). The water system consists of a raw water supply with

* Throughout this Preliminary Official Statement an asterisk indicates that the information is preliminary and subject to change.

current permitted withdrawal limitations of 18 MGD (monthly average) and 34.75 MGD (peak day), raw water storage capacity of approximately 2.2 billion gallons, 3 raw water pump stations with aggregate raw water pumping capacity of 112 MGD, a water treatment plant with a rated capacity for treatment of raw water of 36 MGD and a treated water pumping rated capacity of 47 MGD, treated water storage capacity of 11.25 million gallons, and a water distribution network of approximately 805 miles of pipelines. The sewerage system consists of 3 wastewater treatment plants with an aggregate rated treatment capacity of 28 MGD and a wastewater collection system consisting of 1 wastewater pumping station and approximately 600 miles of collection sewers. The water system has approximately 42,494 water connections and serves an estimated population in excess of 120,000, including approximately 98% of the population of Athens-Clarke County. The sewerage system has approximately 31,130 sewer connections and serves an estimated population of approximately 90,000, including approximately 75% of the population of Athens-Clarke County. For more complete information, see “THE SYSTEM” herein.

Security and Sources of Payment for the Series 2025 Bonds

The Series 2025 Bonds are special limited obligations of the Unified Government payable solely from and secured by a first priority pledge of and lien on revenues derived by the Unified Government from the operation of the System remaining after the payment of reasonable and necessary costs of operating and maintaining the System (the “Net Operating Revenues”). The Series 2025 Bonds will be equally and ratably secured on a parity basis with any additional revenue bonds of the Unified Government hereafter issued on a parity basis with the Series 2025 Bonds.

The Series 2025 Bonds do not and will not constitute a debt or general obligation of the Unified Government or a pledge of the faith and credit or taxing power of the Unified Government. No governmental entity, including the Unified Government, is obligated to levy any tax for the payment of the Series 2025 Bonds. No recourse may be had against the General Fund of the Unified Government for the payment of the Series 2025 Bonds. The pledge of and lien on Net Operating Revenues securing the Series 2025 Bonds does not create a legal or equitable pledge, charge, lien or encumbrance upon any of the Unified Government’s property or income, receipts, or revenues, except the Net Operating Revenues and certain amounts on deposit in the funds held under the hereinafter described Bond Ordinance.

For more complete and detailed information, see “SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE SERIES 2025 BONDS” herein.

Description of the Series 2025 Bonds

*Redemption.** The Series 2025 Bonds are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity. See “THE SERIES 2025 BONDS – Optional Redemption; – Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption” herein.

Denominations. The Series 2025 Bonds are issuable in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof.

Payments. Interest on the Series 2025 Bonds is payable by check or draft, semiannually beginning January 1, 2026, and thereafter on January 1 and July 1 of each year until maturity (each an “Interest Payment Date”). Interest on the Series 2025 Bonds is payable by check or draft mailed to the registered owners thereof at the addresses which appear on the bond registration books kept by the Bond Registrar on the record dates, which are the 15th day of the calendar months preceding such January 1 and July 1. The principal of and premium, if any, on the Series 2025 Bonds are payable when due to the registered owner upon presentation and surrender at the main corporate trust office of the Paying Agent. So long as The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) New York, New York, or its nominee, Cede & Co., is the registered owner of the Series 2025 Bonds, payments of the principal of, premium, and interest on the Series 2025 Bonds will be made directly to Cede & Co., which will remit such payments to the DTC participants, which will in turn remit such payments to the beneficial owners of the Series 2025 Bonds. For more complete information, see “THE SERIES 2025 BONDS - Description” herein.

Book-Entry Bonds. The Series 2025 Bonds will be issued as fully-registered bonds in the denomination of one bond per aggregate principal amount of the stated maturity thereof, and, when issued, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC, an automated depository for securities and clearing house for securities transactions, which will act as security depository for the Series 2025 Bonds. Purchasers will not receive certificates representing

their ownership interest in the Series 2025 Bonds purchased. Purchases of beneficial interests in the Series 2025 Bonds will be made in book-entry only form (without certificates), in authorized denominations, and, under certain circumstances as more fully described in this Official Statement, such beneficial interests are exchangeable for one or more registered Series 2025 Bonds of like principal amount and maturity in authorized denominations. For more complete information, see “THE SERIES 2025 BONDS – Book-Entry Only System” herein.

For a more complete description of the Series 2025 Bonds and the basic documentation pursuant to which they were issued, see “THE SERIES 2025 BONDS” and APPENDIX B – “SUMMARY OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS AND DEFINITIONS OF CERTAIN TERMS – THE BOND ORDINANCE” herein.

Tax Exemption

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under existing laws, regulations, and judicial decisions, and assuming continued compliance by the Unified Government with certain covenants in the Bond Ordinance, interest on the Series 2025 Bonds (including any original issue discount allocable to the holder thereof) is exempt from present State of Georgia income taxation, is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals; however, such interest is taken into account in determining the annual adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations. See APPENDIX C hereto for the form of the opinion Bond Counsel proposes to deliver in connection with the issuance of the Series 2025 Bonds. For a more complete discussion of such opinions and certain other tax consequences of owning the Series 2025 Bonds, including certain exceptions to the exclusion of the interest on the Series 2025 Bonds from gross income, see “LEGAL MATTERS - Opinion of Bond Counsel” herein.

Bond Registrar, Paying Agent, Custodian, and Depository

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., Atlanta, Georgia, will act as bond registrar, as paying agent, and as authentication agent for the Series 2025 Bonds and as custodian of the Sinking Fund created under the hereinafter described Bond Ordinance. Truist Bank, Charlotte, North Carolina, will initially act as depository of the Revenue Fund, the Renewal and Extension Fund, and the Construction Fund created under the hereinafter-described Bond Ordinance.

Professionals Involved in the Offering

Certain legal matters pertaining to the Unified Government and its authorization and issuance of the Series 2025 Bonds are subject to the approving opinion of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP, Atlanta, Georgia, Bond Counsel. Copies of such opinion will be available at the time of delivery of the Series 2025 Bonds, and a copy of the proposed form of such opinion is attached hereto as Appendix C. Certain legal matters will be passed on for the Unified Government by its attorney, Judd Drake, Esq., Athens, Georgia. The financial statements of the Unified Government as of June 30, 2024 and for the fiscal year then ended, attached hereto as part of Appendix A, have been audited by Rushton, LLC, Gainesville, Georgia, independent certified public accountants, to the extent and for the periods indicated in their report thereon which appears in Appendix A hereto.

Legal Authority

The Series 2025 Bonds are being issued and secured pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia and the laws of the State of Georgia including particularly the Revenue Bond Law (O.C.G.A. §36-82-60, *et seq.*, as amended). The Series 2025 Bonds will be issued under and secured pursuant to the terms and conditions of a Bond Ordinance to be enacted by the Commission of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia (the “Commission”) on April 1, 2025, as amended or supplemented on June 3, 2025 (together, the “Bond Ordinance”). For more complete information, see “THE SERIES 2025 BONDS - Legal Authority” herein.

Offering and Delivery of the Series 2025 Bonds

The Series 2025 Bonds are offered when, as, and if issued by the Unified Government, subject to prior sale and to withdrawal or modification of the offer without notice. The Series 2025 Bonds in definitive form are expected to be delivered through The Depository Trust Company in New York, New York on or about July __, 2025.

Continuing Disclosure

The Unified Government has covenanted in the Bond Ordinance and a Continuing Disclosure Certificate (the “Disclosure Certificate”) for the benefit of the beneficial owners of the Series 2025 Bonds to provide certain financial information and operating data relating to the System (the “Annual Report”) by not later than seven months after the end of each fiscal year of the Unified Government, commencing with fiscal year 2025, and to provide notices of the occurrence of certain enumerated events. The Annual Report and event notices will be filed by the Unified Government with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the “MSRB”) in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB (which, as of the date hereof, is the Electronic Municipal Market Access (“EMMA”) system of the MSRB). The form of the Disclosure Certificate is attached hereto as Appendix D. These covenants have been made in order to comply with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) (the “Rule”). See “CONTINUING DISCLOSURE” herein.

Other Information

This Official Statement speaks only as of its date, and the information contained herein is subject to change.

This Official Statement and the Appendices hereto contain brief descriptions of, among other matters, the Unified Government, the Series 2025 Bonds, the System, the Bond Ordinance, and the security and sources of payment for the Series 2025 Bonds. Such descriptions and information do not purport to be comprehensive or definitive. The summaries of various constitutional provisions and statutes, the Bond Ordinance and other documents are intended as summaries only and are qualified in their entirety by reference to such documents, and references herein to the Series 2025 Bonds are qualified in their entirety to the forms thereof included in the Bond Ordinance. Copies of the Bond Ordinance and other documents and information are available, upon request and upon payment to the Unified Government of a charge for copying, mailing, and handling, from the attorney to the Unified Government, Judd Drake, Esq., Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, 155 E. Washington Street, Athens, Georgia, 30601, telephone (706) 613-3035.

The Series 2025 Bonds have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, and the Bond Ordinance has not been qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, in reliance on exemptions contained in such Acts.

This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of the Series 2025 Bonds by any person in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for such person to make such offer, solicitation, or sale.

No dealer, broker, salesman, or other person has been authorized by the Unified Government to give any information or to make any representations other than those contained in this Official Statement, and, if given or made, such other information or representations should not be relied upon as having been authorized by the Unified Government. Except where otherwise indicated, all information contained in this Official Statement has been provided by the Unified Government. The information set forth herein has been obtained by the Unified Government from sources which are believed to be reliable but is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness by the Unified Government. The information contained herein is subject to change without notice, and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made hereunder shall under any circumstances create an implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Unified Government or the other matters described herein since the date hereof or the earlier dates set forth herein as of which certain information contained herein is given.

THE SERIES 2025 BONDS

Description

The Series 2025 Bonds are being issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$135,425,000*. The Series 2025 Bonds will be dated as their date of delivery and will bear interest at the rates set forth on the inside cover page of this Official Statement, payable January 1, 2026, and semiannually thereafter on January 1 and July 1 of each year (each an “Interest Payment Date”). The Series 2025 Bonds will mature on January 1 of the years and in the amounts set for on the inside cover page hereof.

Denominations, Payments, Registrations, Transfers and Exchanges

The Series 2025 Bonds will be issued in fully-registered form in the denomination of \$5,000 each or integral multiples thereof. The Unified Government, the Bond Registrar and the Paying Agent may deem and treat the registered owner as the absolute owner of such Series 2025 Bond for purposes of receiving payment of or on account of principal and interest payable thereon, and for all other purposes; the Unified Government, the Bond Registrar and the Paying Agent will not be affected by any notice to the contrary.

When in book-entry form, the purchasers of the Series 2025 Bonds (the “Beneficial Owners”) will not receive certificates representing their ownership interest in the Series 2025 Bonds. Instead, such Series 2025 Bonds will be held by a securities depository, initially The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) and registered in the name of DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co. Any transfer or exchange of the ownership interest in Series 2025 Bonds held in book-entry form will be made through computerized book-entry changes on the books of DTC through DTC’s Direct and Indirect Participants in the manner described herein under “THE SERIES 2025 BONDS - Book-Entry Only.”

When not in book-entry form, ownership of any Series 2025 Bond is transferable upon surrender thereof to the Bond Registrar, together with an assignment duly executed by the registered owner or his attorney, in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Bond Registrar. Upon any such transfer of ownership, the Bond Registrar will cause to be authenticated and delivered a new Series 2025 Bond or Series 2025 Bonds registered in the name of the transferee in the authorized denomination in the same aggregate principal amount and interest rate as the Series 2025 Bonds surrendered for such transfer. When not in book-entry form, the Series 2025 Bonds may be exchanged for a like principal amount of Series 2025 Bonds of the same interest rate of other authorized denominations. For every exchange or registration of transfer, the Bond Registrar may charge an amount sufficient to reimburse it for any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such exchange or registration of transfer, but no other charge may be made to the owner for any exchange or registration of transfer of the Series 2025 Bonds.

Book-Entry Only System

The Series 2025 Bonds will be issued in book-entry form as one fully-registered bond for each maturity registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, as Owner of the Series 2025 Bonds. For purposes of this Official Statement (other than the statements under “LEGAL MATTERS”), so long as all of the Series 2025 Bonds are held in DTC’s book-entry system, references to owners of the Series 2025 Bonds means DTC or its nominee.

The information in this section concerning DTC and the DTC book-entry system has been obtained from DTC and the Unified Government takes no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness thereof.

DTC will act as securities depository for the Series 2025 Bonds. The Series 2025 Bonds will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC’s partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered certificate for each maturity of the Series 2025 Bonds will be issued, in the aggregate principal amount of such issue, and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC, the world’s largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a “banking organization” within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a “clearing corporation” within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a “clearing agency” registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). DTC has a Standard & Poor's rating of AA+. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the SEC. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.

Purchases of Series 2025 Bonds under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Series 2025 Bonds on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Series 2025 Bonds ("Beneficial Owner") is in turn to be recorded on the Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Series 2025 Bonds are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in Series 2025 Bonds, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Series 2025 Bonds is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Series 2025 Bonds deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of Series 2025 Bonds with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Series 2025 Bonds; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Series 2025 Bonds are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Beneficial Owners of Series 2025 Bonds may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the Securities, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the Bond documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of Series 2025 Bonds may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Series 2025 Bonds for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to Beneficial Owners. In the alternative, Beneficial Owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the registrar and request that copies of notices be provided directly to them.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to Series 2025 Bonds unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to Unified Government as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts Series 2025 Bonds are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments on the Series 2025 Bonds will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from Unified Government or Agent, on payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC, the Paying Agent/Registrar of each series, or the Unified

Government, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the Unified Government or the Paying Agent/Registrar, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Participants.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the Series 2025 Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to the Unified Government or the Paying Agent/Registrar. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, Bonds certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

The Unified Government may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, Bond certificates will be printed and delivered to DTC.

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that the Unified Government believes to be reliable, but the Unified Government takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

SO LONG AS CEDE & CO., AS NOMINEE FOR DTC, IS THE SOLE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE SERIES 2025 BONDS, THE DISTRICT AND THE PAYING AGENT WILL TREAT CEDE & CO. AS THE ONLY OWNER OF THE SERIES 2025 BONDS FOR ALL PURPOSES UNDER THE INDENTURE, INCLUDING RECEIPT OF ALL DISTRIBUTIONS ON THE SERIES 2025 BONDS, RECEIPT OF NOTICES, VOTING AND REQUESTING OR DIRECTING THE DISTRICT OR THE PAYING AGENT TO TAKE OR NOT TO TAKE, OR CONSENTING TO, CERTAIN ACTIONS UNDER THE INDENTURE. NEITHER THE DISTRICT NOR THE PAYING AGENT SHALL HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY OR OBLIGATION TO THE PARTICIPANTS OR THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS WITH RESPECT TO (A) THE ACCURACY OF ANY RECORDS MAINTAINED BY DTC OR ANY PARTICIPANT WITH RESPECT TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN ANY SERIES 2025 BONDS; (B) THE PAYMENT BY ANY PARTICIPANT OF ANY AMOUNT DUE TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER IN RESPECT OF THE DISTRIBUTIONS ON THE SERIES 2025 BONDS; (C) THE DELIVERY OR TIMELINESS OF DELIVERY BY ANY PARTICIPANT OF ANY NOTICE TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER WHICH IS REQUIRED OR PERMITTED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE INDENTURE TO BE GIVEN TO OWNERS OF THE SERIES 2025 BONDS INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY NOTICE OF PREPAYMENT; OR (D) OTHER ACTION TAKEN BY DTC OR CEDE & CO., AS REGISTERED OWNER.

Beneficial Owners of the Series 2025 Bonds may experience some delay in their receipt of distributions of principal and interest on the Series 2025 Bonds since such distributions will be forwarded by the Paying Agent to DTC and DTC will credit such distributions to the accounts of Direct Participants which will thereafter credit them to the accounts of Beneficial Owners either directly or indirectly through Indirect Participants.

Issuance of the Series 2025 Bonds in book-entry form may reduce the liquidity of the Series 2025 Bonds in the secondary trading market since investors may be unwilling to purchase Series 2025 Bonds for which they cannot obtain physical certificates. In addition, since transactions in the Series 2025 Bonds can be effected only through DTC, Direct Participants, Indirect Participants, and certain banks, the ability of a Beneficial Owner to pledge Series 2025 Bonds to persons or entities that do not participate in the DTC system, or otherwise to take action in respect of such Series 2025 Bonds, may be limited due to lack of a physical certificate. Beneficial Owners will not be recognized by the Paying Agent as registered owners for purposes of the Bond Resolution, and Beneficial Owners will be permitted to exercise the rights of registered owners only indirectly through DTC and the Direct or Indirect Participants.

Optional Redemption*

The Series 2025 Bonds are not subject to optional redemption.

Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption

The Series 2025 Bonds are not subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption.

Legal Authority

Paragraph I of Section VI of Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Georgia authorizes any political subdivision to issue revenue bonds as provided by general law and provides (1) that the obligation represented by revenue bonds shall be repayable only out of the revenue derived from the project and shall not be deemed to be a debt of the issuing political subdivision and (2) that no issuing political subdivision shall exercise the power of taxation for the purpose of paying any part of the principal or interest of any such revenue bonds.

The Series 2025 Bonds are being issued and secured pursuant to the authority granted by Article 3 of Chapter 82 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, known as the “Revenue Bond Law” (the “Revenue Bond Law”), and under the provisions of the Bond Ordinance.

Investments

For a description of how the proceeds of the Series 2025 Bonds are to be invested pending their use, the provisions governing those investments, the conditions that must be satisfied before such proceeds of the Series 2025 Bonds may be applied to their intended use, and other provisions governing the investment of such proceeds of the Series 2025 Bonds and the amounts held to pay debt service on the Series 2025 Bonds, see “SUMMARY OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS AND DEFINITIONS OF CERTAIN TERMS – THE BOND ORDINANCE - Investment of Funds and Accounts” in Appendix B hereto and “SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE SERIES 2025 BONDS - Funds Created by the Bond Ordinance and Flow of Funds” herein.

SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE SERIES 2025 BONDS

Pledge of Revenues

Under the terms of the Bond Ordinance, the Series 2025 Bonds are secured by a first priority pledge of and lien on revenues derived by the Unified Government from the ownership and operation of the System, remaining after the payment of reasonable costs of operating and maintaining the System (the “Net Operating Revenues”).

The Unified Government has covenanted in the Bond Ordinance that it will not create or permit to be created in the operation and maintenance of the System any lien or charge on the System or upon the revenues derived therefrom ranking prior to or (except as provided in the Bond Ordinance with respect to the issuance of parity bonds and other obligations) equally with the lien or charge upon such revenues created by the Bond Ordinance. The Unified Government has also made certain covenants in the Bond Ordinance concerning the sale or disposition of the System, insurance on the System, and the books and records relating to the System, which are described in “SUMMARY OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS AND DEFINITIONS OF CERTAIN TERMS – THE BOND ORDINANCE – Insurance; – No Sale, Lease, or Encumbrance; Exceptions; and – Books, Records, and Accounts” in Appendix B to this Official Statement.

Funds Created by the Bond Ordinance and Flow of Funds

The Bond Ordinance creates and requires the Unified Government to maintain the following funds:

- (1) the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Water and Sewerage Revenue Fund, to be held by the Unified Government separate and apart from its other funds with Truist Bank, Charlotte, North Carolina, as depository;
- (2) the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Water and Sewerage Sinking Fund, to be held as a separate trust account with The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., Atlanta, Georgia, as custodian, and therein the following four accounts:

- (a) Interest Account and a “Series 2025 Subaccount” therein;
- (b) Senior Hedge Payments Account;
- (c) Principal Account and a “Series 2025 Subaccount” therein; and
- (d) Capitalized Interest Account.

(3) the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Water and Sewerage Renewal and Extension Fund, to be held by the Unified Government separate and apart from its other funds with Truist Bank, Charlotte, North Carolina, as depository;

(4) the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Rate Stabilization Fund, to be held by the Unified Government separate and apart from its other funds with Truist Bank, Charlotte, North Carolina, as depository;

(5) the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Water and Sewerage Rebate Fund and therein the following one account:

- (a) Series 2025 Subaccount; and

(6) the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Water and Sewerage Construction Fund, to be held by the Unified Government separate and apart from its other funds with Truist Bank, Charlotte, North Carolina, as depository and therein the following one account:

- (a) Series 2025 Subaccount.

For a more detailed description of the funds created by the Bond Ordinance and the flow of funds, see “SUMMARY OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS AND DEFINITIONS OF CERTAIN TERMS – THE BOND ORDINANCE” in Appendix B hereto.

Rate Covenant

The Unified Government has covenanted and agreed in the Bond Ordinance that it shall prescribe, fix, maintain and collect rates, fees and other charges for the services, facilities and commodities furnished by the System during each 12-month period used by the Issuer for its general accounting purposes (as such period may be changed from time to time, the “Fiscal Year”) of the following year which are estimated to yield Adjusted Available Revenues (as defined in the Bond Ordinance and described below) for such Fiscal Year equal to at least the Coverage Requirement (as defined in the Bond Ordinance and described below) for such Fiscal Year.

The Coverage Requirement for any Fiscal Year or any other pertinent period is an amount of Adjusted Available Revenues equal to at least:

- (i) 125% of debt service owed on all Senior Bonds for such Fiscal Year or other pertinent period, as applicable; and
- (ii) 100% of debt service owed on all Subordinate Bonds for such Fiscal Year or other pertinent period, as applicable.

For any Fiscal Year, the Adjusted Available Revenues are the Net Operating Revenues remaining after payment or setting aside of all payments, transfers and other deposits required for (a) the payment of the Expenses of Operation and Maintenance and then (b) any amounts required to be deposited into the Rebate Fund, as more fully described in the Bond Ordinance and Appendix B to this Official Statement under the headings “SUMMARY OF

CERTAIN DOCUMENTS AND DEFINITIONS OF CERTAIN TERMS – Definitions; and – THE BOND ORDINANCE – Rate Covenant”.

The Unified Government may make adjustments from time to time in such fees and charges and may make such classification thereof as it deems necessary, but shall not reduce the rates, fees and charges then in effect unless the Adjusted Available Revenues from such reduced rates, fees and charges are estimated to be sufficient to meet the requirements of the rate covenant described in Section 6.1 of the Bond Ordinance.

Consistent with the Bond Ordinance, on a single occasion to be determined by the Unified Government, the Unified Government may deposit into the Rate Stabilization Fund, from available amounts in the Renewal and Extension Fund, such amount as the Unified Government shall determine. Further, from time to time, notwithstanding anything in the Bond Ordinance to the contrary, the Unified Government may deposit into the Rate Stabilization Fund from Operating Revenues derived in the current Fiscal Year such amounts as the Unified Government shall determine, and the amount of Operating Revenues shall be reduced by the amount so transferred for such Fiscal Year for the purposes for which Operating Revenues are computed under the Bond Ordinance; provided, however, no such transfer shall be effected if after making such transfer and reduction Operating Revenues are not estimated to equal or exceed the Coverage Requirement for such Fiscal Year. Amounts may be transferred from the Rate Stabilization Fund and deposited in the Revenue Fund, and any amounts so transferred within 270 days after the end of a Fiscal Year shall be deemed Operating Revenues for such Fiscal Year when so transferred. The Unified Government may also transfer moneys on deposit in the Rate Stabilization Fund to the Renewal and Extension Fund. All interest or other earnings upon amounts in the Rate Stabilization Fund may be withdrawn therefrom, be deposited in the Revenue Fund, and be accounted for as Operating Revenues.

If the Unified Government fails to prescribe, fix, maintain and collect rates, fees and other charges, or to revise such rates, fees and other charges in accordance with the provisions of the Bond Ordinance, the owners of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Senior Bonds (as defined in the Bond Ordinance) then Outstanding, without regard to whether any Event of Default (as defined in the Bond Ordinance) shall have occurred, may institute and prosecute in any court of competent jurisdiction an appropriate action to compel the Unified Government to prescribe, fix, maintain or collect such rates, fees and other charges, or to revise such rates, fees and other charges in accordance with the requirements of the Bond Ordinance.

The rates, fees and other charges shall be classified in a reasonable manner to cover users of the services and facilities furnished by the System so that, as nearly as practicable, such rates, fees and other charges shall be uniform in application to all users falling within any reasonable class. No free services shall at any time be furnished from the System and it will undertake within its health powers or such other applicable powers now or hereafter provided by law to require the owners of all improved property abutting any sewerage lien to connect with the System. No customer shall be connected to the System or served by the Unified Government without a proper meter having been first installed. All services shall be furnished in accordance with rates now or hereafter established, including services furnished to any county, municipal corporation or other public board or body. Notwithstanding the above limitation in this paragraph, the Unified Government in the exercise of its reasonable discretion shall have the right to temporarily furnish free water to nonprofit bodies or public bodies for emergency purposes.

For a more detailed description of the rate covenant, see “SUMMARY OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS AND DEFINITIONS OF CERTAIN TERMS – Definitions; and – THE BOND ORDINANCE – Rate Covenant” in Appendix B hereto.

Parity and Subordinate Bonds

Upon satisfaction of certain conditions, the Bond Ordinance permits the Unified Government, for specified purposes, to issue additional revenue bonds and obligations without express limit as to principal amount, which will be equally and ratably secured on a parity basis with the Series 2025 Bonds under the Bond Ordinance. See “SUMMARY OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS AND DEFINITIONS OF CERTAIN TERMS – THE BOND ORDINANCE – Parity Bonds Generally; and – Subordinate Bonds” in Appendix B hereto. The Unified Government may issue Additional Parity Bonds (as defined in the Bond Ordinance) in the future to finance part of the costs of ongoing capital improvements to the System. The issuance of Additional Parity Bonds may dilute the security for the Series 2025

Bonds. The Bond Ordinance also allows the Unified Government to issue obligations secured by the Net Operating Revenues which are junior and subordinate to the Bonds (as defined in the Bond Ordinance) as to lien and right of payment.

Limited Obligations

The Series 2025 Bonds are special limited obligations of the Unified Government payable solely from the Net Operating Revenues. The Series 2025 Bonds are not payable from and are not secured by a charge, lien, or encumbrance upon any funds or assets of the Unified Government other than the Net Operating Revenues and the funds created and held under the Bond Ordinance.

THE SERIES 2025 BONDS DO NOT AND WILL NOT CONSTITUTE A DEBT OR GENERAL OBLIGATION OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OR A PLEDGE OF THE FAITH AND CREDIT OR TAXING POWER OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT. NO GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY, INCLUDING THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT IS OBLIGATED TO LEVY ANY TAX FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE SERIES 2025 BONDS. NO RECOURSE MAY BE HAD AGAINST THE GENERAL FUND OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE SERIES 2025 BONDS. THE PLEDGE OF AND LIEN ON NET OPERATING REVENUES SECURING THE SERIES 2025 BONDS DOES NOT CREATE A LEGAL OR EQUITABLE PLEDGE, CHARGE, LIEN, OR ENCUMBRANCE UPON ANY OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT'S PROPERTY OR INCOME, RECEIPTS, OR REVENUES, EXCEPT THE NET OPERATING REVENUES AND THE AMOUNTS ON DEPOSIT IN THE FUNDS HELD UNDER THE BOND ORDINANCE.

Remedies

The Revenue Bond Law provides that the provisions of the Revenue Bond Law and the Bond Ordinance constitute a contract between the Unified Government and the owners of the Series 2025 Bonds. For a description of the remedies available to owners of the Series 2025 Bonds under the terms of the Bond Ordinance upon the occurrence of an Event of Default thereunder, see "SUMMARY OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS AND DEFINITIONS OF CERTAIN TERMS – THE BOND ORDINANCE – Events of Default; – Remedies; – Waiver of Default; and – Application of Money After Default" in Appendix B hereto. In addition to the remedies set forth in the Bond Ordinance, the Revenue Bond Law provides that the duties of the Unified Government, the Mayor and Commission of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, and the officers of the Unified Government under the Revenue Bond Law and the Bond Ordinance are enforceable by any owner of the Series 2025 Bonds by mandamus or other appropriate action or proceeding at law or in equity.

The Revenue Bond Law also provides that in the event the Unified Government defaults in the payment of the principal or interest on any of the Series 2025 Bonds after the same becomes due, whether at maturity or upon call for redemption, and such default continues for a period of 30 days, or in the event the Unified Government or the Mayor and Commission of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, or the officers, agents, or employees of the Unified Government fail or refuse to comply with the essential provisions of the Revenue Bond Law or default in any material respect in the Bond Ordinance, any holders of the Series 2025 Bonds shall have the right to apply in an appropriate judicial proceeding to the Superior Court of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia or to any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a receiver of the System, whether or not all Series 2025 Bonds have been declared due and payable and whether or not such holder is seeking or has sought to enforce any other right or to exercise any remedy in connection with the Series 2025 Bonds. Upon such application, the Superior Court, if it deems such action necessary for the protection of the bondholders, may appoint and, if the application is made by the holders of 25 percent in principal amount of the Series 2025 Bonds then outstanding, shall appoint a receiver of the System.

The receiver so appointed under the Revenue Bond Law, directly or by his agents and attorneys, is required under the Revenue Bond Law to forthwith enter into and upon and take possession of the System. If the court so directs, the receiver may exclude the Unified Government, the Mayor and Commission of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, and the Unified Government's officers, agents, and employees, and all persons claiming under them, wholly from the System. Under the Revenue Bond Law, the receiver will have, hold, use, operate, manage, and control the System, in the name of the Unified Government or otherwise, as the receiver may deem best. Under the Revenue Bond Law, the receiver will exercise all the rights and powers of the Unified Government with respect to the System as the

Unified Government itself might do. The receiver will maintain, restore, insure, and keep insured the System and from time to time will make all such necessary or proper repairs as the receiver may deem expedient. Under the Revenue Bond Law, the receiver will establish, levy, maintain, and collect such fees, tolls, rentals, and other charges in connection with the System as he deems necessary or proper and reasonable. Under the Revenue Bond Law, the receiver will collect and receive all revenues and will deposit the same in a separate account and apply the revenues so collected and received in such manner as the court shall direct.

Notwithstanding the provisions of the Revenue Bond Law described above, the receiver has no power to sell, assign, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of any assets of whatever kind or character belonging to the Unified Government and useful for the System. The authority of any such receiver is limited to the operation and maintenance of the System. No court may have jurisdiction to enter any order or decree requiring or permitting the receiver to sell, assign, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of any such assets.

The receiver must, in the performance of the powers conferred upon him, act under the direction and supervision of the court making such appointment and will at all times be subject to the orders and decrees of such court and may be removed by such court.

Under the terms of the Revenue Bond Law, whenever all that is due upon the Series 2025 Bonds and interest thereon and upon any other notes, bonds or other obligations and interest thereon having a charge, lien, or encumbrance on the revenues of the System and under any of the terms of the Bond Ordinance has been paid or deposited as provided therein and whenever all defaults have been cured and made good and it appears to the court that no default is imminent, the court must direct the receiver to surrender possession of the System to the Unified Government. The same right of the holders of the Series 2025 Bonds to secure the appointment of a receiver exists upon any subsequent default as is provided in the Revenue Bond Law.

If the Unified Government were to default on the Series 2025 Bonds, the realization of value from the pledge of the Net Operating Revenues to secure the payment of the Series 2025 Bonds would depend upon the exercise of various remedies specified by the Bond Ordinance and Georgia law (including the Revenue Bond Law). These remedies may require judicial actions, which are often subject to discretion and delay and which may be difficult to pursue. The enforceability of rights or remedies, with respect to the Series 2025 Bonds may be limited by state and federal laws, rulings, and decisions affecting remedies and by bankruptcy, insolvency, or other laws affecting creditors' rights or remedies heretofore or hereafter enacted.

Section 36-80-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated provides that no political subdivision created under the Constitution or laws of the State of Georgia shall be authorized to file a petition for relief from payment of its debts as they mature or a petition for composition of its debts under any federal statute providing for such relief or composition or otherwise to take advantage of any federal statute providing for the adjustment of debts of political subdivisions and public agencies and instrumentalities. Section 36-80-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated also provides that no chief executive, mayor, board of commissioners, or other governmental officer, governing body, or organization shall be empowered to cause or authorize the filing by or on behalf of any political subdivision created under the Constitution or laws of the State of Georgia of any petition for relief from payment of its debts as they mature or a petition for composition of its debts under any federal statute providing for such relief or composition or otherwise to take advantage of any federal statute providing for the adjustment of debts of political subdivisions and public agencies and instrumentalities.

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PLAN OF FINANCING

Estimated Sources and Applications of Funds*

The sources and applications of funds in connection with the issuance of the Series 2025 Bonds are estimated below.

Estimated Sources of Funds:

Principal Amount of Series 2025 Bonds	\$135,425,000*
Less: [Plus/Less] Net Original Issue [Premium/Discount]	
[Plus: Amounts related to the Refunded Bonds on deposit in the sinking fund, established under the Series 2015 Ordinance]*	
Total Sources of Funds	\$

Estimated Applications of Funds:

Redeem Refunded Bonds	\$
Costs of Issuance ⁽¹⁾	
Total Applications of Funds	\$

⁽¹⁾ Includes legal and accounting fees, initial Bond Registrar's and Paying Agent's fees, Financial Advisor's fees, printing costs, validation court costs, rating agencies' fees, underwriters' discount and other costs of issuance.

The Refunding

Pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia, including particularly the Revenue Bond Law (O.C.G.A. §36-82-60, *et seq.*, as amended), and a bond ordinance enacted by the Commission of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia (the "Commission") on May 5, 2015 (the "2015 Ordinance"), the Unified Government has heretofore issued its Water and Sewerage Revenue Bonds, Series 2015 (the "Series 2015 Bonds" or the "Refunded Bonds") for the purpose of providing funds to (i) refund the Unified Government's previously issued and outstanding Water and Sewerage Revenue Bonds, Series 2008, (ii) pay the costs of making renovations, additions, extensions and expansions to a portion of the System, and (iii) pay the costs of issuing the Series 2015 Bonds.

The proceeds of the Series 2025 Bonds will be used to (i) refund the previously issued and outstanding Series 2015 Bonds and (ii) pay the costs of issuing the Series 2025 Bonds.

THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT

Introduction

The Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia is a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision created and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia and presently has as its formal or legal name "Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia." The Unified Government was created pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, approved March 2, 1990, as amended (the "Unification Act"). The Unification Act unified the governmental and corporate powers, duties, and functions then vested in the governing authority of the municipal corporation known as the "City of Athens, Georgia" (the "City") with the governmental and corporate powers, duties, and functions of and the political subdivision known as "Clarke County, Georgia" (the "County"). The Unification Act and the unification of the City and the County were separately approved by a majority of the qualified voters of the City and the County at an election held on August 7, 1990. The Unified Government

became effective as a unified city-county government on January 14, 1991, with territorial limits covering all of what was formerly the County. While the newly elected officials of the Unified Government took office on the effective date of unification, the City and the County continued to operate as separate financial entities for the remainder of the fiscal year ended June 30, 1991. The Unified Government commenced consolidated financial operations on July 1, 1991.

The Unified Government is one of several consolidated city-county governments currently existing within the State of Georgia. As a consolidated government, it has all of the governmental and corporate powers of both municipal corporations and counties under Georgia law. Under the terms of the Unification Act, the Unified Government has all of the governmental and corporate powers, duties, and functions heretofore held by and vested in the City and the County, and also the powers, duties, and functions provided in the Unified Government's charter. Unification is intended to result in the removal of duplicate services formerly rendered by county and city governments. As a result of unification, the Unified Government provides, under one management, public services throughout its territorial limits, which services would have been provided separately by the City and the County.

The City was originally chartered in 1806 by an act of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia. The City was the county seat of the County, which was originally chartered in 1801 by an act of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia. Athens-Clarke County is located in the northeast portion of Georgia, approximately 65 miles north of Atlanta, Georgia and 100 miles northwest of Augusta, Georgia. Athens-Clarke County has a land area of approximately 125 square miles, which is the smallest land area of Georgia's 159 counties; however, Athens-Clarke County ranks as the 19th most populous county in Georgia.

Athens-Clarke County is the home of the University of Georgia, the oldest state-chartered university in the United States. The University of Georgia had a student enrollment in the fall of 2024 of approximately 41,615, including undergraduate and graduate/professional students (figure includes students enrolled at extended campuses in Gwinnett County, Tifton, Griffin and Buckhead).

Unified Government Administration and Officials

The form of government of the Unified Government is a consolidated city-county form of government. Under the Unification Act, the governing authority of the Unified Government is a commission designated as the "Commission of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia" (the "Commission"). The Commission consists of ten members. The Mayor of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia (the "Mayor") presides over meetings of the Commission. The members of the Commission serve staggered terms of office of four years. All members of the Commission are full voting members. The Mayor has the right to vote only in the case of a tie. Under the terms of the Unification Act, seven members of the Commission constitute a quorum for the transaction of ordinary business, and an affirmative vote of at least six members is required for the Commission to take action.

For the purpose of electing members of the Commission, the Unified Government is divided into ten commission districts. Each commissioner is elected by the voters residing within such commissioner's commission district. No person is eligible to serve as a commissioner unless he or she: (1) has attained the age of 21 years, (2) is a qualified voter of the Unified Government, and (3) has resided in the territory of the Unified Government for one year and within the territorial limits of the district from which elected on the date of qualifying for election. A member of the Commission must continue to reside within the district from which elected during such member's term of office.

The Mayor is the official representative of the Unified Government and is elected on a territory-wide basis by the voters of the entire territory of the Unified Government. No person will be eligible to serve as Mayor unless he or she, on the date of election: (1) has attained the age of 21 years, (2) has resided in the territory of the Unified Government for at least one year immediately preceding the date of election and must continue such residence therein during the term of office, (3) is a registered voter of the Unified Government, and (4) meets any other requirements as established by law. Any Mayor who has been elected for two full consecutive four-year terms of office is not eligible to be elected for the succeeding term.

Under the Unification Act, the Mayor is required to approve or veto every ordinance or resolution adopted by the Commission within ten business days after adoption. The Commission may override a veto of the Mayor by a vote of seven of the ten commissioners at the next Commission meeting following the veto. In the event the Mayor does not

approve or veto an adopted ordinance or resolution within the time required, it becomes law without his or her approval.

Information concerning the current Mayor and commissioners is set forth below:

<u>Name and Office Held</u>	<u>Expiration of Term</u>	<u>Principal Occupation</u>
Kelly Girtz, <i>Mayor</i>	January 5, 2027	Mayor
Patrick Davenport, <i>District 1</i>	January 5, 2027	Operations Manager
Melissa Link, <i>District 2</i>	January 2, 2029	Managing Editor
Tiffany S. Taylor, <i>District 3</i>	January 5, 2027	Nonprofit Director
Allison Wright, <i>District 4</i>	January 2, 2029	Certified Medical Illustrator
Dexter L. Fisher, <i>District 5</i>	January 5, 2027	Retired Chief of District Services
Stephanie Johnson, <i>District 6</i>	January 2, 2029	Commissioner
John Culpepper, <i>District 7</i>	January 5, 2027	Business Owner
Carol Myers, <i>District 8</i>	January 2, 2029	Retired Educator
Ovita Thornton, <i>District 9</i>	January 5, 2027	Executive Director
Mike Hamby, <i>District 10</i>	January 2, 2029	Business Owner

THE SYSTEM

Introduction

The Revenue Bond Law authorizes the Unified Government to acquire and operate for users within and outside its territorial boundaries systems, plants, works, instrumentalities, and properties (i) used or useful in connection with obtaining a water supply and conserving, treating, and disposing of water for public and private uses and (ii) used or useful in connection with collecting, treating, and disposing of sewage and wastewater.

Prior to the creation of the Unified Government, the City owned and operated the only public water supply and distribution system and wastewater treatment facilities within the County. The unification of the governments of the City and the County vested ownership and operation of the System with the Unified Government. The System operates as a department of the Unified Government.

Management

The Unified Government administers the daily operations of the System through its Public Utilities Department (the “Department”). The Manager of the Unified Government, who is appointed by the Commission upon recommendation of the Mayor, oversees the management and coordination of the operations and activities of the Department. The chief managerial officer of the Department is the Director of Public Utilities, who is appointed by the Manager.

Kelly Girtz has been the Mayor of the Unified Government since January 8, 2019. Mr. Girtz served as an Athens-Clarke County Commissioner from 2007 until 2019. He previously served as Director for Student Services at Foothills Charter High School from 2015 until 2018. From 1998 to 2014, Mr. Girtz worked as a teacher and administrator in the Clarke County School District in Athens. Mr. Girtz earned his Master of Arts in Teaching from Piedmont College and Bachelor of Science in Sociology from Old Dominion University.

Brad Griffin has been Interim Manager of the Unified Government since January of 2025. Prior to that, Mr. Griffin served as the Director of the Planning Department of the Unified Government for 24 years, retiring from that position in June of 2024. In his role as Planning Director, Mr. Griffin interacted frequently with the Manager’s Office, the Mayor and Commission, community members, and other Unified Government departments. A native of Warner Robins, Georgia, Mr. Griffin worked in the Planning Department while attending the University of Georgia and joined the department full time in 1992. At the Athens-Clarke County Regular Session voting meeting on January 7, 2025, the Mayor and Commission approved Mayor Kelly Girtz’s recommendation to appoint Mr. Griffin as the Interim Manager. Mr. Griffin took the Interim Manager role on January 17, 2025 upon the departure of the then-current acting Manager.

A national search began in early 2025 for a permanent Manager who will be recommended to the Mayor and Commission for approval by the mayor.

David Boyd has served as Director of Finance of the Unified Government since October, 2014. Previously, he served as Director of Finance for Delray Beach, Florida and City of Smyrna, Georgia. He also served as an auditor for the State of Georgia Department of Audits and Vice President of Finance for a not-for-profit healthcare and retirement organization. He holds a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Georgia and is a Georgia licensed Certified Public Accountant.

Hollis Terry, has been Director of the Department of Public Utilities of the Unified Government since March 17, 2023. He has worked for the Public Utilities Department since 2015, serving in several roles as a Water Reclamation Superintendent, Environmental Engineer, and Assistant Director before his appointment as Interim Director. Prior to joining the United Government Public Utilities Department, Mr. Terry worked in supervisory roles with public water reclamation facilities since 1999 with Gwinnett County, DeKalb County, and the City of Gainesville, Georgia. He holds a Georgia Wastewater Operator Class 1 certification and a Georgia Water Operator Class 3 certification. Mr. Terry graduated from Strayer University with a BBA in Management. He is also a graduate of the Georgia Association of Water Professionals Leadership Academy in 2021.

Manager's Duties

The Manager serves as the full-time administrative officer of the Unified Government. The Manager is recommended by the Mayor and confirmed by a majority vote of the entire Commission for a term of two years.

Based on the Unified Government's charter the Manager is responsible for:

- (1) The management and coordination of the operations and activities of the various departments and agencies of the Unified Government;
- (2) The appointment and removal of department heads;
- (3) The preparation of the proposed annual budget with the assistance of all department heads for approval by the Mayor;
- (4) Keeping the Commission at all times fully advised as to the financial condition and needs of the Unified Government;
- (5) Conducting studies and investigations and making reports thereon to the Commission concerning the operations of the departments, offices and agencies of the Unified Government;
- (6) Requiring any department, board, commission or agency under the Manager's jurisdiction to submit written reports and to provide other information deemed necessary;
- (7) Prescribing, requiring, publishing and implementing standards of administrative, management, and operating practices and procedures to be followed and adhered to by all offices, departments, boards, commissions, authorities and other agencies of the Unified Government which are subject to the Manager's supervision and jurisdiction;
- (8) Acting as the purchasing agent of Athens-Clarke County; and
- (9) Maintaining all required records of the operations and activities of the Unified Government.

In addition to the duties noted above, the Manager focuses government operations on long term plans and projects that will sustain or improve services for the citizens of the government. The Manager's Office uses a working team approach that combines the best efforts of the elected and constitutional officials and the government's department directors to provide innovative quality services and responsible stewardship of the government's resources.

System Facilities

Water System

The Unified Government's water system consists of a water supply, treatment, and distribution system. The System's primary sources of raw water are the North Oconee River, the Middle Oconee River, and Bear Creek Reservoir. The System has two raw water intake facilities on the North Oconee River, one raw water intake facility on the Middle Oconee River and one raw water intake facility at the Bear Creek Reservoir. The Unified Government ordinarily pumps raw water from its water intakes through a raw water pump station located at each intake to its water treatment plant, which is located on the North Oconee River at 800 Water Works Drive. The Unified Government then pumps treated water from its water treatment plant throughout its water distribution network of pipe, ground storage, and elevated storage facilities.

The two raw water intake facilities located on the North Oconee River had raw water pumping capacities of 6.0 million gallons per day ("MGD") and 20 MGD, respectively, when they were originally constructed in 1935 and 1969, respectively. These two facilities were upgraded in 2008 with new variable speed pumps that allow greater operational efficiency by reducing the number of pumps. The new pumping capacities are 11 MGD and 20 MGD. The raw water intake facility located on the Middle Oconee River has raw water pumping capacity of 24 MGD and was originally constructed in 1980. The condition of this intake facility is good. The raw water intake facility located at the Bear Creek Reservoir has raw water pumping capacity of 58 MGD.

In 2018, the Unified Government completed the installation of a Fixed Network Meter Reading System that uses the latest technology to read water meters faster, more efficiently, and more accurately on a near real-time basis; thereby, allowing for enhanced/improved customer service and management of the water meter system (collectively, the "Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project"). The Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project provides for field and office hardware and software that allows for reading of water meters from an office environment. This is accomplished by using water meters that transmit meter readings, at defined intervals to data collection transceivers and then to the Water Business Office by way of a wireless network. The Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project included the change-out of all 40,000 water meters within the water distribution system.

The Unified Government has one raw water storage reservoir. The water storage capacity is:

<u>Reservoir</u>	<u>Total Reservoir Capacity</u>	<u>Unified Government's Share of Reservoir Capacity</u>	<u>Location</u>
Bear Creek Reservoir	5 billion gallons	2.2 billion gallons ⁽¹⁾	Savage Road, Jackson County

⁽¹⁾ 44% of the total capacity.

The Unified Government owns one water treatment plant which is described below. The condition of the water treatment plant is excellent. Certain statistics regarding the J. G. Beacham plant are set forth below:

<u>Rated Capacity For Treatment of Raw Water (MGD)</u>	<u>Treated Water Pumping Rated Capacity (MGD)</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2024⁽¹⁾ Production of Treated Water (MGD)</u>		<u>Date of Original Construction</u>	<u>Date of Improvements</u>
		<u>Average Daily</u>	<u>Maximum Daily</u>		
36.0	47.0	14.1	17.64	1935	2008

⁽¹⁾ Fiscal Year 2024 began July 1, 2023 and ended June 30, 2024.

The Unified Government owns one ground storage tank with an aggregate storage capacity for treated water of 1.5 million gallons and owns 5 elevated storage tanks with an aggregate storage capacity for treated water of 2.75 million gallons. These storage tanks were constructed between 1960 and 2007 and are in excellent condition. In addition, the Unified Government has 7 million gallons of clear well water storage capacity at its water treatment plant.

The System's water distribution network consists of approximately 805 miles of pipelines, ranging in size from 6 inches to 36 inches in diameter. Most of the pipelines are made of cast iron or ductile iron. Approximately 20 percent of the pipelines have been in service for 60 years or more, with the oldest pipelines installed approximately 110 years ago. The general condition of the water distribution network is good. The Public Utilities Department initiated a program in 2004 to replace the older pipes in the system, investing approximately 3 million dollars per year in water line replacement. This is an ongoing project and results are extremely positive.

The Unified Government also owns 10 buildings, 98 vehicles, and various equipment related to the System.

Sewer System

The Unified Government's sewer system consists of a wastewater treatment and collection system. The sewer system dates from the late 1880s when wastewater collection sewers were initially installed in downtown Athens.

The Unified Government owns 3 wastewater treatment plants, which are described below.

<u>Plant</u>	<u>Rated Treatment Capacity (MGD)</u>	<u>2024 Actual Treatment Flow (MGD)</u>		<u>Date of Original Construction</u>	<u>Dates of Improvements</u>	<u>Receiving Stream</u>	<u>NPDES Permit Expiration Date⁽¹⁾</u>
		<u>Peak Month Average Day</u>	<u>Maximum Day</u>				
Cedar Creek	4.0	2.19	7.3	1980	2012	Oconee River	12/31/2023 ⁽²⁾
Middle Oconee	10.0	6.22	20.48	1964	1974, 1990, 2011	Middle Oconee River	06/30/2024 ⁽³⁾
North Oconee	14.0	6.67	14.13	1962	1974, 1988, 2011, 2022 – present	North Oconee River	11/30/2023 ⁽⁴⁾
Total	28.0	15.08	41.91				

⁽¹⁾ National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit renewal packages are generally received nine months prior to permit expiration and submitted six months prior to permit expiration.

⁽²⁾ The permit for this facility expired on December 31, 2023. The Unified Government has been granted an extension of the existing permit until the issuance of a new permit. As of the date of this Official Statement, the new permit is expected to be issued before the end of calendar year 2025.

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The condition of the wastewater treatment plants is excellent. See "THE SYSTEM - Governmental Approvals and Environmental Regulation - Issues Relating to Noncompliance" herein.

The Unified Government's wastewater collection and conveyance system consists of one wastewater pumping station and approximately 483 miles of collection sewer lines which transport sanitary sewage. Approximately 99 percent of the sewer system is drained by gravity, and the remainder requires pumping at least once. The collection and conveyance system uses a combination of 6-inch to 54-inch sewer lines. Most of the sewer lines are made of vitrified clay. The collection and conveyance system has standby pumps and a standby power system. A comprehensive sewer maintenance program was implemented in 2005. This resulted in an overall improvement of the sewer system and a reduction in the number of sewer overflows. The general condition of the collection and conveyance system is good.

Other Facilities

In 2008, the Public Utilities Department completed construction of a new Water Resources Center for conducting the laboratory analyses for the water treatment and wastewater treatment plants. In addition, the Water Treatment management staff and the Environmental Sampling group were relocated to this facility. This facility provides water quality testing results for all plant and community water sources, as well as, those analyses for regulatory compliance with State of Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division (“EPD”) regulations. The facility also provides space to conduct water conservation education, general training within the ACC government and a public meeting space for the community.

Awards

The Public Utilities Department has won numerous awards over the past 10 years. Some of these awards are listed below by year:

2020

Georgia Association of Water Professionals	April 2020
♦ Comprehensive Education Program of Excellence in Water & Wastewater	
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	April 2020
♦ Platinum Award, North Oconee Water Reclamation Facility (8)	
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	April 2020
♦ Platinum Award, Cedar Creek Water Reclamation Facility (8)	
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	April 2020
♦ Platinum Award, Middle Oconee Water Reclamation Facility (6)	
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	April 2020
♦ Platinum Award, JG Beacham Drinking Water Treatment Plant (12)	
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s WaterSense Program	October 2020
♦ 2019 Sustained Excellence Award Winner, Water Conservation Office	
Athens-Clarke County Leisure Services, Light Up Athens	December 2020
♦ 2020 Best Use Of Lights, Water Conservation Office	

2021

Georgia Water Wise Council	April 2021
♦ Fox McCarthy Award, Water Conservation Office	
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	April 2021
♦ Comprehensive Education Program of Excellence in Water & Wastewater, Water Conservation Office	
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	April 2021
♦ 2021 Water Reclamation Facility of the Year Award, Advanced Treatment 3.0 - 5.9 MGD category, Cedar Creek Water Reclamation Facility	
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	April 2021
♦ Platinum Award, North Oconee Water Reclamation Facility (9)	
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	April 2021
♦ Platinum Award, Cedar Creek Water Reclamation Facility (9)	
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	April 2021
♦ Platinum Award, Middle Oconee Water Reclamation Facility (7)	
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	April 2021
♦ Platinum Award, J.G. Beacham Drinking Water Treatment Plant (13)	
U.S. President’s Volunteer Service Award	July 2021
♦ Bronze Level Award, (200 – 499 Hours)	

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s WaterSense Program	October 2021
♦ 2021 Sustained Excellence Award Winner, Water Conservation Office	
<i>2022</i>	
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	April 2022
♦ Platinum Award, Cedar Creek Water Reclamation Facility (10)	
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	April 2022
♦ Platinum Award, Middle Oconee Water Reclamation Facility (8)	
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	April 2022
♦ Comprehensive Education Program of Excellence in Water & Wastewater, Water Conservation Office	
U.S. President’s Volunteer Service Award	July 2022
♦ Bronze Level Award, (200 – 499 Hours)	
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	July 2022
♦ Jack C. Dozier Emerging Leader Award, Jackie Sherry, Water Conservation Office	
City-County Communications & Marketing Association, 3CMA	September 2022
♦ Savvy Award, Video Education/Training, “Tour of the Athens-Clarke County Water Reclamation Facility”	
City-County Communications & Marketing Association, 3CMA	September 2022
♦ Award of Excellence, Social Media - Other, “Nextdoor: Snake ID Help Needed!”	
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s WaterSense Program	October 2022
♦ 2022 Sustained Excellence Award Winner, Water Conservation Office	
<i>2023</i>	
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	April 2023
♦ Education Program of Excellence, Water Conservation Office	
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	April 2023
♦ Platinum Award, Cedar Creek Water Reclamation Facility (11)	
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	April 2023
♦ Platinum Award, Middle Oconee Water Reclamation Facility (9)	
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	July 2023
♦ Bronze Level Volunteer Service Award, (200-499 hours) Public Utilities Department	
City-County Communications & Marketing Association, 3CMA	September 2023
♦ Silver Circle Award, Special Event, One-time Event “Meet Lil’ Sheepastian Day”	
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s WaterSense Program	October 2023
♦ 2023 Sustained Excellence Award Winner, Water Conservation Office	
<i>2024</i>	
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	April 2024
♦ Biosolids Program of Excellence, Cedar Creek Water Reclamation Facility	
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	April 2024
♦ Platinum Award, Cedar Creek Water Reclamation Facility (12)	
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	April 2024
♦ Platinum Award, Middle Oconee Water Reclamation Facility (10)	
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	April 2024

- ◆ Gold Award, J.G. Beacham Drinking Water Treatment Plant
Georgia Association of Water Professionals April 2024
 - ◆ Water Plant of the Year, J.G. Beacham Drinking Water Treatment Plant
Georgia Association of Water Professionals April 2024
 - ◆ Top Operator Award District 2, David Smith,
JG Beacham Drinking Water Treatment Plant
Georgia Association of Water Professionals April 2024
 - ◆ Education Program of Excellence, Water Conservation Office
Georgia Association of Water Professionals July 2024
 - ◆ Bronze Level Volunteer Service Award, (200-499 hours)
Public Utilities Department
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense Program October 2024
 - ◆ 2024 Sustained Excellence Award Winner, Water Conservation Office
Georgia Association of Water Professionals November 2024
 - ◆ Consumer Confidence Report, Large Surface Water System
- 2025
- ◆ **Georgia Association of Water Professionals** April 2025
 - ◆ Platinum Award, Cedar Creek Water Reclamation Facility (13)
Georgia Association of Water Professionals April 2025
 - ◆ Platinum Award, Middle Oconee Water Reclamation Facility (11)
Georgia Association of Water Professionals April 2025
 - ◆ Gold Award, JG Beacham Drinking Water Treatment Plant (2)
Georgia Association of Water Professionals April 2025
 - ◆ Water Plant of the Year, J.G. Beacham Drinking Water Treatment Plant
Georgia Association of Water Professionals April 2025
 - ◆ Education Program of Excellence, Platinum Level,
Water Conservation Office

Water Sources

The North Oconee River and the Middle Oconee River, both of which flow through the territory of the Unified Government, are the primary sources of raw water for the System. Annual average flow for the North Oconee River and the Middle Oconee River is approximately 225 MGD and 320 MGD, respectively. The 7-day low flow, expected to occur once every 10 years, for the North Oconee River and the Middle Oconee River is approximately 21.7 MGD and 28.4 MGD, respectively. The combined flow of the two rivers has the volume and stability to provide an adequate supply of raw water for the Unified Government's water system during normal conditions. However, during periods of extended drought conditions, the combined flow of the two rivers may not provide an adequate supply of raw water. See "THE SYSTEM - Governmental Approvals and Environmental Regulation - Water Withdrawal" herein.

The Upper Oconee Basin Water Authority (the "Authority") was established in 1994 pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia for the purpose of acquiring and developing adequate sources of water supply and the transmission of such water within the Upper Oconee Basin area, a geographic area which encompasses Athens-Clarke, Georgia, Barrow County, Georgia, Jackson County, Georgia, and Oconee County, Georgia (collectively the "Member Counties"). The Authority and the Member Counties entered into an Intergovernmental Reservoir and Raw Water Supply Agreement (the "Water Supply Agreement"), dated July 22, 1996, under the terms of which the Authority agreed to provide and each Member County agreed to take up to its Entitlement Share (as defined in the Water Supply Agreement) of the maximum quantity of water permitted by the EPD to be withdrawn from the 500-acre regional reservoir and pump station (the "Reservoir") to be owned and operated by the Authority. The Water Supply Agreement specifies the following Entitlement Shares for the Member Counties:

<u>Member County</u>	<u>Entitlement Share</u>
Athens-Clarke County	44%
Barrow County	19
Jackson County	25
Oconee County	12

The Reservoir has a projected yield of 58 MGD, and the Unified Government's shared peak month average daily withdrawal amount is 25.5 MGD. Under the terms of the Water Supply Agreement, the Unified Government has agreed to pay to the Authority an amount equal to 44 percent of the Authority's annual costs and expenses related to the Reservoir, excluding amounts allocable to the payment of debt service on the Authority's revenue bonds issued to finance a portion of the costs of acquiring and constructing the Reservoir. Pursuant to the Water Supply Agreement, the Authority bills the Unified Government on a monthly basis for the Unified Government's share of the Authority's annual costs and expenses. The Water Supply Agreement is for a period of 50 years and expires on July 22, 2046.

Service Area

The System supplies water to an estimated population in excess of 120,000, including approximately 98 percent of the population of Athens-Clarke County. The System provides sewer service to residential, commercial, and industrial customers within Athens-Clarke County and serves an estimated population in excess of 90,000, including approximately 75 percent of the population of Athens-Clarke County. The Unified Government has the nonexclusive right to provide water and sewer service within the territory of the Unified Government.

Service Area Demographic Information

Set forth below is selected demographic data for Athens-Clarke County.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Per Capita Income</u>		<u>Median Household Effective Buying Income</u>		<u>Median Age</u>
		<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	
1990	87,594	\$15,693	\$17,603	\$ 20,806	\$ 27,561	25.6
2000	101,489	21,198	27,987	29,996	41,901	25.4
2010	115,452	25,309	34,800	34,000	46,901	25.8
2020	127,315	25,343	32,427	40,363	61,224	28.1

U.S. Census Bureau, 1990, 2000, 2010 and 2020 U.S. Census; 2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates.

The estimated population of Athens-Clarke County is 129,933 according to the U.S. Census Bureau, State & County Quick Facts, estimated population as of July 1, 2023.

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Service Area Economic Information

The following information is provided to give prospective investors an overview of the general economic conditions in the service area. These statistics have not been adjusted to reflect economic trends.

Building Permits

Summary of Building Permits

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	Commercial/ Industrial/Other		Residential			
	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Value</u>	Single Family		Multi-Family	
			<u>Permits</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Value</u>
2020	177	\$ 56,823,404	424	\$ 73,783,239	195	\$ 88,626,325
2021	192	98,264,150	739	67,521,528	71	113,783,525
2022	204	33,113,568	260	51,353,325	64	148,033,312
2023	339	138,084,210	817	42,584,444	197	123,562,020
2024	235	54,058,549	687	64,025,996	69	66,034,616

Source: Athens-Clarke County Building Inspections Department.

Largest Employers

Set forth below are the largest private employers located in Athens-Clarke County as of June 30, 2024, their industries, and their approximate number of employees. There can be no assurance that any employer listed below will continue to be located in the County or will continue employment at the level stated. No independent investigation has been made of, and no representation can be made as to, the stability or financial condition of the companies listed below.

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Employees</u>
Piedmont Athens Regional	Healthcare	3,300
St. Mary's Health Care System	Healthcare	2,100
Caterpillar, Inc.	Manufacturing	1,600
Pilgrim's Pride	Manufacturing	1,35
Power Partners/ABB Power	Manufacturing	500
Dial America	Manufacturing	500
Carrier Transicold	Marketing	500
Baldor/Reliance Electric Company	Electric Utility	--

Source: Athens-Clarke County Economic Development Department and publicly available information.

Set forth below are the largest public employers, other than the County, located in the County as of June 30, 2024 and their approximate number of full-time employees.

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Employees</u>
University of Georgia	11,541
Clarke County School District	2,350

Source: Athens-Clarke County Economic Development Department.

Labor Statistics

Set forth below are annual averages of certain labor statistics for Athens-Clarke County, Georgia Metropolitan Statistical Area ("MSA") for the past five calendar years, with comparative data for the State of Georgia.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Employment	92,319	95,233	95,213	97,862	104,964
Unemployment	5,414	3,338	3,040	3,074	3,613
Total Labor Force	97,733	98,571	98,253	100,936	108,577
County MSA					
Unemployment Rate	5.5%	3.4%	3.1%	3.0%	3.3%
State Unemployment Rate	6.5%	3.9%	3.1%	3.2%	3.5%

Source: State of Georgia Department of Labor.

Average Employment and Weekly Wage by Industry

The following table shows the industry mix for the Athens-Clarke County area for the third quarter of 2024. The table is intended to provide information regarding the types of industries employing residents of Athens-Clarke County and the compensation paid to those employees. The table does not provide information with respect to all industries and firms. It is based upon and includes only those industries and firms that participate in the State Unemployment Insurance Program.

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Number of Firms</u>	<u>Average Monthly Employment</u>	<u>Average Weekly Wages</u>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	81	591	\$ 814
Mining, Quarrying, Oil and Gas Extraction	13	113	1,359
Construction	505	3,872	1,336
Manufacturing	224	7,034	1,216
Services:			
Utilities	13	272	1,729
Wholesale Trade	180	3,965	1,229
Retail Trade	748	11,063	716
Transportation and Warehousing	103	1,294	1,035
Information	108	552	1,196
Finance and Insurance	293	1,558	1,713
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	350	1,396	1,054
Professional Scientific/Technical Services	724	3,428	1,424
Management of Companies and Enterprises	21	853	1,541
Administrative, Support and Waste Services	398	4,030	782
Educational Services	93	1,538	653
Health Care and Social Services	827	14,449	1,319
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	115	1,051	498
Accommodation and Food Services	559	10,589	409
Other Services (except government)	451	2,556	1,014
Unclassified, industry not assigned	377	171	1,232
Federal Government	43	1,068	1,919
State Government	57	**	**
Local Government	81	7,962	1,025
Total All Industries	<u>6,364</u>	<u>93,916</u>	<u>\$1,057</u>

Source: Georgia Department of Labor.

**Indicates confidential information that was not released.

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Customers

Water System

Set forth below is information concerning the demand for water from the System for its past five calendar years.

Water Demand - Years Ended June 30

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Average Daily (MGD)	12.52	13.03	12.75	13.67	13.91
Maximum Daily (MGD)	16.01	14.63	19.45	19.00	17.15

Set forth below is the number of connections to the water system by customer class as of the dates shown.

Number of Water Connections as of June 30

<u>Customer Class</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Residential ⁽¹⁾	35,307	38,122	38,182	38,381	38,747
Commercial and Industrial	<u>3,296</u>	<u>3,734</u>	<u>3,646</u>	<u>3,692</u>	<u>3,747</u>
Total	38,603	41,856	41,828	42,073	42,494

⁽¹⁾ Includes apartment complexes, which are served by a single connection.

Set forth below is information concerning the ten largest water customers of the System for the year ended June 30, 2024. No independent investigation has been made of, and consequently no representation can be made as to, the stability or financial condition of any of the customers listed below or that such customers will continue to maintain their status as major customers of the System.

Ten Largest Water Customers

<u>Customer</u>	<u>1,000 Gallons Metered</u>	<u>Total Billing</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Water Revenues⁽¹⁾</u>
University of Georgia	578,945	\$3,830,319	12.14%
Pilgrim's Pride	485,801	3,129,035	9.91
Certain-Teed Corporation	130,209	838,737	2.66
Athens Housing Authority	67,338	444,647	1.41
Piedmont Athens Regional	56,745	370,060	1.17
Boehringer Ingelheim Animal	51,902	334,485	1.06
Janssen Pharmaceutical	45,252	272,226	0.86
Clarke County School District	25,764	204,226	0.65
Saint Mary's	14,881	96,068	0.30
Integrity Foods	<u>13,454</u>	<u>89,770</u>	<u>0.28</u>
Total	1,470,291	\$9,609,573	30.44%

⁽¹⁾ Total water revenues for fiscal year 2024 were \$31,559,972.

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Sewer System

Set forth below is information concerning the demand for sewer service from the System for its past five calendar years.

	<u>Treated Wastewater Flow Years Ended June 30</u>				
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Average Daily (MGD)	12.01	11.87	11.69	11.99	12.15
Maximum Daily (MGD) ⁽¹⁾	19.65	16.85	26.01	34.73	40.36

⁽¹⁾ Peak month average day.

Set forth below is the number of connections to the sewer system by customer class as of the dates shown.

	<u>Number of Sewer Connections As of June 30</u>				
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Residential ⁽¹⁾	26,158	26,696	27,640	27,793	28,075
Commercial and Industrial	<u>2,686</u>	<u>2,705</u>	<u>2,989</u>	<u>3,013</u>	<u>3,055</u>
Total	28,844	29,401	30,629	30,806	31,130

⁽¹⁾ Includes apartment complexes, which are served by a single connection.

Set forth below is information concerning the ten largest sewer customers of the System for the year ended June 30, 2024. No independent investigation has been made of, and consequently no representation can be made as to, the stability or financial condition of any of the customers listed below or that such customers will continue to maintain their status as major customers of the System.

	<u>Ten Largest Sewer Customers</u>		
<u>Customer</u>	<u>1,000 Gallons Metered</u>	<u>Total Billing⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Sewer Revenues⁽²⁾</u>
Pilgrim's Pride	470,730	\$3,832,220	13.10%
University of Georgia	425,238	3,476,347	11.88
Athens Housing Authority	67,338	558,170	1.91
Piedmont Athens Regional	56,702	462,863	1.58
Boehringer Ingelheim Animal	52,366	426,556	1.46
Janssen Pharmaceutical	32,130	261,657	0.89
Athens-Clarke County	26,423	219,620	0.75
Clarke County School District	20,493	169,401	0.58
Certaineed	19,554	159,360	0.54
Integrity Foods	<u>13,454</u>	<u>109,642</u>	<u>0.37</u>
Totals	1,184,428	\$9,675,836	33.06%

⁽¹⁾ Based upon water consumption unless otherwise noted.

⁽²⁾ Total Sewer revenues for fiscal year 2024 were \$29,263,899.

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Rates, Fees and Charges

Monthly service charges for water and sewer services generally consist of a monthly base charge based upon the size of a customer's water meter plus a volume charge applied to the monthly water consumption. The base charge represents costs associated with maintaining an account such as meter maintenance, meter reading, and billing administration, plus a meter replacement charge based on meter size. No minimum consumption is included in the base charge. Water unit charges are billed on 100 percent of water consumption measured by the water meter for both residential and non-residential customers. Sewer unit charges for residential customers are billed based on 80 percent of the water consumption measured by the water meter. Sewer unit charges for non-residential customers are billed on 100 percent of the water consumption measured by the water meter; however, the 100 percent rate may be reduced if the non-residential customer can show that a substantial portion of its metered water is not returned to the sewer system. In addition, connection fees varying by water meter size are charged to new customers connecting to the System. The water and sewer rates to all customers within each class of customer are uniform. The Unified Government does not provide any free water or sewer service.

Residential Rates

Monthly service charges for water generally consist of a monthly customer service fee plus a volume charge based on a four (4) tiered Water Conservation Rate Structure applied to 100% of the monthly water consumption. Residential rates are based on annual average (the "AA") water use for accounts active for one or more years, or 100 gallons a day multiplied by the number of days in the billing cycle, whichever is greater. When applicable, outdoor water use meter readings from irrigation meters are combined with indoor use in calculating the AA. The minimum AA is 3,000 gallons per month. Residential homes typically have a 3/4-inch water meter. For residential accounts with meters larger than 3/4 inch, the AA does not apply and such water use is billed at a Uniform Tier 1 rate. The monthly customer service fee represents costs associated with the overhead costs for meter reading, fixed costs, and billing operations. For fiscal year 2025, the monthly customer service fee is \$4.95. The monthly meter fee represents costs of meter maintenance and upgrades. The meter fee is billed based on meter size. Residential homes typically have a 3/4-inch water meter.

Non-Residential Rates

All non-resident water use (except irrigation) is billed at a Uniform Tier 1 rate. The AA does not apply to commercial, industrial, institutional, multi-family, and other accounts with meters larger than 3/4 inch. The monthly customer service fee represents costs associated with the overhead costs for meter reading, fixed costs, and billing operations. The monthly meter fee represents costs of meter maintenance and upgrades. The meter fee is billed based on meter size.

Sewer Volume Charges

Monthly service charges for sewer generally consist of a monthly customer service fee plus a volume charge. Residential and non-residential customers are billed based on 100% of the water consumption measured by the water meter. Sewer volume charges for non-residential customers may be reduced if the non-residential customer can show that a substantial portion of its metered water is not returned to the sewer system. In addition, new customers connecting to the system are charged connection fees according to the size of their water meter. The water and sewer rates to all customers within each class of customer are uniform. The Unified Government does not provide any free water or sewer service, provided, however, the Unified Government in the exercise of its reasonable discretion shall have the right to temporarily furnish free water to nonprofit bodies or public bodies for emergency purposes.

The Unified Government has adjusted its water and sewer rate schedules on several occasions since October 1, 1996. A summary of the monthly water service rates in effect since July 1, 2003 and the monthly base charges for water service **currently** in effect is set forth below.

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Monthly Water Service Rates/Unit Charge⁽¹⁾

<u>Effective Period</u>	<u>Residential (per 1,000 gallons)</u>	<u>Non-Residential (per 1,000 gallons)</u>
July 1, 2003 to September 30, 2005	\$2.67	\$2.31
October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006	2.81	2.43
October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007	2.94	2.54
October 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008	3.10	2.67
July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009	3.42	3.07
July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010	3.85	3.54
July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011	3.98	3.98
July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012	4.18	4.18
July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013	4.39	4.39
July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014	4.61	4.61
July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015	4.84	4.84
July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016	5.09	5.09
July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017	5.24	5.24
July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018	5.40	5.40
July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019	5.56	5.56
July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020	5.73	5.73
July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021	5.73	5.73
July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022	5.73	5.73
July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023	6.25	6.25
July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024	6.44	6.44
July 1, 2024 to Present	6.63	6.63

⁽¹⁾ Base rate of a Four-Tiered Water Conservation Rate Structure.

Monthly Customer Meter Fee – Water
Fiscal Year 2025

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Monthly Customer Meter Fee</u>
3/4 inch	\$0.52
1 inch	1.15
1 1/2 inch	3.62
2 inch	28.11
3 inch	38.20
4 inch	52.89
6 inch	130.32
8 inch	172.50

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A summary of the monthly sewer service rates, including monthly base charges, in effect since July 1, 2003 is set forth below.

Monthly Sewer Service Rates⁽¹⁾

<u>Effective Period</u>	<u>Rate⁽²⁾</u> (per 1000 gallons)	<u>Monthly</u> <u>Customer Service Fee</u>
July 1, 2003 to September 30, 2005	\$2.06	\$5.60
October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006	2.17	5.88
October 1, 2006 to September 30 2007	2.26	6.15
October 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008	2.47	6.49
July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009	2.71	6.49
July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010	3.14	6.82
July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011	3.45	7.16
July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012	3.80	7.52
July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013	4.18	7.90
July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014	4.60	8.30
July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015	5.06	8.30
July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016	5.56	8.30
July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017	5.84	8.30
July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018	6.13	8.30
July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019	6.44	8.55
July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020	6.76	8.81
July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021	6.76	4.40
July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022	6.76	4.40
July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023	7.91	4.80
July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024	8.14	4.95
July 1, 2024 to Present	8.38	4.95

⁽¹⁾ Rates are shown for residential and non-residential customers.

⁽²⁾ Based on water consumption.

Set forth below are the water and sewer connection fees presently in effect for the Unified Government.

Water and Sewer Connection Fees
Fiscal Year 2025

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Water Connection Fee</u>	<u>Sewer Connection Fee</u>
¾ inch	\$2,575	\$3,991
1 inch	6,515	9,979
1 ½ inch	12,875	19,957
2 inch	20,600	31,930
3 inch	41,200	63,860
4 inch	64,375	99,781
6 inch	Calculated per connection	Calculated per connection
8 inch	Calculated per connection	Calculated per connection

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Set forth below is a comparison of representative monthly residential water and sewer bills of customers of the System and customers of other comparable water and sewer utility systems surrounding the Unified Government or which are similar to the System. The figures assume a residential monthly equivalent water and sewer bill with consumption level at 5,000 gallons. The figures assume the water and sewer rates that became effective as of the dates provided below were in effect. Entities listed might have changed rates since the dates provided below. The reader should perform its own independent analysis.

Residential Water and Sewer Bill Based on Consumption of 5,000 Gallons

<u>Utility</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Total</u>
Unified Government – the System ⁽¹⁾	\$39.05	\$46.85	\$85.90
Augusta-Richmond County (January 2025)	46.03	63.48	109.51
Barrow County (January 2025)	47.37	52.37	99.74
Cherokee County (April 2023)	31.25	37.10	68.35
Clayton County (January 2025)	39.69	42.25	81.94
City of Columbus (January 2025)	25.80	35.84	61.64
Douglasville – Douglas County (December 2024)	42.33	49.16	91.49
City of Gainesville Inside (January 2025)	23.34	66.28	89.62
City of Gainesville Outside (January 2025)	38.37	66.28	104.65
Gwinnett County (January 2025)	36.4	54.65	91.05
City of Marietta (January 2025)	41.01	62.45	103.46
Oconee County (January 2025)	47.24	54.14	101.38

⁽¹⁾ Proposed rates to go into effect for fiscal year 2026.

The Unified Government also charges commercial sewer customers a surcharge for discharging wastewater into the System that exceeds the concentration set forth in the Unified Government’s Sewer Use Ordinance for biochemical oxygen demand (“BOD”), total suspended solids (“TSS”), or fats, oil and grease (“FOG”). Set forth below are wastewater surcharge rates currently in effect for the Unified Government.

**Wastewater Surcharge Rates
Fiscal Year 2025**

<u>Discharge Type</u>	<u>Concentration (mg/L)</u>	<u>Charge (per 1,000 lbs.)</u>
BOD ₅	250-999	\$350.00
	1,000 and above	370.00
TSS	250-999	350.00
	1,000 and above	370.00
FOG	101 – 199	220.00
	200 and above (max. allowed)	570.00

⁽¹⁾ Charge for violation of wastewater discharge permit up to \$1,200 per violation, per day.

Rate Setting Process

Under Georgia law, the Unified Government has the exclusive authority to establish rates and charges for water and sewer service supplied by the System. The rates charged by the Unified Government for water and sewer service supplied by the System are not subject to review or approval by any federal or state regulatory body. The Commission establishes the rates, which are subject to change at any time as the Commission deems advisable. The Commission adopts rate schedules by ordinance after recommendations from the staff of the System. The staff of the System makes periodic reviews of the rate structure to determine if modifications are needed. See “SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE SERIES 2025 BONDS - Rate Covenant” herein for a description of the Unified Government’s agreements concerning the rates, fees, and charges for the services, facilities, and commodities to be furnished by the System. No statutory procedures are required as a condition precedent to a change in rates.

Billing and Collections

The Unified Government presently uses a cycle billing method, consisting of 11 cycles, for System service. Service accounts are relatively evenly distributed within the 11 cycles and each cycle is billed monthly. Normally, 28 to 32 days are allowed between each meter reading for each cycle, and bills are due 21 days after the billing date.

The Unified Government presently prepares a monthly, combined water and sewer bill for each customer of the System. A 10 percent penalty is added to the bill if payment is more than 2 days late. If the delinquent amount is not paid by 12 days after the due date, water and sewer service may be discontinued. To restore service, the customer must pay all overdue amounts in full and pay a reconnection fee of \$15. The System collected in excess of 97.25 percent of its total billings during its past four fiscal years. The Unified Government presently does not have a policy to write off, as uncollectable, overdue accounts of the System. Upon application for service, the Unified Government requires a \$10 non-refundable service fee and a \$50 deposit, refunded after 2 years with good payment history, at customer's request. The subject refund is applied to the customer's account.

Governmental Approvals and Environmental Regulation

Water Withdrawal

The Georgia Water Quality Control Act authorizes the EPD to regulate the withdrawal of water from lakes, streams, and aquifers in Georgia. The Unified Government holds permits currently issued to the former City government for withdrawal of raw water in the following amounts from the following sources:

<u>Raw Water Source</u>	<u>Permitted Withdrawal (MGD)⁽¹⁾</u>		<u>2024 Actual Withdrawal (MGD)</u>	
	<u>Average</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Maximum⁽²⁾</u>
North Oconee River	18.0	34.75	11.05	18.12
Middle Oconee River	16.0	16.0	1.12	7.69
Bear Creek Reservoir ⁽³⁾	18.0	34.75	3.19	17.75

(1) The Unified Government must not exceed a combined withdrawal of 34.75 MGD maximum day/18 monthly average from all sources.

(2) Maximum actual withdrawal, per source, is determined by peak day demands.

(3) The Bear Creek Reservoir withdrawal permit is held by the Upper Oconee Basin Water Authority. The withdrawal amounts represent the Unified Government's entitlement share of 44 percent. The additional raw water provided by the Bear Creek Reservoir should supply the System's raw water needs through the year 2040.

The withdrawal permit for the North Oconee River expires October 22, 2031, and for the Middle Oconee River expires October 22, 2031. The withdrawal permit for the Bear Creek Reservoir expired on April 1, 2022. The Unified Government has been granted an extension of the existing permit until the issuance of a new permit. These withdrawal permits are evaluated and renewed every ten years by the EPD. The EPD has never denied a withdrawal permit renewal application for the System.

Water Treatment

EPD also regulates water treatment systems in Georgia. EPD has issued to the Unified Government operating permits for the treatment of water in the following amounts at the following water treatment facility:

<u>Plant</u>	<u>Maximum Permitted Treatment Capacity (MGD)</u>	<u>Constructed Capacity Completed 2008 (MGD)</u>	<u>2024 Actual Treatment Flow (MGD)</u>	
			<u>Average</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
J. G. Beacham	34.75	36.00	15.38	19.80

The operating permit for the J. G. Beacham plant expires April 1, 2031. The J.G. Beacham plant operating permit is evaluated and renewed every ten years by the EPD. The EPD has never denied an operating permit renewal application for the J.G. Beacham plant.

Management of the Unified Government expects the routine renewal of operating and withdrawal permits upon their expiration.

Wastewater Treatment

The Unified Government's wastewater operations are subject to the regulatory requirements imposed by the federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (the "Clean Water Act"), and the Georgia Water Quality Control Act. The regulatory requirements are administered by the federal "EPA" and the Georgia EPD. The EPD has issued to the Unified Government operating permits for the treatment of wastewater in the following amounts at the following wastewater treatment plants:

<u>Plant</u>	<u>Permitted Treatment Capacity (MGD)</u>	<u>2024 Actual Treatment Flow (MGD)</u>	
		<u>Peak Month Average Day</u>	<u>Maximum Day</u>
Cedar Creek	4.0	2.81	8.01
Middle Oconee	10.00	5.93	19.57
North Oconee	<u>14.00</u>	<u>6.90</u>	<u>14.58</u>
Totals	28.00	15.64	42.16

State and federal regulations applicable to the Unified Government's wastewater operations deal with, among other issues, the quality of effluent which may be discharged from the Unified Government's wastewater treatment facilities, the disposal of sludge generated by the wastewater treatment plants, and the nature of waste material (particularly industrial waste) discharged into the collection system. To comply with federal regulations concerning the industrial discharge of waste materials into the sewer system, the Unified Government must administer and enforce industrial pretreatment limitation standards upon users of the sewer system. The City had an industrial waste program in effect since the mid-1970s. As a condition of having received federal EPA grant funds under the Clean Water Act for planning, design, and construction of various wastewater projects, the Unified Government is subject to additional regulatory requirements. Among the grant-related requirements are guidelines which must be followed concerning planning methodologies, design criteria, construction activities, and the operation, maintenance, and financing of facilities.

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") Permits

Under the Clean Water Act, a NPDES permit is generally required for discharges to surface water. Therefore, to comply with federally mandated effluent quality and disposal criteria, the Unified Government must operate its water reclamation facilities ("WRF") according to discharge limitations and reporting requirements set forth in NPDES permits. The Cedar Creek, Middle Oconee, and North Oconee water reclamation facilities (WRF) have separate NPDES permits allowing discharges to the Oconee River, the Middle Oconee River, and the North Oconee River, respectively.

The Unified Government has an NPDES general permit authorizing discharges to waters of the State of Georgia from impoundments that receive filter backwash solids from water treatment facilities, including the J.G. Beacham water treatment facility.

Issues Relating to Noncompliance

The Unified Government is currently in substantial compliance with all of its environmental permits and all environmental requirements applicable to the System.

Occasional Violations of Effluent Limitations

The Public Utilities Department has from time to time submitted discharge monitoring reports to the EPD indicating various violations of regulatory limitations at the treatment plants. The System has also experienced occasional sewer system overflows at various locations which have necessitated reporting and remediation activities on the part of the Unified Government. As of the date of this Official Statement, penalty assessments by EPD for these violations or overflows were not substantial, and if penalties are imposed in the future, they are not expected to be substantial. The Public Utilities Department has an excellent working relationship with the EPD and maintains this relationship in the most positive manner possible.

Employees, Employee Relations, and Labor Organizations

The Unified Government employed 200 persons related to the System as of July 1, 2024, all of which are full-time employees. No employees of the Unified Government related to the System are represented by labor organizations or are covered by collective bargaining agreements, and the Unified Government is not aware of any union organizing efforts at the present time. The Manager of the Unified Government believes that employee relations are good.

The System's plant operators and maintenance and repair personnel are required to be certified by the State of Georgia. The Unified Government has a continuing education program to ensure that all System personnel are qualified and able to meet the State of Georgia's certification requirements.

SYSTEM FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Accounting System and Policies

The Unified Government maintains all of its funds and accounts relating to the System separate from other Unified Government funds. The accounting practices and policies of the Unified Government relating to the System conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applied to governments. The System is accounted for as an Enterprise Fund of the Unified Government. Enterprise Funds are used to account for operations (i) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises, where the intent of the governing body is that the cost (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges, or (ii) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and net position is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes. The System is accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. Its revenues are recognized when earned, and its expenses are recognized when incurred.

Note I of the audited financial statements of the System included as part of Appendix A contains a detailed discussion of the Unified Government's significant accounting policies relating to the System.

Historical Net Position Data

Set forth below is an historical, comparative summary of the net position of the System as of the end of its past five fiscal years. The information in the following table for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020 through 2024 has been extracted from audited financial statements of the System for the respective years. Although taken from audited financial statements, no representation is made that the information is comparable from year to year, or that the information as shown taken by itself presents fairly the capital structure of the System as of the end of the years shown. For more complete information, reference is made to the audited financial statements for the years ended June 30, 2020 to 2024, copies of which are available from the Unified Government upon request.

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Water and Sewer Summary of Net Assets

	Years Ended June 30				
	<u>2020</u> <u>(Audited)</u>	<u>2021</u> <u>(Audited)</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>(Audited)</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>(Audited)</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>(Audited)</u>
Assets:					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$107,375,950	\$79,250,467	\$81,123,106	\$81,267,192	\$80,333,604
Receivables (net)					
Accounts	4,655,299	4,239,723	6,813,694	6,761,637	7,973,534
Intergovernmental	--	--	--	--	--
Inventory	1,330,579	1,616,528	1,729,172	2,201,171	2,924,633
Restricted assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	18,668,039	17,669,974	19,182,701	9,796,753	10,389,535
Investments	--	<u>1,198,212</u>	--	--	--
Total current assets	<u>132,029,867</u>	<u>103,974,904</u>	<u>108,848,673</u>	<u>100,026,753</u>	<u>101,621,306</u>
Noncurrent assets:					
Capital assets:					
Non-depreciable assets					39,183,440
Land	10,178,132	35,631,666	35,631,666	38,501,123	--
Non-depreciable intangibles	--	240,599	240,599	240,599	--
Construction in progress	147,161	261,721	333,455	32,645,764	--
Depreciable assets/ amortizable assets (net)					497,140,486
Buildings	65,996,581	65,996,581	65,996,581	65,996,582	--
Water and sewer system	269,662,021	290,984,838	309,848,691	311,811,484	--
Infrastructure	505,110	--	--	--	--
Site Improvements	283,326,297	284,218,852	284,218,852	284,218,582	--
Machinery & equipment	8,434,886	7,260,387	7,615,259	7,593,003	--
Depreciable intangibles	--	965,163	965,163	965,163	--
Accumulated depreciation	(185,694,246)	(199,986,688)	(215,169,152)	(230,991,791)	--
Capital assets (net)	<u>452,555,942</u>	<u>485,573,119</u>	<u>489,681,114</u>	<u>510,980,779</u>	<u>536,323,926</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>452,555,942</u>	<u>485,573,119</u>	<u>489,681,114</u>	<u>510,980,779</u>	<u>536,323,926</u>
Total assets	<u>\$584,585,809</u>	<u>\$589,548,023</u>	<u>\$598,529,787</u>	<u>\$611,007,532</u>	<u>\$5637,945,232</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources:					
Deferred loss on refunding	\$21,865,840	\$19,731,559	\$17,682,663	\$15,723,562	<u>\$13,858,923</u>

	Years Ended June 30				
	<u>2020</u> <u>(Audited)</u>	<u>2021</u> <u>(Audited)</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>(Audited)</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>(Audited)</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>(Audited)</u>
Liabilities:					
Current liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$4,198,167	\$3,266,151	\$3,971,593	\$4,531,292	\$5,371,783
Accrued payroll liabilities	418,885	420,375	472,111	160,459	228,281
Due to others	449,538	448,819	547,947	540,120	506,172
Due to other funds	--	--	--	--	--
Retainage payable	53,172	638,676	1,078,993	1,943,613	3,054,553
Compensated absences	537,579	506,315	483,709	502,790	489,649
Accrued interest payable	29,086	26,725	24,292	21,785	19,202

Notes payable	944,478	973,205	1,002,806	1,033,307	1,064,737
Liabilities payable from restricted assets:					
Accounts payable	180,593	24,823	268,677	--	
Retainage payable	--	--	37,729	--	
Customer deposits	1,690,869	1,871,383	2,023,666	2,141,753	2,344,535
Accrued interest payable	<u>4,114,925</u>	<u>3,950,300</u>	<u>3,777,175</u>	--	
Bonds payable	<u>6,585,000</u>	<u>6,925,000</u>	<u>7,285,000</u>	<u>7,655,000</u>	<u>8,045,000</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>19,202,292</u>	<u>19,051,772</u>	<u>20,973,698</u>	<u>18,530,119</u>	<u>21,123,912</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:					
Compensated absences	77,617	86,642	193,924	111,094	187,337
Notes payable	10,690,110	9,716,906	8,714,100	7,680,793	6,16,056
Bonds payable (net)	<u>191,952,854</u>	<u>183,563,943</u>	<u>174,873,599</u>	<u>165,874,844</u>	<u>156,550,882</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>202,720,581</u>	<u>193,367,491</u>	<u>183,781,623</u>	<u>173,666,731</u>	<u>163,354,275</u>
Total liabilities	<u>221,922,873</u>	<u>212,419,263</u>	<u>204,755,321</u>	<u>192,196,850</u>	<u>184,478,187</u>
Net Position:					
Net investment in capital assets	260,410,114	300,984,035	315,610,002	338,684,917	371,143,064
Restricted for debt service	--	--	--	--	--
Restricted for capital projects	<u>6,096,652</u>	<u>6,096,680</u>	<u>5,828,183</u>	--	
Unrestricted	<u>118,022,010</u>	<u>89,779,604</u>	<u>90,018,944</u>	<u>95,849,327</u>	<u>96,182,904</u>
Total net position	<u>\$384,528,776</u>	<u>\$396,860,319</u>	<u>\$411,457,129</u>	<u>\$434,534,244</u>	<u>\$467,325,968</u>

After the issuance of Series 2025 Bonds, the Unified Government may consider issuing additional long-term indebtedness to finance capital improvements to the System in the next five years but currently does not have definitive plans to do so. There has never been a default in payment of the principal of or interest on any revenue bonds of the Unified Government secured by revenues of the System.

Five-Year Operating History

Set forth below is an historical, comparative summary of the revenues and expenses of the System for its past five fiscal years. The information in the following table for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020 through 2024 has been extracted from audited financial statements of the System for the respective years. Although the information for fiscal years 2020 through 2024 was taken from audited financial statements, no representation is made that the information is comparable from year to year, or that the information as shown taken by itself presents fairly the capital structure of the System as of the end of the years shown. For more complete information, reference is made to the audited financial statements for the years ended June 30, 2020 to 2024, copies of which are available from the Unified Government upon request. The information for the six-month periods ended December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2024 for fiscal years 2024 and 2025, respectively, has been prepared without audit.

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Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Water and Sewer Summary of Operating Results

	Years Ended June 30					Six-Month Periods Ended December 31 for Fiscal Years	
	<u>2020</u> <u>(Audited)</u>	<u>2021</u> <u>(Audited)</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>(Audited)</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>(Audited)</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>(Audited)</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>(Unaudited)</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>(Unaudited)</u>
Operating Revenues:							
Charges for Services	\$59,810,940	\$56,182,510	\$59,277,106	\$64,896,101	\$72,216,734	\$36,875,970	\$39,394,973
Other Revenue	<u>455,574</u>	<u>1,132,144</u>	<u>1,467,571</u>	<u>1,770,942</u>	<u>1,886,477</u>	<u>530,035</u>	<u>522,057</u>
Total Operating Revenues	<u>60,266,514</u>	<u>57,314,654</u>	<u>60,744,677</u>	<u>66,667,043</u>	<u>74,103,211</u>	<u>37,406,005</u>	<u>39,917,030</u>
Operating Expenses:							
Personal Services	9,908,684	9,716,177	9,898,301	10,157,838	11,110,352	5,198,752	5,570,933
Cost of sales and services	--	--	--	--	12,815,092	5,853,257	6,151,786
Purchased Services	1,290,744	1,432,367	1,583,819	--	--	--	--
Facilities and equipment	4,286,106	4,950,375	5,500,299	--	--	--	--
Education and training	177,773	173,131	210,256	--	--	--	--
Insurance	963	--	--	--	--	--	--
Contract services	--	--	--	4,144,966	--	--	--
Supplies and materials	2,000,249	1,823,643	2,147,126	6,900,616	--	--	--
Depreciation and amortization	13,896,963	14,502,616	15,201,382	15,844,896	15,473,981	7,736,991	7,922,493
Interfund services used	--	--	--	1,528,477	1,618,217	809,737	830,429
Indirect	2,359,571	2,575,209	2,889,245	--	--	--	--
Other	<u>22,213</u>	<u>87,183</u>	<u>6,679</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>33,997,701</u>	<u>35,260,701</u>	<u>37,437,107</u>	<u>38,576,793</u>	<u>41,017,642</u>	<u>19,608,737</u>	<u>20,475,641</u>
Operating Income (loss)	<u>26,268,813</u>	<u>22,053,953</u>	<u>23,307,570</u>	<u>28,090,250</u>	<u>33,085,569</u>	<u>17,797,268</u>	<u>19,441,389</u>
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses):							
Interest Revenue	1,606,794	111,297	167,363	3,284,245	4,805,514	2,645,692	2,298,735
Net gain/(loss) on disposition of capital assets	23,218	6,577	2,061	5,322	(399)	(399)	--
Interest Expense	<u>(9,445,566)</u>	<u>(9,070,706)</u>	<u>(8,677,237)</u>	<u>(8,264,208)</u>	<u>(7,830,436)</u>	<u>(4,473,952)</u>	<u>(4,479,717)</u>
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	<u>(7,815,554)</u>	<u>(8,952,832)</u>	<u>(8,507,813)</u>	<u>(4,974,641)</u>	<u>(3,025,321)</u>	<u>(1,828,659)</u>	<u>(2,180,982)</u>
Income/(loss) Before Contributions and Transfers	18,453,259	13,101,121	14,799,757	23,115,609	30,060,248	15,968,609	17,260,407
Capital Contributions	1,852,900	1,143,825	1,682,225	1,962,793	4,836,000	--	--
Capital assets donated from Governmental Activities	35,800	--	--	--	--	--	--
Transfers Out	<u>(1,856,540)</u>	<u>(1,913,403)</u>	<u>(1,885,172)</u>	<u>(2,001,287)</u>	<u>(2,104,524)</u>	<u>(1,052,262)</u>	<u>(1,117,353)</u>
Change in Net Position	18,485,419	12,331,543	14,596,810	23,077,115	32,791,724	14,916,347	16,143,054
Net Position – Beginning	<u>366,043,357</u>	<u>384,528,776</u>	<u>396,860,319</u>	<u>411,457,129</u>	<u>434,534,244</u>	<u>434,534,244</u>	<u>467,325,968</u>
Net Position – Ending	<u>\$384,528,776</u>	<u>\$396,860,319</u>	<u>\$411,457,129</u>	<u>\$434,534,244</u>	<u>\$467,325,968</u>	<u>\$449,450,591</u>	<u>\$483,469,022</u>

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations

Since the creation of the Unified Government in 1991, the financial condition of the System has improved steadily. Net position at the end of fiscal year 2024 was \$467.3 million, an increase of \$32.8 million from fiscal year 2023. Operating income was \$33.1 million, \$5.0 million more than the prior year. The total operating revenues for fiscal year 2024 were \$7.4 million (11.2%) more than fiscal year 2023 due to restructuring of the tier rates and Customer Services fees. Operating expenses for fiscal year 2024 were \$2.4 million (6.33%) more than the total for fiscal year 2023. The increase in expenses included a \$950 thousand increase in personnel costs due to pay increases and fewer position vacancies. The increase in operating expenses also included a \$1.8 million increase in cost of sales and services due to increased vendor pricing.

System management attributes the System's financial condition to the Unified Government's policy of adhering to a rate structure designed to generate revenues sufficient to maintain the System's physical plant while providing internal capital necessary for continued growth. The Unified Government reviews the System's rate structure on an annual basis and has increased water and sewer rates three times since July 1, 2020. The Unified Government maintains a policy requiring that its Enterprise Funds, including the Water and Sewer Enterprise fund, be self-supporting whenever possible and that excess revenues of its Enterprise Funds not be transferred to other funds.

Debt Service Requirements*

Following are the principal and interest payment requirements with respect to the Series 2025 Bonds, for the years shown below, taking into account the refunding of the Refunded Bonds. For purposes of calculating the principal payable in any year, the relevant maturity amount is used.

Period Ending <u>June 30</u>	<u>Principal*</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Debt Service Requirements</u>
2026	\$ 8,275,000	\$	\$
2027	7,990,000		
2028	8,390,000		
2029	8,805,000		
2030	9,250,000		
2031	9,710,000		
2032	10,195,000		
2033	10,705,000		
2034	11,240,000		
2035	11,800,000		
2036	12,390,000		
2037	13,010,000		
2038	13,665,000		
Totals	<u>\$135,425,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>

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Historical Debt Service Coverage Ratios

Set forth below is the System's historical ratios of Net Operating Revenues Available for Debt Service to Debt Service on revenue bonds secured by revenues of the System for the past five fiscal years.

Historical Debt Service Coverage Ratios Years Ended June 30					
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Historical Net Operating Revenues Available for Debt Service ⁽¹⁾	\$41,795,788	\$36,674,443	\$38,508,952	\$43,935,146	\$48,559,550
Historical Debt Service on Revenue Bonds ⁽²⁾	14,813,350	14,814,850	14,825,600	14,839,350	14,845,100
Historical Debt Service Coverage Ratio ⁽³⁾	2.82 x	2.48 x	2.60 x	2.96 x	3.27 x

⁽¹⁾ Operating Revenue includes all charges for services, other revenues and interest revenues not related to construction funds. Operating expenses do not include interest or depreciation.

⁽²⁾ Includes debt service on the Series 2015 Bonds.

⁽³⁾ For fiscal years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, the principal and interest amounts for water and sewer revenue bonds annual debt service payments during the computational period are in accordance with the debt service coverage requirements in the covenants for the Series 2015 Bonds.

Operating Budget

The Unified Government is not legally required to adopt a budget for the System. The staff of the System, however, prepares an annual operating budget for the System for management control purposes. The staff of the System uses the accrual basis of accounting in its annual operating budget for the System, which is consistent with the basis of accounting used in the System's financial statements.

Set forth below is a summary of the System's proposed budget for the year ending June 30, 2026. This budget is based upon certain assumptions and estimates of the staff of the System regarding future events, transactions, and circumstances. Realization of the results projected in this budget will depend upon implementation by management of the System of policies and procedures consistent with the assumptions. There can be no assurance that actual events will correspond with such assumptions, that uncontrollable factors will not affect such assumptions, or that the projected results will be achieved. Accordingly, the actual results achieved could materially vary from those projected in the proposed budget set forth below.

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PROPOSED SYSTEM BUDGET FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

Operating Revenues:	
Charges for Services	<u>\$74,567,982</u>
Operating Expenses:	
Personal Services	\$13,736,425
Cost of sales and service	17,617,893
Depreciation and amortization	15,847,486
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$47,201,804</u>
Operating Income/(loss):	<u>\$27,366,178</u>
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses):	
Other Revenue	\$900,000
Interest Expense	(6,898,813)
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	<u>(5,998,813)</u>
Income/(loss) Before Operating Transfers:	<u>\$21,367,365</u>
Transfers Out	<u>(2,234,705)</u>
Change in net position	<u>\$19,132,660</u>

Capital Improvements Program

The following table summarizes the value of completed capital improvements made to the System in each year for the past five fiscal years and the funding sources for such capital improvements.

Fiscal Year	Total Value of Capital Improvements	Funding Sources		
		System Revenues ⁽¹⁾	Debt Proceeds and Investment Earnings	Other Funds and Donations
2020	\$18,779,920	\$16,861,220	--	\$1,918,700
2021	47,411,643	43,658,196	--	3,753,447
2022	19,243,038	17,411,614	--	1,831,424
2023	4,832,250	2,869,457	--	1,962,793
2024	73,063,474	68,227,474	--	4,836,000

⁽¹⁾ Reflects System revenues spent on associated capital projects completed in the fiscal year. Does not reflect revenues actually spent in such fiscal year.

The staff of the System has developed a multi-year capital improvements program which allows the staff of the System to plan, on a long-term basis, for future System capital needs. The System's capital improvements program for the Unified Government's current and next four fiscal years (fiscal years ending June 30, 2025 through 2029) identifies approximately \$230.2 million in projects. This amount is subject to adjustment through the System's budget process. Each year the capital improvements program is reviewed and updated during the budget process. The Unified Government updates the capital improvements program for a new 5-year period after reviewing and approving specific projects identified by the program, considering funding sources for the project and determining a plan to fund the approved projects. Potential funding sources for capital projects include System reserves, System operating revenues, debt, contributions and other third-party sources. While the Unified Government may consider issuing additional

long-term debt to finance certain capital improvements over the next five years, it does not currently have definite plans to do so.

Employee Benefits

Post-Employment Benefit Plan

Plan Description

The Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Other Post-Employment Benefit Plan (the “OPEB Plan”) is a single-employer defined benefit postretirement plan. The OPEB Plan was established by the Unified Government to provide medical, prescription drug benefits and life insurance for retirees and other former employees (and their eligible dependents) that are eligible for such benefits under the existing policies of the government. Benefit provisions and contribution requirements are established and may be amended by the Mayor and Commission. The relevant information about the OPEB Plan is provided below. No other financial reports are issued by this sole employer plan.

The assets held in the OPEB Trust Fund are used exclusively for OPEB expenses based on a trust agreement adopted by the Mayor and Commission on December 2, 2008. Under the terms of the trust agreement, oversight of the financial assets are delegated to a six-member board composed of the Manager, the Human Resources Director, the Finance Director and three citizens appointed by the Mayor serving staggered three-year terms.

Benefits

The Unified Government provides access to health and prescription drug benefits to pre-65 eligible retirees and eligible spouses/dependents. Upon retirement, retirees are offered access to coverage as designated by the Unified Government. Based on employment and retirement date, in accordance with the Unified Government’s Code of Ordinances, health and prescription drug coverage cost to the retiree varies.

The following schedule lists annual premiums for those retirees who pay for health insurance:

<u>Plan Type</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Spouse</u>	<u>Total</u>
POSC	\$4,298	\$4,297	\$8,595
POST	--	5,690	5,690
CHS Select	3,274	3,274	6,548
CHS Value	1,624	1,623	3,247

Eligible retirees receive a life insurance benefit of \$10,000 in which the premium is paid by the Unified Government. Retirees, who paid for spouse life insurance coverage for at least twelve months prior to their separation from service, are eligible for spouse life insurance coverage. These spouses receive life insurance benefits of \$2,000. The Unified Government pays the full cost of the premiums for life insurance for retirees and for retirees’ spouses. Spouse life insurance terminates with death of the retiree.

Pre-65 year old retirees who were hired prior to July 1, 2002 receive the designated plan, which is currently POS, at no cost to them. If they were hired prior to January 1, 1994, there is also no cost for their dependent coverage.

Eligibility

Eligible participants for Other Post-Employment Benefits include:

1. Eligible employees that retire from the Unified Government and elect to enroll in the retiree health benefit plan at the time of retirement.

2. Surviving spouses/dependents receiving health benefits at the time of retiree death may participate in the health benefit plan under COBRA provisions. The dependent life insurance benefit terminates upon the death of the retiree.

3. Former elected officials, who were eligible for benefit while in office and receive retirement income from another employer, may elect to enroll in the Government's retiree health benefit plan, if they have 10 years of continuous, full-time employment.

4. Effective September 2013, all post-65 year old retirees eligible for health insurance coverage have plans available in the marketplace and access to an ACC-funded Health Reimbursement Account (HRA).

5. Effective September 2013, eligible post-65 year retiree spouses have insurance plans available in the marketplace and access to an ACC-funded Health Reimbursement Account (HRA). To be eligible for funding, the retiree must have been hired prior to 1/1/1994 and the spouse must have health insurance coverage through the retiree's ACC plan for at least 12 months prior to the retiree's separation from service.

Membership

The following schedule (derived from the most recent actuarial valuation report) reflects membership for the OPEB Plan as of July 1, 2023.

Active participants	1,455
Terminated participants who are vested but not receiving benefits	300
Disabled employees, retirees, and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	<u>958</u>
Total participants	2,713

Contributions

The Unified Government contributed \$9,289,600 to the OPEB Plan's fund in fiscal year 2024. Contributions are made on a pay-as-you-go basis, with additional contributions made when funding is available, as determined annually in the budget process by the Mayor and Commission. The Mayor and Commission establish and may amend the funding policy for the OPEB Plan. Employees are not required to contribute to the plan.

Net OPEB Liability of the Government

The components of the net OPEB liability of the Unified Government at June 30, 2024, were as follows:

Total OPEB liability	\$ 186,550,109
Plan fiduciary net position	<u>(2,266,925)</u>
Unified Government's Net OPEB liability	<u>\$ 184,283,184</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	1.22%

The required schedule of changes in the Unified Government's net OPEB liability and related ratios immediately following the notes to the financial statements presents multiyear trend information about whether the value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the total pension liability.

For a more detailed description of plan accounting policies, actuarial assumptions, rate of return, discount rate and sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate, see Note IV.C. of the basic financial statements of the Unified Government included as Appendix A.

Changes in the Net OPEB Liability:

Service costs	\$ 212,573,051
Interest	7,925,326
Differences between expected and actual experience	4,120,374
Changes of assumptions	(38,933,768)
Contributions – employer	(9,289,600)
Contributions – other	(132,128)
Net investment income	(237,521)
Other changes	<u>69,842</u>
Net change in the net OPEB liability	(28,289,867)
Net OPEB liability, beginning of year	<u>212,573,051</u>
Net OPEB liability, end of year	<u>\$ 184,283,184</u>

OPEB Plan Funded Status

As of the most recent valuation date, June 30, 2022, the funded status of the OPEB Plan was as follows:

Total OPEB liability	\$ 186,550,109
Plan fiduciary net position	<u>(2,266,925)</u>
Net OPEB liability	<u>\$184,283,184</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total OPEB liability	1.22%
Covered payroll	\$ 93,745,699
Net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered payroll	<u>196.58%</u>

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the Government recognized OPEB income of \$9,220,362.

For a more detailed description of plan accounting policies, actuarial assumptions, rate of return, discount rate and sensitivity of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate, *see* Note IV.C. of the basic financial statements of the Unified Government included as Appendix A.

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Financial Statements

The financial statements for the OPEB Plan for fiscal year 2024 are provided below.

Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
OPEB Trust Fund
June 30, 2024

ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ <u>5,569,583</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	42,647
Claims payable	<u>3,260,011</u>
Total liabilities	<u>3,302,658</u>
NET POSITION	
Restricted for OPEB benefits and other purposes	\$ <u>2,266,925</u>

Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
OPEB Trust Fund
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

ADDITIONS	
Employer contributions	\$ 9,289,600
Employee contributions	132,128
Interest income	<u>237,520</u>
Total additions	<u>9,659,248</u>
DEDUCTIONS	
Benefit payments	6,790,879
Administrative expenses and other	<u>69,842</u>
Total deductions	<u>6,860,721</u>
Change in net position	2,798,527
Net position - beginning	<u>(531,602)</u>
Net position - ending	\$ <u>2,266,925</u>

The required schedule of changes in the Government's net OPEB liability and related ratios immediately following the notes to the financial statements presents multiyear trend information about whether the value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the total OPEB liability.

Qualified Retirement Plan

In April 2000, the Commission of Athens-Clarke County established the Athens-Clarke County 401(a) Program, a qualified defined contribution retirement plan administered by AIG (formerly VALIC), whereby all employees meeting eligibility requirements based on number of hours worked and length of service may elect to make tax-deferred contributions under Internal Revenue Code Section 401(a). The Unified Government's contribution is set by ordinance and may be amended by the Mayor and Commission. Currently, the Unified Government will match 25% of the employee's contribution to a 457(b) plan up to a maximum of 1% of the employee's pay. The amount contributed by the Unified Government during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 was \$729,263 on behalf of 1,450 participants. The fair value of this program as of June 30, 2024 was \$729,263. In addition, the Unified Government

provides a second 401(a) for personnel as an alternative to the pension plan. The Unified Government contributes up to 10% of salary into an employee's account. For fiscal year 2024, \$310,465 was contributed on behalf of 41 participants. The fair value of this program as of June 30, 2024 is \$4,727,232. Also, the Unified Government provides several 457(b) plans for employees. For fiscal year 2024, 1,439 employees contributed \$4,770,963. As of June 30, 2024, the fair value of these programs totaled \$67,701,276.

Athens-Clarke County Employee's Pension Plan

On July 1, 1992, the Commission of Athens-Clarke County adopted a pension plan for its employees. Prior to the creation of the Plan, the employees from the County government remained on the Clarke County Pension Plan and employees from the City of Athens maintained membership in the City of Athens Pension Plan. Both plans had similar benefits and were administered by the same private insurance carrier and reported in a single pension trust fund. Employees who became eligible for pension plan benefits during fiscal year 1992 joined the Clarke County Plan. All employees were transferred to the newly created plan, Athens-Clarke County Employees' Pension Plan (the "Plan"), during fiscal year 1993.

Plan Description

The Unified Government, through the Pension Board, administers a defined benefit, single employer pension plan which covers substantially all of its employees. Employees are eligible for participation after one year of continuous service. The Unified Government is required by O.C.G.A. 47-20-10 statute to contribute the normal cost plus the minimum amortization payments as computed by statute to finance the coverage of its employees, without any requirement for employee contributions. Covered employees are not required to contribute to the plan. Employees become vested after ten years of continuous service.

The Pension Board, composed of seven voting members and three nonvoting ex officio members, who serve without compensation by the Plan, is the Trustee of the Plan. The voting members of the Pension Board are the Manager (by position), the Human Resources Director (by position), the Finance Director (by position), a Commissioner (selected by the Mayor and Commission), two employees, one representing public safety and one representing general employees (selected by a majority vote of employees who are included in the Plan), and one retired employee who is drawing retirement benefits (elected by the Athens-Clarke County Retirees Association or its successor organization). The nonvoting ex officio members of the Pension Board are the Attorney (by position), the Benefits and Wellness Administrator (by position), and the Assistant Human Resources Director (by position), who shall serve as secretary to the Pension Board.

The Athens-Clarke County Commission provides for the benefits and funding policy through ordinance. Amendments to plan provisions are authorized by the Commission of Athens-Clarke County.

The following schedule (derived from the most recent actuarial valuation report) reflects membership for the pension plan as of July 1, 2023.

Active participants	
General	784
Law Enforcement, Firefighters	447
Total active participants	1,231
Disabled employees, retirees, and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	937
Terminated employees entitled to benefits not yet receiving them	308
Total Participants	2,476

Benefits

The Unified Government provides retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after ten years of credited service. Employees who retire at or after age 62 (60 for police officers, firefighters, peace officers in the sheriff's department, and correctional officers) with a minimum of ten years' service are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, in an amount equal to 1.85% of their final average earnings for each of the first thirty-two years of credited service, plus .25% of final average earnings for the remaining years of credited service. Final average earning is the employee's average salary over the highest three years of the last ten years of credited service. Employees with ten years of credited service may retire at or after age 55 and receive a reduced retirement benefit. Pre-retirement death benefits are now available from the time the employee becomes vested in plan benefits. Employees eligible for disability benefits continue to accrue service for purposes of determining retirement benefits. Average monthly earnings are determined using all compensation, including deferred compensation and pre-tax health premiums.

Contributions

The Unified Government is required to contribute at a rate of 12.31% of covered payroll for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. Government contributions to the plan were \$11,537,637 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

Changes in the Net Pension Liability:

Service Costs	\$ 6,348,737
Interest	26,772,052
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	12,367,564
Changes of Assumptions	--
Contributions – Employer	--
Net Investment Income	--
Other changes	--
Benefit payments	(19,783,066)
Net Change in Net Pension Liability	25,705,287
Net Pension Liability, beginning of year	<u>360,324,661</u>
Net Pension Liability, end of year	<u>\$ 386,029,948</u>

The required schedule of funding progress immediately following the notes to the financial statements of the Unified Government included as Appendix A presents multiyear trend information about whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liability.

Pension Plan Funded Status

The components of the net pension liability of the Unified Government at June 30, 2024, were as follows:

Total pension liability	\$ 386,029,948
Plan fiduciary net position	<u>(319,501,146)</u>
Unified Government's net pension liability	<u>66,528,802</u>
Plan fiduciary net percentage as a percentage of the total pension liability	82.77%
Covered payroll	\$93,745,699
Net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	70.97%

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the Government recognized pension expense of \$18,869,147.

The required schedule of changes in the Unified Government's net pension liability and related ratios immediately following the notes to the basic financial statements of the Unified Government included as Appendix A presents multiyear trend information about whether the value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the total pension liability.

The Unified Government's net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2024 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2023 and was rolled forward to June 30, 2024 utilizing update procedures by the actuary incorporating the actuarial assumptions. For a more detailed description of plan accounting policies, actuarial assumptions, rate of return, discount rate and sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate, *see* Note IV.E. of the basic financial statements of the Unified Government included as Appendix A.

Financial Statements

The financial statements for the Plan for fiscal year 2024 are provided below.

Statement of Fiduciary Net Position Employee Retirement Program Pension Trust Fund June 30, 2024

ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,949,256
Accounts receivable	100,987
Restricted investments, at fair value	
Cash and cash equivalents	218,890
Mutual Funds	
Equity	20,851,322
Fixed income	78,049,861
Exchange-traded funds	
Equity	185,552,500
Fixed income	24,942,712
Private Debt Fund	5,913,000
Total assets	<u>319,578,528</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	<u>77,382</u>
NET POSITION	
Restricted for pension benefits	<u>\$ 319,501,146</u>

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Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
Employee Retirement Program Pension Trust Fund
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

ADDITIONS

Employer contributions	\$ 11,537,637
Investment earnings	
Investment income	16,212,807
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	23,713,449
Investment expenses	<u>(405,750)</u>
Total additions	<u>51,058,143</u>

DEDUCTIONS

Benefit payments	19,783,066
Administrative expenses	<u>88,906</u>
Total deductions	<u>19,871,972</u>

Change in net position	31,186,171
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Net position - beginning	288,314,975
Net position - ending	<u>\$ 319,501,146</u>

Insurance Coverage

The Unified Government carries liability insurance or is self-insured for the types of claims and in amounts that are customary for similar entities. The Unified Government also carries property and casualty damage insurance on buildings and other physical assets.

Present insurance coverage for the Government includes:

- Property coverage in the amount of \$807,139,266 with a deductible limit of \$50,000 per occurrence.
- All Lines Insurance Policy which covers the following kinds of losses: Comprehensive General Liability/Law Enforcement Liability/Employee Benefits Liability with limits of liability at \$1,000,000 each occurrence/Unlimited aggregate and a deductible limit per occurrence of \$50,000; Public Officials/Errors and Omissions Liability including Employment Practices Liability, Sexual Harassment Liability, and Sexual Abuse at \$1,000,000 each occurrence/\$5,000,000 aggregate and a deductible limit per occurrence of \$50,000. Employee Benefits Liability also has a \$5,000,000 aggregate.
- Crime/Fidelity coverage with limits of liability at \$500,000 each occurrence with a \$50,000 deductible.
- Automobile Liability coverage with a \$1,000,000 limit per occurrence and \$50,000 deductible. Coverage includes hired/non-owned automobiles and automobile physical damage. Uninsured Motorist Liability included with a limit of \$75,000 per occurrence and a \$50,000 deductible.
- Aviation Liability coverage with limits of \$100,000,000 each occurrence along with sub limits for various and customary airport operational risk.
- Cyber Liability coverage with limits of liability at \$5,000,000 each occurrence/\$5,000,000 aggregate along with sub limits for various and customary cyber risks.
- Pollution Legal Liability at \$5,000,000 each occurrence/\$5,000,000 in the aggregate and a deductible limit per occurrence of \$50,000.
- Catastrophic Inmate Medical coverage with limits of \$250,000 per inmate per year with a deductible of \$10,000.
- Drone Liability with limits of liability at \$3,000,000 each occurrence/\$3,000,000 aggregate.
- Fiduciary Liability with limits of liability at \$5,000,000 aggregate and a \$50,000 retention.

The Unified Government maintains the Self-Funded Insurance and Claims Internal Service Fund (the “Internal Service Fund”) to account for and finance its self-insured risks of loss. The Internal Service Fund is maintained to provide general liability insurance, workers’ compensation coverage, and employee short-term disability coverage for the Unified Government. The Unified Government is also self-insured for its employee group health insurance through a self-insurance program that is administered under contracts with third-party administrators. For a detailed description of the Unified Government’s self-insurance programs, *see* Note IV to the audited financial statements of the Unified Government included as part of Appendix A to this Official Statement.

A summary of the Unified Government’s self-insured retention and Excess Workers’ Compensation and Employers’ Liability Insurance coverage is set forth below:

Self-Insured Retention per Occurrence:	\$650,000/\$750,000
Employers’ Liability Limit:	\$1,000,000

The Unified Government requires payment and performance surety bonds and builders’ risk insurance of all contractors and subcontractors involved in construction related to the System. The Unified Government requires the surety bonds to be issued by surety firms listed on the U.S. Treasury-approved list and the builders’ risk insurance to be in the amount of the contract sums.

Cybersecurity

Despite the implementation of network security measures by the Unified Government, its information technology systems may be vulnerable to breaches, hacker and ransomware attacks, computer viruses, physical or electronic break-ins and other similar events or issues. State and local governments have recently been subject to such attacks. The foregoing events or issues could lead to the inadvertent disclosure of confidential information, ransomware attacks holding critical information and operations hostage or could have an adverse effect on the Unified Government’s ability to provide services and collect revenues. Any breach or cyberattack that compromises data could result in negative press.

On November 24, 2020, the Unified Government’s IT department found multiple authentication attempts were being tried unsuccessfully from police mobile data terminals. After additional attempts occurred, the Unified Government made a claim through its cyber insurance provider for investigation. The investigation determined this was an attempt and not a full incident. No attempts were successful and no data was compromised. IT has worked with its provider to move all mobile data terminals to a private network.

While these incidents did not materially affect the Unified Government’s ability to operate, no assurances can be given that the Unified Government’s measures will prevent cybersecurity attacks, and no assurances can be given that any future cybersecurity attacks, if successful, will not have a material adverse effect on the operations or financial condition of the Unified Government.

LEGAL MATTERS

Pending Litigation

The Unified Government, like other similar bodies, is subject to a variety of suits and proceedings arising in the ordinary conduct of the affairs of the System. The Unified Government, after reviewing the current status of all pending and threatened litigation relating to the System with its general counsel, William C. Berryman, Jr., Esq., attorney for the Unified Government, believes that, while the outcome of litigation cannot be predicted, the final settlement of all lawsuits which have been filed and of any actions or claims pending or threatened against the Unified Government relating to the System or its officials in such capacity are adequately covered by insurance or will not have a material adverse effect upon the financial position or results of operations of the System.

There is no litigation now pending or, to the knowledge of the Unified Government, threatened against the Unified Government which restrains or enjoins the issuance or delivery of the Series 2025 Bonds, the pledge of the Net Operating Revenues to secure the Series 2025 Bonds, or the use of the proceeds of the Series 2025 Bonds or which questions or contests the validity of the Series 2025 Bonds or the proceedings and authority under which they are to be issued and secured. Neither the creation, organization, or existence of the Unified Government, nor the title of the present members or other officials of the Unified Government to their respective offices, is being contested or questioned.

Opinion of Bond Counsel

Legal matters incident to the authorization, validity and issuance of the Series 2025 Bonds are subject to the unqualified approving opinion of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP, Atlanta, Georgia, Bond Counsel, available at the time of delivery of the Series 2025 Bonds. It is anticipated that the approving opinion will be in substantially the form attached to this Official Statement as APPENDIX C. Copies of such opinion will be available at the time of the initial delivery of the Series 2025 Bonds.

The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), contains a number of requirements and restrictions which apply to the Series 2025 Bonds. These include restrictions on investments, requirements for periodic payment of arbitrage profits to the United States, requirements regarding the use of Series 2025 Bond proceeds and other restrictions and requirements. Failure to comply with certain of such requirements and restrictions may cause interest on the Series 2025 Bonds to become subject to federal income taxation, retroactive, in some cases, to the date of issuance of the Series 2025 Bonds.

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under existing law, interest on the Series 2025 Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Moreover, in the opinion of Bond Counsel, interest on the Series 2025 Bonds is not a specific “item of tax preference” for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals; however, such interest is taken into account in determining the annual adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations. The foregoing opinions are subject to the condition that the County comply with all requirements of the Code that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Series 2025 Bonds in order that the interest thereon be, or continue to be, excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Failure to comply with certain of such requirements may cause the inclusion of the interest on the Series 2025 Bonds in gross income for federal income tax purposes to be retroactive to the date of issuance of the Series 2025 Bonds.

In concluding that interest on the Series 2025 Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, Bond Counsel will rely, as to questions of fact material to its opinion, upon certified proceedings and other certifications of public officials furnished to Bond Counsel, without undertaking to verify any of them by independent investigation. If certain of these items are incorrect, interest on the Series 2025 Bonds may become included in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactive, in some cases, to the date of issuance of the Series 2025 Bonds.

Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any other federal tax consequences arising with respect to the Series 2025 Bonds. Bond Counsel rendered its opinion under existing statutes and court decisions as of the issue date, and assumes no obligation to update, revise or supplement its opinion to reflect any action hereafter taken or not taken, or any facts or circumstances that may hereafter come to its attention, or changes in law or in interpretation thereof that may hereafter occur, or for any other reason. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion on the effect of any action hereafter taken or not taken in reliance upon an opinion of other counsel on the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on the Series 2025 Bonds.

In the further opinion of Bond Counsel, the interest on the Series 2025 Bonds is exempt from State of Georgia income taxation. Bond Counsel has not opined as to whether interest on the Series 2025 Bonds is subject to state or local income taxation in jurisdictions other than Georgia; interest on the Series 2025 Bonds may or may not be subject to state or local income taxation in jurisdictions other than Georgia under applicable state or local laws. Each purchaser of the Series 2025 Bonds should consult its own tax advisor regarding the tax-exempt status of the interest on the Series 2025 Bonds in a particular state or local jurisdiction other than Georgia.

[Bond Premium]

[Certain maturities of the Series 2025 Bonds are being sold at prices in excess of the principal amount thereof. Under the Code, the excess of an owner's cost basis of a bond over the principal amount of such bond (other than a bond held as inventory, stock in trade, or for sale to customers in the ordinary course of business) is generally characterized as "bond premium." For federal income tax purposes, bond premium is amortized over the term of the related bond. An owner will therefore be required to decrease its basis in the Series 2025 Bonds by the amount of amortizable bond premium attributable to each taxable year it holds the Series 2025 Bonds. The amount of amortizable bond premium attributable to each taxable year is determined on an actuarial basis at a constant interest rate compounded on each interest payment date. The amortizable bond premium attributable to a taxable year is not deductible for federal income tax purposes. Purchasers of the Series 2025 Bonds should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the precise determination for federal income tax purposes of the treatment of bond premium upon sale, redemption or other disposition of the Series 2025 Bonds.

[Original Issue Discount]

To the extent the issue price of any maturity of the Series 2025 Bonds is less than the amount to be paid at maturity of such Series 2025 Bonds (excluding amounts stated to be interest and payable at least annually over the term of such Series 2025 Bonds), the difference constitutes "original issue discount," the accrual of which, to the extent properly allocable to each Beneficial Owner thereof, is treated as interest on the Series 2025 Bonds which is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. For this purpose, the issue price of a particular maturity of the Series 2025 Bonds is the first price at which a substantial amount of such maturity of the Series 2025 Bonds is sold to the public (excluding bond houses, brokers or similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriters, placement agents or wholesalers). The original issue discount with respect to any maturity of the Series 2025 Bonds accrued daily over the term to maturity of such Series 2025 Bonds on the basis of a constant interest rate compounded semiannually (with straight-line interpolations between compounding dates). The accruing original issue discount is added to the adjusted basis of such Series 2025 Bonds to determine taxable gain or loss upon disposition (including same, redemption or payment on maturity) of such Series 2025 Bonds. Beneficial Owners of the Series 2025 Bonds should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the tax consequences of ownership of Series 2025 Bonds with original issue discount, including the treatment of Beneficial Owners who do not purchase such Series 2025 Bonds in the original offering to the public at the first price at which a substantial amount of such Series 2025 Bonds is sold to the public.

Collateral Federal Tax Consequences for the Series 2025 Bonds

The following is a brief discussion of certain collateral federal income tax matters with respect to the Series 2025 Bonds. It does not purport to address all aspects of federal taxation that may be relevant to a particular owner of a Series 2025 Bond. Prospective investors, particularly those who may be subject to special rules, are advised to consult their own tax advisors regarding the federal tax consequences of owning and disposing of the Series 2025 Bonds.

Prospective owners of the Series 2025 Bonds should be aware that the ownership of such obligations may result in collateral federal income tax consequences to various categories of persons, such as corporations (including S corporations and foreign corporations), financial institutions, property and casualty and life insurance companies, individual recipients of Social Security and railroad retirement benefits, individuals otherwise eligible for the earned income tax credit, and taxpayers deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry obligations the interest on which is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Interest on the Series 2025 Bonds may be taken into account in determining the tax liability of foreign corporations subject to the branch profits tax imposed by Section 884 of the Code.

Possible Changes in Tax Law

Tax legislation, administrative actions taken by tax authorities, or court decisions, whether at the federal or state level, may adversely affect the tax-exempt status of interest on the Series 2025 Bonds under federal or state law, or otherwise prevent Holders of the Series 2025 Bonds from realizing the full current benefits of the tax status of such interest. In addition, such legislation or actions (whether currently proposed, proposed in the future, or enacted) and

such decisions could affect the market price or marketability of the Series 2025 Bonds. Each Series 2025 Bond purchaser should consult its own tax advisor.

Validation Proceedings

In accordance with the procedures set forth in the Revenue Bond Law, the Series 2025 Bonds were validated on April 21, 2025, by order of the Superior Court of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia. Under Georgia law, the judgment of validation will be forever conclusive against the Unified Government upon the validity of the Series 2025 Bonds and the security therefor.

Closing Certificates

At the time of payment for and delivery of the Series 2025 Bonds, the Unified Government will deliver to the purchasers a certificate (1) that no litigation is pending or threatened against it which would have a material effect on the issuance or validity of the Series 2025 Bonds or the security for the Series 2025 Bonds or on the financial condition of the System; and (2) that the information contained in this Official Statement does not contain any misstatement of a material fact and does not omit to state any material fact necessary to make the statements herein contained, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

The Unified Government has covenanted for the benefit of the owners of the Series 2025 Bonds in the Disclosure Certificate to provide (a) certain financial information and operating data relating to the System (the “Operating and Financial Data”) annually and (b) notices of the occurrence of certain enumerated events (the “Events Notices”). The Operating and Financial Data and the Events Notices will be filed with the MSRB in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB (which, as of the date hereof, is the EMMA system of the MSRB). The Unified Government’s undertaking to provide Operating and Financial Data and Events Notices pursuant to the Disclosure Certificate is described in Appendix D. The covenants have been made in order to comply with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c12-12 (the “Rule”).

The annual report and operating data required by certain previous continuing disclosure undertakings of the Unified Government under Rule 15c2-12 for fiscal years 2015 through 2018 and for 2020 were filed between one and four days late. The previous continuing disclosure undertakings at issue require filings be made within 180 days of the end of the Unified Government’s fiscal year, and the timing of the completion of the comprehensive annual financial report resulted in the late filings. Notice of the occurrence of a positive rating change required by a previous continuing disclosure undertaking of the Unified Government under Rule 15c2-12 for the Refunded Bonds was filed approximately 115 days late. The previous continuing disclosure undertaking at issue requires filing notices of the occurrence of certain enumerated events, including a rating change, within 10 business days after the occurrence of the event. On May 22, 2023 Fitch Ratings upgraded the Refunded Bonds to “AAA” from “AA+” with a stable outlook rating. The Unified Government filed notice of the rating change on September 14, 2023. Except as described above, the Unified Government has complied in all material respects with its continuing disclosure undertakings during the previous five years.

COMPETITIVE SALE

The Series 2025 Bonds have been purchased at a competitive sale by [UNDERWRITER] (the “Underwriter”). The Underwriter has agreed, subject to certain conditions, to purchase the Series 2025 Bonds at an aggregate purchase price of [\$_____] (which is equal to the par amount of the Series 2025 Bonds of \$_____, less underwriters’ discount of \$_____ [plus/less] net original issue [premium/discount] of \$_____). The expected date of issuance and delivery of the Series 2025 Bonds and the initial public offering prices of the Series 2025 Bonds are as shown on the front page of this Official Statement. The initial public offering prices may be changed from time to time by the Underwriter. The Underwriter may also allow a concession from the public offering prices to certain dealers and others.

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Ratings

Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and Fitch Ratings, Inc. have assigned ratings of "Aa1" (stable outlook) and "AAA" (stable outlook), respectively, to the Series 2025 Bonds. The ratings reflect only the respective views of the rating agencies, and any desired explanation of the significance of each rating should be obtained from the rating agency furnishing such rating, at the following addresses: Moody's Investors Service, Inc., 7 World Trade Center, 250 Greenwich Street, New York, New York 10007 and Fitch Ratings, Inc. One State Street Plaza, New York, New York 10004. Generally, a rating agency bases its rating on the information and materials furnished to it and on investigations, studies, and assumptions of its own. There is no assurance that either or both of such ratings will remain unchanged for any given period of time or that they will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely by the rating agency furnishing the same, if, in its judgment, circumstances so warrant. Any such downward revision or withdrawal of such ratings, or either of them, may have an adverse effect on the liquidity and market price of the Series 2025 Bonds. A securities rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time.

Independent Professionals

Legal matters incident to the authorization, issuance and sale of the Series 2025 Bonds are subject to the approval of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP, Atlanta, Georgia, Bond Counsel. Certain legal matters will be passed on for the Unified Government by Judd Drake, Esq., Athens, Georgia.

The financial statements of the Unified Government as of June 30, 2024 and for the year then ended, attached hereto as part of Appendix A, have been audited by Rushton, LLC, Gainesville, Georgia, independent certified public accountants, to the extent and for the periods indicated in their report thereon, which appears in Appendix A. Such financial statements have been included herein in reliance upon the report of Rushton, LLC, Gainesville, Georgia.

First Tryon Advisors has served as financial advisor (the "Financial Advisor") to the Unified Government with respect to the sale of the Series 2025 Bonds. The Financial Advisor's fee for services rendered with respect to the sale of the Series 2025 Bonds is contingent on the issuance and delivery of the Series 2025 Bonds. The Financial Advisor is not obligated to undertake, and has not undertaken, either to make an independent verification of or to assume responsibility for the accuracy, completeness, or fairness of the information contained in this Official Statement and the appendices thereto.

Additional Information

Use of the words "shall," "must," or "will" in this Official Statement in summaries of documents or laws to describe future events or continuing obligations is not intended as a representation that such event or obligation will occur but only that the document or law contemplates or requires such event to occur or obligation to be fulfilled.

Any statements made in this Official Statement involving estimates or matters of opinion, whether or not so expressly stated, are set forth as such and not as representations of fact, and no representation is made that any of the estimates or matters of opinion will be realized. Neither this Official Statement nor any statement which may have been made orally or in writing is to be construed as a contract with the owners of the Series 2025 Bonds.

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CERTIFICATION

The execution and delivery of this Official Statement, and its distribution and use, have been duly authorized and approved by the Unified Government.

**UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF
ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA**

By: _____
Mayor, Athens-Clarke County, Georgia

APPENDIX A

Audited Financial Statements of Athens-Clarke County for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

For the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2024



**Unified Government of
Athens-Clarke County, GA**

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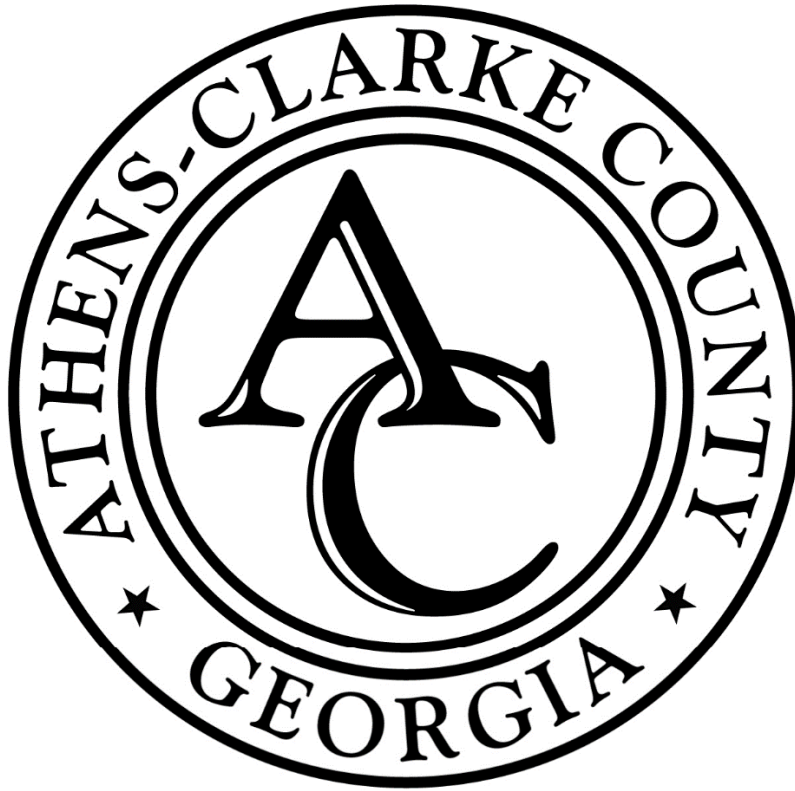
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December 20, 2024

To the Honorable Mayor, Members of the Commission, and Citizens of Athens-Clarke County:

Georgia state law requires that every general purpose local government publish a complete set of audited financial statements within six months of the close of each fiscal year. Pursuant to that requirement, we hereby issue the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report ("the ACFR") of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia ("the Unified Government") for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

Management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of the information contained in this report, based upon a comprehensive framework of internal control that it has established for this purpose. Because the cost of internal control should not exceed anticipated benefits; the objective is to provide reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of any material misstatements.

Rushton, LLC, Certified Public Accountants, issued an unmodified ("clean") opinion on the June 30, 2024, financial statements of the Unified Government. The Independent Auditor's Report is located at the front of the financial section of this report.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) immediately follows the Independent Auditor's Report and provides a narrative introduction, overview and analysis of the basic financial statements. The MD&A complements this letter of transmittal and should be read in conjunction with it.

Profile of the Government

On August 7, 1990 the citizens of Clarke County and City of Athens voted to consolidate into one government, the **Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County**, Georgia. The first elected officials for the new unified government took office on January 14, 1991. The City and County operated as separate financial entities for the remainder of fiscal year 1991, and combined operations as one unified government beginning July 1, 1991.

Located 70 miles northeast of Atlanta, Athens-Clarke County has a population of 128,711 and is the smallest of Georgia's 159 counties in land area at 125 square miles. It is home to the oldest state-chartered university in the United States, the University of Georgia, which had a Fall Semester 2021 student enrollment of 40,118. Athens-Clarke County is the regional center of northeast Georgia with a stable economy based on a broad mix of industry, healthcare facilities, service organizations, and governmental institutions.

The Unified Government provides a full range of urban services for its citizens. These services are overseen by the Manager who is appointed by the Mayor and a 10 member Board of Commissioners. The Mayor and Commissioners hold part-time, four year terms, and are elected in staggered voting cycles. Additional information about current activities of the Unified Government can be obtained at our website, www.accgov.com.

The Unified Government, in accordance with state law and the Unified Government's charter, adopts an annual operating and capital budget. The budget process provides a professional management approach to establishing priorities and an orderly means of directing various services. Developed on a line item basis with a focus on the cost of services, the budget is adopted by the Mayor and Commission after a required public hearing and two public notices. The legal level of budgetary control is the department/fund level.

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Local Economy

Athens-Clarke County remains an employment, education, entertainment, and retail center for northeast Georgia and accounts for over 60% of the Athens-Clarke County Metropolitan Statistical Area's (MSA) Labor Force. The trend of population migration into the Athens area continues, with the Total Civilian Labor Force in our MSA increasing from 102,398 in September 2023 to 103,743 in August 2024. Athens-Clarke County's unemployment rate remains low at 3.6% for September 2024 (Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics).

Athens-Clarke County's strategic targeted economic sectors are spotlighted below. They have been identified as strategic targets due to existing workforce assets and strengths, local education and training programs, similar existing companies in our community, above-average wages and employment benefits, and positive job growth outlook.

- Biotechnology & Pharmaceuticals
- Advanced Manufacturing Research & Development
- Healthcare Sciences
- Creative Economy
- Craft Beverages, Brewing & Distilling

The business outlook in Athens for 2025 continues to trend positively, with strong development activity, business expansions, job creation, wage growth, and hiring. Development activity was extremely robust in Athens-Clarke County for 2024, with significant and notable investment in housing in Athens-Clarke County, with a number of mixed-use, multifamily, clustered housing, and single-family housing projects currently underway across the county. Georgia Square Mall is the focus of a \$650 million redevelopment project, including \$189 million in tax allocation funding approved by the Mayor & Commission and Board of Education. The Mall redevelopment will include 1,200 housing units, including 99 affordable housing units, increased greenspace, commercial space, enhanced storm water management, a transit transfer station, and space set aside at reduced rent for the Boys & Girls Club, Clarke County School District, and women- and minority-owned businesses.

The University of Georgia (UGA) is the county's largest employer, with a total workforce of over 10,850, a FY 2025 Budget of \$1.88 billion, and an estimated \$8.1 billion 2023 annual impact on Georgia's economy. UGA's Innovation District continues to accelerate commercialization of research discoveries and to grow Athens as a hub for entrepreneurship, creativity, and research-industry collaboration. In FY 2023, UGA ranked number 1 in the United States for translating academic research discoveries into new marketable products, is consistently ranked in the top 10 in the country for licensing revenues, and provides a \$531 million economic impact from research-based startups.

Biotechnology and Pharmaceuticals is a key strategic targeted economic sector for Athens-Clarke County, and one with a very bright future. In April 2023, Meissner announced they will invest nearly \$250 million and create 1,785 new jobs in our Athena Industrial Park. This year, the project broke ground and construction is underway. Roughly half of the new jobs will produce microfiltration devices which are used in the life sciences industry, and the other half will be engaged in research and development. Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health completed construction and celebrated the grand opening of a new Global Innovation Center on their campus, growing their research and development activities here in Athens. ACCGov Economic Development has partnered with Clarke County School District's Athens Community Career Academy in working with a Catalyst Committee of local biotech leaders to develop a new biomanufacturing pathway for students in grades 10-12. The new pathway launched Fall semester 2024 and offers students the opportunity to develop high-demand entry-level skills, learn through internships with local biotech companies, continue their learning through Athens Technical College's Biotechnology Pathway at no cost through dual enrollment, and graduate high school fully qualified for a full-time, full-benefits career in biotechnology.

Healthcare Sciences is another strategic targeted economic sector for our community. In Spring 2024, the State of Georgia pledged \$50 million towards the establishment of a new University of Georgia School of Medicine. The new School of Medicine will enhance Georgia's physician and medical professional training capacity to and increase resiliency to better meet the public health needs of our growing state. It will also

accelerate biomedical research activities in Athens. The school will be located on UGA's Health Sciences Campus on Prince Avenue. The Athens Community Career Academy has partnered with Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center to expand healthcare pathways and incorporate work-based learning opportunities for high school students in grades 10-12.

Athens' creative economy, including music, film, and visual arts, is foundational to our community and sense of place. Athena Studios is completing build-out of 350,000 square feet of soundstages and production offices for film and TV production. The new facility is already positioning Athens for increased film/tv production, bringing new jobs to the area and fostering creative talent through a partnership with the Georgia Film Academy and UGA, training the next generation of film industry professionals with an on-site learning space. A new 6,500-seat Classic Center Arena is scheduled for completion by 2025, and has welcomed the Athens Rock Lobsters, a professional hockey team with membership in the Federal Prospects Hockey League (FPHL). The arena project is estimated to add 600 new jobs and provide 90,000 additional hotel room nights.

Athens-Clarke County's advanced manufacturing sector remains integral to our economy and to sustainable employment. Duckshin Housing, which produces architectural deck plates and frames used in construction, announced in 2023 they will invest \$15 Million and create 100 new jobs in Athens. The project is anticipated to break ground in 2025. The craft brewing and distilling industry continues to thrive in Athens. Oak House Distillery opened in 2023 as Athens' first local distillery, crafting Athens-made gin, vodka, and rum. Athens is home to five local breweries, including Terrapin, Creature Comforts, Akademia, Authentic Brewing, and Normaltown Brewing. Normaltown Brewing expanded to a larger facility in 2024, increasing their brewing and events capacity.

Long-term Financial Planning and Major Initiatives

From inception in 1991, the Unified Government has focused operations with long range plans in mind. The first long-range plan, Athens-Clarke Tomorrow, was completed in October of 1993. This resident-based process identified the future needs of its residents, the Government, and the county area. The latest of these long-range plans is the 2023 Comprehensive Plan which outlines a collective strategy going forward in an attempt to ensure the continued health, safety, and general welfare of the community. The Comprehensive Plan builds on the Envision Athens planning effort, which had significant influence on the 2018 Comprehensive Plan. The Unified Government also works with neighboring counties to plan transportation and transit system improvements. This regional transportation program, the Madison, Athens-Clarke, Oconee Regional Transportation Study (MACORTS), is funded primarily by the federal government.

The Mayor and Commission adopted an organization-wide Strategic Plan on March 1, 2022. The ACCGov Strategic Plan outlines Goals, Strategies, and Initiatives that ACCGov will work to implement between fiscal years 2023 and 2025. The Strategic Plan is currently comprised of six goal areas, 27 strategies, and 82 initiatives. The Mayor and Commission, Management and Staff utilize the Strategic Plan to help guide annual budget development.

The Unified Government's capital programming process uses these plans and other departmental planning documents as a guide for acquisition, construction, and replacement of capital assets. The long-range plans for business-type and governmental activities are included in this process. Operating costs for capital improvements are also considered within the Unified Government's capital programming process.

The Unified Government continues to use two capital project based 1% sales taxes to finance approximately \$70 million of capital assets annually. These are the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) and the Transportation SPLOST (TSPLOST), both are approved by voter referendum. On November 5, 2019, Athens-Clarke County citizens voted to extend the current SPLOST beginning April 1, 2020. This program will fund an additional \$314.3 million for thirty-seven projects including: facilities modernization projects (including a new judicial center); affordable housing projects; a Classic Center arena; public safety equipment additions; bicycle and pedestrian improvements; expansions and improvements to various parks and greenways; and road/bridge improvements.

On May 24, 2022, Athens-Clarke County citizens voted to extend the current TSPLOST beginning October 1, 2022. This 5-year program will fund an additional \$150.0 million of transportation related projects, including: Airport and Transit improvements; bicycle and pedestrian improvements, and road/bridge improvements.

Relevant Financial Policies

The Charter of the Unified Government that was adopted on August 7, 1990 (Section 7-404a) requires the Unified Government to “develop a statement of general fiscal policies”. On January 2, 1991, the Mayor and Commission adopted a comprehensive set of “Fiscal Policies”; last revised on December 1, 1998 and available at www.accgov.com. These policies guide the decisions and processes for the operating budget, capital budget and Capital Improvements Program; reserve funds; revenue administration; accounting, auditing and financial reporting; debt; investments; and purchasing.

At the end of fiscal year 2024, the General Fund had \$42.4 million of unassigned fund balance, a decrease of \$9.2 million from the prior year. This represented approximately 21.9% of General Fund expenditures and transfers out. This amount is consistent with the Reserve Fund Policy to “strive to accumulate a General Fund working reserve at least equal to two month (16.7%) of the General Fund budget.” This reserve shall be created and maintained to provide the capacity to:

- Offset significant downturns and revision in any general government activity.
- Provide sufficient working capital.
- Provide sufficient cash flow for current financial needs at all times.

Awards and Acknowledgements

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Unified Government for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. This award was the thirty-eighth consecutive year the Unified Government has achieved this prestigious award. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, the Unified Government had to publish an easily readable and efficiently organized ACFR that satisfied both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable program requirements.

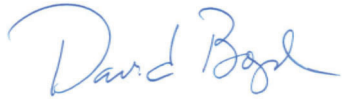
A Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our current ACFR continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting requirements, and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

The preparation of this report would not have been possible without the skill, effort, and dedication of the entire staff of the Finance Department. We wish to thank all departments and constitutional offices for their assistance in providing the data necessary to prepare this report. Credit is also due to the Mayor and Commission for their unfailing support for maintaining the highest standards of professionalism in the management of the finances of the Unified Government.

Respectfully submitted,

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Niki Jones
Acting Manager

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'David Boyd', written in a cursive style.

David Boyd, CPA
Director of Finance



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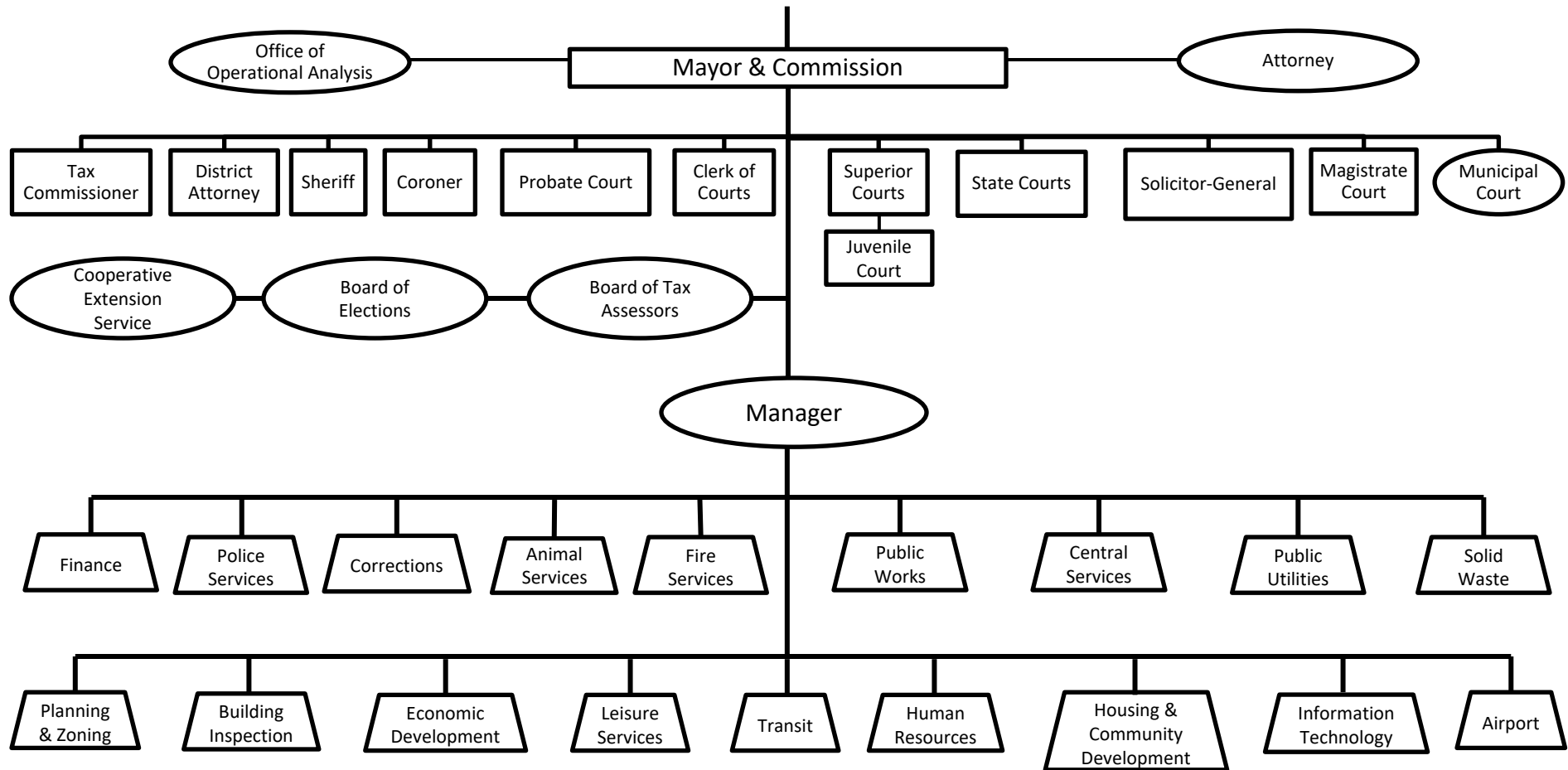
June 30, 2023

Christopher P. Morill

Executive Director/CEO

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia Organization Chart

Citizens of Athens-Clarke County



Symbol Key:



1. Elected Department Director or Constitutional Official. Budget Approved by Mayor & Commission



2. Department Director Appointed by Mayor & Commission or other body. Budget approved by Mayor & Commission.



3. Departments directors appointed and directed by the Manager. Budget approved by Mayor & Commission

**Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Principal Officials
as of June 30, 2024**

MAYOR AND COMMISSION

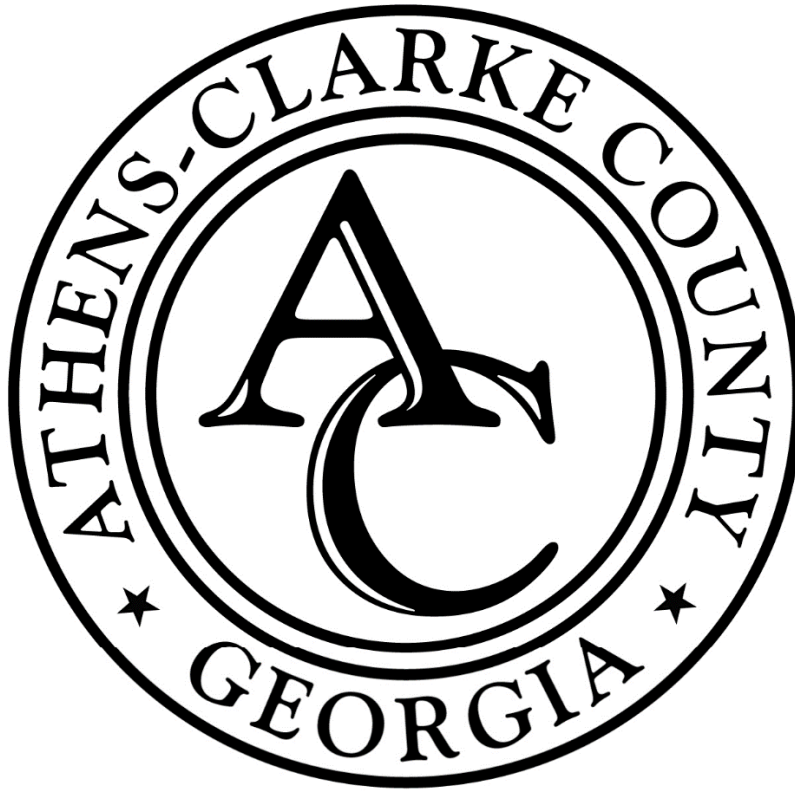
Kelly Girtz	Mayor
Patrick Davenport	Commissioner, District 1
Melissa Link	Commissioner, District 2
Tiffany Taylor	Commissioner, District 3
Allison Wright	Commissioner, District 4
Dexter Fisher	Commissioner, District 5
Jesse Houle	Commissioner, District 6
John Culpepper	Commissioner, District 7
Carol Myers	Commissioner, District 8
Ovita Thornton	Commissioner, District 9
Mike Hamby	Commissioner, District 10

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Lisa Lott	Chief Judge, Superior Court
Lawton Stephens	Judge, Superior Court
H. Patrick Haggard	Judge, Superior Court
Eric Norris	Judge, Superior Court
Charles E. Auslander, III	Chief Judge, State Court
Ryan Hope	Judge, State Court
Benjamin Makin	Chief Judge, Magistrate's Court
Susan Schaffer	Judge, Probate Court
Amanda Trimble	Judge, Juvenile Court
John Q. Williams	Sheriff
Elisa Zarate	Clerk of Courts
Deborah Gonzalez	District Attorney
Will Fleenor	Solicitor General, State Court
Toni Meadow	Tax Commissioner
Sonny Wilson	Coroner

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Blaine Williams	Manager
Niki Jones	Assistant Manager
Vacant	Assistant Manager
Judd Drake	Attorney
Gavin Hassemer	Internal Auditor
Jean Spratlin	Clerk of Commission
Marcy Jolles	Judge, Municipal Court
David Boyd	Director of Finance
Lori Pollock	Interim Director of Human Resources
Kirk Dunagan	Chief Appraiser, Tax Assessor
Charlotte Sosebee	Director of Elections and Voter Registration
Roderick Wallace	Director of Housing and Community Development
Travis Cooper	Director of Information Technology
Jerry Saulters	Chief of Police
Nate Moss	Chief of Fire and Emergency Services
Ray Covington	Warden, Corrections
Mike Mathews	Airport Director
Victor Pope	Director of Public Transit
Stephen Bailey	Director of Transportation & Public Works
Hollis Terry	Director of Public Utilities
Suki Janssen	Director of Solid Waste
Bruce Lonnee	Interim Director of Planning & Zoning
Doug Hansford	Director of Building Inspection & Permits
Andrew Saunders	Director of Central Services
Kent Kilpatrick	Director of Leisure Services
Jackie Dallas	County Cooperative Extension Coordinator
Ilka McConnell	Director of Economic Development



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Independent Auditor's Report

Honorable Mayor and Commission
Athens-Clarke County, Georgia

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Athens-Clarke County, Georgia's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of the other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in the financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof, and the budgetary comparisons of the General Fund and ARPA-CSLFRF Special Revenue Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We did not audit the financial statements of the Clarke County Board of Health, which represents 6% of the assets, a reduction of 17% of the net position, and 47% of the revenues of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia's aggregate discretely presented component units for the year ended June 30, 2024. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Clarke County Board of Health is based solely on the report of the other auditors.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. 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 Athens-Clarke County, Georgia and to meet our ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. 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 Athens-Clarke County, Georgia'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.

Auditor's 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 auditor's report that includes our opinions. 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 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 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 generally accepted auditing standards and *Government 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 Athens-Clarke County, Georgia'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 Athens-Clarke County, Georgia'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 and the required supplementary information on pages 12 through 22 and 87 through 89, respectively, 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 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Athens-Clarke County, Georgia's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund statements and schedules and the introductory and statistical sections are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual fund statements and schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such 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, based on our audit and the report of the other auditors, the combining and individual fund statements and schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

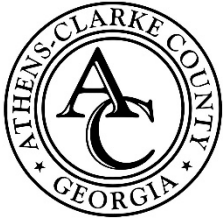
The introductory and statistical sections have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 20, 2024, on our consideration of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the 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 Athens-Clarke County, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Rushton, LLC

Gainesville, Georgia
December 20, 2024



Athens-Clarke County, Georgia Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Management's discussion and analysis provides an objective and easily readable analysis of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia's (the Government) financial activities. The analysis provides summary financial information for Athens-Clarke County and should be read in conjunction with the Government's financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Athens-Clarke County's assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$1.1 billion (net position).
- Total net position for governmental activities was \$594.5 million.
- Total net position for business-type activities was \$537.0 million.
- General Fund fund balance decreased by \$7.6 million to \$57.1 million, of which \$42.4 million (unassigned fund balance), is available for emergencies, maintenance of facilities and infrastructure, and other governmental activities, at the discretion of the Mayor and Commission.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Government's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) *government-wide financial statements*, 2) *fund financial statements*, and 3) *notes to the financial statements*. The *government-wide financial statements* present an overall picture of the Government's financial position and results of operations. The *fund financial statements* present financial information for the Government's major funds. The *notes to the financial statements* provide additional information concerning the Government's finances that are not disclosed in the *government-wide or fund financial statements*.

The *government-wide financial statements* include 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 business-type activities and the change in net position. Governmental activities are primarily supported by property taxes, sales taxes, other taxes, federal and state grants, fines, and charges for services. Business-type activities are supported by charges to the users of those activities, such as water and sewer service charges.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources of the Government, with the difference between assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources reported as net position. Net position is reported in five categories; 1) net investment in capital assets 2) restricted for capital projects, 3) restricted for program activities, 4) restricted for debt service, and 5) unrestricted. Assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position are reported for all governmental activities separate from the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position of business-type activities. In addition, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position are reported separately for the Downtown Athens Development Authority, the Alternative Dispute Resolution Program, the Clarke County Board of Health, and the Classic Center Authority, which are considered discretely presented component units of the Government.

The Statement of Activities presents information on all revenues and expenses of the Government and the change in net position. Expenses and program revenues are reported by major function, providing the net cost of all functions provided by the Government. To assist in understanding the Government's operations, expenses and program revenues have been reported as governmental activities or business-type activities. Governmental activities financed by the Government include: general government, judicial, public safety, public works, health and welfare, culture and recreation, and housing and development.

Business-type activities financed by user charges include: water and sewer services, stormwater, landfill, airport, transit operations, and solid waste collections. Expenses and revenues of the discretely presented component units are reported separately from the Government's financial information.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 23-24 of this report. The component unit combining statements are presented on pages 124-130.

Fund financial statements present financial information for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds. These statements provide financial information for the major funds of Athens-Clarke County. 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. The proprietary fund financial statements provide information on all assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources of the funds, changes in the economic resources (revenues and expenses), and total economic resources. The fiduciary fund statements provide information concerning assets held in trust by the Government on behalf of others.

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 Government's General Fund and American Rescue Plan – CSLFRF Special Revenue Fund. The basic government fund financial statements can be found on pages 25-31. For the proprietary funds, which include internal service funds in addition to business-type activities, a Statement of Net Position; a Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position; and a Statement of Cash Flows are presented. The basic proprietary fund financial statements can be found on pages 32-35. A Statement of Fiduciary Net Position is presented for the Government's pension trust fund, Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) trust fund, and custodial funds. A Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position is presented for the Government's pension and OPEB trust funds, and custodial funds. The basic fiduciary fund financial statements can be found on pages 36 and 37. *Fund financial statements* provide more detailed information about the Government's activities. Individual funds are established to track revenues that are restricted to certain uses, comply with legal requirements, or account for the use of state and federal grants. *Fund financial statements* also disclose the current inflows and outflows of spendable resources and the balances of spendable resources at fiscal year-end.

The *government-wide financial statements* and the *fund financial statements* provide different views of the Government. The government-wide financial statements provide an overall picture of the Government's financial standing, split between governmental activities and business-type activities. These statements are comparable to private sector companies. These statements provide a good understanding of the Government's overall financial health and how the Government paid for the various activities, or functions, provided by the Government. All assets including land, buildings, infrastructure, and machinery and equipment are reported in the statement of net position. All liabilities, including principal outstanding on bonds, principal outstanding on notes payable, and future employee benefits obligated but not paid and held by the Government are reported in the statement of net position. Transactions between the different functions of the Government have been eliminated in order to avoid "doubling up" the revenues and expenses. The *fund financial statements* provide a picture of the major funds and a column for all non-major funds. 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*. Reconciliations provided as a link to show the changes from the *fund financial statements* to the *government-wide financial statements*, which can be found on pages 26 and 28.

The notes to the financial statements provide additional detail concerning the financial activities and financial balances of the Government. Additional information about the accounting practices for investments of the Government, long-term debt, and the pension plan are some of the items included in the *notes to the financial statements*. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 38-86 of this report.

The required supplementary information includes required schedules and information on the County's defined benefit pension plan and OPEB plan, which can be found on pages 87-89 of this report.

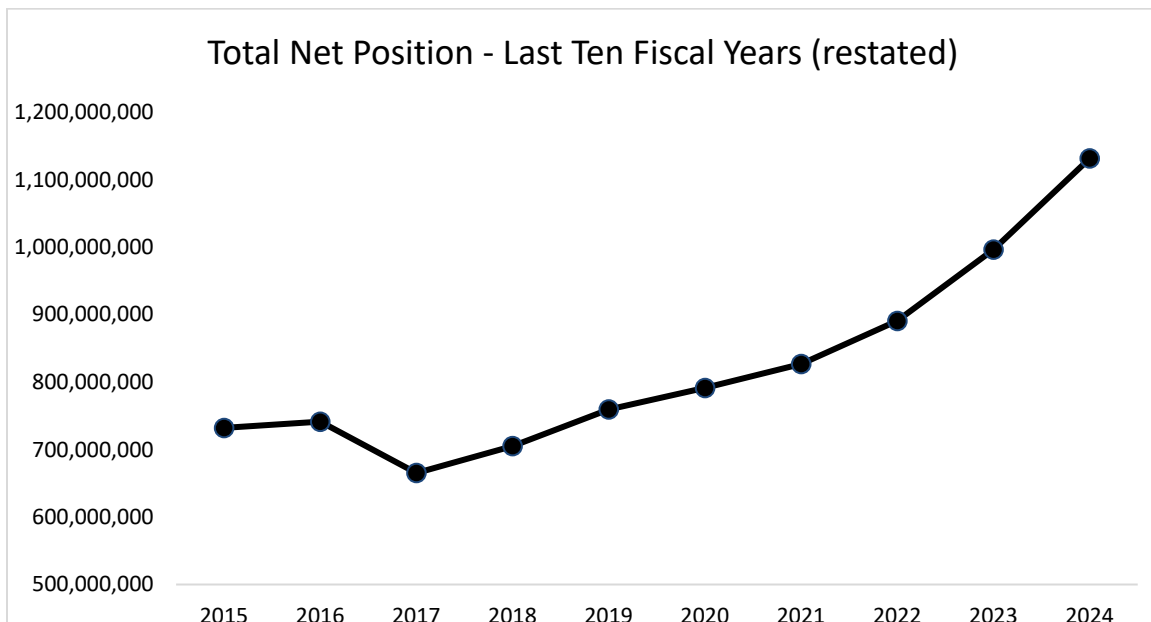
Other supplementary information includes combining financial statements for non-major governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary funds. These funds are added together by fund type and presented in single columns in the basic financial statements but are not reported individually, as with major funds, on the government-wide financial statements.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE ANALYSIS

Schedule 1 and 2 summarize the Government's overall financial position and results of operations for the past two years based on information included in the government-wide financial statements.

Schedule 1
Athens-Clarke County's Net Position
For the Fiscal Years 2024 and 2023

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Current and other assets	\$ 481,146,294	\$ 447,278,572	\$ 120,624,287	\$ 115,370,794	\$ 601,770,581	\$ 562,649,366
Capital assets	612,731,074	569,906,570	601,533,360	575,489,368	1,214,264,434	1,145,395,938
Total assets	1,093,877,368	1,017,185,142	722,157,647	690,860,162	1,816,035,015	1,708,045,304
Deferred outflows of resources	43,494,936	71,144,120	13,858,923	15,723,562	57,353,859	86,867,682
Long-term liabilities	364,125,446	414,072,480	186,092,174	185,942,276	550,217,620	600,014,756
Other liabilities	62,285,565	57,624,054	12,876,293	19,790,697	75,161,858	77,414,751
Total liabilities	426,411,011	471,696,534	198,968,467	205,732,973	625,379,478	677,429,507
Deferred inflows of resources	116,437,235	121,521,348	-	-	116,437,235	121,521,348
Net investment in capital assets	603,028,422	547,293,584	433,653,679	400,571,899	1,036,682,101	947,865,483
Restricted for:						
Capital projects	278,150,271	268,759,033	-	-	278,150,271	268,759,033
Program activities	8,658,086	4,674,131	-	-	8,658,086	4,674,131
Debt service	8,103,756	7,209,742	-	-	8,103,756	7,209,742
Unrestricted (deficit)	(303,416,477)	(332,825,110)	103,394,424	100,278,852	(200,022,053)	(232,546,258)
Total net position	\$ 594,524,058	\$ 495,111,380	\$ 537,048,103	\$ 500,850,751	\$1,131,572,161	\$ 995,962,131



The comparison of net position to liabilities may serve, over time, as a useful indicator of the Government's financial strength. At the end of the 2024 fiscal year, the Government's net position totaled approximately \$1.1 billion.

The largest portion of the Government's net position, \$1.0 billion, reflects its net investment in capital assets: land, buildings, equipment and infrastructure less any related debt used to acquire those assets. The Government uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, they are not available for future spending. Further, the Government cannot sell the capital assets to repay the related debt because it needs the assets for its operations; so it must find other resources to repay the debt.

The restricted portion of the Government's net position, \$294.9 million, represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used.

The remaining balance represents unrestricted net position. At the end of the 2024 fiscal year, the Government's unrestricted net position was a deficit of \$200.0 million, an increase of \$32.5 million from the deficit for fiscal year 2023. The deficit in unrestricted net position in the governmental activities of \$303.4 million is the result of the net OPEB liability, and deferred inflows and outflows of resources related to OPEB. The Government contributes to the OPEB Trust Fund on a pay-as you-go basis.

At the end of the fiscal year, the Government is able to report positive balances of total net position, both for the government as a whole, as well as for its separate governmental and business-type activities.

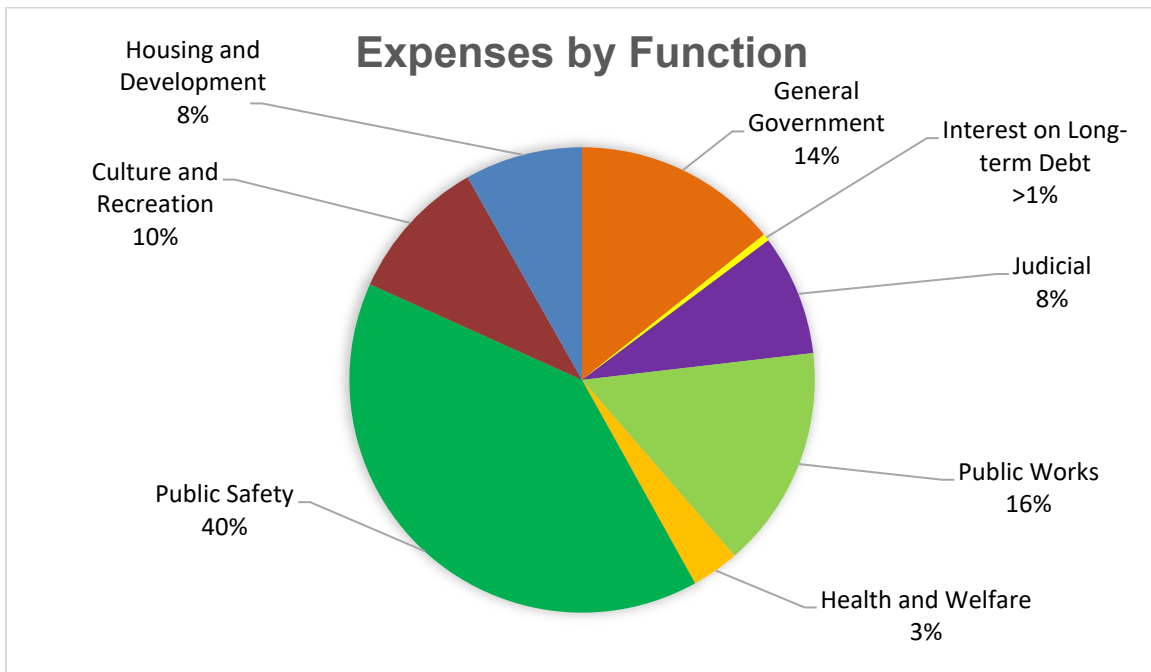
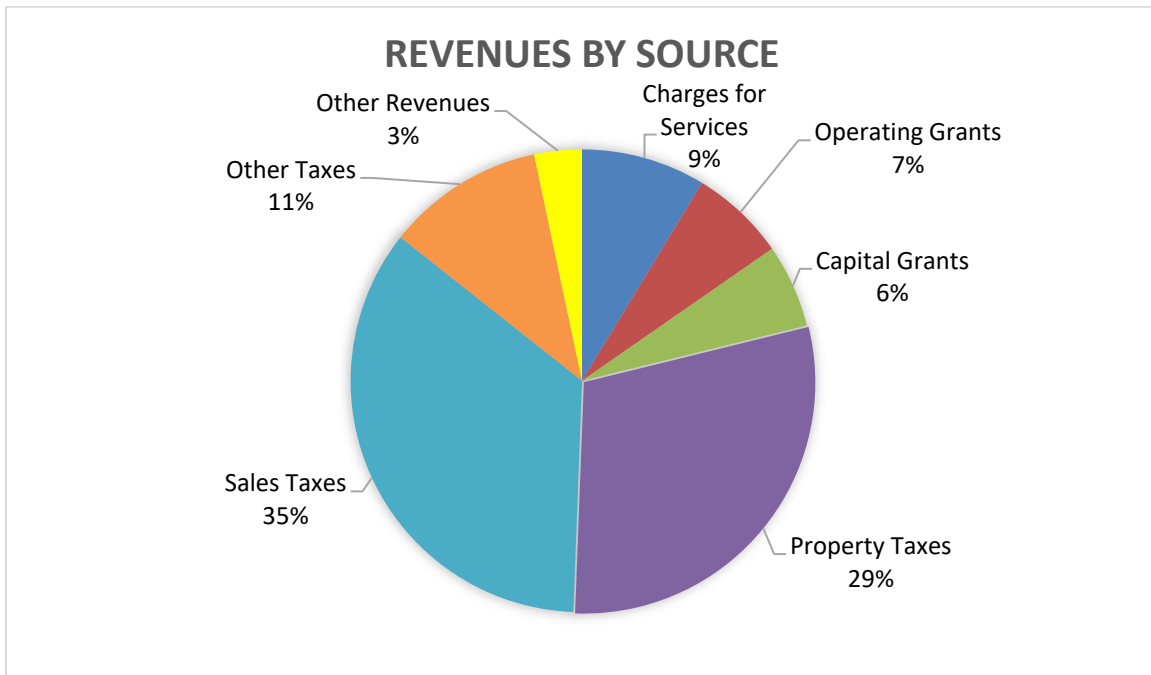
The Government's net position increased by \$135.2 million through current operations. Governmental activities resulted in an increase in net position of approximately \$99.0 million; business-type activities resulted in an increase in net position of approximately \$36.2 million. The following table was derived from the government-wide Statement of Activities and reflects how the Government's net position changed during the fiscal year.

Schedule 2
Athens-Clarke County's Changes in Net Position
For the Fiscal Years 2024 and 2023

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Revenues						
Program revenues						
Charges for services	\$ 26,942,085	\$ 23,050,529	\$ 93,049,217	\$ 83,584,659	\$ 119,991,302	\$ 106,635,188
Operating grants and contributions	20,731,219	23,339,563	3,935,696	6,868,085	24,666,915	30,207,648
Capital grants and contributions	18,077,584	11,837,686	4,869,855	1,962,793	22,947,439	13,800,479
General revenues						
Property taxes	91,458,697	84,332,541	-	-	91,458,697	84,332,541
Sales taxes	108,878,767	103,271,986	-	-	108,878,767	103,271,986
Excise taxes	20,803,762	20,130,103	-	-	20,803,762	20,130,103
Business taxes	13,451,876	12,447,701	-	-	13,451,876	12,447,701
Grants not restricted to specific programs	-	157,419	-	-	-	157,419
Investment income	8,803,125	6,238,108	5,588,528	3,814,976	14,391,653	10,053,084
Other revenues	1,418,765	1,392,948	2,051,321	1,865,160	3,470,086	3,258,108
Gain on sales of capital assets	143,741	30,890	34,129	99,797	177,870	130,687
Total revenues	310,709,621	286,229,474	109,528,746	98,195,470	420,238,367	384,424,944
Expenses						
General government	29,620,628	49,773,609	-	-	29,620,628	49,773,609
Judicial	17,422,339	15,913,563	-	-	17,422,339	15,913,563
Public safety	82,638,932	76,438,118	-	-	82,638,932	76,438,118
Public works	32,067,391	31,815,048	-	-	32,067,391	31,815,048
Health and welfare	6,859,400	6,742,060	-	-	6,859,400	6,742,060
Culture and recreation	20,887,751	16,827,205	-	-	20,887,751	16,827,205
Housing and development	16,989,555	13,037,434	-	-	16,989,555	13,037,434
Interest on long-term debt	1,021,828	1,140,589	-	-	1,021,828	1,140,589
Water and Sewer	-	-	48,848,477	46,841,001	48,848,477	46,841,001
Airport	-	-	5,100,916	4,186,916	5,100,916	4,186,916
Landfill	-	-	5,700,108	4,659,859	5,700,108	4,659,859
Transit	-	-	8,365,786	9,256,326	8,365,786	9,256,326
Solid Waste	-	-	4,261,757	4,059,719	4,261,757	4,059,719
Storm Water	-	-	5,301,949	4,771,972	5,301,949	4,771,972
Land Bank Authority	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenses	207,507,824	211,687,626	77,578,993	73,775,793	285,086,817	285,463,419
Change in net position before transfers	103,201,797	74,541,848	31,949,753	24,419,677	135,151,550	98,961,525
Transfers	(4,247,599)	4,295,316	4,247,599	(4,295,316)	-	-
Increase in net position	98,954,198	78,837,164	36,197,352	20,124,361	135,151,550	98,961,525
Net position - beginning	495,111,380	416,274,216	500,850,751	474,486,144	995,962,131	890,760,360
Error corrections	458,480	-	-	6,240,246	458,480	6,240,246
Net position - ending	\$ 594,524,058	\$ 495,111,380	\$ 537,048,103	\$ 500,850,751	\$ 1,131,572,161	\$ 995,962,131

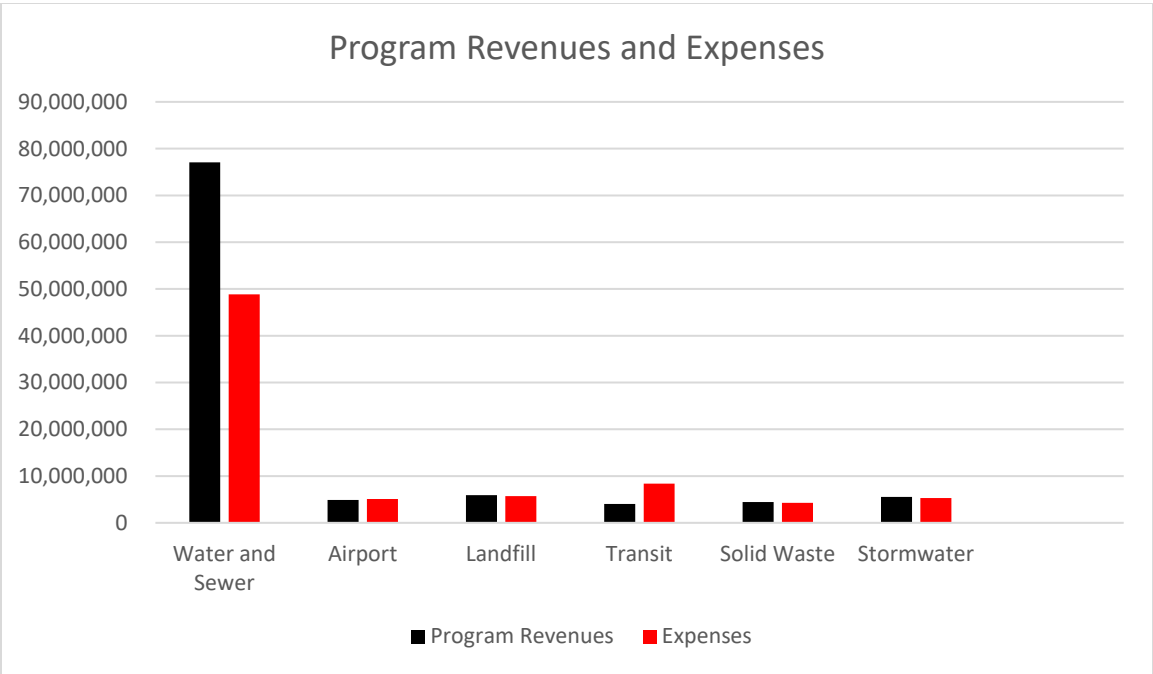
Governmental Activities

Governmental activities increased the Government's net position by \$99.0 million. Total revenues of \$310.7 million in fiscal year 2024 represents an increase of \$24.5 million primarily due to a \$12.7 million increase in property and sales tax from an increase in the 2023 tax digest and increased consumer spending in Clarke County; and a \$6.2 million increase in capital grants and contributions from increased investment income restricted to capital projects in the sales tax capital projects funds. Expenses decreased by \$1.2 million (2%) due primarily to a decrease in the net OPEB liability and related deferred inflows and outflows. Operating expenses increased primarily due to personnel costs from salary increases and fewer vacant positions.



Business-type Activities

Business-type activities increased the government’s net position by approximately \$36.2 million. An 11.5% increase in revenues and an 5.2% increase in expenses contributed to the 6.4% increase in total net position before transfers for the Government’s business-type activities. Charges for services in the business-type activities increased \$9.5 million (11.3%) from fiscal year 2023 primarily due to restructuring of the tier rates and Customer Services fees in the Water & Sewer Fund. Total business-type expenses increased \$3.8 million (5.2%) from fiscal year 2023 due to increased personnel costs from salary increases.



FUND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Major Governmental Funds

General Fund

The main operating fund for Athens-Clarke County, the General Fund, is used to account for all governmental financial resources not restricted by state or federal laws, local ordinances, or other externally imposed requirements. At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance of the General Fund was approximately \$42.4 million. As a measure of the General Fund’s liquidity, it may be useful to compare unassigned fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents 21.9% of General Fund expenditures and transfers out. Total fund balance decreased \$7.6 million, as compared to an increase of \$11.0 million in fiscal year 2023.

Total fund balance for the General Fund at the end of fiscal year 2024 is \$57.2 million. In the fiscal year 2025 budget, \$14.3 million is assigned to supplement the operating budget and \$357 thousand is assigned for housing and development. The remaining balance, approximately \$42.4 million, is available for emergencies, maintenance of facilities and infrastructure, and other governmental activities at the discretion of the Mayor and Commission.

General Fund Budget Highlights

Total General Fund revenue for the year, \$181.1 million, was 7.2% more than the final budget. All categories of revenue were over budget, with tax revenues \$6.8 million (4.6%) over budget. Taxes increased approximately \$9.9 million from fiscal year 2023 (6.8%) primarily due to an increase in the 2023 tax digest and increased consumer spending in Clarke County.

Total General Fund expenditures for fiscal year 2024 were \$167.3 million, 99.6% of the final budget. Personal services were \$2.3 million (1.9%) more than budgeted due to fewer position vacant.

Differences between the General Fund original budget and the final amended budget amount to a net increase in budgeted expenditures of \$565 thousand. The budgets for Sheriff's Office, Police, and Fire were increased by \$2.9 million, 3.2 million, and 1.2 million, respectively as additional funds were made available as a response increased personnel costs.

Other Major Governmental Funds

Athens-Clarke County was awarded approximately \$57.6 million in direct funding from the US Treasury through the American Rescue Plan Act – Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. The Government received approximately \$28.8 million in June 2021 and \$28.8 in June 2022. The Government expended \$6.8 million during fiscal year 2024, include \$2.2 million in responding to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and \$4.0 million in replacing lost revenues as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The fund balance for the SPLOST 2020 Fund decreased from \$164.6 million to \$160.1 million. During fiscal year 2024, the Government's SPLOST 2020 Fund received \$37.1 million of sales tax revenues and expended \$44.6 million for authorized projects.

The fund balance for the TSPLOST 2023 Fund increased from \$24.7 million to \$51.0 million. During fiscal year 2024, the Government's TSPLOST 2023 Fund received \$35.0 million of sales tax revenues and expended \$10.7 million for authorized projects.

Major Proprietary Funds

Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund

This fund is used to account for water and sewer services provided to customers in the Athens-Clarke County area. Rates are established to pay the costs of current operations and debt service and to provide for capital maintenance and infrastructure replacement. Net position at the end of fiscal year 2024 was \$467.3 million, an increase of \$32.8 million from fiscal year 2023. Operating income was \$33.1 million, \$5.0 million more than the prior year.

The total operating revenues for fiscal year 2024 were \$7.4 million (11.2%) more than fiscal year 2023 due to restructuring of the tier rates and Customer Services fees.

Operating expenses for fiscal year 2024 were \$2.4 million (6.33%) more than the total for fiscal year 2023. The increase in expenses included a \$950 thousand increase in personnel costs due to pay increases and fewer position vacancies. The increase in operating expenses also included a \$1.8 million increase in cost of sales and services due to increased vendor pricing.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Asset Activity

In fiscal year 2024, investment in capital assets for both governmental and business-type activities by the Government increased by approximately \$68.4 million, net of accumulated depreciation. Governmental activities increased capital investment of \$42.4 million, net of accumulated depreciation, and business-type activities increased capital asset investment by \$26.0 million net of accumulated depreciation. The Government's approximately \$1.2 billion investment in capital assets to date includes: land, buildings, roads, bridges, machinery and equipment, and utility systems. Capital assets added during fiscal year 2024 for governmental activities included infrastructure improvements of \$20.9 million and improvements other than buildings of \$16.6 million. In addition, construction on a number of capital assets funded by the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Program continued during fiscal year 2024.

Additional information about capital assets is included on pages 55-56 of this report.

Schedule 3 summarizes the Government's capital asset activity.

Schedule 3
Athens-Clarke County's Capital Assets
(net of accumulated depreciation)
For the Fiscal Years 2024 and 2023

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Land	\$ 58,885,462	\$ 58,885,462	\$ 51,381,860	\$ 51,339,560	\$ 110,267,322	\$ 110,225,022
Nondepreciable intangibles	1,854,732	1,755,758	379,905	379,905	2,234,637	2,135,663
Buildings	317,661,459	314,298,205	76,297,323	76,216,798	393,958,782	390,515,003
Water and sewer system	-	-	383,481,814	311,811,484	383,481,814	311,811,484
Improvements other than buildings	144,190,855	127,543,380	305,141,957	303,381,149	449,332,812	430,924,529
Machinery and equipment	71,483,499	63,180,710	45,782,072	44,652,273	117,265,571	107,832,983
Depreciable intangibles	4,267,915	4,267,915	1,227,932	1,167,932	5,495,847	5,435,847
Intangible right-to-use	4,147,070	4,147,070	-	-	4,147,070	4,147,070
Infrastructure	319,953,569	299,023,511	43,421,357	38,326,304	363,374,926	337,349,815
Construction in progress	61,721,422	46,820,587	4,921,230	39,456,517	66,642,652	86,277,104
Accumulated depreciation	(371,434,909)	(349,557,548)	(310,502,090)	(291,242,554)	(681,936,999)	(640,800,102)
Net capital assets	\$ 612,731,074	\$ 570,365,050	\$ 601,533,360	\$ 575,489,368	\$ 1,214,264,434	\$ 1,145,854,418

Government's Debt

At June 30, 2024, Athens-Clarke County had \$282.6 million in bonds and other debt outstanding, net of unamortized bond premium; this is an \$26.7 million decrease from last year's totals. Debt payments of \$21.7 million and amortization of bond premiums of \$5.0 million reduced total outstanding debt.

Additional information about the Government and its component units' long-term debt is included on pages 58-68 of this report.

Schedule 4 summarizes the Government's long-term debt activity.

Schedule 4
Athens-Clarke County's Outstanding Debt
For the Fiscal Years 2024 and 2023

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Bonds	\$ 102,369,279	\$ 117,973,368	\$ 164,595,882	\$ 173,529,844	\$ 266,965,161	\$ 291,503,212
Certificates of participation	2,249,000	2,249,000	-	-	2,249,000	2,249,000
Other debt	3,214,082	4,350,878	10,213,782	11,277,089	13,427,864	15,627,967
Total outstanding debt	\$ 107,832,361	\$ 124,573,246	\$ 174,809,664	\$ 184,806,933	\$ 282,642,025	\$ 309,380,179

NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

The fiscal year 2025 budget includes a General Fund Budget of \$203.6 million for FY25, \$17.0 million more than the fiscal year 2024 Budget. The Operating Budget for All Funds totals \$308.0 million. The Capital Budget for all funds is \$51.6 million. In total, the Operating and Capital Budget for FY25, \$359.6 million, is \$25.0 million more than the fiscal year 2024 Original Budget.

The millage rate for fiscal year 2025 - property tax year 2024 - is 12.45 mills, the same as the FY24 rate and is expected to generate approximately \$98.2 million in property tax revenue. The fiscal year 2025 budget includes a total of 1,796 authorized fulltime positions across all funds, an increase of 19 full-time positions over the previous year. The FY25 Budget for the General Fund also includes the use of \$5.7 million of Fund Balance for capital and \$8.7 million for operating expenses and transfers.

Broad-based support for a high-quality Athens-Clarke County Unified Government workforce continues:

- Employee compensation is targeted for a 4% market increase for each employee in the Unified Plan (non-public safety). In addition, the structured Public Safety Step Plan is funded with a 4% pay table increase and an additional \$711k to fund pay increases for scheduled step increases. \$1.2 million has also been added for increased Public Safety overtime needs.
- \$545k has been budgeted for a Public Safety pay study focused on Sheriff positions and its possible salary budget impact.
- For the second year in a row, ACCGov will hold constant employee contributions to the health insurance program. ACCGov's contribution to annual funding for employee benefits includes General Fund increases of approximately \$554k for Health Insurance, \$50k for Retiree Health and \$1.6M for Pension funding.

A number of budget items have been included with attention to the goal of maintaining our current services and facilities:

- Central Services – Facilities Rehab Crew: \$241K for one additional Facilities Maintenance Supervisor, part-time hours, and equipment and supplies. This initiative will incorporate three correctional diversion participants trained for painting and general maintenance in ACCGov buildings, which will reduce capital needs and costs in the future.
- Information Technology - \$198K of additional funding has been included to cover the increased costs of software licensing and maintenance agreements.
- Transportation & Public Works – \$100K has been added to cover the increased costs of streetlight electricity.
- Grants & Community Impact Coordinator – Sustainability Office: \$79k (9 months) to pursue and manage grants and funding opportunities in pursuit of M&C sustainability goals, including the 2035 (ACCGov) / 2050 (Community) 100% Clean and Renewable Energy Commitments.
- Federal Affairs Consultant - \$75k in the Manager's Office for professional services in support of ACCGov in seeking federal funding and support.
- Transportation & Public Works – \$59K is included for an additional Traffic Engineering Tech Position needed to deal with the high demand for traffic studies, speed studies, pedestrian counts, etc.
- Tax Assessor – An additional Appraiser position (\$72K) has been added as recommended by the recent audit by Operational Analysis.
- Municipal Court – An additional Court Clerk position (\$56K) is included to deal with a backlog of online payments. Additional revenue collected by reducing the backlog will cover the cost of the position for FY25.
- Probate Court – A part-time Staff Attorney (\$34K for 6 months) is included to address a backlog of required fiduciary filings.
- Manager's Office – An additional Assistant Manager position (\$52K for 3 months) is included for the last quarter of FY25.
- Animal Services – An additional \$67K is included for increased maintenance needs and medical services and supplies.

Public Safety initiatives that provide dignity to the public and improve safety continue as a key consideration:

- \$700k has been budgeted across Public Safety departments (primarily the Fire Department) to fund items that were included in the first ACCGov/Fire Union collective bargaining agreement.
- Police – Alternative Response Team: \$500K has been added to the General Fund budget to continue the program that began as a local ARPA program.
- Police – Youth Cadet Corps: \$90K to expand the program and add ten cadets (for a total of 20).

- Firefighters/EMT's for Ladder Trucks: \$162k adds three fulltime positions to increase staffing on ladder trucks to national standards. This is the second year of a three-year phase-in to add a total of nine positions to support ACCGov's three ladder trucks.
- Fire – Emergency Management Coordinator: \$92k for a position assist in the oversight, planning, organization, and administration of the ACCGov Emergency Management Program.
- Sheriff – An additional \$153,000 in the Sheriff's Jail budget for Medical Services for In-Custody Residents. This funding is to account for the annual cost for the new contract approved by the Commission on February 7, 2023.
- Corrections – Similarly, \$50K of additional funding is included for the health care contract for returning citizens.
- Digital Evidence Management System: \$82K (split between District Attorney - \$55k and Solicitor - \$27k) - to streamline and integrate databases for criminal cases used by the police, prosecutors and the defense.

In an effort to address one of our community's most pressing issues, this budget commits over \$5M to address affordable housing. The General Fund will transfer \$4.0 million of fund balance to the Affordable Housing Fund for gap financing (\$2.0 million) and single-family affordable housing (\$2 million) programs. The Affordable Housing Fund also includes \$1.0M of its own funding as a "strike fund" project to purchase properties for permanent affordability pursuing forthcoming Land Bank Authority recommendations from the Government Operations Committee.

OTHER INFORMATION

This report was prepared by the Finance Department to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of Athens-Clarke County's finances and to demonstrate the Government's financial accountability. Questions about this report or requests for additional information can be obtained by contacting the Finance Director at:

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Basic Financial Statements

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2024

	PRIMARY GOVERNMENT			COMPONENT UNITS
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 453,349,397	\$ 95,953,711	\$ 549,303,108	\$ 22,021,273
Investments	807,119	-	807,119	-
Receivables (net)				
Taxes	10,262,027	-	10,262,027	865,820
Accounts	3,693,533	10,334,541	14,028,074	4,788,815
Intergovernmental	6,696,638	3,938,332	10,634,970	-
Interest	3,339	-	3,339	-
Leases	-	-	-	7,258
Internal balances	3,502,341	(3,502,341)	-	-
Inventory	37,465	3,209,463	3,246,928	-
Property held for development	-	135,140	135,140	-
Prepaid items	150,693	-	150,693	235,839
Restricted assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	553,868	10,555,441	11,109,309	49,173,055
Investments	1,976,696	-	1,976,696	-
Noncurrent leases receivable	-	-	-	269,552
Nondepreciable capital assets	122,461,616	56,682,995	179,144,611	84,475,164
Depreciable/amortizable capital assets (net)	490,269,458	544,850,365	1,035,119,823	11,762,580
Net OPEB asset	-	-	-	558,246
Other assets	113,178	-	113,178	-
Total assets	1,093,877,368	722,157,647	1,816,035,015	174,157,602
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred loss on refunding	-	13,858,923	13,858,923	-
Deferred outflows related to pensions	12,831,891	-	12,831,891	4,033,863
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	30,663,045	-	30,663,045	1,690,999
Total deferred outflows of resources	43,494,936	13,858,923	57,353,859	5,724,862
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	22,955,796	6,080,954	29,036,750	10,832,230
Accrued payroll liabilities	1,829,270	431,450	2,260,720	938,614
Due to others	1,389,452	737,077	2,126,529	1,716,190
Claims and judgments payable	3,531,801	-	3,531,801	-
Retainage payable	1,196,120	3,054,553	4,250,673	7,802,149
Customer deposits payable	-	2,510,441	2,510,441	598,953
Intergovernmental payable	-	-	-	79,347
Accrued interest payable	372,292	51,053	423,345	809,887
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-
Unearned revenue	31,010,834	10,765	31,021,599	1,221,104
Long-term liabilities				
Due within one year:				
Compensated absences	3,997,798	888,543	4,886,341	150,912
Subscriptions payable	766,503	-	766,503	61,805
Notes payable	239,378	1,690,487	1,929,865	464,310
Leases payable	127,173	-	127,173	356,490
Bonds payable	12,179,000	8,045,000	20,224,000	100,000
Due in more than one year:				
Compensated absences	1,483,301	316,855	1,800,156	705,599
Certificates of participation	2,249,000	-	2,249,000	-
Subscriptions payable	1,181,337	-	1,181,337	121,647
Notes payable	497,588	8,523,295	9,020,883	4,604,412
Leases payable	402,103	-	402,103	1,903,172
Bonds payable (net)	90,190,279	156,550,882	246,741,161	117,315,282
Net pension liability	66,528,802	-	66,528,802	13,195,289
Net OPEB liability	184,283,184	-	184,283,184	582,177
Closure/post closure care	-	10,077,112	10,077,112	-
Total liabilities	426,411,011	198,968,467	625,379,478	163,559,569
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Accumulated increase in fair value of hedging derivatives	113,178	-	113,178	-
Deferred lease inflows	-	-	-	265,622
Deferred inflows related to pensions	724,155	-	724,155	30,920
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	115,599,902	-	115,599,902	711,134
Total deferred inflows of resources	116,437,235	-	116,437,235	1,007,676
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets	603,028,422	433,653,679	1,036,682,101	2,290,283
Restricted for				
Capital projects	278,150,271	-	278,150,271	-
Program activities	8,658,086	-	8,658,086	-
Debt service	8,103,756	-	8,103,756	-
Unrestricted	(303,416,477)	103,394,424	(200,022,053)	13,024,936
Total net position	\$ 594,524,058	\$ 537,048,103	\$ 1,131,572,161	\$ 15,315,219

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

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Statement of Activities
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense)/Revenue and Changes in Net Position			Component Units
		Charges for Services and Fines	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Primary Government Business-type Activities	Total	
Primary government								
Governmental activities								
General Government	\$ 29,620,628	\$ 6,069,768	\$ 2,180,566	\$ -	\$ (21,370,294)	\$ -	\$ (21,370,294)	\$ -
Judicial	17,422,339	3,679,613	3,665,714	-	(10,077,012)	-	(10,077,012)	-
Public Safety	82,638,932	4,022,624	2,667,973	185,844	(75,762,491)	-	(75,762,491)	-
Public Works	32,067,391	7,568,371	2,000	13,973,074	(10,523,946)	-	(10,523,946)	-
Health and Welfare	6,859,400	-	5,087,009	-	(1,772,391)	-	(1,772,391)	-
Culture and Recreation	20,887,751	1,187,895	337,243	149,228	(19,213,385)	-	(19,213,385)	-
Housing and Development	16,989,555	4,413,814	6,790,714	3,769,438	(2,015,589)	-	(2,015,589)	-
Interest on long-term debt	1,021,828	-	-	-	(1,021,828)	-	(1,021,828)	-
Total governmental activities	207,507,824	26,942,085	20,731,219	18,077,584	(141,756,936)	-	(141,756,936)	-
Business-type activities								
Water and Sewer	48,848,477	72,216,734	-	4,836,000	-	28,204,257	28,204,257	-
Airport	5,100,916	4,837,141	-	33,855	-	(229,920)	(229,920)	-
Landfill	5,700,108	5,900,570	-	-	-	200,462	200,462	-
Transit	8,365,786	97,713	3,935,696	-	-	(4,332,377)	(4,332,377)	-
Solid Waste	4,261,757	4,442,263	-	-	-	180,506	180,506	-
Stormwater	5,301,949	5,554,796	-	-	-	252,847	252,847	-
Land Bank Authority	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total business-type activities	77,578,993	93,049,217	3,935,696	4,869,855	-	24,275,775	24,275,775	-
Total primary government	\$ 285,086,817	\$ 119,991,302	\$ 24,666,915	\$ 22,947,439	(141,756,936)	24,275,775	(117,481,161)	-
Component units	\$ 54,463,029	\$ 16,409,979	\$ 31,673,295	\$ 865,000	-	-	-	(5,514,755)
General revenues								
Property taxes					91,458,697	-	91,458,697	487,627
Sales taxes					108,878,767	-	108,878,767	
Excise taxes					20,803,762	-	20,803,762	
Business taxes					13,451,876	-	13,451,876	
Investment income					8,803,125	5,588,528	14,391,653	3,416,065
Other revenues					1,418,765	2,051,321	3,470,086	3,084,323
Gain on sale of capital assets					143,741	34,129	177,870	
Transfers					(4,247,599)	4,247,599	-	
Total general revenues and transfers					240,711,134	11,921,577	252,632,711	6,988,015
Change in net position					98,954,198	36,197,352	135,151,550	1,473,260
Net position - beginning (as previously reported)					495,111,380	500,850,751	995,962,131	13,841,959
Error correction					458,480	-	-	-
Net position - beginning (restated)					495,569,860	500,850,751	996,420,611	13,841,959
Net position - ending					\$ 594,524,058	\$ 537,048,103	\$ 1,131,572,161	\$ 15,315,219

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

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2024

	General	ARPA - CSLFRF	SPLOST 2020	TSPLOST 2023	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 55,930,665	\$ 28,273,019	\$ 167,370,858	\$ 49,601,840	\$ 127,010,298	\$ 428,186,680
Investments	-	-	-	-	807,119	807,119
Receivables (net)						
Taxes	4,087,153	-	2,944,226	2,762,987	467,661	10,262,027
Accounts	97,407	-	-	-	3,590,501	3,687,908
Intergovernmental	134,294	-	6,069	-	6,553,672	6,694,035
Interest	-	-	-	-	3,339	3,339
Due from other funds	3,573,375	-	-	-	73,700	3,647,075
Prepaid items	-	107,550	-	-	-	107,550
Restricted assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	-	-	-	-	553,868	553,868
Total assets	\$ 63,822,894	\$ 28,380,569	\$ 170,321,153	\$ 52,364,827	\$ 139,060,158	\$ 453,949,601
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	\$ 4,052,335	\$ 325,099	\$ 9,604,025	\$ 1,365,744	\$ 6,133,296	\$ 21,480,499
Accrued payroll liabilities	1,643,105	34,328	3,046	4,206	112,425	1,797,110
Due to others	92,828	-	-	-	1,296,624	1,389,452
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	432,425	432,425
Retainage payable	-	-	599,156	41,870	555,094	1,196,120
Unearned revenue	15,450	28,021,142	-	-	2,974,242	31,010,834
Total liabilities	5,803,718	28,380,569	10,206,227	1,411,820	11,504,106	57,306,440
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Unavailable revenues						
Taxes	880,412	-	-	-	-	880,412
Fines and forfeitures	-	-	-	-	2,822,982	2,822,982
Total deferred inflows of resources	880,412	-	-	-	2,822,982	3,703,394
FUND BALANCES						
Nonspendable	-	107,550	-	-	47,676	155,226
Restricted	-	-	160,114,926	50,953,007	81,867,661	292,935,594
Committed	-	-	-	-	36,624,573	36,624,573
Assigned	14,697,401	-	-	-	6,193,160	20,890,561
Unassigned	42,441,363	(107,550)	-	-	-	42,333,813
Total fund balances	57,138,764	-	160,114,926	50,953,007	124,733,070	392,939,767
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	\$ 63,822,894	\$ 28,380,569	\$ 170,321,153	\$ 52,364,827	\$ 139,060,158	\$ 453,949,601

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

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds
to the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2024

Total governmental fund balances		\$ 392,939,767
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Capital assets	\$ 946,076,021	
Less: Accumulated depreciation/amortization	<u>(342,838,077)</u>	603,237,944
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.		
Property taxes	880,412	
Fines and forfeitures	<u>2,822,982</u>	3,703,394
Internal service funds are used to charge the cost of group insurance, risk management, fleet management, and administrative support services to individual funds. Assets and liabilities of these funds are included in governmental activities in the statement of net position.		
		29,128,711
The net OPEB liability is not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, it and the related deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources are not reported in the funds.		
		(269,220,041)
The net pension liability is not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, it and the related deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources are not reported in the funds.		
		(54,421,066)
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, notes payable, subscriptions payable and compensated absences, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.		
Accrued interest payable	(372,292)	
Bonds premium, net of amortization	(12,622,079)	
Bonds payable	(89,747,200)	
Notes payable	(736,966)	
Subscriptions payable	(1,947,840)	
Compensated absences	<u>(5,418,274)</u>	<u>(110,844,651)</u>
Net position of governmental activities		<u><u>\$ 594,524,058</u></u>

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

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

	General	ARPA - CSLFRF	SPLOST 2020	Formerly Major TSPLOST 2018	TSPLOST 2023	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES							
Taxes	\$ 154,515,216	\$ -	\$ 37,103,141		\$ 35,010,966	\$ 8,621,465	\$ 235,250,788
Licenses and permits	971,443	-	-		-	1,987,897	2,959,340
Intergovernmental	1,704,277	6,834,757	-		-	19,576,472	28,115,506
Charges for services	15,403,386	-	-		-	4,793,494	20,196,880
Fines and forfeitures	1,913,228	-	-		-	1,028,629	2,941,857
Interest	5,657,614	-	3,016,912		1,918,946	6,129,115	16,722,587
Contributions	11,221	-	-		-	109,724	120,945
Net increase/(decrease) in the fair value of investments	-	-	-		-	11,369	11,369
Other	965,496	-	-		-	453,269	1,418,765
Total revenues	181,141,881	6,834,757	40,120,053		36,929,912	42,711,434	307,738,037
EXPENDITURES							
Current							
General Government	33,068,622	1,849,343	-		-	1,483,632	36,401,597
Judicial	12,842,858	28,048	-		-	2,582,159	15,453,065
Public Safety	76,880,887	-	-		-	4,660,412	81,541,299
Public Works	19,784,256	872,657	-		-	1,953,306	22,610,219
Health and Welfare	1,616,762	-	-		-	5,118,009	6,734,771
Culture and Recreation	12,967,066	284,092	-		-	201,066	13,452,224
Housing and Development	5,841,186	3,800,617	-		-	8,718,965	18,360,768
Intergovernmental	2,176,762	-	309,000		354,600	5,196,257	8,036,619
Capital outlay	-	-	28,508,013		6,834,438	26,681,127	62,023,578
Debt service							
Principal retirement	1,836,143	-	-		-	11,030,000	12,866,143
Interest and fiscal charges	253,034	-	-		-	4,488,900	4,741,934
Total expenditures	167,267,576	6,834,757	28,817,013		7,189,038	72,113,833	282,222,217
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	13,874,305	-	11,303,040		29,740,874	(29,402,399)	25,515,820
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/(USES)							
Transfers in	4,845,307	-	-		-	36,026,457	40,871,764
Transfers out	(26,322,489)	-	(15,812,772)		(3,493,522)	(761,091)	(46,389,874)
Total other financing sources/(uses)	(21,477,182)	-	(15,812,772)		(3,493,522)	35,265,366	(5,518,110)
Net change in fund balance	(7,602,877)	-	(4,509,732)		26,247,352	5,862,967	19,997,710
Fund balances - beginning (as previously reported)	64,741,641	-	164,624,658	57,719,216		85,856,542	372,942,057
Changes within financial reporting entity	-	-	-	(57,719,216)	24,705,655	33,013,561	-
Fund balances - beginning (restated)	64,741,641	-	164,624,658		24,705,655	118,870,103	372,942,057
Fund balances - ending	\$ 57,138,764	\$ -	\$ 160,114,926		\$ 50,953,007	\$ 124,733,070	\$ 392,939,767

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

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	19,997,710
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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 and reported as depreciation and amortization expense.

Capital outlay	\$ 64,926,304		
Depreciation and amortization expense	<u>(20,323,921)</u>		44,602,383

In the statement of activities, the loss on disposal of capital assets is reported, whereas in the governmental funds, the proceeds from the sale of capital assets increase financial resources.

Cost of assets disposed	(168,211)		
Related accumulated depreciation/amortization	<u>109,540</u>		(58,671)

Contributions and distributions of capital assets change net position in the statement of activities, but do not appear in the governmental funds because they are not financial resources.

Capital assets donated by others	580,777		
Capital assets transferred to business-type activities	<u>(4,235,415)</u>		(3,654,638)

Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenue in the funds. These include recognition of unavailable revenue.

Property taxes	186,322		
Fines and forfeitures	<u>1,037,058</u>		1,223,380

The net revenue (expenses) of internal service funds is reported with governmental activities.		9,574,412
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Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.

Net pension liability and related deferred inflows and outflows of resources	(7,331,510)		
Net OPEB liability and related deferred inflows and outflows of resources	18,510,142		
Compensated absences	<u>(559,031)</u>		10,619,601

The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items:

Amortization of bond premium	3,733,589		
Principal retirement	12,866,142		
Net change in accrued interest	<u>50,290</u>		16,650,021

Change in net position of governmental activities	\$	<u><u>98,954,198</u></u>
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Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget (GAAP) and Actual
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

	Budget		Actual	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ 147,690,650	\$ 147,690,650	\$ 154,515,216	\$ 6,824,566
Licenses and permits	916,000	916,000	971,443	55,443
Intergovernmental	1,314,360	1,316,360	1,704,277	387,917
Charges for services	13,507,671	13,507,671	15,403,386	1,895,715
Fines and forfeitures	1,620,000	1,620,000	1,913,228	293,228
Interest	3,005,000	3,005,000	5,657,614	2,652,614
Contributions	4,000	6,000	11,221	5,221
Other	859,097	859,097	965,496	106,399
Total revenues	168,916,778	168,920,778	181,141,881	12,221,103
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
General Government				
Mayor and Commission	792,247	842,247	838,345	3,902
Office of the Manager	3,699,806	3,498,006	3,490,795	7,211
Office of the Attorney	760,855	982,855	977,309	5,546
Office of Operational Analysis	201,566	303,566	302,214	1,352
Finance	2,709,656	2,793,656	2,790,289	3,367
Human Resources	2,353,194	2,144,194	2,142,731	1,463
Tax Commissioner	1,656,888	1,692,888	1,686,484	6,404
Board of Tax Assessors	1,226,520	1,272,520	1,271,652	868
Board of Elections	1,460,283	1,490,283	1,489,418	865
Information Technology	4,751,489	4,903,489	4,899,027	4,462
Other General Administration	22,702,051	13,181,097	13,180,358	739
Total General Government	42,314,555	33,104,801	33,068,622	36,179
Judicial				
Superior Court	3,905,469	3,750,469	3,748,862	1,607
Clerk of Courts	1,707,910	1,612,910	1,610,781	2,129
State Court	1,034,633	1,218,133	1,220,043	(1,910)
Solicitor General	1,589,709	1,738,709	1,734,806	3,903
District Attorney	1,312,507	1,443,507	1,441,433	2,074
Juvenile Court	661,625	748,625	748,629	(4)
Magistrate Court	1,102,966	980,966	980,194	772
Probate Court	545,902	591,902	591,534	368
Municipal Court	758,474	767,474	766,576	898
Total Judicial	12,619,195	12,852,695	12,842,858	9,837
Public Safety				
Police	26,972,423	30,197,494	29,669,803	527,691
Fire Services	17,074,046	18,243,047	18,240,910	2,137
Corrections	4,075,459	4,514,459	4,513,705	754
Animal Services	1,395,887	1,754,287	1,752,642	1,645
Sheriff	19,624,363	22,583,126	22,582,257	869
Coroner	121,938	124,938	121,570	3,368
Total Public Safety	69,264,116	77,417,351	76,880,887	536,464
Public Works				
Transportation and Public Works	5,505,127	5,817,329	5,815,678	1,651
Solid Waste	2,376,787	2,378,574	2,378,095	479
Central Services	11,570,468	11,591,128	11,590,483	645
Total Public Works	19,452,382	19,787,031	19,784,256	2,775
Health and Welfare				
Agency allocations	1,616,762	1,616,762	1,616,762	-
Culture and Recreation				
Leisure Services	9,837,892	10,012,362	10,009,911	2,451
Agency allocations	2,955,217	2,955,217	2,957,155	(1,938)
Total Culture and Recreation	12,793,109	12,967,579	12,967,066	513

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Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - continued
Budget (GAAP) and Actual
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
Housing and Development				
Housing and Community Development	\$ 2,216,275	\$ 2,486,512	\$ 2,456,915	\$ 29,597
Economic Development	818,087	606,087	603,233	2,854
Planning and Zoning	1,262,315	1,438,315	1,438,087	228
Building Inspection	993,001	1,015,001	1,013,364	1,637
Cooperative Extension Service	265,287	256,287	254,587	1,700
Agency allocations	75,000	75,000	75,000	-
Total Housing and Development	5,629,965	5,877,202	5,841,186	36,016
Total current expenditures	163,690,084	163,623,421	163,001,637	621,784
Intergovernmental	2,321,337	2,181,337	2,176,762	4,575
Debt service				
Principal retirement	1,073,900	1,836,231	1,836,143	88
Interest and fiscal charges	243,722	253,108	253,034	74
Total debt service	1,317,622	2,089,339	2,089,177	162
Total expenditures	167,329,043	167,894,097	167,267,576	626,521
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	1,587,735	1,026,681	13,874,305	12,847,624
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	4,841,506	4,841,506	4,845,307	3,801
Transfers out	(19,282,466)	(26,322,489)	(26,322,489)	-
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	20,000	20,000	-	(20,000)
Total other financing sources/(uses)	(14,420,960)	(21,460,983)	(21,477,182)	(16,199)
Net change in fund balances	(12,833,225)	(20,434,302)	(7,602,877)	12,831,425
Budgeted fund balance	12,833,225	20,434,302	-	(20,434,302)
Fund balances - beginning	-	-	64,741,641	64,741,641
Fund balances - ending	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57,138,764	\$ 57,138,764

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

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
American Rescue Plan - CSLFRF
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget (GAAP) and Actual
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

	Budget		Actual	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,834,757	\$ 6,834,757
Total revenues	-	-	6,834,757	6,834,757
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
General Government				
Office of the Manager	1,335,982	517,175	265,697	251,478
Office of the Attorney	23,843	38,843	28,169	10,674
Information Technology	480,000	480,000	-	480,000
Other General Administration	16,408,172	5,201,262	1,555,477	3,645,785
Total General Government	18,247,997	6,237,280	1,849,343	4,387,937
Judicial				
Superior Court	-	69,479	-	69,479
Magistrate Court	-	45,710	28,048	17,662
Total Judicial	-	115,189	28,048	87,141
Public Safety				
Fire Services	-	500,000	-	500,000
Public Works				
Transportation & Public Works	700,000	700,000	442,279	257,721
Central Services	-	4,000,000	430,378	3,569,622
Total Public Works	700,000	4,700,000	872,657	3,827,343
Culture and Recreation				
Leisure Services	463,470	463,470	284,092	179,378
Housing and Development				
Housing & Community Development	15,444,435	19,034,963	3,748,417	15,286,546
Economic Development	-	3,805,000	52,200	3,752,800
Total Housing and Development	15,444,435	22,839,963	3,800,617	19,039,346
Total expenditures	34,855,902	34,855,902	6,834,757	28,021,145
Net change in fund balances	(34,855,902)	(34,855,902)	-	34,855,902
Budgeted fund balance	34,855,902	34,855,902	-	(34,855,902)
Fund balances - beginning	-	-	-	-
Fund balances - ending	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Statement of Net Position
Proprietary Funds
June 30, 2024

	Business-type Activities			Governmental Activities
	Water and Sewer	Nonmajor Enterprise Funds	Total	Internal Service Funds
ASSETS				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 80,333,604	\$ 15,620,107	\$ 95,953,711	\$ 25,162,717
Receivables (net)				
Accounts	7,973,534	2,361,007	10,334,541	5,625
Intergovernmental	-	3,938,332	3,938,332	2,603
Inventory	2,924,633	284,830	3,209,463	37,465
Prepaid items	-	-	-	43,143
Property held for development	-	135,140	135,140	-
Other	-	-	-	113,178
Restricted assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	10,389,535	165,906	10,555,441	-
Investments	-	-	-	1,976,696
Total current assets	101,621,306	22,505,322	124,126,628	27,341,427
Noncurrent assets				
Advances to other funds	-	-	-	287,691
Capital assets				
Non-depreciable assets	39,183,440	17,499,555	56,682,995	-
Depreciable/amortizable assets (net)	497,140,486	47,709,879	544,850,365	9,493,130
Capital assets (net)	536,323,926	65,209,434	601,533,360	9,493,130
Total noncurrent assets	536,323,926	65,209,434	601,533,360	9,780,821
Total assets	637,945,232	87,714,756	725,659,988	37,122,248
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred loss on refunding	13,858,923	-	13,858,923	-
LIABILITIES				
Current liabilities				
Accounts payable	5,371,783	709,171	6,080,954	1,475,297
Accrued payroll liabilities	228,281	203,169	431,450	32,160
Due to others	506,172	230,905	737,077	-
Due to other funds	-	3,214,650	3,214,650	-
Claims and judgments payable	-	-	-	3,531,801
Retainage payable	3,054,553	-	3,054,553	-
Compensated absences	489,649	398,894	888,543	50,291
Unearned revenue	-	10,765	10,765	-
Accrued interest payable	19,202	31,851	51,053	-
Notes payable	1,064,737	625,750	1,690,487	-
Leases payable	-	-	-	127,173
Liabilities payable from restricted assets				
Customer deposits	2,344,535	165,906	2,510,441	-
Bonds payable	8,045,000	-	8,045,000	-
Total current liabilities	21,123,912	5,591,061	26,714,973	5,216,722
Noncurrent liabilities				
Advances from other funds	-	287,691	287,691	-
Compensated absences	187,337	129,518	316,855	12,534
Certificates of participation	-	-	-	2,249,000
Notes payable	6,616,056	1,907,239	8,523,295	-
Leases payable	-	-	-	402,103
Bonds payable (net)	156,550,882	-	156,550,882	-
Closure/post closure care	-	10,077,112	10,077,112	-
Total noncurrent liabilities	163,354,275	12,401,560	175,755,835	2,663,637
Total liabilities	184,478,187	17,992,621	202,470,808	7,880,359
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Accumulated increase in fair value of hedging derivatives	-	-	-	113,178
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets	371,143,064	62,510,615	433,653,679	6,407,657
Restricted for debt service	-	-	-	1,976,696
Unrestricted	96,182,904	7,211,520	103,394,424	20,744,358
Total net position	\$ 467,325,968	\$ 69,722,135	\$ 537,048,103	\$ 29,128,711

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

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
Proprietary Funds
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

	Business-type Activities			Governmental Activities
	Water and Sewer	Nonmajor Enterprise Funds	Total	Internal Service Funds
OPERATING REVENUES				
Charges for services	\$ 72,216,734	\$ 20,832,483	\$ 93,049,217	\$ -
Interfund services provided	-	-	-	34,151,606
Insurance recoveries	-	-	-	189,291
Other revenue	1,886,477	164,844	2,051,321	-
Total operating revenues	74,103,211	20,997,327	95,100,538	34,340,897
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Personal services	11,110,352	10,719,319	21,829,671	1,888,440
Cost of sales and services	12,815,092	9,045,029	21,860,121	27,389,786
Depreciation and amortization	15,473,981	4,442,636	19,916,617	2,420,372
Interfund services used	1,618,217	1,314,085	2,932,302	157,437
Other	-	1,971,994	1,971,994	49,412
Total operating expenses	41,017,642	27,493,063	68,510,705	31,905,447
Operating income/(loss)	33,085,569	(6,495,736)	26,589,833	2,435,450
NONOPERATING REVENUES/(EXPENSES)				
Intergovernmental revenue	-	3,935,696	3,935,696	-
Interest revenue	4,805,514	783,014	5,588,528	1,023,685
Net gain/(loss) on disposition of capital assets	(399)	(1,136,692)	(1,137,091)	104,741
Interest expense	(7,830,436)	(66,632)	(7,897,068)	(63,819)
Total nonoperating revenues/(expenses)	(3,025,321)	3,515,386	490,065	1,064,607
Income/(loss) before contributions and transfers	30,060,248	(2,980,350)	27,079,898	3,500,057
Capital contributions	4,836,000	33,855	4,869,855	-
Capital assets donated from Governmental Activities	-	4,235,415	4,235,415	568,429
Transfers in	-	4,128,522	4,128,522	5,750,000
Transfers out	(2,104,524)	(2,011,814)	(4,116,338)	(244,074)
Change in net position	32,791,724	3,405,628	36,197,352	9,574,412
Net position - beginning (as previously reported)	434,534,244	66,316,507	500,850,751	19,095,819
Error correction	-	-	-	458,480
Net position - beginning (restated)	434,534,244	66,316,507	500,850,751	19,554,299
Net position - ending	\$ 467,325,968	\$ 69,722,135	\$ 537,048,103	\$ 29,128,711

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Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Funds
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

	Business-type Activities			Governmental Activities
	Water and Sewer	Nonmajor Enterprise Funds	Total	Internal Service Funds
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Receipts from customers	\$ 71,173,670	\$ 19,916,922	\$ 91,090,592	\$ 370,104
Interfund services provided and used	(1,618,217)	(1,314,085)	(2,932,302)	34,002,970
Other receipts	1,886,477	164,844	2,051,321	-
Payments to suppliers	(13,095,072)	(10,463,002)	(23,558,074)	(26,242,149)
Payments to employees	(10,979,428)	(10,603,036)	(21,582,464)	(1,868,740)
Net cash provided/(used) by operating activities	<u>47,367,430</u>	<u>(2,298,357)</u>	<u>45,069,073</u>	<u>6,262,185</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Receipts from other funds	-	4,128,522	4,128,522	750,000
Receipts from other governments	-	7,060,255	7,060,255	-
Payments to other funds	(2,104,524)	(5,618,783)	(7,723,307)	(244,074)
Net cash provided/(used) by noncapital financing activities	<u>(2,104,524)</u>	<u>5,569,994</u>	<u>3,465,470</u>	<u>505,926</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Payments to other funds	-	(596,854)	(596,854)	-
Receipts from other funds	-	-	-	5,596,854
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(29,218,417)	(1,977,343)	(31,195,760)	(3,060,705)
Proceeds from sale of equipment	-	132,270	132,270	143,750
Payment of capital related payables	(5,255,160)	(58,618)	(5,313,778)	(536,675)
Principal payments - revenue bonds	(7,655,000)	-	(7,655,000)	-
Principal payments - notes	(1,033,307)	(30,000)	(1,063,307)	-
Principal payments - leases	-	-	-	(141,154)
Interest paid	(7,247,342)	(37,257)	(7,284,599)	(63,819)
Net cash provided/(used) by capital and related financing activities	<u>(50,409,226)</u>	<u>(2,567,802)</u>	<u>(52,977,028)</u>	<u>1,938,251</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Interest on investments	<u>4,805,514</u>	<u>783,014</u>	<u>5,588,528</u>	<u>1,023,685</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(340,806)	1,486,849	1,146,043	9,730,047
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning	<u>91,063,945</u>	<u>14,299,164</u>	<u>105,363,109</u>	<u>17,409,366</u>
Cash and cash equivalents - ending	<u><u>\$ 90,723,139</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 15,786,013</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 106,509,152</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 27,139,413</u></u>
Cash and cash equivalents reconciliation				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 80,333,604	\$ 15,620,107	\$ 95,953,711	\$ 25,162,717
Restricted assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	10,389,535	165,906	10,555,441	-
Investments	-	-	-	1,976,696
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u><u>\$ 90,723,139</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 15,786,013</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 106,509,152</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 27,139,413</u></u>

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Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Statement of Cash Flows - continued
Proprietary Funds
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

	Business-type Activities			Governmental Activities
	Water and Sewer	Nonmajor Enterprise Funds	Total	Internal Service Funds
Reconciliation of operating income/(loss) to net cash provided/(used) by operating activities				
Operating income/(loss)	\$ 33,085,569	\$ (6,495,736)	\$ 26,589,833	\$ 2,435,450
Adjustments to reconcile operating income/(loss) to net cash provided/(used) by operating activities				
Depreciation and amortization	15,473,981	4,442,636	19,916,617	2,420,372
Closure/post closure care	-	454,440	454,440	-
(Increase)/decrease in accounts receivable	(1,211,898)	(1,026,163)	(2,238,061)	175,188
(Increase)/decrease in intergovernmental receivable	-	-	-	14,426
(Increase)/decrease in inventory	(723,462)	(66,664)	(790,126)	4,054
(Increase)/decrease in prepaid items	-	-	-	(29,106)
Increase/(decrease) in accounts payable	443,482	166,148	609,630	738,979
Increase/(decrease) in unearned revenue	-	337	337	-
Increase/(decrease) in accrued payroll liabilities	130,924	116,283	247,207	19,700
Increase/(decrease) in customer deposits	202,782	10,576	213,358	-
Increase/(decrease) in claims and judgements payable	-	-	-	483,122
Increase/(decrease) in due to others	(33,948)	99,786	65,838	-
Total adjustments	14,281,861	4,197,379	18,479,240	3,826,735
Net cash provided/(used) by operating activities	\$ 47,367,430	\$ (2,298,357)	\$ 45,069,073	\$ 6,262,185
Noncash investing, capital, and financing activities				
Contribution of capital assets				
From developers	\$ 4,836,000	\$ 33,855	\$ 4,869,855	\$ -
From Athens-Clarke County	-	4,235,415	4,235,415	568,429
Assets acquired through capital related payables	6,763,110	165,830	6,928,940	307,197

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

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
June 30, 2024

	Employees' Retirement Program and OPEB Trust Funds	Custodial Funds
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,518,839	\$ 4,387,442
Receivables (net)		
Taxes	-	1,978,407
Accounts	100,987	45,597
Restricted investments, at fair value		
Cash and cash equivalents	218,890	-
Mutual funds		
Equity	20,851,322	-
Fixed income	78,049,861	-
Exchange-traded funds		
Equity	185,552,500	-
Fixed income	24,942,712	-
Private debt fund	5,913,000	-
Total assets	325,148,111	6,411,446
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	120,029	-
Due to others		3,406,751
Claims payable	3,260,011	-
Total liabilities	3,380,040	3,406,751
NET POSITION		
Restricted for pension benefits	319,501,146	-
Restricted for OPEB benefits	2,266,925	-
Restricted for individuals, organizations, and other governments	-	3,004,695
Total net position	\$ 321,768,071	\$ 3,004,695

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Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

	Employees' Retirement Program and OPEB Trust Funds	Custodial Funds
ADDITIONS		
Employer contributions	\$ 20,827,237	\$ -
Employee contributions	132,128	-
Total contribution	<u>20,959,365</u>	<u>-</u>
Investment earnings		
Interest income	16,450,327	-
Net appreciation/(depreciation) of fair value of investments	23,713,449	-
Investment expenses	(405,750)	-
Total net investment earnings	<u>39,758,026</u>	<u>-</u>
Tax collections for other governments	-	142,301,589
Excess proceeds from tax sales	-	463,685
Court fees collected for other agencies	-	2,682,863
Sheriff fees collected	-	6,417
Court individual cases	-	2,364,283
Inmate account deposits	-	1,344,213
Total additions	<u>60,717,391</u>	<u>149,163,050</u>
DEDUCTIONS		
Benefit payments	26,573,945	-
Administrative expenses	158,748	-
Payment of taxes to other governments	-	142,301,589
Payment of court fees to other agencies	-	2,682,863
Payment of Sheriff fees to other agencies	-	6,417
Payment from inmate to others	-	1,413,347
Payments to others	-	2,216,284
Total deductions	<u>26,732,693</u>	<u>148,620,500</u>
Change in net position	33,984,698	542,550
Net position - beginning	<u>287,783,373</u>	<u>2,462,145</u>
Net position - ending	<u><u>\$ 321,768,071</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,004,695</u></u>

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

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Notes to the Financial Statements
June 30, 2024

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of Athens-Clarke County 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 more significant of Athens-Clarke County's accounting policies are described below.

A. Reporting Entity

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia (the Government) was created by legislative act in the State of Georgia in 1990 from the unification of two governments, the City of Athens and Clarke County. On August 7, 1990, the citizens of Clarke County and the City of Athens voted to consolidate into one government to be named the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia. The officials for the new government were elected and, based on the charter, took office on January 14, 1991. Both the City and County operated as separate financial entities until the end of the fiscal year June 30, 1991. The Unified Government combined all functions and began financial operations on July 1, 1991.

Athens-Clarke County is governed by a Mayor and a ten-member Commission who serve on a part-time basis and is elected to staggered four-year terms. The Mayor and Commission appoint a Manager who is responsible for the daily operations of the Government. Athens-Clarke County provides services in the following functions: General Government, Judicial, Public Safety, Public Works, Health and Welfare, Culture and Recreation, and Housing and Development.

As required by GAAP, the financial statements of the reporting entity include those of the primary government and its component units. The component units discussed below are included in the Government's reporting entity because of the significance of their operation and financial relationships with the Government. In conformity with GAAP, as set forth in the Statements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, the component units' financial statements have been included as blended or discretely presented component units. Blended component units, although legally separate entities, are in substance part of the Government's operations, so financial data from these units are combined with the financial data of the primary government. Each discretely presented component unit is reported separately in the government-wide financial statements to emphasize that it is legally separate from the Government. The component units' financial information disclosed within the government-wide financial statements reflects the most recently audited financial statements.

Included with the reporting entity as Blended Component Units

Solid Waste Management Authority - On July 13, 1993 Athens-Clarke County created the Solid Waste Management Authority of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, under the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) Section 12-8-50. The Authority consists of twelve directors who are the Mayor, the Commissioners and the Finance Director of Athens-Clarke County. The Authority serves as a financial conduit for debt issued to maintain and expand the landfill. The Authority is blended with the Landfill Enterprise Fund that is reported as a nonmajor enterprise fund.

Athens Public Facilities Authority - The Athens-Clarke County Public Facilities Authority, originally created in 1960, was reestablished in 1996. The Athens-Clarke County Public Facilities Authority consists of five directors appointed by the Mayor and Commission. The Authority serves as a financial conduit for debt issued to construct/maintain public buildings and related projects. This Authority is reported as a nonmajor capital projects fund.

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Development Authority of Athens-Clarke County (Development Authority) - Created in 1999, the financial operations of the Development Authority of Athens-Clarke County are presented as a nonmajor capital project fund. The Mayor and Commission appoint the seven members of the Authority. The Authority is a political body corporate and politic created pursuant to the Georgia Development Authorities Law (O.C.G.A. 36-62-1 through O.C.G.A. 36-62-13). The issuance of debt of the Authority requires the approval of the Mayor and Commission. On March 1, 2012 the Authority issued bonds in the amount of \$5,475,000 to finance the cost of acquisition, development, and improvement of the site to be occupied by a manufacturing facility owned by Caterpillar, Inc. As a part of this issuance of debt, the Mayor and Commission of Athens-Clarke County entered into an intergovernmental contract with the Authority to guarantee the debt service payments for the bonds to maturity in 2032. The Government's commitment to make the payments is secured by a pledge of full faith and credit and taxing powers. The guarantee included in the intergovernmental contract meets the criteria for inclusion as a financial burden for the Government, and the Government expects to repay all of the Development Authority's currently outstanding debt. Therefore, the financial statements of the Authority have been included as a blended component unit since fiscal year 2013, whereas it was previously considered a discretely presented component unit of the Government.

Land Bank Authority - On May 5, 2009 the Mayor and Commission established the Land Bank Authority under the provisions of the O.C.G.A. 48-4-60. The Authority serves to transition real property from nonrevenue generating, nontax producing status to a utilization status useful for housing, new industry, and jobs for the citizens of Athens-Clarke County on behalf of, serving only, the Government. The Authority consists of five members appointed by the Mayor and Commission for four-year terms. The current members of the Authority include three Commissioners, the Tax Commissioner, and one citizen. The Authority provides services entirely to the Government. Prior to fiscal year 2013, the Authority had not taken any formal action to commit resources or to acquire real property. During fiscal year 2013, real property was donated to the Authority by a local financial institution. The financial operations of the Authority are presented as a nonmajor enterprise fund.

Included with the reporting entity as Discretely Presented Component Units

Downtown Athens Development Authority - The financial operations of the Downtown Athens Development Authority are presented as a governmental type unit. The seven members of the Authority include the Mayor and a Commissioner from Athens-Clarke County, the Chairman of the Board of the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce, and four appointed members. The four appointed members include two real estate owners in the district, who are also members of the Athens Downtown Council, and two business owners in the district. It was determined that the Government can impose its will on the Authority. The Authority can recommend a tax levy of up to one mill on all taxable real property in the district for the operations of the Authority subject to the approval of the Mayor and Commission. The issuance of debt by the Authority requires the approval of Athens-Clarke County.

Athens-Clarke County Downtown Development Authority - The financial operations of the Athens-Clarke County Downtown Development Authority are also presented as a governmental type unit. The seven directors of the Authority are appointed by the Mayor and Commission. It was determined that the Government can impose its will on the Authority. The issuance of debt by the Authority requires approval by Athens-Clarke County. The Authority is responsible for the revitalization and redevelopment of the central business district; the promotion of the public good; and the general welfare, trade, commerce, industry and employment opportunities in the central business district. During fiscal year 2024, the Authority reported no assets and did not collect revenue or incur expenses.

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Alternative Dispute Resolution Program - The Alternative Dispute Resolution Program was created under the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 15-23-1. The Alternative Dispute Resolution Program was established for the resolution of disputes with any method other than litigation. Under the provisions of this code, each participating county must create a board consisting of the Chief Judge of the Superior Court of the circuit in which the county is located, the Senior Judge of the State Court, the Judge of the Probate Court, the Chief Magistrate, the Clerk of the Superior Court, and one practicing attorney appointed by other members of the board. The board has the power to provide for the collection of a charge in each civil action or case filed in the superior, state, probate, and magistrate courts; to manage, control, and direct funding for the program and its expenditures to distribute the funding coming into the program in such a manner and subject to such terms and limitations as the board, in its discretion, shall determine the actions that will best meet the purpose of this code; to contract for the investment, pooling, and expenditure of funds; to adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary to manage the program; to exercise all other powers necessary for proper administration of the funding mechanism provided for in the code. It was determined that the Government can impose its will on the Authority. The Mayor and Commission approve the budget of the program. This program is reported as a discretely presented governmental type unit.

Clarke County Board of Health - The Board of Health was created under the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 31-3. The Board of Health is composed of seven members, all but one are appointed by the Mayor and Commission. The members of the Board of Health are: the Mayor; a Commissioner; the County Superintendent of Schools; a physician actively practicing medicine; a citizen advocate representing the consumers of mental health, mental retardation, and substance abuse services; a citizen interested in promoting public health or a nurse; and a citizen who will represent the needy, underprivileged, or elderly community. The physician and the citizens serve six-year staggered terms. The Mayor, Commissioner, and Superintendent of Schools serve unlimited terms based on their position. It was determined that the Government can impose its will on the Authority. The Board of Health is responsible for all public health matters including the enforcement of health laws and regulations. Funds to meet the expenses of the Board of Health come from local, state, and federal sources. The budget of the Board of Health must be submitted to the Mayor and Commission. The Board of Health is reported as a discretely presented governmental type unit.

Classic Center Authority - The financial operations of the Classic Center Authority of Clarke County, created in 1988, are presented as a proprietary type unit. Athens-Clarke County is responsible for appointing the five members of the Authority's Board of Directors. It was determined that the Government can impose its will on the Authority. The Classic Center facility, financed by a previous Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax, was completed in March 1996. The issuance of debt by the Authority requires approval by Athens-Clarke County. The State law enacting the Authority requires the Government's Independent Auditor to audit the financial records of the Authority.

Complete financial statements for the individual component units may be obtained at the following address:

Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County
Office of the Finance Director
P. O. Box 1868
Athens, GA 30603

B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation

The basic financial statements of the Government are composed of the following:

1. Government-wide financial statements
2. Fund financial statements
3. Notes to the financial statements

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Government-wide Financial Statements

Government-wide financial statements display information about the reporting government as a whole, except for its fiduciary activities. These statements include separate columns for the governmental and business-type activities of the primary government (including its blended component units), as well as its discretely presented component units. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely, to a significant extent, on fees and charges for support.

Likewise, the primary government is reported separately from the legally separate discretely presented component units for which the primary government is financially accountable.

Government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary and fiduciary fund financial statements. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement 33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions*. Program revenues include charges for services, fines and forfeitures, and payments or donations made by parties outside of the reporting government's citizenry if that money is restricted to a particular program. Program revenues are netted with program expenses in the Statement of Activities to present the net cost of each program. Interest expenses have been included as a part of direct program costs on the Statement of Activities. Under business-type activities interest expense of \$7,830,436 is included as Water and Sewer and \$66,632 as Nonmajor Enterprise Funds expenses. Amounts paid to acquire capital assets are capitalized as assets in the government-wide financial statements, rather than reported as an expense. Proceeds of long-term debt are recorded as liabilities in the government-wide financial statements, rather than as another 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 expense.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements; exceptions are interfund services and the allocation of administrative services.

Fund Financial Statements

The underlying accounting system of the Government is organized and operated based on separate funds, each of which is considered 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.

Operating revenues are the revenues generated from the sale of goods and/or services produced as a result of the operating activities of the fund. The operating revenue reflected in the financial statements is gross revenue without consideration of cost of goods sold or other related expenses. Non-operating revenue includes interest revenue, intergovernmental revenue and gain on the disposition of capital assets. Proprietary funds expenses result from producing and delivering goods and services. Operating expenses typically include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. Non-operating expenses include interest on debt and other items not considered operating.

Fund financial statements for the primary government's governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary funds are presented after the government-wide financial statements. These statements display information about major funds individually and nonmajor funds in the aggregate for governmental and proprietary funds. The fiduciary fund statements include financial information for the trust and custodial funds. These funds represent assets held by the Government in a custodial capacity for individuals or other governments.

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When both restricted and unrestricted resources are combined in a fund, expenses are considered to be paid first from restricted resources and subsequently from unrestricted resources.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are used to account for the Government's general government activities. Governmental fund types use the flow of current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they are "measurable and available"). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period. The Government considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after year-end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for unmatured principal and interest on general long-term debt and other long-term obligations which is recognized when due.

Property tax revenues are considered measurable and available if they are collected during the current period or within sixty days after the end of the period. Property taxes not collected within sixty days are recorded as receivable; however, the related revenue reported as a deferred outflow of resources until it is available. Sales tax revenue is considered measurable and available when collected from the customer at the time that a taxable transaction occurs, if collected within sixty days of year-end. Expenditure-driven grants are recognized when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other grant requirements have been met.

Interest revenue and charges for service revenues are considered measurable and available if collected during the current period or within twelve months of the end of the period. The Government has determined that fines and forfeitures, in compliance with GASB 33, *Accounting and Financial Report for Nonexchange Transactions*, are not deemed susceptible to accrual, as they are not measurable until received in cash.

Governmental fund types include the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Capital Projects Funds, Debt Service Funds, and Permanent Funds.

Proprietary and Fiduciary Funds

Proprietary funds and two of the fiduciary funds, the Employee Retirement Pension Trust Fund and the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund are accounted for using a flow of economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting. This means that all assets and all liabilities (whether current or non-current) associated with their activity are included on their statements of net position. Proprietary fund operating revenues, such as charges for services, result from exchange transactions associated with the principal activity of the fund. Exchange transactions are those in which each party receives and gives up essentially equal values. Non-operating revenues, such as subsidies, taxes, and investment earnings, result from non-exchange transactions or ancillary activities. The custodial funds use the accrual basis of accounting to recognize receivables and payables.

Amounts paid to acquire capital assets in the fund financial statements are reported as an increase in assets. Proceeds of long-term debt are recorded as a liability in the fund financial statements, rather than as another financing source. Amounts paid to reduce long-term indebtedness are reported as a reduction of the related liabilities, rather than as an expense. This measurement focus utilizes the accrual basis of accounting which recognizes revenues when earned and expenses when incurred without regard to the timing of receipt or payment.

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Proprietary fund types include Enterprise Funds and Internal Service Funds. Enterprise Funds are used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses), including depreciation, of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes. The Government accounts for the operations of the Landfill, Transit System, Water and Sewer System, Solid Waste, Stormwater, and Airport as Enterprise Funds.

Basis of Presentation

GASB Statement 34 sets forth minimum criteria (percentage of the assets and deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, revenues, or expenditures/expenses, of either fund category, or the governmental and enterprise combined) for the determination of major funds. The Government has used GASB 34 minimum criteria for major fund determination. The nonmajor funds are combined in a column in the fund financial statements and detailed in the combining section of this report.

Major Governmental Funds

The **General Fund** is the general operating fund of Athens-Clarke County. It is used to account for financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The **American Rescue Plan – CSLFRF (ARPA) Special Revenue Fund** accounts for the COVID-19 relief operations with federal funds received directly from the U.S. Treasury.

The **Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) 2020 Fund** accounts for the proceeds of a \$.01 sales tax approved by voters in November 2019 and levied beginning in April 2020.

Major projects include: facilities space modernization, road improvements, construction and improvement of parks, water line additions and additions to the Classic Center.

The **Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) 2023 Fund** accounts for the proceeds of a \$.01 sales tax levied beginning October 2022.

Major projects include: improvement of surface-water drainage, resurfacing roads, acquisition of right of ways, relocation of utilities, and services necessary to provide access to roads, bridges, public transit, rails, airports, and buses.

Major Proprietary Funds

The **Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund** accounts for the operations of the water distribution and sewer collection system and related construction projects.

Other Fund Types

Special Revenue Funds are used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The term “proceeds of specific revenue sources” establishes that one or more specific restricted or committed revenues should be the foundation for a special revenue fund. Restricted or committed specific revenue sources should comprise a substantial portion of a fund’s resources. If revenues are initially received in another fund, they should not be reported as revenues in the fund receiving them; instead, they should be recognized in the special revenue fund where they will be spent. The proceeds from these special revenue sources should be expected to continue to comprise a substantial portion of inflows.

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Capital Projects Funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities other than those financed by proprietary and fiduciary funds.

Debt Service Funds are used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest, and related costs.

The Permanent Fund accounts for resources restricted such that only the earnings, not the principal, may be used to support its operations.

Enterprise Funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises. These funds are self-supporting in nature where costs, including depreciation, of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis are financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

Internal Service Funds are used to account for the financing of goods or services provided by one department or division to other departments or agencies of the Government on a cost-reimbursement basis. Functions such as office support, fleet management and replacement, and self-funded insurance are accounted for as Internal Service Funds.

Fiduciary Funds account for assets held by the Government in accordance with GASB in a trustee capacity or as an agent on behalf of others. The Employee Retirement Pension Trust Fund accounts for resources accumulated from pension benefits within a defined benefit plan. The OPEB Trust Fund accounts for retiree health care and life insurance expenses and for resources accumulated for the future payment of these OPEB expenses. Custodial funds account for resources held by the Government or its officials in a custodial capacity. The following are the custodial funds: Tax Commissioner, Clerk of Courts, Probation, Corrections, Sheriff, Magistrate Court, Municipal Court, Probate Court, and Juvenile Court.

Policy for eliminating internal activity from the Statement of Activities

Interfund services and the allocation of administrative overhead have not been eliminated in the development of the government-wide Statement of Activities, as it would distort the measurement of the cost of individual functional activities.

Non-current Governmental Assets/Liabilities - GASB Statement 34 requires non-current governmental assets such as land and buildings, and non-current governmental liabilities such as general obligation bonds and capital leases be reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide statement of net position.

C. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balance

Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

Governmental, Proprietary, and Trust and Custodial Fund balances in excess of amounts required for the Government's daily operating activities were invested in the Georgia Fund 1 state investment pool and repurchase agreements during this fiscal year. The Georgia Fund 1 state investment pool is valued at fair value. Increases or decreases in the fair value during the year are recognized as a component of interest income. The master repurchase agreements are nonparticipating interest earning investments contracts and are valued at cost. Georgia law requires cash balances held in custodial funds to be transferred to the governmental funds and other agencies on a weekly or monthly basis.

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Georgia law authorizes local governments to invest in the following types of obligations:

1. Obligations of the State of Georgia or of any other states;
2. Obligations issued by the United States;
3. Obligations fully insured or guaranteed by the United States government or governmental agency;
4. Obligations of any corporation of the United States government;
5. Prime bankers' acceptances;
6. Georgia Fund 1 state investment pool;
7. Georgia Extended Asset Pool (GEAP);
8. Repurchase agreements; and
9. Obligations of other political subdivisions of the State of Georgia.

Any bank deposit in excess of the total FDIC insured amount must be secured by an equivalent amount of State or U.S. obligations, or through participation in a state-sponsored pledged collateral pool.

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include all short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less. Instruments considered cash equivalents include: Treasury bills, certificates of deposit, money market funds, and cash management pools.

Receivables and Payables

Outstanding balances resulting in transactions between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds". Any residual balances between the governmental activities and the business type activities are reported on the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances". Receivables are stated net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts. Accounts receivable in excess of sixty days are provided for by an allowance for uncollectibles.

Delinquent taxes receivable are offset by the deferral of the related revenues until payment is received except amounts received within sixty days of the balance sheet date (Note III.B.).

Property taxes are administered on a calendar year basis subject to the following dates:

Lien date	January 1
Levy date	August 20
Collection period	August 20 - October 20
Due date	October 20
Delinquent date	October 21

Inventory and Prepaid Items

Inventory for the Transit Enterprise Fund consists of vehicle repair parts and supplies to be used in the Transit System. Inventory for the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund consists of repair parts and materials to be used in the Water and Sewer System. Inventory for the Airport includes fuel for sale and pilot supplies. Inventories for the Enterprise Funds are valued at the lower of cost, based on first-in, first-out method, or market.

Inventory for the Fleet Management Internal Service Fund includes repair parts and tires valued at the lower of cost, on a first-in, first-out basis, or market.

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items and reported as expenditures in the period for which the service is provided (consumption method).

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Restricted Assets

Certain proceeds of proprietary fund debt, as well as certain resources set aside for their repayment, are classified as restricted assets on the statement of net position because their use is limited by applicable bond covenants.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, right of ways, water and sewer distribution systems and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities column in the government-wide financial statements.

Capital assets are defined by the Government as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$20,000 or more and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation.

In the case of initial capitalization of infrastructure assets, those that were acquired prior to fiscal year 2002 were recorded at their current replacement cost adjusted by the implicit price deflator index for governments to the base year of 1996. Infrastructure assets acquired prior to June 30, 1980 are included in the amounts reported.

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 and amortization for capital assets is computed using the straight-line method over the assets estimated useful lives. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Assets	Years
Buildings	40 - 50
Equipment	5 - 15
Intangibles	5
Intangible Right-to-use Assets	
Software	5
Equipment	5
Water and Sewer Distribution System	25 - 50
Roads: Arterial and Collector, Local	25 - 50
Bridges	50 - 80
Traffic Signals	25
Stormwater Systems	25

The Government has recorded intangible right-to-use assets as a result of implementing GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases* and GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*. The assets are initially measured at an amount equal to the initial measurement of the related lease or subscription liability plus any payments made prior to the lease or subscription term, less lease or subscription incentives, and plus ancillary charges necessary to place the lease or subscription into service. The intangible right-to-use assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the estimated useful life of the underlying asset or life of the related lease or subscription.

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Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

Compensated Absences

It is the Government's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick pay benefits. A liability is not reported for unpaid accumulated sick leave which does not vest and is not paid upon termination. Vacation pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide and proprietary financial statements. No liability is recorded in the governmental fund statements unless the amount is due and payable at year end. In accordance with GASB Statement 16, *Accounting for Compensated Absences*, an additional amount has been accrued for the Government's share of the social security program contribution and other employee benefits relating to vacation pay.

Long-Term Debt, Bond Costs, and Bond Premiums/Discounts

In the government-wide financial statements and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net position.

Bond premiums and discounts are accrued and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are expensed upon issuance.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financial sources. Premiums received on debt issuance are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuance are reported as other financing uses. Bond issuance costs are debt service expenditures upon issuance.

Fund Balance Determination and Classifications

Restrictions on the government-wide statement of net position represent amounts segregated to meet debt covenants and state laws.

The Government uses the following classifications of fund balance:

1. **Nonspendable** - Fund balances are reported as nonspendable when amounts cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in a spendable form (prepaid items, inventories of supplies, or loans receivable) or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
2. **Restricted** - Fund balances are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the Government or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.
3. **Committed** - Fund balances are reported as committed when they can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Mayor and Commission, the government's highest level of decision-making authority. The Mayor and Commission, through adoption of an ordinance, are required to establish, modify, or rescind a commitment of fund balance.

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4. **Assigned** - Fund balances are reported as assigned when amounts are constrained by the Government's intent to be used for specific purposes, but that are neither restricted nor committed.

Through policy, the Mayor and Commission have granted the Manager with the ability to assign fund balance in accordance with the intent and actions of the Mayor and Commission.

5. **Unassigned** - Fund balances are reported as unassigned when amounts do not fall into one of the above four categories. The General Fund is the only fund that reports a positive unassigned balance.

The Government uses restricted amounts to be spent first when both restricted and unrestricted fund balances are available, unless there are legal documents/contracts that prohibit the use of restricted fund balance, such as grant agreements that require the expenditure of the local match at the same time as grant funds. Additionally, the Government would then use committed, assigned and lastly unassigned amounts from the unrestricted fund balance when expending funds.

The Government's adopted fiscal policies have a minimum fund balance policy equal to one month of the total General Fund operating expenditures.

The composition of fund balance classifications for the primary government is as follows:

	General	ARPA - CSLFRF	SPLOST 2020	TSPLOST 2023	Other Governmental Funds
Fund Balances					
Nonspendable					
Prepaid items	\$ -	\$ 107,550	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Faith in the Future Fund	-	-	-	-	47,676
Restricted for					
General government	-	-	-	-	1,090,598
Judicial	-	-	-	-	593,030
Public safety	-	-	-	-	111,602
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-	81,950
Housing and development	-	-	-	-	3,645,712
Capital projects	-	-	160,114,926	50,953,007	70,217,982
Debt service	-	-	-	-	6,126,787
Committed to					
General government	-	-	-	-	2,912,675
Public safety	-	-	-	-	749,966
Public works	-	-	-	-	4,869,644
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-	11,069
Housing and development	-	-	-	-	3,406,420
Capital projects	-	-	-	-	24,674,799
Assigned to					
General government	-	-	-	-	2,530,221
Public safety	-	-	-	-	490,566
Housing and development	357,727	-	-	-	-
Capital projects	-	-	-	-	637,008
Development Authority	-	-	-	-	1,171,535
Appropriated in the FY2025					
Operating Budget	14,339,674	-	-	-	1,363,830
Unassigned	42,441,363	(107,550)	-	-	-
Total fund balance	<u>\$ 57,138,764</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 160,114,926</u>	<u>\$ 50,953,007</u>	<u>\$ 124,733,070</u>

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The composition of fund balance classification for the discretely presented component units is as follows:

	Downtown Athens Development Authority	Alternative Dispute Resolution	Clarke County Board of Health
Fund Balances			
Assigned to			
Appropriated in the FY2025			
Operating Budget	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,490,888
Unassigned	1,774,568	158,987	3,614,877
Total fund balance	<u>\$ 1,774,568</u>	<u>\$ 158,987</u>	<u>\$ 6,105,765</u>

Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is employed in the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Capital Projects Funds. Outstanding encumbrances at year end are lapsed and not reported in the financial statements; then automatically re-encumbered against the subsequent year's budget.

Management Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources and the reported amount of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

II. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The annual budget is the financial plan for the operation of Athens-Clarke County for the ensuing year. The budget process provides for a professional management approach to the establishment of priorities and the implementation of work programs while providing an orderly means for control and evaluation of the financial posture of the Government. Article VII, Chapter 4 of Athens-Clarke County's Charter specifies the budgetary process. The Government is required to adopt an annual budget consisting of two parts, an operating budget and a capital improvements budget. No later than sixty days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the Mayor, with the assistance of the Manager, is required to prepare and submit a budget to the Commission for review and adoption. The budget shall be accompanied by a message from the Mayor containing a statement of general fiscal policies of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, the important features of the budgets, explanations of the major changes recommended for the next fiscal year, a general summary of the budgets, and such other comments and information as may be deemed pertinent. The Commission may approve, reject, or modify the proposed budget and shall adopt the final budget by ordinance no later than June 30. Upon recommendation of the Manager and approval of the Mayor and Commission, the Government may make interfund or interdepartmental transfers in the current operating or capital improvements budgets at any regular or special meeting called for such purpose, provided funds are available. The budget is prepared and adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.

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Annual budgets are legally adopted for the General, Special Revenue, and Debt Service Funds. Capital Projects Funds budgets are adopted on a total project or project-length basis rather than an annual basis with the exception of the Development Authority. The Development Authority does not adopt a budget. Georgia Law requires that local governments include a schedule in their annual financial report that compares the budget and expenditures for each project funded by Special Purpose Local Option Sales Taxes. These schedules are included on pages 108 to 112. Annual operating budgets are prepared for each Enterprise and Internal Service Fund for planning, control, cost allocation, and evaluation purposes. Budgetary amounts are not formally integrated into proprietary fund general ledgers.

The legal level of budgetary control is the department level within individual funds. Increases in the total appropriations of a department, whether accomplished through an increase in estimated revenues or through a transfer of appropriations among departments, require the recommendation of the Manager and approval of the Mayor and Commission. The Manager may authorize transfers of appropriations between line items within any departmental budget without Commission approval. Appropriations lapse at year-end except those for capital projects. Funds held for capital projects are accounted for as restricted, committed, or assigned until the appropriation is expended or the project completed. Final budget amounts included on all budget comparisons in this report are amended as of June 30, 2024, by the Mayor and Commission. Supplemental appropriations, which result primarily from receipts for unanticipated revenues such as donations and grant programs, are included in budget amounts.

Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the Government incurred no expenditures that were materially in excess of the amounts appropriated.

III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

A. Deposits and Investments

As of June 30, 2024, the Government had operating funds and a portion of OPEB assets invested in an internal investment pool and other investments.

Investment	Fair Value	Interest Rate Risk
State of Georgia-Georgia Fund 1	\$ 443,947,892	Weighted Average Maturity 28 days
Certificate of Deposit	259,443	Maturity Date June 11, 2025
Certificate of Deposit	250,000	Maturity Date May 6, 2025
Certificate of Deposit	250,000	Maturity Date November 6 2024
Master Repurchase Agreements	1,976,696	Maturity Date June 1, 2028
Total	<u>\$ 446,684,031</u>	

Interest Rate Risk - The Government's Investment Policy limits maturities to less than two years except when authorized by the Mayor and Commission.

Credit Risk - Georgia law and the Government's Investment Policy allow investments in obligations of the State of Georgia or other states; obligations issued by the U.S. Government; obligations fully insured or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or by a government agency of the United States; obligations of any corporation of the U.S. Government; prime banker's acceptances; the local government investment pool established by state law; repurchase agreements; and obligations of other political subdivisions of the State of Georgia.

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The local government investment pool Georgia Fund 1, created by OCGA 36-83-8, is a stable asset value investment pool, which follows Standard and Poor's criteria for AAAf rated money market funds and is regulated by the Georgia Office of the State Treasurer. The pool is not registered with the SEC as an investment company. The pool's primary objectives are safety of capital, investment income, liquidity and diversification while maintaining principal (\$1 per share value). The asset value is calculated weekly to ensure stability. The pool distributes earnings (net of management fees) on a monthly basis and determines participants' shares sold and redeemed based on \$1 per share. The pool also adjusts the value of its investments to fair value as of year-end and the Government's investment in Georgia Fund 1 is reported at fair value. The Government considers amounts held in Georgia Fund 1 as cash equivalents for financial statement presentation.

Custodial Credit Risk: Deposits - Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Government may not be able to recover its deposits. At fiscal year-end, the Government had deposits of \$132,295,969; the carrying amount for these deposits was \$129,587,614.

Custodial Credit Risk: Investments - As an external investment pool, Georgia Fund 1 is not required to disclose custodial credit risk.

Foreign Currency Risk - Georgia Fund 1 has no exposure to foreign currency risk. State law does not allow Georgia Fund 1 to invest in securities that may have foreign currency risk.

Fair Value Measurements. The Government categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; and Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. The Government has the following recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2024:

Investment	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Fair Value
Investments not subject to level disclosure:				
Georgia Fund 1				\$ 443,947,892
Investments recorded at cost:				
Certificates of Deposit				759,443
Master Repurchase Agreements				1,976,696
Total investments				<u>\$ 446,684,031</u>
Fair market hedging derivative:				
Interest rate swap agreement	\$ -	\$ 113,178	\$ -	\$ 113,178

The interest rate swap agreement is classified as an other asset, as more fully described in Note E. The fair value of the interest rate swap agreement classified as Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy is valued using an option-adjusted discounted cash flow model.

The Georgia Fund 1 is an investment pool which does not meet the criteria of GASB Statement No. 79 and is thus valued at fair value in accordance with GASB Statement No. 31. As a result, the Government does not disclose investments in the Georgia Fund 1 within the fair value hierarchy.

The master repurchase agreements and certificates of deposit are nonparticipating interest earning investments contracts and are valued at cost. As a result, the Government does not disclose these investments within the fair value hierarchy.

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Pension Fund

As of June 30, 2024, the Government had \$319,578,528 invested on behalf of a defined benefit pension fund which included cash of \$3,949,256 and \$100,987 of account receivables. The balance of pension investments, \$315,528,285, is invested based on a separate policy for pension assets adopted by the Government's Pension Board in compliance with state law. The Government's pension fund assets are invested in domestic common stocks, international stocks, and domestic bonds based on the asset allocation policy (50% domestic equities, 15% international equities, and 35% domestic fixed income) and performance benchmarks.

Investment	Fair Value	Duration (Years)	Credit Quality	Amount
Money Market Mutual Funds	\$ 218,890	---	---	\$ 218,890
Mutual Fund - Equity	20,851,322	---	---	20,851,322
Exchange-Traded Funds-Equity	185,552,500	---	---	185,552,500
Mutual Fund - Bond	78,049,861	5.90	AA	28,343,328
		6.05	AA	23,343,447
		6.20	A	10,971,321
		5.95	A	10,824,770
		3.60	BB	4,566,995
		6.09	AA	20,110,380
Exchange-Traded Funds - Bond	24,942,712	6.06	A	4,832,332
		---	---	---
Private Debt Fund	5,913,000	---	---	5,913,000
	<u>\$ 315,528,285</u>			<u>\$ 315,528,285</u>

Interest Rate Risk - The Pension Program Investment Policy limits the fixed income securities of any on issuer to 5% of the total bond portfolio at the time of purchase. The 5% limitation does not apply to issues of the US Treasury or other Federal Agencies. The overall rating of the fixed income assets as calculated by the Investment Advisor shall be investment grade, based on the rating of one Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization (NRSRO).

Credit Risk - It is the Government's policy to limit its pension investments to firms with three years of earnings history and profitability of at least three of the last seven years. Domestic bonds are limited to bonds with ratings that meet or exceed Standard and Poor's BBB or Moody's Baa.

Foreign Currency Risk - At June 30, 2024, the Government's pension fund has no investments denominated in a foreign currency.

Rate of return. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the annual money-weighted rate of return on pension plan investments, net of pension plan investment expense, was 13.87 percent. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits. Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Plan may not be able to recover its deposits.

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Fair Value Measurements. The Plan has the following recurring fair value measurements, broken into the fair value hierarchy, as of June 30, 2024:

Investment	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Fair Value
Investments by Fair Value Level				
Cash Equivalents				
Money Market Mutual Funds	\$ 218,890	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 218,890
Equity Securities				
Mutual Funds	-	20,851,322	-	20,851,322
Exchange-traded Funds	185,552,500	-	-	185,552,500
Total Equity Securities	185,552,500	20,851,322	-	206,403,822
Debt Securities				
Mutual Funds - Bond	-	78,049,861	-	78,049,861
Exchange-traded Funds - Bonds	24,942,812	-	-	24,942,812
Private Debt Fund	-	-	5,913,000	5,913,000
Total Debt Securities	24,942,812	78,049,861	5,913,000	108,905,673
Total Investments by Fair Value Level	\$ 210,714,202	\$ 98,901,183	\$ 5,913,000	\$ 315,528,385

Equity securities classified in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using prices quoted in active markets for those securities. Cash equivalents, debt and equity securities classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using a matrix pricing technique. Matrix pricing is used to value securities based on the securities' relationship to benchmark quoted prices.

B. Receivables

Primary Government

Receivables at June 30, 2024, and the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts for the government's individual major funds and the aggregate nonmajor, internal service, and fiduciary funds are as follows:

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	General	SPLOST 2020	TSPLOST 2023	Water and Sewer	Sub-Total
Receivables:					
Taxes:					
2024 fiscal year	\$ 3,835,117	\$ 2,944,226	\$ 2,762,987	\$ -	\$ 9,542,330
Fiscal years prior to 2024	329,344	-	-	-	329,344
Accounts	97,407	-	-	8,252,644	8,350,051
Intergovernmental	134,294	6,069	-	-	140,363
Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Gross receivables	4,396,162	2,950,295	2,762,987	8,252,644	18,362,088
Less: allowance for uncollectibles	(77,308)	-	-	(279,110)	(356,418)
Net total receivables	<u>\$ 4,318,854</u>	<u>\$ 2,950,295</u>	<u>\$ 2,762,987</u>	<u>\$ 7,973,534</u>	<u>\$ 18,005,670</u>

	Nonmajor Governmental	Nonmajor Proprietary	Internal Service	Sub-Total	Grand Total
Receivables:					
Taxes:					
2024 fiscal year	\$ 467,661	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 467,661	\$ 10,009,991
Fiscal years prior to 2024	-	-	-	-	329,344
Accounts	3,599,307	2,510,488	5,625	6,115,420	14,465,471
Intergovernmental	6,553,672	3,938,332	2,603	10,494,607	10,634,970
Interest	3,339	-	-	3,339	3,339
Gross receivables	10,623,979	6,448,820	8,228	17,081,027	35,443,115
Less: allowance for uncollectibles	(8,806)	(149,481)	-	(158,287)	(514,705)
Net total receivables	<u>\$ 10,615,173</u>	<u>\$ 6,299,339</u>	<u>\$ 8,228</u>	<u>\$ 16,922,740</u>	<u>\$ 34,928,410</u>

Intergovernmental receivables consist of reimbursements for grant expenditures incurred in the fiscal year.

At June 30, 2024, the largest receivable consisted of \$8,252,644 due from water and sewer customers.

Discretely Presented Component Units

Receivables at June 30, 2024, consist of the following:

	Downtown Athens Development Authority	Clarke County Board of Health	Alternative Dispute Resolution	Classic Center Authority	Total
Receivables:					
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 865,820	\$ 865,820
Accounts	554,443	2,768,149	51,338	1,414,885	4,788,815
Net total receivables	<u>\$ 554,443</u>	<u>\$ 2,768,149</u>	<u>\$ 51,338</u>	<u>\$ 2,280,705</u>	<u>\$ 5,654,635</u>

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C. Capital Assets

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

Primary Government

	Balance June 30, 2023	Additions	Disposals	Transfers and Adjustments	Balance June 30, 2024
Governmental activities:					
Capital assets, not being depreciated:					
Land	\$ 58,885,462	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 58,885,462
Nondepreciable intangibles	1,755,758	98,974	-	-	1,854,732
Construction in progress	46,820,587	59,789,750	(2,967)	(44,885,948)	61,721,422
Total capital assets not being depreciated	107,461,807	59,888,724	(2,967)	(44,885,948)	122,461,616
Capital assets, being depreciated/amortized					
Buildings	314,298,205	3,267,900	-	95,354	317,661,459
Improvements other than building:	127,543,380	-	-	16,647,475	144,190,855
Machinery and equipment	63,180,710	5,706,012	(961,646)	3,558,423	71,483,499
Depreciable intangibles	4,267,915	-	-	-	4,267,915
Intangible right-to-use assets					
Software	3,476,640	-	-	-	3,476,640
Equipment	670,430	-	-	-	670,430
Infrastructure	299,023,511	580,777	-	20,349,281	319,953,569
Total capital assets being depreciated/amortized	812,460,791	9,554,689	(961,646)	40,650,533	861,704,367
Less accumulated depreciation/ amortization for:					
Buildings	(123,967,868)	(5,597,009)	-	-	(129,564,877)
Improvements other than building:	(38,718,040)	(5,049,234)	-	-	(43,767,274)
Machinery and equipment	(51,155,236)	(3,597,139)	866,933	-	(53,885,442)
Depreciable intangibles	(4,086,380)	(68,800)	-	-	(4,155,180)
Intangible right-to-use assets					
Software	(644,576)	(644,576)	-	-	(1,289,152)
Equipment	-	(131,086)	-	-	(131,086)
Infrastructure	(130,985,448)	(7,656,450)	-	-	(138,641,898)
Total accumulated depreciation/ amortization	(349,557,548)	(22,744,294)	866,933	-	(371,434,909)
Total capital assets being depreciated/ amortized, net	462,903,243	(13,189,605)	(94,713)	40,650,533	490,269,458
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 570,365,050	\$ 46,699,119	\$ (97,680)	\$ (4,235,415)	\$ 612,731,074

The beginning balances of the Governmental activities have been restated to reflect unrecorded capital assets in the amount of \$458,480. See Note IV K for additional information.

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Governmental activities:

General government	\$ 2,754,043
Judicial	42,861
Public safety	3,599,349
Public works	8,847,220
Culture and recreation	3,196,412
Housing and development	1,884,037
Capital assets held by the Government's internal service funds are charged to the various functions based on their usage of the assets	2,420,372
Total depreciation and amortization expense-governmental activities	<u>\$ 22,744,294</u>

	Balance June 30, 2023	Additions	Disposals	Transfers and Adjustments	Balance June 30, 2024
Business-type activities:					
Capital assets, not being depreciated:					
Land	\$ 51,339,560	\$ 42,300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51,381,860
Non-Depreciable Intangibles	379,905	-	-	-	379,905
Construction in progress	<u>39,456,517</u>	<u>35,897,118</u>	<u>(1,231,248)</u>	<u>(69,201,157)</u>	<u>4,921,230</u>
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>91,175,982</u>	<u>35,939,418</u>	<u>(1,231,248)</u>	<u>(69,201,157)</u>	<u>56,682,995</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated:					
Buildings	76,216,798	-	-	80,525	76,297,323
Water and sewer system	311,811,484	5,280,144	-	66,390,186	383,481,814
Improvements other than buildings	303,381,149	-	-	1,760,808	305,141,957
Machinery and equipment	44,652,273	1,774,993	(695,194)	50,000	45,782,072
Depreciable Intangibles	1,167,932	-	-	60,000	1,227,932
Infrastructure	<u>38,326,304</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,095,053</u>	<u>43,421,357</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>775,555,940</u>	<u>7,055,137</u>	<u>(695,194)</u>	<u>73,436,572</u>	<u>855,352,455</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Buildings	(26,321,640)	(1,495,760)	-	-	(27,817,400)
Water and sewer system	(139,504,589)	(7,260,102)	-	-	(146,764,691)
Improvements other than buildings	(74,788,202)	(7,219,745)	-	-	(82,007,947)
Machinery and equipment	(36,537,356)	(2,717,346)	657,081	-	(38,597,621)
Depreciable Intangibles	(1,134,690)	(22,994)	-	-	(1,157,684)
Infrastructure	<u>(12,956,077)</u>	<u>(1,200,670)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(14,156,747)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(291,242,554)</u>	<u>(19,916,617)</u>	<u>657,081</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(310,502,090)</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>484,313,386</u>	<u>(12,861,480)</u>	<u>(38,113)</u>	<u>73,436,572</u>	<u>544,850,365</u>
Business-type activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 575,489,368</u>	<u>\$ 23,077,938</u>	<u>\$ (1,269,361)</u>	<u>\$ 4,235,415</u>	<u>\$ 601,533,360</u>

Business-type activities:

Landfill	\$ 887,307
Transit	1,648,759
Water/Sewer	15,473,981
Airport	235,489
Stormwater	1,233,310
Solid Waste	437,771
Total depreciation expense-business type activities	<u>\$ 19,916,617</u>

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D. Other Liabilities

Landfill Closure and Post-Closure Care Costs

Athens-Clarke County owns and operates a landfill site located on the Athens-Clarke County/Oglethorpe County line. The landfill has been operated at the present site since November 1976. State and federal laws and regulations will require the Government to close the landfill once its capacity is reached and to monitor and maintain the site for thirty years in compliance with Federal Subtitle D requirements. The Government recognizes a portion of the closure and post-closure care costs in each operating period even though actual payouts will not occur until the landfill is closed. The closure and post-closure care costs are recorded as a liability in the Landfill Enterprise Fund. The amount recognized each year is based on the estimated landfill capacity used as of June 30.

The current landfill site is approximately 444 acres and is divided up into five areas, or phases, in addition to the original landfill site (approximately 311 acres). The original landfill site reached capacity in 1995 and on January 15, 2001, the State of Georgia issued a closure certificate for the area. The Government will continue post-closure care on the original landfill site in compliance with state and federal requirements. The remaining portions of the landfill, Phases 1-5, as well as the Recovered Materials Processing Facility (MRF), are all permitted by the State for waste disposal. Phases 1 and 2 have reached estimated capacity for waste disposal. Phase 3 is currently used for waste disposal. Phase 4, the smallest area of the permitted phases, is currently not planned for construction or use. The last phase, Phase 5, was permitted on February 1, 2013 and is estimated to provide 5.0 million cubic yards of waste disposal capacity. As of June 30, 2024, approximately 39% of the permitted capacity for Phases 1-5 has been used, leaving over 37 years of permitted capacity remaining at the Landfill. The current estimated closure and post-closure care liability and remaining balance is:

Estimated Remaining Liability:

Total Liability Estimates:	Amount
Closure	\$ 11,718,920
Post-Closure Care	9,121,995
Total Liability	20,840,915
Less: Closure and Post-Closure Care Liability Accrued to Date	(10,077,112)
Balance of Future Liability	<u>\$ 10,763,803</u>

The remaining balance of the estimated future liability of \$10.8 million will be recognized as the remaining capacity of the landfill is used. The estimated costs of closure and post-closure care are subject to changes such as the effects of inflation, revision of laws and other variables.

Encumbrances Outstanding

The Government's policy is to lapse the balance of outstanding encumbrances at year end for the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, and Capital Projects Funds. The outstanding encumbrances are then automatically re-encumbered against the subsequent year's budget. The outstanding encumbrances balance at year end for the General Fund was \$720,410; for the ARPA Fund was \$10,314,232; for the SPLOST 2020 Fund \$26,478,357; for the TSPLOST 2023 Fund \$3,088,259; for the nonmajor Special Revenue Funds \$8,871,800; and for nonmajor Capital Projects Funds \$13,051,594.

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E. Long-Term Debt

Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

Following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2024:

	Balance June 30, 2023	Additions	Retirements	Balance June 30, 2024	Amounts Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities:					
Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements					
GMA ERP Note Payable	\$ 970,278	\$ -	\$ (233,312)	\$ 736,966	\$ 239,378
Certificates of Participation	2,249,000	-	-	2,249,000	-
Washington St. Building Revenue Bond	1,527,700	-	(490,500)	1,037,200	509,000
Development Authority Economic					
Development Projects Bonds	3,620,000	-	(350,000)	3,270,000	360,000
Bond Premium	239,423	-	(26,850)	212,573	-
2020 SPLOST GO Sales Tax Bonds					
Series 2020	20,535,000	-	(2,155,000)	18,380,000	2,260,000
Bond Premium	2,940,229	-	(680,090)	2,260,139	-
Series 2021	75,935,000	-	(8,875,000)	67,060,000	9,050,000
Bond Premium	13,176,016	-	(3,026,649)	10,149,367	-
Leases Payable	670,430	-	(141,154)	529,276	127,173
Subscriptions Payable	2,710,170	-	(762,330)	1,947,840	766,503
Net Pension Liability	72,009,686	45,577,259	(51,058,143)	66,528,802	-
Net OPEB Liability	212,573,051	20,303,150	(48,593,017)	184,283,184	-
Compensated Absences	4,916,497	4,568,558	(4,003,956)	5,481,099	3,997,798
Governmental Activities					
Long-Term Liabilities	<u>\$ 414,072,480</u>	<u>\$ 70,448,967</u>	<u>\$ (120,396,001)</u>	<u>\$ 364,125,446</u>	<u>\$ 17,309,852</u>
Business-type Activities:					
Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements					
Notes Payable					
GEFA Loan (Phase 1) - W&S	\$ 6,332,926	\$ -	\$ (804,169)	\$ 5,528,757	\$ 828,629
GEFA Loan (Phase 2) - W&S	2,381,174	-	(229,138)	2,152,036	236,108
Airport 2009-Exec. T-Hangars Note	180,000	-	(30,000)	150,000	30,000
Landfill Note	2,382,989	-	-	2,382,989	595,750
Revenue Bonds	162,745,000	-	(7,655,000)	155,090,000	8,045,000
Bond Premium	10,784,844	-	(1,278,962)	9,505,882	-
Compensated Absences	1,085,468	1,008,472	(888,542)	1,205,398	888,543
Closure/Post Closure Care	9,622,672	454,440	-	10,077,112	-
Business-type Activities					
Long-Term Liabilities	<u>\$ 195,515,073</u>	<u>\$ 1,462,912</u>	<u>\$ (10,885,811)</u>	<u>\$ 186,092,174</u>	<u>\$ 10,624,030</u>

Notes Payable

Governmental Activities

On February 27, 2020, the Government entered into a lending agreement with Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) in the amount of \$1,635,334. The proceeds are to be used to install a new Munis financial software system. Funds from the General Capital Projects Fund will be used to repay this debt with the last payment taking place in February 2027. The obligation of Athens-Clarke County to make the payments for this debt is a general obligation to which its full faith and credit and taxing power are pledged. Unspent debt proceeds of \$1,240,401 are reported as restricted cash in the General Capital Projects Fund.

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The debt service requirements to maturity are listed below:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 239,378	\$ 19,161	\$ 258,539
2026	245,601	12,938	258,539
2027	251,987	6,552	258,539
	<u>\$ 736,966</u>	<u>\$ 38,651</u>	<u>\$ 775,617</u>

Business-type Activities

Airport Enterprise Fund

On March 17, 2009, the Government received a loan in the amount of \$600,000 for the construction of executive hangars. The debt is payable over twenty years at an interest rate of 4.15%. Revenue from the Airport Enterprise Fund will be used to repay this debt. The obligation of Athens-Clarke County to make the payments for this debt is a general obligation to which its full faith and credit and taxing power are pledged.

The debt service requirements to maturity are listed below:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 30,000	\$ 6,225	\$ 36,225
2026	30,000	4,980	34,980
2027	30,000	3,735	33,735
2028	30,000	2,490	32,490
2029	30,000	1,245	31,245
	<u>\$ 150,000</u>	<u>\$ 18,675</u>	<u>\$ 168,675</u>

Landfill Enterprise Fund

On May 23, 2019, the Government received a loan in the amount of \$4,765,989 at an interest rate of 2.5%. The proceeds are to be used for acquisition, installation and construction of Landfill Phase V Cells 1A and 1B for use of collection, storage and final disposal of solid waste in Athens-Clarke County. Revenue from the Landfill Enterprise Fund will be used to repay this debt which matures in July 2027. The obligation of Athens-Clarke County to make the payments for this debt is a general obligation to which its full faith and credit and taxing power are pledged.

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The debt service requirements to maturity are listed below:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 595,750	\$ 52,128	\$ 647,878
2026	595,750	37,234	632,984
2027	595,750	22,340	618,090
2028	595,739	7,447	603,186
	<u>\$ 2,382,989</u>	<u>\$ 119,149</u>	<u>\$ 2,502,138</u>

Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund

On November 26, 2007 the Government received a loan from the State of Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) Clean Water State Revolving Fund in the amount of \$15,000,000 with interest rate of 3%. The proceeds of the loan are being used for construction of interceptor sewer line projects. The loan was closed on August 8, 2010 in the amount of \$14,772,863 principal and \$4,890,323 interest to be repaid in equal monthly amounts of \$81,930 principal and interest through to 2031. Revenue from the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund will be used to repay this debt. The obligation of the Government to make the payments is a general obligation to which full faith and credit and taxing power are pledged.

The debt service requirements to maturity are listed below:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 828,629	\$ 154,531	\$ 983,160
2026	853,832	129,328	983,160
2027	879,802	103,358	983,160
2028	906,562	76,598	983,160
2029	934,136	49,024	983,160
2030-2031	1,125,796	21,218	1,147,014
	<u>\$ 5,528,757</u>	<u>\$ 534,057</u>	<u>\$ 6,062,814</u>

On October 9, 2009 the Government received a loan from the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority Clean Water State Revolving Fund in the amount of \$8,000,000 with an interest rate of 3%. The proceeds of the loan will be used for the construction of interceptor sewer line projects. \$3,200,000 was funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). Revenue from the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund will be used to repay this debt. The obligation of the Government to make the payments is a general obligation to which full faith and credit and taxing power are pledged.

On August 1, 2012 the projects were completed and the loan was closed. The total balance of the loan, net of the forgiveness, was \$4,469,301 with interest of \$1,479,491 to be repaid in equal monthly amounts of \$24,786 through 2033.

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The debt service requirements to maturity are listed below:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 236,108	\$ 61,332	\$ 297,440
2026	243,289	54,151	297,440
2027	250,689	46,751	297,440
2028	258,314	39,126	297,440
2029	266,171	31,269	297,440
2030-2033	897,465	44,425	941,890
	<u>\$ 2,152,036</u>	<u>\$ 277,054</u>	<u>\$ 2,429,090</u>

General Obligation Bonds

2020 SPLOST GO Sales Tax Bonds – Series 2020

On February 19, 2020, the Government issued general obligation bonds in the amount of \$26,660,000 to fund projects for Facilities Space Modernization, Affordable Housing, and Classic Center Arena. The issuance of these bonds was approved by a Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) referendum on November 5, 2019. Pursuant to Georgia law, these bonds will be repaid with the proceeds of a one percent sales tax. Collections of the sales tax began on April 1, 2020. The obligation of Athens-Clarke County to make the payments for this debt is a general obligation to which its full faith and credit and taxing power are pledged. These bonds were issued at a premium of \$5,708,568 with coupon rates ranging from 4.0% to 5.0%.

The debt service requirements to maturity are listed below:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 2,260,000	\$ 803,650	\$ 3,063,650
2026	2,375,000	687,775	3,062,775
2027	2,495,000	566,025	3,061,025
2028	2,615,000	438,275	3,053,275
2029	2,750,000	304,150	3,054,150
2030-2031	5,885,000	237,700	6,122,700
	<u>\$ 18,380,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,037,575</u>	<u>\$ 21,417,575</u>

2020 SPLOST GO Sales Tax Bonds – Series 2021

On September 7, 2021, the Government issued general obligation bonds in the amount of \$93,175,000 to fund projects approved by a Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) referendum on November 5, 2019. The issuance of these bonds was approved by the November 5, 2019 referendum. Pursuant to Georgia law, these bonds will be repaid with the proceeds of a one percent sales tax. Collections of the sales tax began on April 1, 2020. The obligation of Athens-Clarke County to make the payments for this debt is a general obligation to which its full faith and credit and taxing power are pledged. These bonds were issued at a premium of \$19,056,520 with coupon rates of 5.0%.

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The debt service requirements to maturity are listed below:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 9,050,000	\$ 3,126,750	\$ 12,176,750
2026	9,220,000	2,670,000	11,890,000
2027	9,395,000	2,204,625	11,599,625
2028	9,575,000	1,730,375	11,305,375
2029	9,750,000	1,247,250	10,997,250
2030-2031	20,070,000	1,008,750	21,078,750
	<u>\$ 67,060,000</u>	<u>\$ 11,987,750</u>	<u>\$ 79,047,750</u>

Revenue Bonds

Athens Downtown Development Authority

On February 22, 2011 the Mayor and Commission entered into an agreement with the Athens Downtown Development Authority to issue debt to finance the construction of a mixed-use parking facility that consists of 575 parking spaces and nearly 8,000 square feet of commercial space. The debt was issued in the amount of \$6,131,700 for a 15-year period at a rate of 3.51%. The project was funded partially by SPLOST 2005 revenues of \$6,745,865 and through the issuance of debt in the amount of \$6,131,700. The revenues generated from the parking deck will be used to pay the operating and debt service expenses for the project. Under the agreement, the obligation of Athens-Clarke County to make the payments is a general obligation to which its full faith and credit and taxing power are pledged.

The debt service requirements to maturity are listed below:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 509,000	\$ 36,406	\$ 545,406
2026	528,200	18,540	546,740
	<u>\$ 1,037,200</u>	<u>\$ 54,946</u>	<u>\$ 1,092,146</u>

Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund

On June 4, 2015 the Government refunded the outstanding balance of the Series 2008 Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds in the amount of \$204,270,000. The new bonds, issued at a premium, totaled \$210,140,000 with coupon rates ranging from 1.0% to 5.0% and maturity dates from 2016 to 2038.

The bonds are payable solely from water and sewer operating income, and are payable through fiscal year 2038. Total principal and interest remaining to be paid on the bonds is \$253,040,450. Principal and interest paid for the current year was \$14,845,100. Water and sewer operating income, excluding depreciation and including non-operating revenues, totaled \$63,434,744 for the current year.

The bond indenture contains significant limitations and restrictions on annual debt service requirements, maintenance of and flow of funds through various restricted accounts, minimum amounts to be maintained in various sinking funds, and minimum revenue bond coverage. The Government believes that it is in compliance with all such significant financial limitations and restrictions as of June 30, 2024.

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The debt service requirements to maturity are listed below:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 8,045,000	\$ 6,807,350	\$ 14,852,350
2026	8,460,000	6,405,100	14,865,100
2027	8,890,000	5,982,100	14,872,100
2028	9,345,000	5,537,600	14,882,600
2029	9,800,000	5,070,350	14,870,350
2030-2034	56,385,000	18,113,100	74,498,100
2035-2038	54,165,000	5,524,800	59,689,800
	<u>\$ 155,090,000</u>	<u>\$ 53,440,400</u>	<u>\$ 208,530,400</u>

Certificates of Participation

In June 1998, the Government entered into a lending agreement with the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA). The funding of the agreement was provided by the issuance of \$150,126,000 Certificates of Participation by GMA. GMA passed the net proceeds through to participating municipalities, including the Government's participation totaling \$3,333,000. The agreement with GMA states the Government owns their portion of the assets invested by the pool and is responsible for the payment of their portion of the principal and interest of the Certificates of Participation. In fiscal year 2009, the principal amount owed was reduced from \$3,333,000 to \$2,679,000. In fiscal year 2012, the principal amount was reduced from \$2,679,000 to \$2,249,000. The principal is due in a lump sum payment on June 1, 2028 and interest is payable at a rate of 4.75% each year. The Government draws from the investment to purchase equipment from GMA. The agreement requires the Government to make payments back into an escrow account to fund the principal and interest payments.

As part of the issuance of the Certificates of Participation, the Government entered into an interest rate swap agreement. Under the swap agreement, the Government is required to pay (1) a semiannual (and beginning July 1, 2003), a monthly floating rate of interest based on the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA) Municipal Swap Index (plus a 31 basis points spread) to, or on behalf of, the Swap Counterparty (the "Swap Payment"); and the Swap Counterparty will pay to, or on behalf of, the Government a semi-annual payment based on a rate equal to the fixed rate on the Certificates of Participation (4.75%) times a notional amount specified in the Swap Agreement, but generally equal to the outstanding unpaid principal portion of such contract, less the amount originally deposited in the Reserve Fund relating to the contract, and (ii) a one-time Swap Premium to be paid on the effective date of the Swap Agreement. The semi-annual payments from the Swap Counterparty with respect to the Government are structured and expected to be sufficient to make all interest payments due under the contract and related distributions of interest on the Certificates. Monthly interest payments between the Government, the holders of the Certificates of Participation, and the Swap Counterparty can be made in net settlement form as part of this agreement. Under the Swap Agreement, the Government's obligation to pay floating payments to the Swap Counterparty in any calendar year may not exceed an amount equal to the SIFMA Municipal Swap Index plus 5% to be determined on the first business day of December in the preceding year. This agreement matures on June 1, 2028 at the same time of the Certificates of Participation. This derivative qualifies as a fair market hedge.

In the unlikely event that the Swap Counterparty becomes insolvent, or fails to make payments as specified in the Swap Agreement, the Government would be exposed to credit risk in the amount of the Swap's fair value. To minimize this risk, the Government executed this agreement with counterparties of appropriate credit strength, with the counterparty being rated Aa3 by Moody's. At June 30, 2024 the floating rate being paid by the Government is 4.19% and the fair value of this agreement is \$113,178, a decrease of \$27,048

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from the fair value at the end of the previous fiscal year. The fair value of the hedge was determined using settlement prices at the end of the day on June 30, 2024 based on the derivative contract. This fair value is reported as an other asset in the statement of net position.

As this derivative is an effective hedge qualifying for hedge accounting, the inflow from the hedge (any change in fair value from inception until fiscal year end) is deferred and reported as a deferred inflow of resources in the Statement of Net Position.

The debt service requirements to maturity are listed below:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ -	\$ 106,828	\$ 106,828
2026	-	106,828	106,828
2027	-	106,828	106,828
2028	2,249,000	106,825	2,355,825
	<u>\$ 2,249,000</u>	<u>\$ 427,309</u>	<u>\$ 2,676,309</u>

Development Authority of Athens-Clarke County Long-Term Debt

On March 1, 2012 the Development Authority, a blended component unit of the Government, issued bonds in the amount of \$5,475,000 to finance the cost of acquisition, development, and improvement of the site to be occupied by a manufacturing facility owned by Caterpillar, Inc. As a part of this issuance of debt, the Mayor and Commission of Athens-Clarke County entered into an intergovernmental contract with the Development Authority to guarantee the debt service payments for the bonds to maturity in 2032. The Government's commitment to make the payments is secured by a pledge of full faith and credit and taxing powers.

The debt service requirements to maturity are listed below:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 360,000	\$ 141,300	\$ 501,300
2026	370,000	130,500	500,500
2027	380,000	119,400	499,400
2028	390,000	108,000	498,000
2029	410,000	88,500	498,500
2030-2032	1,360,000	138,250	1,498,250
	<u>\$ 3,270,000</u>	<u>\$ 725,950</u>	<u>\$ 3,995,950</u>

Leases

On May 2, 2022, the Government entered into a leasing agreement for office equipment in the amount of \$670,430. The lease agreement qualifies as other than short-term leases under GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases* and, therefore have been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments at their inception. Annual installments of \$141,202 are due through June, 2028 at an interest rate of 2.619%; \$529,276 outstanding at June 30, 2024. The obligation of Athens-Clarke County to make the payments for this debt is a general obligation to which its full faith and credit and taxing power are pledged.

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The debt service requirements to maturity are listed below:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 127,173	\$ 14,029	\$ 141,202
2026	130,544	10,658	141,202
2027	134,004	7,198	141,202
2028	137,555	3,647	141,202
	<u>\$ 529,276</u>	<u>\$ 35,532</u>	<u>\$ 564,808</u>

Subscriptions

The Government entered into several agreements to subscribe to certain software. The subscription agreements qualify as subscriptions under GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, therefore have been recorded at the present value of the future minimum subscription payments at their inception. Subscription liabilities are comprised of the following individual subscriptions at the end of the current fiscal year:

1. \$1,522,566 software subscription, due in annual installments of \$257,237 through June 2028, interest at 2.545%, \$1,265,329 outstanding.
2. \$1,954,075 software subscription, due in annual installments ranging from \$77,781 to \$512,020 through April 2026, interest at 0.546%, \$1,444,841 outstanding.

The debt service requirements to maturity are listed below:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 766,503	\$ 10,662	\$ 777,165
2026	671,057	6,466	677,523
2027	254,443	2,793	257,236
2028	255,837	1,400	257,237
	<u>\$ 1,947,840</u>	<u>\$ 21,321</u>	<u>\$ 1,969,161</u>

Other Long-Term Liabilities

The compensated absence liability is normally liquidated by the fund from which the earning employee is paid. Compensated absences, net pension liability, and the net OPEB liability are paid from the fund responsible for the employee's compensation with significant liabilities paid from the General Fund.

Discretely Presented Component Unit Long-Term Debt

Classic Center Authority Long-Term Debt – Direct Borrowing

On May 6, 2020, the Classic Center Authority entered into a lending agreement in the amount of \$6,732,502 at an interest rate of 1.79%. Proceeds from this promissory note were used to refinance existing debt \$5,206,664; the balance of the proceeds will be used for capital improvements to the Classic Center. Revenue from the Authority will be used to repay this debt which matures in May 2035. As a part of this issuance of debt, the Mayor and Commission of Athens-Clarke County entered into an intergovernmental contract with the Authority to guarantee the debt service payments for the promissory note to maturity. The Government's commitment to make the payments is secured by a pledge of full faith and credit and taxing powers.

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The debt service requirements to maturity are listed below:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 464,310	\$ 86,921	\$ 551,231
2026	464,310	78,610	542,920
2027	464,310	70,299	534,609
2028	464,310	61,987	526,297
2029	464,310	53,676	517,986
2030-2034	2,321,554	143,714	2,465,268
2035	425,618	3,809	429,427
	<u>\$ 5,068,722</u>	<u>\$ 499,016</u>	<u>\$ 5,567,738</u>

On November 2, 2021, the Authority issued revenue bonds in the amount of \$48,880,000 to fund the acquisition, construction, installation, and equipping of a multi-purpose arena, parking facility, and related property and facilities. The operating income of the Classic Center will be used to pay the operating and debt service expenses for the project. These bonds were issued at a premium of \$4,606,607 with interest rates ranging from 3.0% to 4.0%.

The debt service requirements to maturity are listed below:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 100,000	\$ 1,709,750	\$ 1,809,750
2026	450,000	1,705,750	2,155,750
2027	690,000	1,687,750	2,377,750
2028	720,000	1,660,150	2,380,150
2029	745,000	1,631,350	2,376,350
2030-2034	4,205,000	7,684,950	11,889,950
2035-2039	5,100,000	6,784,550	11,884,550
2040-2044	5,990,000	5,894,200	11,884,200
2045-2049	7,215,000	4,676,300	11,891,300
2050-2054	8,750,000	3,131,500	11,881,500
2055-2059	10,265,000	1,624,500	11,889,500
2060-2061	4,550,000	205,800	4,755,800
	<u>\$ 48,780,000</u>	<u>\$ 38,396,550</u>	<u>\$ 87,176,550</u>

On September 14, 2022, the Authority issued non-taxable revenue bonds in the amount of \$25,495,000 to fund the acquisition, construction, installation, and equipping of a multi-purpose arena, parking facility, and related property and facilities. The operating income of the Classic Center will be used to pay the operating and debt service expenses for the project. These bonds were issued at a discount of \$1,191,720 with interest rates ranging from 4.125% to 4.500%.

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The debt service requirements to maturity are listed below:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ -	\$ 1,072,906	\$ 1,072,906
2026	-	1,072,906	1,072,906
2027	-	1,072,906	1,072,906
2028	-	1,072,906	1,072,906
2029	-	1,072,906	1,072,906
2030-2034	-	5,364,531	5,364,531
2035-2039	-	5,364,531	5,364,531
2040-2044	-	5,364,531	5,364,531
2045-2049	350,000	5,364,531	5,714,531
2050-2054	8,155,000	4,665,550	12,820,550
2055-2059	11,345,000	2,708,100	14,053,100
2060-2061	5,645,000	363,588	6,008,588
	<u>\$ 25,495,000</u>	<u>\$ 34,559,892</u>	<u>\$ 60,054,892</u>

On September 14, 2022, the Authority issued taxable revenue bonds in the amount of \$11,945,000 to fund the acquisition, construction, installation, and equipping of a multi-purpose arena, parking facility, and related property and facilities. The operating income of the Classic Center will be used to pay the operating and debt service expenses for the project. These bonds were issued at a premium of \$54,247 with interest rates ranging from 3.89% to 5.15%.

The debt service requirements to maturity are listed below:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ -	\$ 598,613	\$ 598,613
2026	-	598,613	598,613
2027	45,000	598,613	643,613
2028	70,000	596,863	666,863
2029	95,000	594,063	689,063
2030-2034	915,000	2,886,612	3,801,612
2035-2039	2,040,000	2,577,779	4,617,779
2040-2044	3,550,000	1,924,000	5,474,000
2045-2049	5,230,000	820,138	6,050,138
	<u>\$ 11,945,000</u>	<u>\$ 11,195,294</u>	<u>\$ 23,140,294</u>

On October 10, 2023, the Authority issued non-taxable revenue bonds in the amount of \$15,305,000 to fund the acquisition, construction, installation, and equipping of a multi-purpose arena, parking facility, and related property and facilities. The operating income of the Classic Center will be used to pay the operating and debt service expenses for the project. These bonds were issued at a premium of \$39,952 with interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 5.00%.

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The debt service requirements to maturity are listed below:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ -	\$ 717,113	\$ 717,113
2026	-	717,113	717,113
2027	-	717,113	717,113
2028	-	717,113	717,113
2029	-	717,113	717,113
2030-2034	-	3,585,563	3,585,563
2035-2039	6,645,000	3,150,811	9,795,811
2040-2043	8,660,000	996,111	9,656,111
	<u>\$ 15,305,000</u>	<u>\$ 11,318,050</u>	<u>\$ 26,623,050</u>

On October 10, 2023, the Authority issued taxable revenue bonds in the amount of \$12,780,000 to fund the acquisition, construction, installation, and equipping of a multi-purpose arena, parking facility, and related property and facilities. The operating income of the Classic Center will be used to pay the operating and debt service expenses for the project. These bonds were issued at a discount of \$45,085 with interest rates ranging from 5.38% to 5.86%.

The debt service requirements to maturity are listed below:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ -	\$ 715,576	\$ 715,576
2026	735,000	715,576	1,450,576
2027	1,020,000	675,960	1,695,960
2028	1,075,000	621,084	1,696,084
2029	1,135,000	562,819	1,697,819
2030-2034	6,695,000	1,790,556	8,485,556
2035-2036	2,120,000	154,891	2,274,891
	<u>\$ 12,780,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,236,462</u>	<u>\$ 18,016,462</u>

F. Interfund Receivables and Payables

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
General Fund	Nonmajor Enterprise Funds	\$ 3,214,650
General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	358,725
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	73,700
Internal Service Funds	Nonmajor Enterprise Funds	287,691
		<u>\$ 3,934,766</u>

Interfund loans are amounts provided between funds with a requirement for repayment. The interfund balances reported resulted from transactions to alleviate equity in pooled cash deficits at year-end and are anticipated to be repaid within one year. The \$287,691 is reported in the Fleet Replacement Internal Service Fund as advances to other funds and as advances from other funds in the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund as this balance is not expected to be repaid within one year.

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G. Interfund Transfers

Transfers are used to move revenue from the fund with collection authorization in accordance with expenditures and state law; reflect shared administrative cost between Enterprise Funds; move unrestricted General Fund revenue to capital projects and other various programs that the Government must account for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorization; move residual balances from funds being closed; and move capital assets between the Governmental and Business-type Activities. Transfers from the SPLOST 2020 Capital Projects Fund to the Nonmajor Governmental Funds move revenue to make debt service payments authorized by the SPLOST 2020 referendum.

<u>Transfer In</u>	<u>Transfer Out</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	Internal Service Funds	\$ 244,074
General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	652,101
General Fund	Nonmajor Enterprise Funds	1,844,608
General Fund	Water and Sewer Fund	2,104,524
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	General Fund	20,072,489
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	SPLOST 2020	15,812,772
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	108,990
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Nonmajor Enterprise Funds	32,206
Nonmajor Enterprise Funds	General Fund	500,000
Nonmajor Enterprise Funds	TSPLIST 2023	3,493,522
Nonmajor Enterprise Funds	Nonmajor Enterprise Funds	135,000
Internal Service Funds	General Fund	5,750,000
		<u>50,750,286</u>
Transfers of Capital Assets		
Internal Service Funds	Governmental Activities	568,429
Nonmajor Enterprise Funds	Governmental Activities	4,235,415
		<u><u>\$ 55,554,130</u></u>

IV. OTHER INFORMATION

A. Risk Management

Employee Health Insurance

The Government accounts for the financial operations of a self-insured employee group health program in the Self-Funded Health Insurance and Claims Internal Service Fund. The Government maintains specific stop loss coverage. For the period July 1 – June 30, 2024 the amount was \$200,000 per covered individual to reduce the exposure from catastrophic claims. During fiscal year 2024, the Government experienced 12 claims that exceeded the stop loss coverage amount of \$200,000.

All funds participate in the program and make payments to the Self-Funded Health Insurance and Claims Internal Service Fund based on estimates provided through analysis of historical cost information of the amounts needed to pay prior and current year claims, excess coverage, and to maintain a reserve for anticipated future losses. The claims liability of \$680,000 as of June 30, 2024, is based on the requirements of GASB Statement No. 10, which require that a liability for claims be reported if information prior to the issuance of the financial statements indicated that it is probable that a liability has been incurred at the date of the statements and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated.

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Changes in the balances of claims liabilities for the Self-Funded Health Insurance and Claims Internal Service fund during fiscal years 2023 and 2024 were as follows:

Ending June 30	Beginning of Year Liability	Year Claims Expenses	Change in Estimate	Claim Payments	End of Year Liability
2024	\$ 1,486,064	\$ 15,343,609	\$ -	\$ (16,149,673)	\$ 680,000
2023	1,431,419	15,615,754	-	(15,561,109)	1,486,064

The entire liabilities are due within one year. At June 30, 2024, the Self-Funded Health Insurance and Claims Fund held \$9,571,181 in cash and cash equivalents available for payment of these claims.

Workers Compensation, Short Term Disability, and Uninsured Losses

Athens-Clarke County is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Government established the Self-Funded Insurance and Claims Internal Service Fund to account for and finance its self-insured risks of loss.

Athens-Clarke County is self-insured for worker's compensation and employee short-term disability, which is accounted for in an Internal Service Fund. The Government maintains excess insurance coverage for workers' compensation for specific stop loss coverage for a claim exceeding \$650,000 for general employees and \$700,000 for public safety employees.

On May 1, 1991, the Government established a liability program that has both insured liability coverage and self-insurance with a \$50,000 deductible for each occurrence. Within the same Internal Service Fund, the Government also operates a program for the appropriation of funds for claims as to which no governmental immunity exists and other claims which the Government deems appropriate for payment.

Settled claims have not exceeded commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

All funds participate in the program. The Self-Funded Insurance and Claims Internal Service Fund allocates the cost of providing claims administrator and claims payments by charging a "premium" to each fund. These charges consider recent trends in actual claims experience of the Government as a whole.

Liabilities are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of that loss can be reasonably estimated. Liabilities include an actuarially determined amount for claims that have been incurred, but not reported. Because actual claims liabilities depend on such complex factors as inflation, changes in legal doctrines, and damage awards, the process used in computing claims liability does not necessarily result in an exact amount. Claims liabilities are reevaluated periodically to take into consideration recently settled claims, frequency of claims, and other economic and social factors.

Changes in the balances of claims liabilities for the Self-Funded Insurance and Claims Internal Service Fund during fiscal years 2023 and 2024 were as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Beginning of Year Liability	Current Year Claims Expenses	Change in Estimate	Claim Payments	End of Year Liability
2024	\$ 1,562,615	\$ 3,787,669	\$ -	\$ (2,498,483)	\$ 2,851,801
2023	1,234,968	2,859,014	-	(2,531,367)	1,562,615

The entire liabilities are due within one year. At June 30, 2024, the Self-Funded Insurance and Claims Internal Service Fund held \$3,004,424 in cash and cash equivalents available for payment of these claims.

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Until May, 2018, the Government participated in the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (GIRMA) public entity risk pool which operates as a common risk management and insurance programs. GMA establishes and administers this public entity risk pool to prevent or lessen the incidence and severity of casualty and property losses incurred by the Government. The Government elected to discontinue participation in the risk pool and use a commercial insurance broker for property and casualty coverage. In July 2021 the Government did not renew with the commercial insurance broker and began to participate in the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA), Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (GIRMA) public entity risk pool again.

The GMA pool and the commercial insurance are obligated to provide for the cost of claims and related interest incurred by the Government along with the cost of investigating, negotiating and defending such claims. The Government will continue to make payments to the commercial insurance broker and GIRMA for any ongoing claims or claims that may be made against the Government for the period of participation in the risk pool and participation with the commercial broker.

B. Commitments & Contingent Liabilities

Construction Commitments

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, construction commitments on uncompleted contracts were \$37,822,399.

Litigation

Athens-Clarke County is a defendant in several lawsuits which arose in the ordinary course of its activities. The Government follows the practice of recording liabilities resulting from claims and legal actions only when they become probable and measurable.

Grants

Athens-Clarke County participates in a number of federal and state assisted grant programs, which are subject to program compliance audits under the Single Audit Act. An audit of these programs has been performed for the year ended June 30, 2024, in compliance with the Single Audit Act. However, the audit is pending final acceptance by the Government's cognizant agency. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the granting agencies is expected to be immaterial.

C. Post-Employment Benefits (Other than Pension)

Plan Description

The Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Other Post-Employment Benefit Plan (the "OPEB Plan") is a single-employer defined benefit postretirement plan. The OPEB Plan was established by the Government to provide medical, prescription drug benefits and life insurance for retirees and other former employees (and their eligible dependents) who are eligible for such benefits under the existing policies of the government. Benefit provisions and contribution requirements are established and may be amended by the Mayor and Commission. The relevant information about the OPEB Plan is provided below. No other financial reports are issued by this sole employer plan.

The assets held in the OPEB Trust Fund are used exclusively for OPEB expenses based on a trust agreement adopted by the Mayor and Commission on December 2, 2008. Under the terms of the trust agreement, oversight of the financial assets are delegated to a six member board composed of the Manager, the Human Resources Director, the Finance Director and three citizens appointed by the Mayor serving staggered three year terms.

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Eligibility

Eligible participants for Other Post-Employment Benefits include:

1. Eligible employees that retire from the Government and elect to enroll in the retiree health benefit plan at the time of retirement.
2. Surviving spouses/dependents receiving health benefits at the time of retiree death may participate in the health benefit plan under COBRA provisions. The dependent life insurance benefit terminates upon the death of the retiree.
3. Former elected officials, who were eligible for benefit while in office and receive retirement income from another employer, may elect to enroll in the Government's retiree health benefit plan, if they have 10 years of continuous, full-time employment.
4. Effective September 2013, all post-65 year old retirees eligible for health insurance coverage have plans available in the marketplace and access to an ACC-funded Health Reimbursement Account (HRA).
5. Effective September 2013, eligible post-65 year retiree spouses have insurance plans available in the marketplace and access to an ACC-funded Health Reimbursement Account (HRA). To be eligible for funding, the retiree must have been hired prior to 1/1/1994 and the spouse must have health insurance coverage through the retiree's ACC plan for at least 12 months prior to the retiree's separation from service.

Membership

The following schedule (derived from the most recent actuarial valuation report) reflects membership for the OPEB Plan as of July 1, 2023.

Active participants	1,455
Terminated participants who are vested but not receiving benefits	300
Disabled employees, retirees, and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	958
Total participants	<u>2,713</u>

Plan Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting - The government accounts for the OPEB Trust Fund on an accrual basis. Contributions from the Government are recognized when due, pursuant to formal commitments, as well as statutory or contractual requirements. Investment income is recognized by the plan when earned.

Method Used to Value Investments - All OPEB plan investments are in state investment pools and are valued at fair value.

Benefit Payments - Benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms.

Contributions – Contributions are recognized when paid or legally due to the OPEB plan.

Benefits

The Government provides access to health and prescription drug benefits to pre-65 eligible retirees and eligible spouses/dependents. Upon retirement, retirees are offered access to coverage as designated by the Government. Based on employment and retirement date, in accordance with the Government's Code of Ordinances, health and prescription drug coverage cost to the retiree varies.

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The following schedule lists annual premiums for those retirees who pay for health insurance:

Plan Type	Employee	Spouse	Total
POSC	\$ 4,298	\$ 4,297	\$ 8,595
POST	-	5,690	5,690
CHS Select	3,274	3,274	6,548
CHS Value	1,624	1,623	3,247

Eligible retirees receive a life insurance benefit of \$10,000 in which the premium is paid by the Government. Retirees, who paid for spouse life insurance coverage for at least twelve months prior to their separation from service, are eligible for spouse life insurance coverage. These spouses receive life insurance benefits of \$2,000. The Government pays the full cost of the premiums for life insurance for retirees and for retirees' spouses. Spouse life insurance terminates with death of the retiree.

Pre-65 year-old retirees who were hired prior to July 1, 2002 receive the designated plan, which is currently POS, at no cost to them. If they were hired prior to January 1, 1994, there is also no cost for their dependent coverage.

Contributions

The Government contributed \$9,289,600 to the OPEB Plan's fund in fiscal year 2024. Contributions are made on a pay-as-you-go basis, with additional contributions made when funding is available, as determined annually in the budget process by the Mayor and Commission. The Mayor and Commission establish and may amend the funding policy for the OPEB Plan. Employees are not required to contribute to the plan.

Net OPEB Liability of the Government

The components of the net OPEB liability of the Government at June 30, 2024, were as follows:

Total OPEB liability	\$ 186,550,109
Plan fiduciary net position	(2,266,925)
Government's net OPEB liability	<u>\$ 184,283,184</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	1.22%

The required schedule of changes in the Government's net OPEB liability and related ratios immediately following the notes to the financial statements presents multiyear trend information about whether the value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the total OPEB liability.

Actuarial assumptions. The Government's net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2024 and the total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2023 and was rolled forward to June 30, 2024 utilizing update procedures by the actuary incorporating the actuarial assumptions.

The following actuarial assumptions were utilized and applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Actuarial Asset Valuation Method	Fair Value
Assumed Rate of Return on Investments and Discount Rate	4.00%
Healthcare Cost Trend Rate	7.01%
Ultimate Healthcare Trend Rate	4.50%
Year of Ultimate Trend Rate	2032
Inflation Rate	2.50%

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Mortality rates were based on the PUB-2010 Amounts-Weighted General Healthy Annuitants Safety Employees and Mortality Table with Generational Improvements by Scale MP-2020.

The Government's total OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2024 and determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2023.

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of OPEB plan investment expense and inflation) are developed. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return and by adding expected inflation.

Rate of Return. For the plan year ended June 30, 2024, the estimated annual money-weighted rate of return on OPEB plan investments, net of OPEB plan investment expense, was 21.39%. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expenses, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 3.93%. This is a change from the discount rate utilized in the prior year of 3.65%. The discount rate is based on the Bond Buyer 20-Bond Index, which consists of 20 general obligation bonds that mature in 20 years, and is roughly equivalent to Moody's Investors Service's Aa2 rating and Standard & Poor's Corp.'s AA, as of June 30, 2024, and based on a pay-as-you-go funding policy. Due to the limited funding of the plan, this rate was applied to all future projected benefit payments to be made.

Sensitivity of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the net OPEB liability of the Government, calculated using the discount rate of 3.93 percent, as well as what the Government's net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.93 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.93 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (2.93%)	Current Discount Rate (3.93%)	1% Increase (4.93%)
Government Net OPEB Liability	\$ 207,479,852	\$ 184,283,184	\$ 164,793,567

Sensitivity of the net OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trends rates. The following presents the net OPEB liability of the Government, calculated using the health care trend rates, as well as what the Government's net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	1% Decrease	Current Trend Rate	1% Increase
Government Net OPEB Liability	\$ 165,570,166	\$ 184,283,184	\$ 206,804,394

Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of events far into the future, and actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revisions as results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. Calculations are based on the substantive plan in effect as of June 30, 2024 and the current sharing pattern of costs between employer and employee.

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Changes in the Net OPEB Liability

	Increase (Decrease)		
	Total OPEB Liability	Plan Fiduciary Net Position	Net OPEB Liability
Balances at June 30, 2023	\$ 212,573,051	\$ -	\$ 212,573,051
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	8,187,608	-	8,187,608
Interest	7,925,326	-	7,925,326
Differences between expected and actual experience	4,120,374	-	4,120,374
Changes of assumptions	(38,933,768)	-	(38,933,768)
Contributions - employer	-	9,289,600	(9,289,600)
Contributions - other	-	132,128	(132,128)
Net investment income	-	237,521	(237,521)
Benefit payments	(7,322,482)	(7,322,482)	-
Other changes	(69,842)	(69,842)	69,842
Net changes	(26,022,942)	2,266,925	(28,289,867)
Balances at June 30, 2024	\$ 186,550,109	\$ 2,266,925	\$ 184,283,184

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the Government recognized OPEB income of \$9,220,362.

At June 30, 2024 the Government reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the follow sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 3,777,887	\$ 11,454,542
Assumption changes	26,885,158	103,899,318
Differences between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	246,042
Total	\$ 30,663,045	\$ 115,599,902

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Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be amortized in OPEB expense as follows:

Fiscal year ending June 30:	
2025	\$(25,228,826)
2026	(27,681,903)
2027	(23,992,147)
2028	(7,218,042)
2029	(815,939)
Thereafter	-
	<u><u>\$(84,936,857)</u></u>

Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of events far into the future, and actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. Calculations above are based on the substantive plan in effect as of June 30, 2024 and the current sharing pattern of costs between employer and employee.

The financial statements for the OPEB Plan for fiscal year 2024 are provided below.

Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
OPEB Trust Fund
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ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,569,583
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	42,647
Claims payable	3,260,011
Total liabilities	<u>3,302,658</u>
NET POSITION	
Restricted for OPEB benefits	<u><u>\$ 2,266,925</u></u>

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OPEB Trust Fund
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ADDITIONS	
Employer contributions	\$ 9,289,600
Employee contributions	132,128
Interest income	237,520
Total additions	<u>9,659,248</u>
DEDUCTIONS	
Benefit payments	6,790,879
Administrative expenses and other	69,842
Total deductions	<u>6,860,721</u>
Change in net position	2,798,527
Net position - beginning	<u>(531,602)</u>
Net position - ending	<u><u>\$ 2,266,925</u></u>

D. Qualified Retirement Plan

In April 2000, the Athens-Clarke County Commission established the Athens-Clarke County 401(a) Program, a qualified defined contribution retirement plan administered by AIG (formerly Valic), whereby all employees meeting eligibility requirements based on number of hours worked and length of service may elect to make tax-deferred contributions under Internal Revenue Code Section 401(a). The Government's contribution is set by ordinance and may be amended by the Mayor and Commission. Currently, the Government will match 25% of the employee's contribution to a 457(b) plan up to a maximum of 1% of the employee's pay. The amount contributed by the Government during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 was \$729,263 on behalf of 1,450 participants. The fair value of this program as of June 30, 2024 was \$12,348,948. In addition, the Government provides a second 401(a) for personnel as an alternative to the pension plan. The Government contributes up to 10% of salary into an employee's account. For fiscal year 2024, \$310,465 was contributed on behalf of 41 participants. The fair value of this program as of June 30, 2024 is \$4,727,232. Also, the Government provides several 457(b) plans for employees. For fiscal year 2024, 1,439 employees contributed \$4,770,963. As of June 30, 2024, the fair value of these programs totaled \$67,701,276.

E. Pension Plan

On July 1, 1992 the Athens-Clarke County Commission adopted a pension plan for its employees. Prior to the creation of the Plan, the employees from the County government remained on the Clarke County Pension Plan and employees from the City of Athens maintained membership in the City of Athens Pension Plan. Both plans had similar benefits and were administered by the same private insurance carrier and reported in a single pension trust fund. Employees who became eligible for pension plan benefits during fiscal year 1992 joined the Clarke County Plan. All employees were transferred to the newly created plan, Athens-Clarke County Employees' Pension Plan, during fiscal year 1993. The relevant information about the new pension plan is provided in this note. No other financial reports are issued by this sole employer pension plan.

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The Pension Board, composed of seven voting members and three nonvoting ex officio members, who serve without compensation by the Plan, is the Trustee of the Plan. The voting members of the Pension Board are the Manager (by position), the Human Resources Director (by position), the Finance Director (by position), a Commissioner (selected by the Mayor and Commission), two employees, one representing public safety and one representing general employees (selected by a majority vote of employees who are included in the plan), and one retired employee who is drawing retirement benefits (elected by the Athens-Clarke County Retirees Association or its successor organization). The nonvoting ex officio members of the Pension Board are the Attorney (by position), the Benefits and Wellness Administrator (by position), and the Assistant Human Resources Director (by position), who shall serve as secretary to the Board.

Plan Description

Athens-Clarke County, through the Pension Board, administers a defined benefit, single employer pension plan which covers substantially all of its employees. Employees are eligible for participation after one year of continuous service. The Government is required by O.C.G.A. 47-20-10 statute to contribute the normal cost plus the minimum amortization payments as computed by statute to finance the coverage of its employees, without any requirement for employee contributions. Covered employees are not required to contribute to the plan. Employees become vested after ten years of continuous service. The Athens-Clarke County Commission provides for the benefits and funding policy through ordinance; amendments to plan provisions are authorized by the Commission.

The following schedule (derived from the most recent actuarial valuation report) reflects membership for the Pension Plan as of July 1, 2023.

Active participants		
General	784	
Law Enforcement, Firefighters	<u>447</u>	1,231
Disabled employees, retirees, and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits		308
Terminated employees entitled to benefits not yet receiving them		<u>937</u>
Total participants		<u><u>2,476</u></u>

Plan Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting - The government accounts for the Pension Trust Fund on an accrual basis. Contributions from the Government are recognized when due, pursuant to formal commitments, as well as statutory or contractual requirements. Investment income is recognized by the plan when earned.

Method Used to Value Investments - All pension plan investments are recorded at fair value based on quoted market prices. Securities traded on exchanges are valued at last reported sales price. No investments represented more than 5% of plan assets at June 30, 2024.

Benefit Payments - Benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms.

Contributions – Contributions are recognized when paid or legally due to the pension plan.

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Benefits

Athens-Clarke County provides retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after ten years of credited service. Employees who retire at or after age 62 (60 for police officers, firefighters, peace officers in the Sheriff's Office, and correctional officers) with a minimum of ten years' service are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, in an amount equal to 1.85% of their final average earnings for each of the first thirty-two years of credited service, plus .25% of final average earnings for the remaining years of credited service. Final average earning is the employee's average salary over the highest three years of the last ten years of credited service. Employees with ten years of credited service may retire at or after age 55 and receive a reduced retirement benefit. Pre-retirement death benefits are now available from the time the employee becomes vested in plan benefits. Employees eligible for disability benefits continue to accrue service for purposes of determining retirement benefits. Average monthly earnings are determined using all compensation, including deferred compensation and pre-tax health premiums.

Contributions

The Government is required to contribute at a rate of 12.31% of covered payroll for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. Government contributions to the plan were \$11,537,637 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

Net Pension Liability of the Government

The components of the net pension liability of the Government at June 30, 2024, were as follows:

Total pension liability	\$	386,029,948
Plan fiduciary net position		(319,501,146)
Government's net pension liability	\$	<u>66,528,802</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability		82.77%

The required schedule of changes in the Government's net pension liability and related ratios immediately following the notes to the financial statements presents multiyear trend information about whether the value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the total pension liability.

The Government's net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2024 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2023 and was rolled forward to June 30, 2024 utilizing update procedures by the actuary incorporating the actuarial assumptions.

Actuarial assumptions. The total pension liability was determined as part of an actuarial valuation at July 1, 2023. Significant actuarial assumptions used include (a) a rate of return on the investment of present and future assets of 7.50% per year compounded annually, net of investment expenses, including inflation (b) projected salary increases of 2.50% per year compounded annually, attributable to inflation, (c) additional projected salary increases ranging from 1.75% to 4.00% per year, attributable to seniority/merit, and (d) no post-retirement benefit increases. The inflation rate assumption was 2.50%. Mortality rates were based on the PUB-2010 Amounts-Weighted General or Safety Employees and Healthy Annuitants Mortality Table with Generational Improvements by Scale MP-2020. The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2023, valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study during the 2012-2017 plan years. Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of events far into the future, and actuarially determined amounts are subject to continued revision as results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

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Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective.

Calculations are based on the substantive plan as of July 1, 2023, and on the pattern of sharing of costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The administrative costs for the fund, primarily actuarial estimates and investment expenses, are paid from the earnings of the fund.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target asset allocation percentage is: Domestic Equities - 42%, International Equities - 23%, and Domestic Fixed Income - 35%. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2024 are: Domestic Equities – 6.70%, International Equities – 6.60%, and Domestic Fixed Income – 4.80%.

Rate of Return. For the plan year ended June 30, 2024, the annual money-weighted rate of return on pension plan investments, net of pension plan investment expense, was 13.87%. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.50%. This rate is unchanged from the prior year. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that Government contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members and thus the discount rate used to determine the total pension liability was the same as the plan's long-term rate of return on investments.

Sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the net pension liability of the Government, calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 percent, as well as what the Government's net pension liability (asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.50 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.50 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.50%)	Current Discount Rate (7.50%)	1% Increase (8.50%)
Government Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$ 113,512,594	\$ 66,528,802	\$ 27,203,149

Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of events far into the future, and actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. Calculations are based on the substantive plan in effect as of June 30, 2024, and the current sharing pattern of costs between employer and employee.

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Changes in the Net Pension Liability

	Increase (Decrease)		
	Total Pension Liability	Plan Fiduciary Net Position	Net Pension Liability
Balances at June 30, 2023	\$ 360,324,661	\$ 288,314,975	\$ 72,009,686
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	6,348,737	-	6,348,737
Interest	26,772,052	-	26,772,052
Changes in benefit terms	-	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	12,367,564	-	12,367,564
Changes of assumptions	-	-	-
Contributions - employer	-	11,537,637	(11,537,637)
Net investment income	-	39,520,506	(39,520,506)
Benefit payments	(19,783,066)	(19,783,066)	-
Other changes	-	(88,906)	88,906
Net changes	<u>25,705,287</u>	<u>31,186,171</u>	<u>(5,480,884)</u>
Balances at June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 386,029,948</u>	<u>\$ 319,501,146</u>	<u>\$ 66,528,802</u>

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 the Government recognized pension expense of \$18,869,147.

At June 30, 2024, the Government reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the follow sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 10,422,435	\$ 724,155
Assumption changes	2,065,432	-
Differences between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	344,024	-
Total	<u>\$ 12,831,891</u>	<u>\$ 724,155</u>

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Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be amortized in pension expense as follows:

Fiscal year ending June 30:	
2025	\$ 3,042,476
2026	12,637,978
2027	(1,772,993)
2028	(1,799,725)
2029	-
Total Thereafter	-
	<u>\$ 12,107,736</u>

Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of events far into the future, and actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. Calculations above are based on the substantive plan in effect as of June 30, 2024, and the current sharing pattern of costs between employer and employee.

The financial statements for the plan for fiscal year 2024 are provided below.

Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
Employee Retirement Program Pension Trust Fund
June 30, 2024

ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,949,256
Accounts receivable	100,987
Restricted investments, at fair value	
Cash and cash equivalents	218,890
Mutual Funds	
Equity	20,851,322
Fixed income	78,049,861
Exchange-traded funds	
Equity	185,552,500
Fixed income	24,942,712
Private Debt Fund	5,913,000
Total assets	<u>319,578,528</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	<u>77,382</u>
NET POSITION	
Restricted for pension benefits	<u>\$ 319,501,146</u>

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Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
Employee Retirement Program Pension Trust Fund
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ADDITIONS	
Employer contributions	\$ 11,537,637
Investment earnings	
Investment Income	16,212,807
Net appreciation of fair value of investments	23,713,449
Investment expenses	(405,750)
Total additions	<u>51,058,143</u>
DEDUCTIONS	
Benefit payments	19,783,066
Administrative expenses	88,906
Total deductions	<u>19,871,972</u>
Change in net position	31,186,171
Net position - beginning	<u>288,314,975</u>
Net position - ending	<u><u>\$ 319,501,146</u></u>

F. Hotel/Motel Tax

The Government imposes a 7% hotel/motel tax for the purpose of promoting tourism as authorized in Georgia Law (O.C.G.A. 48-13-51(a)(4.2)). A summary of transactions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, is as follows:

Balance as of June 30, 2023	\$ 1,103,679	
Tax Collections during fiscal year 2024	5,988,762	
Interest received during fiscal year 2024	66,414	
Disbursements during fiscal year 2024		
for Tourism and Public Affairs	(5,590,697)	93.3 % of tax revenues
Transfers to the General Fund	(643,301)	10.7% of tax revenues
Balance as of June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 924,857</u>	

G. Jointly Governed Organization

Clarke County Library Board

Together with four other counties (Franklin, Madison, Oconee, and Oglethorpe), the Government established the Athens Regional Library Board of Trustees to operate a jointly governed library system. The State of Georgia Department of Audits has audit responsibility for this agency based on the receipt of operating funds from the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. The Athens Regional Library Board of Trustees is a sixteen (16) member board composed of four (4) members from Athens-Clarke County and three (3) members from each of the other four counties and, as a result, the Government does not exercise any direct control over the operations or the financial management of the library system. Athens-Clarke County owns and provides a facility, originally constructed in 1992, for library operations in Clarke County. Athens-Clarke County provided \$2,955,217 from the General Fund in fiscal year 2024 of the library system's operating budget.

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Under Georgia law, the Athens Regional Library Board of Trustees has the authority to designate the management of the library, to access unassigned fund balances, to control library fiscal matters and budgets, and the ability to significantly influence operations. These duties and responsibilities along with other management functions are expressly reserved to the Board of Trustees of the library system. Based on the criteria noted, the Athens Regional Library is an independent reporting entity. Complete financial statements for the Athens Regional Library may be obtained at the following address:

Athens Regional Library
2025 Baxter Street
Athens, GA 30606

H. Related Organizations

The Athens Housing Authority (AHA) was created in 1937 under the provisions of the United States Housing Act to provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing and related services for low and moderate income families. The Authority operates in accordance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations. The AHA is governed by a six-member Board of Commissioners. Five members of the Board are appointed by the Mayor for five year rotating terms. In addition, the Mayor appoints a resident of public housing to serve as a Commissioner for a one-year term.

The Government has no financial interest or ongoing responsibility in the operations of the AHA. The Government received \$162,627 as payments-in-lieu-of-taxes during fiscal year 2024. Complete financial statements for the Housing Authority may be obtained at the following address:

Athens Housing Authority
P. O. Box 1469
Athens, GA 30603-1469

I. Joint Venture

Under Georgia law, the Government, in conjunction with other cities and counties in the twelve county Georgia area, is a member of the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission (NEGRC) and is required to pay annual dues thereto. During its year ended June 30, 2024 the Government paid \$126,862 in such dues. Membership in Regional Commission is required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (OCGA) Section 50-8-34 which provides for the organizational structure of the Regional Commissions in Georgia. The Regional Commission Board membership includes the chief elected official of each county and municipality of the area. OCGA 50-8-39.1 provides that the member governments are liable for any debts or obligations of a Regional Commission. Separate financial statements may be obtained from:

Northeast Georgia Regional Commission
305 Research Drive
Athens, GA 30605-2795

J. Transportation Expenditures in the General Fund

Amounts expended on transportation include transportation maintenance and operation costs and correspond with classifications and subclassifications specified in the local government uniform chart of accounts under subsection (e) of Code Section 36-81-3 within section 4200, including noncapital expenditures within sections 4210-4290.

Total General Fund expenditures within these categories totaled \$5,815,678 for the current fiscal year.

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K. Changes in Beginning Balances

Changes To or Within Financial Reporting Entity

TSPLOST 2018 Capital Projects Fund

The Government changed the presentation of the TSPLOST 2018 Capital Projects Fund from major fund presentation to nonmajor fund presentation during the current fiscal year.

TSPLOST 2023 Capital Projects Fund

The Government changed the presentation of the TSPLOST 2023 Capital Projects Fund from nonmajor fund presentation to major fund presentation during the current fiscal year.

Correction of an Error in Previously Issued Financial Statements

Fleet Replacement Internal Service Fund

The Government adjusted the beginning net position in the Fleet Replacement Internal Service Fund to correct the balance of capital assets. To correct this error, the Government increased beginning net position in the Fleet Replacement Internal Service Fund in the amount of \$458,480.

A summary of the changes in beginning balances is presented below:

	<u>Beginning as Previously Reported</u>	<u>Error Correction</u>	<u>Changes to or Within Reporting Entity</u>	<u>Beginning as Restated</u>
Government-wide				
Governmental Activities	\$ 495,111,380	\$ 458,480	\$ -	\$ 495,569,860
Governmental Funds				
Major Funds				
General	\$ 64,741,641	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 64,741,641
ARPA-CSLFRF	-	-	-	-
SPLOST 2020	164,624,658	-	-	164,624,658
TSPLOST 2018	57,719,216	-	(57,719,216)	-
TSPLOST 2020	-	-	24,705,655	24,705,655
Nonmajor Funds	85,856,542	-	33,013,561	118,870,103
	<u>\$ 372,942,057</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 372,942,057</u>
Internal Service Funds				
Fleet Replacement	\$ 10,898,067	\$ 458,480	\$ -	\$ 11,356,547

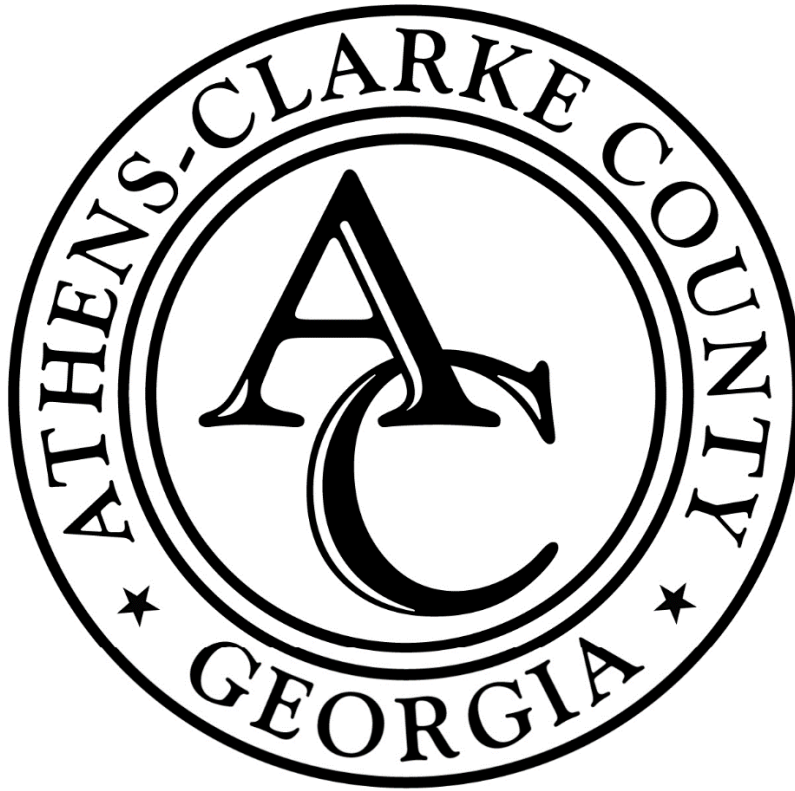
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L. New Accounting Pronouncements

The Government implemented GASB Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*, effective for the Government's current fiscal year. The requirements of this statement are effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2023.

M. Subsequent Event

On August 29, 2024, the Government issued the Series 2024 Solid Waste Management Authority Revenue Bonds in the amount of \$5,700,000 with annual principal payments and semi-annual interest payments at 3.68% interest rate beginning July 1, 2025 and ending July 1, 2031. The proceeds of this issue will be used for the expansion of the Government's landfill.



Required Supplementary Information

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Schedules of Required Supplementary Information
June 30, 2024

Schedule of Changes in the Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios
(Unaudited)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Total pension liability										
Service cost	\$ 6,348,737	\$ 6,415,658	\$ 6,122,620	\$ 5,669,169	\$ 5,415,035	\$ 5,102,099	\$ 4,578,453	\$ 4,781,413	\$ 4,641,275	\$ 4,606,060
Interest	26,772,052	25,211,385	24,134,414	23,550,978	22,035,451	20,384,267	19,645,663	18,767,917	17,996,050	17,156,108
Changes in benefit terms	-	8,446,745	-	-	-	2,252,258	-	-	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	12,367,564	165,763	1,425,110	(3,138,007)	7,132,464	(6,188,299)	(2,003,575)	168,336	(1,339,869)	(389,966)
Changes in assumptions	-	-	473,678	8,105,008	362,361	22,271,474	-	-	-	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(19,783,066)	(18,959,314)	(17,250,082)	(16,223,057)	(15,086,667)	(14,142,115)	(12,904,946)	(12,194,501)	(11,399,311)	(10,435,503)
Other changes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(12,862)
Net change in total pension liability	25,705,287	21,280,237	14,905,740	17,964,091	19,858,644	29,679,684	9,315,595	11,523,165	9,898,145	10,923,837
Total pension liability - beginning	360,324,661	339,044,424	324,138,684	306,174,593	286,315,949	256,636,265	247,320,670	235,797,505	225,899,360	214,975,523
Total pension liability - ending (a)	\$ 386,029,948	\$ 360,324,661	\$ 339,044,424	\$ 324,138,684	\$ 306,174,593	\$ 286,315,949	\$ 256,636,265	\$ 247,320,670	\$ 235,797,505	\$ 225,899,360
Plan fiduciary net position										
Contributions - employer	\$ 11,537,637	\$ 10,961,485	\$ 10,722,243	\$ 10,753,908	\$ 10,508,141	\$ 10,408,793	\$ 9,276,938	\$ 9,046,604	\$ 8,805,046	\$ 8,476,672
Net investment income	39,520,506	24,269,595	(45,369,196)	71,578,966	9,130,436	19,009,303	19,754,330	28,728,243	(1,506,143)	4,636,756
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(19,783,066)	(18,959,314)	(17,250,082)	(16,223,057)	(15,086,667)	(14,142,115)	(12,904,946)	(12,194,501)	(11,399,311)	(10,435,503)
Administrative expense	(88,906)	(29,140)	(84,207)	(94,950)	(286,170)	(141,615)	(78,540)	(55,000)	(83,500)	(84,700)
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	31,186,171	16,242,626	(51,981,242)	66,014,867	4,265,740	15,134,366	16,047,782	25,525,346	(4,183,908)	2,593,225
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	288,314,975	272,072,349	324,053,591	258,038,724	253,772,984	238,638,618	222,590,836	197,065,490	201,249,398	198,656,173
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	\$ 319,501,146	\$ 288,314,975	\$ 272,072,349	\$ 324,053,591	\$ 258,038,724	\$ 253,772,984	\$ 238,638,618	\$ 222,590,836	\$ 197,065,490	\$ 201,249,398
Net pension liability - ending (a) - (b)	\$ 66,528,802	\$ 72,009,686	\$ 66,972,075	\$ 85,093	\$ 48,135,869	\$ 32,542,965	\$ 17,997,647	\$ 24,729,834	\$ 38,732,015	\$ 24,649,962
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	82.77%	80.02%	80.25%	99.97%	84.28%	88.63%	92.99%	90.00%	83.57%	89.09%
Covered payroll	\$ 93,745,699	\$ 88,371,424	\$ 78,383,411	\$ 75,273,275	\$ 77,998,445	\$ 72,531,112	\$ 67,410,985	\$ 71,994,849	\$ 62,582,372	\$ 61,002,477
Net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	70.97%	81.49%	85.44%	0.11%	61.71%	44.87%	26.70%	34.35%	61.89%	40.41%

Schedule of Government Contributions - Pension Plan
Current Fiscal Year
(Unaudited)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Actuarially Determined Contribution (ADC)	\$ 13,933,633	\$ 10,961,485	\$ 10,722,243	\$ 10,753,908	\$ 10,508,141	\$ 10,408,793	\$ 9,276,938	\$ 9,046,604	\$ 8,805,046	\$ 8,476,672
Contributions in relation to the Actuarially Determined Contribution	11,537,637	10,961,485	10,722,243	10,753,908	10,508,141	10,408,793	9,276,938	9,046,604	8,805,046	8,476,672
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ 2,395,996	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Covered payroll	\$ 93,745,699	\$ 88,371,424	\$ 78,383,411	\$ 75,273,275	\$ 77,998,445	\$ 72,531,112	\$ 67,410,985	\$ 71,994,849	\$ 62,582,372	\$ 61,002,477
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	12.31%	12.40%	13.68%	14.29%	13.47%	14.35%	13.76%	12.57%	14.07%	13.90%

Notes to the Schedule of Contributions:

Valuation Date

July 1, 2023

Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of June 30, one year prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are made.

Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:

Actuarial cost method	Entry-age normal cost method
Amortization method	Level percentage of projected payrolls - open basis
Remaining amortization period	30 years
Asset valuation method	Fair value of plan assets
Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases	4.63% average, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.50%
Retirement age	Beginning in the 2018 plan year, rates are based on actual retirement experience during the 2012-2017 plan years
Mortality	PUB-2010 Amounts-Weighted General or Safety Employees and Healthy Annuitants Mortality Table with Generational Improvements by Scale MP-2021

Other Information:

1. Contributions are based on the actuarially determined contribution under the GA Code funding requirements, so the ADC is equal to the actual contributions.

Schedule of Pension Investment Returns
(Unaudited)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Annual money-weighted rate of return, net of investment expenses, for the Government's pension plan	13.87%	9.04%	-14.10%	28.00%	3.50%	8.03%	8.95%	14.70%	-0.48%	2.66%

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Schedules of Required Supplementary Information
June 30, 2024

Schedule of Changes in the Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios
(Unaudited)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Total OPEB liability								
Service cost	\$ 8,187,608	\$ 7,775,672	\$ 16,922,180	\$ 16,972,056	\$ 12,114,285	\$ 8,139,810	\$ 9,303,535	\$ 11,101,747
Interest	7,925,326	7,528,836	7,836,587	7,681,334	9,509,863	7,505,660	8,272,114	7,176,648
Differences between expected and actual experience	4,120,374	-	(10,092,452)	-	2,200,154	(603,262)	(42,972,237)	1,177,966
Changes in assumptions	(38,933,768)	(3,644,336)	(148,371,685)	(2,583,939)	53,845,795	64,745,026	(5,354,876)	(33,496,141)
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(7,322,482)	(7,912,040)	(6,669,443)	(6,901,001)	(6,414,630)	(5,579,651)	(4,840,242)	(4,986,491)
Net change in total OPEB liability	(26,022,942)	3,748,132	(140,374,813)	15,168,450	71,255,467	74,207,583	(35,591,706)	(19,026,271)
Total OPEB liability - beginning	212,573,051	208,824,919	349,199,732	334,031,282	262,775,815	188,568,232	224,159,938	243,186,209
Total OPEB liability - ending (a)	\$ 186,550,109	\$ 212,573,051	\$ 208,824,919	\$ 349,199,732	\$ 334,031,282	\$ 262,775,815	\$ 188,568,232	\$ 224,159,938
Plan fiduciary net position								
Contributions - employer	\$ 9,289,600	\$ 7,683,000	\$ 6,559,600	\$ 6,759,600	\$ 5,940,401	\$ 4,585,000	\$ 3,682,000	\$ 3,219,000
Contributions - other	132,128	136,843	114,316	72,155	59,865	56,258	51,836	38,705
Net investment income	237,521	143,099	5,675	1,782	31,823	111,328	75,244	43,930
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(7,322,482)	(7,912,040)	(6,669,443)	(6,901,001)	(6,414,630)	(5,579,651)	(4,840,242)	(4,986,491)
Other changes	(69,842)	(50,902)	(51,849)	(42,647)	(36,589)	(35,800)	(3,000,000)	-
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	2,266,925	-	(41,701)	(110,111)	(419,130)	(862,865)	(4,031,162)	(1,684,856)
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	-	-	41,701	151,812	570,942	1,433,807	5,464,969	7,149,825
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	\$ 2,266,925	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41,701	\$ 151,812	\$ 570,942	\$ 1,433,807	\$ 5,464,969
Net OPEB liability - ending (a) - (b)	\$ 184,283,184	\$ 212,573,051	\$ 208,824,919	\$ 349,158,031	\$ 333,879,470	\$ 262,204,873	\$ 187,134,425	\$ 218,694,969
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	1.22%	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%	0.05%	0.22%	0.76%	2.44%
Covered employee payroll	93,745,699	88,371,424	78,383,411	75,273,275	77,998,445	72,531,112	67,410,985	71,994,849
Net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	196.58%	240.55%	266.41%	463.85%	428.06%	361.51%	277.60%	303.76%

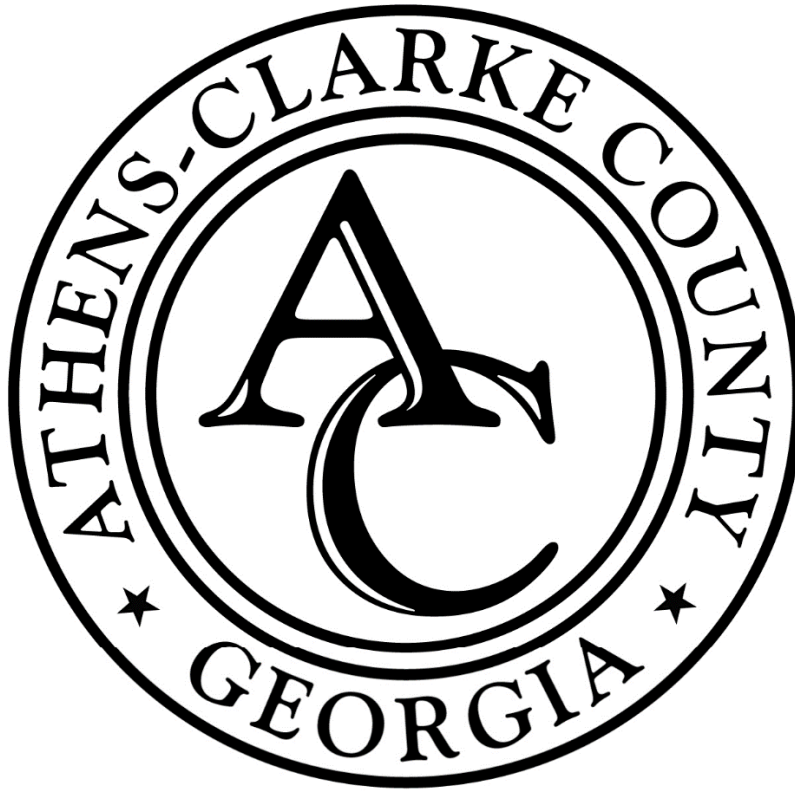
Note: Schedule is intended to show information for the last 10 fiscal years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

Schedule of OPEB Investment Returns
(Unaudited)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Annual money-weighted rate of return, net of investment expenses, for the Government's OPEB plan	21.39%	-13.82%	-1.70%	-34.87%	-1.30%	11.76%	1.53%	0.70%

Note: Schedule is intended to show information for the last 10 fiscal years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

Note: No contribution amount is actuarially determined nor is one statutorily or contractually established.



Supplementary Information

Combining and Individual Fund
Statements and Schedules

Nonmajor Governmental Funds

Special Revenue Funds

Hotel/Motel Tax - Established to account for the collection of a 7% excise tax on charges for hotel/motel accommodations in Athens-Clarke County. Four percent of this levy is required by State law to promote tourism, conventions, trade shows, and other related purposes.

Dept of Housing & Urban Development Grants - Established to account for grants from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Revolving Loan - Established to account for the proceeds of a \$200,000 Employment Incentive Program Grant from the State Department of Community Affairs. The grant, net of administrative expenditures, was loaned to local businesses at favorable interest rates with a 10 year maturity, with the understanding that an agreed-upon number of jobs for low to moderate income households will be created as a result of the loan. The amount returned from the original loan is used to fund loans for small businesses.

Emergency Telephone System - Established in compliance with state law to account for the receipt of the 911 Emergency Telephone System charges collected by communication firms. This revenue is used to offset the costs of operating the 911 system.

Grants - Established to account for various grant programs. Financing is provided by various state and federal agencies in accordance with grant contracts and agreements.

Affordable Housing - Established to account for committed revenues and expenditures for affordable housing programs and related activities

Special Programs - Established to separately account for programs with committed revenues and expenditures operated on a self-supporting basis.

Building Inspection - Established to separately account for Building Inspection committed revenues and expenditures in an effort to operate this service on a more self-supporting basis.

Sheriff's Inmate - Established to account for the operations of the jail commissary and related activities on behalf of the inmates through the use of committed revenue from personal donations.

Corrections Inmate - Established to account for the operations of the correctional institution commissary and related activities on behalf of the inmates through the use of committed revenue from personal donations.

Tax Allocation Districts - Established to account for ad valorem property tax collections derived from the Clarke County tax allocation districts for the purpose of stimulating private redevelopment within these areas.

Capital Projects Funds

Athens Public Facilities Authority - Reestablished in fiscal year 1995 from a 1963 legislative act to account for capital projects initiated by the Athens Public Facilities Authority. The first project undertaken by the Authority is the construction of a Department of Family and Children Services facility. In 2010, the Authority financed two permanent facilities to house inmates.

Economic Development - Established to provide a long-term funding source for infrastructure improvements needed to recruit new or expansions of existing industries in Athens-Clarke County.

General Capital Projects - Established to separately account for capital projects primarily funded with general revenue sources. Project managers believe that the government can more effectively account for these projects through a separate capital projects fund.

Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) 2005 - Established to account for the proceeds of a \$.01 sales tax levied from April 2005 to March 2011. The thirty-four capital projects included in this program are: storm drainage improvements, road improvements, construction of parks; water line additions; additions to the Classic Center; and other capital projects. This levy was initiated in April 2005. Under Georgia law, collection of this tax ended in 2011.

Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) 2011 - Established to account for the proceeds of a \$.01 sales tax levied from April 2011 to March 2020. The thirty-five capital projects included in this program are: renovation and expansion of the jail; expansion of the Classic Center; public safety equipment additions; bicycle lane and sidewalk improvements; expansions and improvements to various parks; greenway expansions; road/bridge improvements; and other capital projects. This levy was initiated in April 2011. Under Georgia law, collection of this tax ended in 2020.

Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) 2018 - Established to account for the proceeds of a \$.01 sales tax levied from April 2018 to September 2022. The nineteen capital projects included in this program are: road improvements; bicycle and pedestrian improvements; and other capital projects. This levy was initiated in April 2018.

Development Authority of Athens-Clarke County (Development Authority) - Created in 1999, the financial operations of the Development Authority of Athens-Clarke County are considered a blended component unit. The Mayor and Commission appoint the seven members of the Authority. The Authority is political body corporate and politic created pursuant to the Georgia Development Authorities Law (O.C.G.A. 36-62-1 through O.C.G.A. 36-62-13). The issuance of debt by the Authority requires the approval of the Mayor and Commission and the Government is paying all of the currently existing Development Authority debt.

Debt Service Fund

SPLOST Debt Service - Established to account for the debt service expenditures finance through the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax.

Permanent Fund

Faith in the Future - Established to account for donations from citizens to be used for an appropriate public project in 2076.

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Combining Balance Sheet
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
June 30, 2024

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	SPLOST Debt Service Fund	Faith in the Future Permanent Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 25,924,435	\$ 94,959,076	\$ 6,126,787	\$ -	\$ 127,010,298
Investments	-	759,443	-	47,676	807,119
Receivables (net)					
Taxes	467,661	-	-	-	467,661
Accounts	3,587,001	3,500	-	-	3,590,501
Intergovernmental	6,553,672	-	-	-	6,553,672
Interest	-	3,339	-	-	3,339
Due from other funds	-	73,700	-	-	73,700
Restricted assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	-	553,868	-	-	553,868
Total assets	\$ 36,532,769	\$ 96,352,926	\$ 6,126,787	\$ 47,676	\$ 139,060,158
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	\$ 3,047,754	\$ 3,085,542	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,133,296
Accrued payroll liabilities	109,496	2,929	-	-	112,425
Due to others	1,296,624	-	-	-	1,296,624
Due to other funds	358,725	73,700	-	-	432,425
Retainage payable	191,750	363,344	-	-	555,094
Unearned revenue	2,900,542	73,700	-	-	2,974,242
Total liabilities	7,904,891	3,599,215	-	-	11,504,106
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Unavailable fines and forfeitures	2,822,982	-	-	-	2,822,982
FUND BALANCES					
Nonspendable	-	-	-	47,676	47,676
Restricted	8,658,086	67,082,788	6,126,787	-	81,867,661
Committed	12,547,506	24,077,067	-	-	36,624,573
Assigned	4,599,304	1,593,856	-	-	6,193,160
Total fund balances	25,804,896	92,753,711	6,126,787	47,676	124,733,070
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	\$ 36,532,769	\$ 96,352,926	\$ 6,126,787	\$ 47,676	\$ 139,060,158

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	SPLOST Debt Service Fund	Faith in the Future Permanent Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
Taxes	\$ 8,598,474	\$ 22,991	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,621,465
Licenses and permits	1,987,897	-	-	-	1,987,897
Intergovernmental	19,390,628	185,844	-	-	19,576,472
Charges for services	4,461,648	331,846	-	-	4,793,494
Fines and forfeitures	1,028,629	-	-	-	1,028,629
Interest	1,014,032	5,113,553	-	1,530	6,129,115
Contributions	109,724	-	-	-	109,724
Net increase/(decrease) in the fair value of investments	-	-	-	11,369	11,369
Other	453,269	-	-	-	453,269
Total revenues	37,044,301	5,654,234	-	12,899	42,711,434
EXPENDITURES					
Current					
General Government	1,483,632	-	-	-	1,483,632
Judicial	2,582,159	-	-	-	2,582,159
Public Safety	4,660,412	-	-	-	4,660,412
Public Works	1,953,306	-	-	-	1,953,306
Health and Welfare	5,118,009	-	-	-	5,118,009
Culture and Recreation	201,066	-	-	-	201,066
Housing and Development	8,718,965	-	-	-	8,718,965
Total current	24,717,549	-	-	-	24,717,549
Intergovernmental	5,196,257	-	-	-	5,196,257
Capital outlay	-	26,681,127	-	-	26,681,127
Debt service					
Principal retirement	-	-	11,030,000	-	11,030,000
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	4,488,900	-	4,488,900
Total debt service	-	-	15,518,900	-	15,518,900
Total expenditures	29,913,806	26,681,127	15,518,900	-	72,113,833
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	7,130,495	(21,026,893)	(15,518,900)	12,899	(29,402,399)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/(USES)					
Transfers in	2,241,162	17,972,523	15,812,772	-	36,026,457
Transfers out	(652,101)	(108,990)	-	-	(761,091)
Total other financing sources/(uses)	1,589,061	17,863,533	15,812,772	-	35,265,366
Net change in fund balances	8,719,556	(3,163,360)	293,872	12,899	5,862,967
Fund balances - beginning (as previously reported)	17,085,340	62,903,510	5,832,915	34,777	85,856,542
Changes within financial reporting entity	-	33,013,561	-	-	33,013,561
Fund balances - beginning (restated)	17,085,340	95,917,071	5,832,915	34,777	118,870,103
Fund balances - ending	\$ 25,804,896	\$ 92,753,711	\$ 6,126,787	\$ 47,676	\$ 124,733,070

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Combining Balance Sheet
Special Revenue Funds
June 30, 2024

	Hotel/ Motel Tax	HUD Grants	Revolving Loan	Emergency Telephone System	Grants	Affordable Housing	Special Programs	Building Inspection	Sheriff's Inmate	Corrections Inmate	Tax Allocation Districts	Total Special Revenue Funds
ASSETS												
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 901,159	\$ 209,593	\$ 239,595	\$ 1,606,461	\$ 2,656,503	\$ 2,802,092	\$ 9,233,559	\$ 4,708,775	\$ 496,924	\$ 179,070	\$ 2,890,704	\$ 25,924,435
Receivables (net)												
Taxes	467,661	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	467,661
Accounts	430	-	-	192,296	-	-	3,394,275	-	-	-	-	3,587,001
Intergovernmental	-	1,209,458	-	-	5,344,214	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,553,672
Total assets	\$ 1,369,250	\$ 1,419,051	\$ 239,595	\$ 1,798,757	\$ 8,000,717	\$ 2,802,092	\$ 12,627,834	\$ 4,708,775	\$ 496,924	\$ 179,070	\$ 2,890,704	\$ 36,532,769
LIABILITIES												
Accounts payable	\$ 444,393	\$ 538,982	\$ -	\$ 11,215	\$ 1,986,529	\$ -	\$ 52,466	\$ 9,429	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,740	\$ 3,047,754
Accrued payroll liabilities	-	1,190	-	41,741	34,935	1,212	8,238	22,180	-	-	-	109,496
Due to others	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,296,624	-	-	-	-	1,296,624
Due to other funds	-	358,725	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	358,725
Retainage payable	-	-	-	-	191,750	-	-	-	-	-	-	191,750
Unearned revenue	-	-	-	-	1,779,140	-	1,121,402	-	-	-	-	2,900,542
Total liabilities	444,393	898,897	-	52,956	3,992,354	1,212	2,478,730	31,609	-	-	4,740	7,904,891
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES												
Unavailable fines and forfeitures	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,822,982	-	-	-	-	2,822,982
FUND BALANCES												
Restricted	-	520,154	239,595	-	3,441,698	-	1,570,675	-	-	-	2,885,964	8,658,086
Committed	171,351	-	-	-	-	2,800,880	4,222,115	4,677,166	496,924	179,070	-	12,547,506
Assigned	753,506	-	-	1,745,801	566,665	-	1,533,332	-	-	-	-	4,599,304
Total fund balances	924,857	520,154	239,595	1,745,801	4,008,363	2,800,880	7,326,122	4,677,166	496,924	179,070	2,885,964	25,804,896
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	\$ 1,369,250	\$ 1,419,051	\$ 239,595	\$ 1,798,757	\$ 8,000,717	\$ 2,802,092	\$ 12,627,834	\$ 4,708,775	\$ 496,924	\$ 179,070	\$ 2,890,704	\$ 36,532,769

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Special Revenue Funds
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

	Hotel/ Motel Tax	HUD Grants	Revolving Loan	Emergency Telephone System	Grants	Affordable Housing	Special Programs	Building Inspection	Sheriff's Inmate	Corrections Inmate	Tax Allocation Districts	Total Special Revenue Funds
REVENUES												
Taxes	\$ 5,988,762	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,826	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,134,273	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,473,613	\$ 8,598,474
Licenses and permits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,987,897	-	-	-	1,987,897
Intergovernmental	-	2,729,939	-	-	15,957,742	162,627	540,320	-	-	-	-	19,390,628
Charges for services	-	-	-	2,278,871	-	1,965,000	19,695	-	143,290	54,792	-	4,461,648
Fines and forfeitures	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,028,629	-	-	-	-	1,028,629
Interest	66,414	-	-	82,173	49,467	66,104	376,864	239,963	235	5,768	127,044	1,014,032
Contributions	-	-	-	-	33,967	-	75,757	-	-	-	-	109,724
Other	-	285,878	-	-	-	-	136,135	18,222	12,800	234	-	453,269
Total revenues	6,055,176	3,015,817	-	2,362,870	16,041,176	2,193,731	3,311,673	2,246,082	156,325	60,794	1,600,657	37,044,301
EXPENDITURES												
Current												
General Government	326,355	8,600	-	312,651	347,024	12,609	156,029	257,186	-	-	63,178	1,483,632
Judicial	-	-	-	-	1,870,850	-	711,309	-	-	-	-	2,582,159
Public Safety	-	-	-	2,911,700	927,091	-	492,497	-	243,707	85,417	-	4,660,412
Public Works	67,539	-	-	-	1,885,767	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,953,306
Health and Welfare	-	-	-	-	5,087,009	-	31,000	-	-	-	-	5,118,009
Culture and Recreation	-	-	-	-	165,662	-	35,404	-	-	-	-	201,066
Housing and Development	546	3,008,009	-	-	3,936,544	69,440	29,833	1,594,745	-	-	79,848	8,718,965
Total current	394,440	3,016,609	-	3,224,351	14,219,947	82,049	1,456,072	1,851,931	243,707	85,417	143,026	24,717,549
Intergovernmental	5,196,257	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,196,257
Total expenditures	5,590,697	3,016,609	-	3,224,351	14,219,947	82,049	1,456,072	1,851,931	243,707	85,417	143,026	29,913,806
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	464,479	(792)	-	(861,481)	1,821,229	2,111,682	1,855,601	394,151	(87,382)	(24,623)	1,457,631	7,130,495
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/(USES)												
Transfers in	-	-	-	1,111,000	201,312	-	928,850	-	-	-	-	2,241,162
Transfers out	(643,301)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(8,800)	-	-	(652,101)
Total other financing sources/(uses)	(643,301)	-	-	1,111,000	201,312	-	928,850	-	(8,800)	-	-	1,589,061
Net change in fund balances	(178,822)	(792)	-	249,519	2,022,541	2,111,682	2,784,451	394,151	(96,182)	(24,623)	1,457,631	8,719,556
Fund balances - beginning	1,103,679	520,946	239,595	1,496,282	1,985,822	689,198	4,541,671	4,283,015	593,106	203,693	1,428,333	17,085,340
Fund balances - ending	\$ 924,857	\$ 520,154	\$ 239,595	\$ 1,745,801	\$ 4,008,363	\$ 2,800,880	\$ 7,326,122	\$ 4,677,166	\$ 496,924	\$ 179,070	\$ 2,885,964	\$ 25,804,896

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Combining Balance Sheet
Capital Projects Funds
June 30, 2024

	Athens Public Facilities Authority	Economic Development	General Capital Projects	SPLOST 2005	SPLOST 2011	TSPLOST 2018	Development Authority	Total Capital Projects Funds
ASSETS								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 310,192	\$ 2,170,879	\$ 22,778,189	\$ 449,964	\$ 16,137,624	\$ 52,627,542	\$ 484,686	\$ 94,959,076
Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	759,443	759,443
Receivables								
Accounts	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,500	3,500
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,339	3,339
Due from other funds	-	73,700	-	-	-	-	-	73,700
Restricted assets								
Cash and cash equivalents	-	-	553,868	-	-	-	-	553,868
Total assets	<u>\$ 310,192</u>	<u>\$ 2,244,579</u>	<u>\$ 23,332,057</u>	<u>\$ 449,964</u>	<u>\$ 16,137,624</u>	<u>\$ 52,627,542</u>	<u>\$ 1,250,968</u>	<u>\$ 96,352,926</u>
LIABILITIES								
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 757,974	\$ -	\$ 1,913,135	\$ 408,700	\$ 5,733	\$ 3,085,542
Accrued payroll liabilities	-	-	1,898	-	339	692	-	2,929
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	73,700	73,700
Retainage payable	-	-	-	-	221,233	142,111	-	363,344
Unearned revenue	-	73,700	-	-	-	-	-	73,700
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>73,700</u>	<u>759,872</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,134,707</u>	<u>551,503</u>	<u>79,433</u>	<u>3,599,215</u>
FUND BALANCES								
Restricted	-	-	553,868	449,964	14,002,917	52,076,039	-	67,082,788
Committed	-	2,058,750	22,018,317	-	-	-	-	24,077,067
Assigned	310,192	112,129	-	-	-	-	1,171,535	1,593,856
Total fund balances	<u>310,192</u>	<u>2,170,879</u>	<u>22,572,185</u>	<u>449,964</u>	<u>14,002,917</u>	<u>52,076,039</u>	<u>1,171,535</u>	<u>92,753,711</u>
Total liabilities, and fund balances	<u>\$ 310,192</u>	<u>\$ 2,244,579</u>	<u>\$ 23,332,057</u>	<u>\$ 449,964</u>	<u>\$ 16,137,624</u>	<u>\$ 52,627,542</u>	<u>\$ 1,250,968</u>	<u>\$ 96,352,926</u>

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Capital Projects Funds
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

	Athens Public Facilities Authority	Economic Development	General Capital Projects	SPLOST 2005	SPLOST 2011	TSPLOST 2018	Formerly Nonmajor TSPLOST 2023	Development Authority	Total Capital Projects Funds
REVENUES									
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,991	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 22,991
Intergovernmental	-	-	185,844	-	-	-		-	185,844
Charges for services	-	-	-	-	-	-		331,846	331,846
Interest	15,962	97,685	956,272	22,492	1,029,157	2,967,009		24,976	5,113,553
Total revenues	<u>15,962</u>	<u>97,685</u>	<u>1,165,107</u>	<u>22,492</u>	<u>1,029,157</u>	<u>2,967,009</u>		<u>356,822</u>	<u>5,654,234</u>
EXPENDITURES									
Capital outlay	-	-	10,360,026	-	7,669,409	8,610,186		41,506	26,681,127
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	<u>15,962</u>	<u>97,685</u>	<u>(9,194,919)</u>	<u>22,492</u>	<u>(6,640,252)</u>	<u>(5,643,177)</u>		<u>315,316</u>	<u>(21,026,893)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)									
Transfers in	-	500,000	17,472,523	-	-	-		-	17,972,523
Transfers out	-	-	(108,990)	-	-	-		-	(108,990)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>17,363,533</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	<u>17,863,533</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>15,962</u>	<u>597,685</u>	<u>8,168,614</u>	<u>22,492</u>	<u>(6,640,252)</u>	<u>(5,643,177)</u>		<u>315,316</u>	<u>(3,163,360)</u>
Fund balances - beginning (as previously reported)	294,230	1,573,194	14,403,571	427,472	20,643,169		24,705,655	856,219	62,903,510
Changes within financial reporting entity	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57,719,216</u>	<u>(24,705,655)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,013,561</u>
Fund balances - beginning (restated)	<u>294,230</u>	<u>1,573,194</u>	<u>14,403,571</u>	<u>427,472</u>	<u>20,643,169</u>	<u>57,719,216</u>		<u>856,219</u>	<u>95,917,071</u>
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 310,192</u>	<u>\$ 2,170,879</u>	<u>\$ 22,572,185</u>	<u>\$ 449,964</u>	<u>\$ 14,002,917</u>	<u>\$ 52,076,039</u>		<u>\$ 1,171,535</u>	<u>\$ 92,753,711</u>

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Hotel/Motel Tax Special Revenue Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget (GAAP) and Actual
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
REVENUES			
Taxes	\$ 5,940,000	\$ 5,988,762	\$ 48,762
Interest	-	66,414	66,414
Total revenues	<u>5,940,000</u>	<u>6,055,176</u>	<u>115,176</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
General Government			
Other General Administration	335,000	326,355	8,645
Public Works			
Central Services	310,363	67,539	242,824
Housing and Development			
Economic Development	<u>145,000</u>	<u>546</u>	<u>144,454</u>
Total current expenditures	790,363	394,440	395,923
Intergovernmental	<u>5,196,920</u>	<u>5,196,257</u>	<u>663</u>
Total expenditures	<u>5,987,283</u>	<u>5,590,697</u>	<u>396,586</u>
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	(47,283)	464,479	511,762
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/(USES)			
Transfers out	<u>(643,300)</u>	<u>(643,301)</u>	<u>(1)</u>
Net change in fund balances	(690,583)	(178,822)	511,761
Budgeted fund balance	690,583	-	(690,583)
Fund balances - beginning	<u>-</u>	<u>1,103,679</u>	<u>1,103,679</u>
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 924,857</u>	<u>\$ 924,857</u>

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Dept of Housing & Urban Development Grants Special Revenue Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget (GAAP) and Actual
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
REVENUES			
Intergovernmental	\$ 3,435,876	\$ 2,729,939	\$ (705,937)
Other revenues	-	285,878	285,878
Total revenues	<u>3,435,876</u>	<u>3,015,817</u>	<u>(420,059)</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
General Government			
Other General Administration	8,600	8,600	-
Housing and Development			
Housing and Community Development	5,581,077	3,008,009	2,573,068
Total expenditures	<u>5,589,677</u>	<u>3,016,609</u>	<u>2,573,068</u>
Net change in fund balances	(2,153,801)	(792)	2,153,009
Budgeted fund balance	2,153,801	-	(2,153,801)
Fund balances - beginning	<u>-</u>	<u>520,946</u>	<u>520,946</u>
Fund balances - ending	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 520,154</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 520,154</u></u>

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Revolving Loan Special Revenue Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget (GAAP) and Actual
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
REVENUES			
Interest	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ (5,000)
Total revenues	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Total expenditures	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Net change in fund balances	-	-	-
Fund balances - beginning	<u>-</u>	<u>239,595</u>	<u>239,595</u>
Fund balances - ending	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 239,595</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 239,595</u></u>

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Emergency Telephone System Special Revenue Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget (GAAP) and Actual
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
REVENUES			
Taxes	\$ -	\$ 1,826	\$ 1,826
Charges for services	2,250,000	2,278,871	28,871
Interest	-	82,173	82,173
Total revenues	<u>2,250,000</u>	<u>2,362,870</u>	<u>112,870</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
General Government			
Other General Administration	435,629	312,651	122,978
Public Safety			
Police	<u>3,791,341</u>	<u>2,911,700</u>	<u>879,641</u>
Total expenditures	<u>4,226,970</u>	<u>3,224,351</u>	<u>1,002,619</u>
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	(1,976,970)	(861,481)	1,115,489
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/(USES)			
Transfers in	<u>1,111,000</u>	<u>1,111,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	(865,970)	249,519	1,115,489
Budgeted fund balance	865,970	-	(865,970)
Fund balances - beginning	<u>-</u>	<u>1,496,282</u>	<u>1,496,282</u>
Fund balances - ending	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,745,801</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,745,801</u></u>

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Grants Special Revenue Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget (GAAP) and Actual
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
REVENUES			
Intergovernmental	\$ 38,989,795	\$ 15,957,742	\$ (23,032,053)
Interest	-	49,467	49,467
Contributions	33,567	33,967	400
Other revenues	23,832	-	(23,832)
Total revenues	<u>39,047,194</u>	<u>16,041,176</u>	<u>(23,006,018)</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
General Government			
Office of the Manager	445,634	290,471	155,163
Human Resource	2,387	-	2,387
Information Technology	31,299	21,939	9,360
Other General Administration	34,070	34,614	(544)
Total General Government	<u>513,390</u>	<u>347,024</u>	<u>166,366</u>
Judicial			
Superior Court	1,365,195	1,101,624	263,571
Clerk of Courts	82,004	51,657	30,347
State Court	118,616	96,792	21,824
Solicitor General	151,788	61,597	90,191
District Attorney	298,783	274,224	24,559
Juvenile Court	346,058	284,956	61,102
Total Judicial	<u>2,362,444</u>	<u>1,870,850</u>	<u>491,594</u>
Public Safety			
Police	2,745,653	495,446	2,250,207
Corrections	76,070	5,932	70,138
Sheriff	551,213	425,713	125,500
Total Public Safety	<u>3,372,936</u>	<u>927,091</u>	<u>2,445,845</u>
Public Works			
Transportation and Public Works	8,758,706	1,628,666	7,130,040
Solid Waste	267,793	248,601	19,192
Central Services	61,691	8,500	53,191
Total Public Works	<u>9,088,190</u>	<u>1,885,767</u>	<u>7,202,423</u>
Health and Welfare			
Agency Allocations	5,107,080	5,087,009	20,071
Culture and Recreation			
Leisure Services	2,123,622	165,662	1,957,960
Housing and Development			
Airport	11,949,418	3,273,363	8,676,055
Transit	3,570,040	396,771	3,173,269
Planning and Zoning	537,293	266,410	270,883
Total Housing and Development	<u>16,056,751</u>	<u>3,936,544</u>	<u>12,120,207</u>
Total expenditures	<u>38,624,413</u>	<u>14,219,947</u>	<u>24,404,466</u>
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	422,781	1,821,229	1,398,448
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/(USES)			
Transfers in	201,312	201,312	-
Net change in fund balances	624,093	2,022,541	1,398,448
Budgeted fund balance	(624,093)	-	624,093
Fund balances - beginning	<u>-</u>	<u>1,985,822</u>	<u>1,985,822</u>
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,008,363</u>	<u>\$ 4,008,363</u>

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Affordable Housing Special Revenue Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget (GAAP) and Actual
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
REVENUES			
Intergovernmental	\$ 175,000	\$ 162,627	\$ (12,373)
Charges for services	-	1,965,000	1,965,000
Interest	-	66,104	66,104
Total revenues	<u>175,000</u>	<u>2,193,731</u>	<u>2,018,731</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
General Government			
Other General Administration	106,867	12,609	94,258
Housing and Development			
Building Inspections	<u>68,133</u>	<u>69,440</u>	<u>(1,307)</u>
Total expenditures	<u>175,000</u>	<u>82,049</u>	<u>92,951</u>
Net change in fund balances	-	2,111,682	2,111,682
Budgeted fund balance	-	-	-
Fund balances - beginning	<u>-</u>	<u>689,198</u>	<u>689,198</u>
Fund balances - ending	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,800,880</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,800,880</u></u>

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Special Programs Special Revenue Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget (GAAP) and Actual
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
REVENUES			
Taxes	\$ 1,134,273	\$ 1,134,273	\$ -
Intergovernmental	831,739	540,320	(291,419)
Charges for services	100	19,695	19,595
Fines and forfeitures	1,021,854	1,028,629	6,775
Interest	-	376,864	376,864
Contributions	86,731	75,757	(10,974)
Other revenues	-	136,135	136,135
Total revenues	<u>3,074,697</u>	<u>3,311,673</u>	<u>236,976</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
General Government			
Office of the Manager	2,440,712	394	2,440,318
Human Resources	472,628	22,364	450,264
Other General Administration	399,800	133,271	266,529
Total General Government	<u>3,313,140</u>	<u>156,029</u>	<u>3,157,111</u>
Judicial			
Superior Court	132,805	77,312	55,493
Clerk of Court	398,428	83,945	314,483
District Attorney	764,350	550,052	214,298
Total Judicial	<u>1,295,583</u>	<u>711,309</u>	<u>584,274</u>
Public Safety			
Police	976,269	458,833	517,436
Sheriff	33,990	33,664	326
Total Public Safety	<u>1,010,259</u>	<u>492,497</u>	<u>517,762</u>
Health and Welfare			
Agency allocations	<u>31,000</u>	<u>31,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Culture and Recreation			
Leisure Services	<u>138,369</u>	<u>35,404</u>	<u>102,965</u>
Housing and Development			
Housing and Community Development	94,139	29,833	64,306
Economic Development	389,700	-	389,700
Airport	192,478	-	192,478
Total Housing and Development	<u>676,317</u>	<u>29,833</u>	<u>646,484</u>
Total expenditures	<u>6,464,668</u>	<u>1,456,072</u>	<u>5,008,596</u>
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	(3,389,971)	1,855,601	5,245,572
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/(USES)			
Transfers in	<u>928,850</u>	<u>928,850</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	(2,461,121)	2,784,451	5,245,572
Budgeted fund balance	2,461,121	-	(2,461,121)
Fund balances - beginning	<u>-</u>	<u>4,541,671</u>	<u>4,541,671</u>
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 7,326,122</u>	<u>\$ 7,326,122</u>

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Building Inspection Special Revenue Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget (GAAP) and Actual
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
REVENUES			
Licenses and permits	\$ 1,920,000	\$ 1,987,897	\$ 67,897
Interest	-	239,963	239,963
Other revenues	-	18,222	18,222
Total revenues	<u>1,920,000</u>	<u>2,246,082</u>	<u>326,082</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
General Government			
Other General Administration	<u>288,116</u>	<u>257,186</u>	<u>30,930</u>
Housing and Development			
Planning and Zoning	195,054	195,053	1
Building Inspection	<u>1,558,973</u>	<u>1,399,692</u>	<u>159,281</u>
Total Housing and Development	<u>1,754,027</u>	<u>1,594,745</u>	<u>159,282</u>
Total expenditures	<u>2,042,143</u>	<u>1,851,931</u>	<u>190,212</u>
Net change in fund balances	(122,143)	394,151	516,294
Budgeted fund balance	122,143	-	(122,143)
Fund balances - beginning	<u>-</u>	<u>4,283,015</u>	<u>4,283,015</u>
Fund balances - ending	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,677,166</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,677,166</u></u>

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Sheriff's Inmate Special Revenue Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget (GAAP) and Actual
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
REVENUES			
Charges for services	\$ 35,000	\$ 143,290	\$ 108,290
Interest	-	235	235
Other revenues	35,000	12,800	(22,200)
Total revenues	<u>70,000</u>	<u>156,325</u>	<u>86,325</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
Public Safety			
Sheriff	<u>248,000</u>	<u>243,707</u>	<u>4,293</u>
Total expenditures	<u>248,000</u>	<u>243,707</u>	<u>4,293</u>
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	(178,000)	(87,382)	90,618
OTHER FINANCING/(USES)			
Transfers out	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>(8,800)</u>	<u>(3,800)</u>
Net change in fund balances	(183,000)	(96,182)	86,818
Budgeted fund balance	183,000	-	(183,000)
Fund balances - beginning	<u>-</u>	<u>593,106</u>	<u>593,106</u>
Fund balances - ending	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 496,924</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 496,924</u></u>

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Corrections Inmate Special Revenue Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget (GAAP) and Actual
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
REVENUES			
Charges for services	\$ 50,000	\$ 54,792	\$ 4,792
Interest	-	5,768	5,768
Other revenues	-	234	234
Total revenues	<u>50,000</u>	<u>60,794</u>	<u>10,794</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
Public Safety			
Corrections	<u>85,500</u>	<u>85,417</u>	<u>83</u>
Total expenditures	<u>85,500</u>	<u>85,417</u>	<u>83</u>
Net change in fund balances	(35,500)	(24,623)	10,877
Budgeted fund balance	35,500	-	(35,500)
Fund balances - beginning	<u>-</u>	<u>203,693</u>	<u>203,693</u>
Fund balances - ending	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 179,070</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 179,070</u></u>

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Tax Allocation Districts Special Revenue Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget (GAAP) and Actual
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
REVENUES			
Taxes	\$ 1,221,000	\$ 1,473,613	\$ 252,613
Interest	-	127,044	127,044
Total revenues	<u>1,221,000</u>	<u>1,600,657</u>	<u>379,657</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
General Government			
Other General Administration	1,140,910	63,178	1,077,732
Housing and Development			
Economic Development	<u>80,090</u>	<u>79,848</u>	<u>242</u>
Total expenditures	<u>1,221,000</u>	<u>143,026</u>	<u>1,077,974</u>
Net change in fund balances	-	1,457,631	1,457,631
Fund balances - beginning	<u>-</u>	<u>1,428,333</u>	<u>1,428,333</u>
Fund balances - ending	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,885,964</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,885,964</u></u>

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
SPLOST Debt Service Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget (GAAP) and Actual
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
REVENUES			
Total revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENDITURES			
Debt service			
Principal	11,030,000	11,030,000	-
Interest	4,488,900	4,488,900	-
Total expenditures	15,518,900	15,518,900	-
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	(15,518,900)	(15,518,900)	-
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/(USES)			
Transfers in	15,518,900	15,812,772	293,872
Net change in fund balances	-	293,872	293,872
Fund balances - beginning	-	5,832,915	5,832,915
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,126,787</u>	<u>\$ 6,126,787</u>

Athens Clarke County, Georgia
Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax 2023
Schedule of Expenditures
(Construction and Other Projects)
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

Project Description	(Unaudited) Original Estimated Cost	(Unaudited) Latest Estimated Cost	Prior Years Cumulative Expenditures	Total Current Year Expenditures	Total Cumulative Expenditures	(Unaudited) Estimated Percentage of Completion
Winterville Storm Drain Improvements	\$ 2,767,000	\$ 2,712,000	\$ 11,801	\$ 210,366	\$ 222,167	8.19%
Lexington Road Corridor Improvements	8,357,000	8,190,000	15,005	55,850	70,855	0.87%
Lexington Road Sidewalk Gap Project	543,000	532,000	2,201	59,776	61,977	11.65%
Atlanta Highway/West Broad Street Improvements	8,900,000	8,722,000	-	173	173	0.00%
Prince Avenue/Jefferson Road Corridor Improvements	8,900,000	8,722,000	-	49,956	49,956	0.57%
Timothy Road/Mitch Bridge Road Corridor Improvements	6,900,000	6,762,000	-	13,552	13,552	0.20%
East Athens Neighbor Pedestrian & Light Safety Improvements	38,000	37,000	-	491	491	1.33%
East Athens Neighbor Traffic Management Program	144,000	141,000	-	491	491	0.35%
East Athens Neighbor Pave Rehabilitation Project	244,000	239,000	247	491	738	0.31%
East Athens Neighbor Transit Improvements	361,000	354,000	-	491	491	0.14%
East Athens MLK Parkway Oco Riv Greenway Trail	2,457,000	2,408,000	2,516	27,161	29,677	1.23%
East Athens Neighbor Greenway Connector Project	1,527,000	1,496,000	-	491	491	0.03%
East Athens Neighbor Pedestrian Improvements Project	991,000	971,000	-	491	491	0.05%
North Athens Transport Improvements Program	8,205,000	8,041,000	-	491	491	0.01%
Sycamore Drive Pedestrian Improvements Project	1,500,000	1,470,000	-	997	997	0.07%
Westchester Neighbor Pedestrian Improvements	1,931,000	1,892,000	-	1,495	1,495	0.08%
Stonehenge Neighbor Pedestrian Improvements	4,706,000	4,612,000	-	2,370	2,370	0.05%
Firefly Trail Project	7,495,000	7,345,000	-	4,305	4,305	0.06%
ACCGov Public Transit Operations Program	27,905,000	27,347,000	-	3,493,522	3,493,522	12.77%
Electrify the Fleet Program	8,575,000	8,403,000	-	-	-	0.00%
Pavement and Bridge Maint Program	22,195,000	21,751,000	-	5,305,363	5,305,363	24.39%
Culvert & Live Stream Pipe Replacement Project	3,558,000	3,487,000	529,681	625,652	1,155,333	33.13%
Greenway Trail Safe Improvements Project	1,728,000	2,443,000	2,358	174,387	176,745	7.23%
Historic District Street Sign Project	95,000	93,000	-	182	182	0.20%
Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements Program	8,000,000	7,840,000	-	363	363	0.00%
West Broad & Hancock Neighborhood Pedestrian Improvements	1,500,000	1,470,000	-	398	398	0.03%
5 Points Intersection Safety Improvements	1,500,000	1,470,000	-	491	491	0.03%
College Square Pedestrian Plaza Project	500,000	490,000	-	641	641	0.13%
Smithonia & Smokey Road Pedestrian Improvements	1,955,000	1,916,000	-	89	89	0.00%
Traffic Safety Infrastructure Improvements	3,000,000	2,940,000	-	39,430	39,430	1.34%
Neighborhood Traffic Management Program	1,000,000	980,000	-	23,530	23,530	2.40%
Traffic Signage Replacement Program	750,000	735,000	-	28,040	28,040	3.81%
City of Winterville	1,429,000	1,429,000	-	285,800	285,800	20.00%
Town of Bogart	344,000	344,000	-	68,800	68,800	20.00%
Program Management - TSPLOST 2023	-	2,966,000	98,956	206,434	305,390	10.30%
TOTAL TSPLOST 2023	\$ 150,000,000	\$ 150,750,000	\$ 662,765	\$ 10,682,560	\$ 11,345,325	7.53%

Athens Clarke County, Georgia
Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax 2020
Schedule of Expenditures
(Construction and Other Projects)
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

Project Description	(Unaudited) Original Estimated Cost	(Unaudited) Latest Estimated Cost	Prior Years Cumulative Expenditures	Total Current Year Expenditures	Total Cumulative Expenditures	(Unaudited) Estimated Percentage of Completion
Facilities Space Modernization	\$ 77,900,000	\$ 76,342,000	\$ 18,562,337	\$ 8,299,457	\$ 26,861,794	35.19%
Affordable Housing	44,500,000	44,210,000	12,966,219	4,281,904	17,248,123	39.01%
Classic Center Arena	34,000,000	33,320,000	5,435,024	18,598,784	24,033,808	72.13%
SPLOST Bond Debt Service	16,000,000	16,000,000	1,706,138	617,970	2,324,108	14.53%
Fire Department Equipment Project	2,739,800	2,685,004	628,996	176,419	805,415	30.00%
Fire Station #5 Replacement Project	6,187,000	6,063,260	1,412,495	668,214	2,080,709	34.32%
E911 Phone System Replacement Project	767,000	751,660	-	166	166	0.02%
Public Safety Vehicle & Equipment Replacement Project	7,956,750	7,797,615	355,464	24,979	380,443	4.88%
Mobile Medical Services Facility Project	500,000	490,000	2,448	979	3,427	0.70%
Environmental Mitigation & Restoration Project	2,500,000	2,450,000	6,100	979	7,079	0.29%
Renewable Energy Project	15,810,000	15,493,800	139,331	645,955	785,286	5.07%
Greenspace Acquisition & Sustainability Project	826,000	809,480	6,076	979	7,055	0.87%
Holland Youth Sports Complex Improvements Project	5,000,000	4,900,000	131	-	131	0.00%
Athens West Park Project	1,810,000	1,773,800	-	-	-	0.00%
Sandy Creek Nature Center Exhibit Project	308,000	494,735	16,624	14,055	30,679	6.20%
Memorial Park Improvements Project	5,913,000	5,794,740	88,695	109,042	197,737	3.41%
Beech Haven Park Improvements Project	4,563,000	4,471,740	66,791	99,464	166,255	3.72%
Tallassee Forest Nature Preserve Improvements Project	2,911,500	2,853,270	-	-	-	0.00%
Bishop Park Improvements Project	5,000,000	7,800,000	495,148	1,598,668	2,093,816	26.84%
Parks Facilities Improvements Project	6,700,000	6,566,000	274,456	241,294	515,750	7.85%
Bear Hollow Zoo Improvements Project	5,250,000	5,145,000	-	-	-	0.00%
Broadband Connectivity Enhancement Project	6,460,000	6,330,800	507,272	61,366	568,638	8.98%
East Athens Youth & Community Enrichment Facilities Project	4,007,000	3,926,860	13,251	6,376	19,627	0.50%
Animal Shelter Improvements Project	559,000	547,820	11,212	5,565	16,777	3.06%
East Side Public Library Project	14,449,000	14,160,020	3,298,715	1,560,535	4,859,250	34.32%
Recovered Material Processing & Reuse Facilities Project	8,455,000	8,285,900	-	57,919	57,919	0.70%
Facilities Equipment/Systems Replacement Project	7,879,500	7,721,910	479,657	227,063	706,720	9.15%
Mental Health Recovery Facility Project	5,325,000	5,218,500	86,719	109,792	196,511	3.77%
Welcome Center Access Improvements Project	825,000	808,500	-	373	373	0.05%
Airport Capital Improvements Project	5,237,000	5,132,260	954,252	271,876	1,226,128	23.89%
Vincent Drive Sidewalk Project	1,877,000	1,839,460	82,199	48,021	130,220	7.08%
Tallassee Road Connector Project	4,000,000	3,920,000	-	-	-	0.00%
Jackson Street Art Walk Project	3,438,750	3,369,975	-	-	-	0.00%
Water Trails Project	750,000	735,000	103,751	27,164	130,915	17.81%
Live Stream Pipe Replacement Project	500,000	490,000	-	-	-	0.00%
City of Winterville Projects	3,021,000	3,021,000	823,908	274,636	1,098,544	36.36%
Town of Bogart Projects	378,000	378,000	103,092	34,364	137,456	36.36%
Program Management - SPLOST 2021	-	5,898,086	633,243	189,443	822,686	13.95%
TOTAL SPLOST 2020	\$ 314,303,300	\$ 317,996,195	\$ 49,259,744	38,253,801	\$ 87,513,545	27.52%
Expenditures financed through other revenues, financing sources, and fund balance				<u>6,375,984</u>		
Total expenditures and transfers out of the SPLOST 2020 Capital Projects Fund				<u>\$ 44,629,785</u>		

Athens Clarke County, Georgia
Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax 2018
Schedule of Expenditures
(Construction and Other Projects)
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

Project Description	(Unaudited) Original Estimated Cost	(Unaudited) Latest Estimated Cost	Prior Years Cumulative Expenditures	Total Current Year Expenditures	Total Cumulative Expenditures	(Unaudited) Estimated Percentage of Completion
Pavement Maintenance Program	\$ 25,600,000	\$ 22,817,646	\$ 21,166,780	\$ 1,650,367	\$ 22,817,147	100.00%
Bicycle Transportation Improvements	6,000,000	6,299,466	-	166,952	166,952	2.65%
Business Corridor Infrastructure	7,097,000	5,827,688	2,696,199	187,795	2,883,994	49.49%
Transit Vehicles	4,000,000	3,624,191	19,658	1,279	20,937	0.58%
Oconee Rivers Greenway Network Connectors	10,000,000	9,625,345	4,475,668	2,813,000	7,288,668	75.72%
Rail-To-Trails Network Program	16,752,000	17,477,850	7,523,116	624,568	8,147,684	46.62%
Transit Bus Stop Improvements	500,000	497,339	18,552	50,816	69,368	13.95%
Pedestrian Safety & Safe Routes to Schools Program	11,000,000	10,340,303	154,638	155,150	309,788	3.00%
Airport	1,531,000	1,957,642	1,237,196	411,101	1,648,297	84.20%
Transit Service Expansion	940,000	779,966	707,965	1,720,423	2,428,388	311.35%
Tallasee Road Bridge Replacement	6,000,000	7,508,526	4,089,180	-	4,089,180	54.46%
Whitehall Road at South Milledge Avenue	2,500,000	2,038,432	2,038,432	-	2,038,432	100.00%
West Broad Street Pedestrian Improvements	4,000,000	3,564,191	619,222	264,461	883,683	24.79%
Lexington Highway Corridor Improvements	4,000,000	3,564,191	256,025	59,708	315,733	8.86%
Atlanta Highway Corridor Improvements	4,000,000	3,564,191	479,309	197,423	676,732	18.99%
Prince Avenue Corridor Improvements	4,000,000	3,564,191	515,265	151,420	666,685	18.71%
Acquisition of Private Streets	340,000	304,194	43,906	-	43,906	14.43%
City of Winterville TSPLOST funding	969,000	969,000	969,000	-	969,000	100.00%
Town of Bogart TSPLOST funding	271,000	271,000	271,000	-	271,000	100.00%
Program Management - TSPLOST 2018	-	3,247,800	889,483	155,723	1,045,206	32.18%
Debt Service	-	8,535,385	8,535,765	-	8,535,765	100.00%
TOTAL TSPLOST 2018	\$ 109,500,000	\$ 116,378,537	\$ 56,706,359	\$ 8,610,186	\$ 65,316,545	56.12%

Athens Clarke County, Georgia
Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax 2011
Schedule of Expenditures
(Construction and Other Projects)
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

Project Description	(Unaudited) Original Estimated Cost	(Unaudited) Latest Estimated Cost	Prior Years Cumulative Expenditures	Total Current Year Expenditures	Total Cumulative Expenditures	(Unaudited) Estimated Percentage of Completion
Stormwater Improvement Prog / Areawide	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 4,140,000	\$ 3,997,929	\$ 69,952	\$ 4,067,881	98.26%
Neighborhood Traffic Management	500,000	485,000	192,968	199,765	392,733	80.98%
Bicycle Transportation Improvements	4,500,000	4,365,000	3,490,004	2,450	3,492,454	80.01%
Oconee Rivers Greenway Network Connectors	6,000,000	6,323,000	6,268,000	23,750	6,291,750	99.51%
Rail-To-Trails Network Program	7,700,000	7,478,000	7,478,001	-	7,478,001	100.00%
Greenspace Acquisition Program	1,000,000	2,740,617	2,686,745	-	2,686,745	98.03%
Jail Expansion (1)	76,645,000	65,879,713	65,879,711	-	65,879,711	100.00%
Classic Center Expansion (2)	23,748,000	23,503,113	23,503,113	-	23,503,113	100.00%
Fire Protection Services & Safety Equipment	5,208,000	6,606,623	6,585,694	-	6,585,694	99.68%
Integrated Public Safety/Judicial Information System	2,612,000	2,549,000	2,266,817	16,894	2,283,711	89.59%
Public Safety Communication Systems Improvements	11,000,000	11,813,904	10,921,530	214,609	11,136,139	94.26%
Transit Vehicles & Bus Stop Improvements Program	1,850,000	1,797,500	1,628,968	23,182	1,652,150	91.91%
Cooperative Extension Service Center	2,565,000	3,809,319	3,795,434	-	3,795,434	99.64%
Athens-Clarke County Library Improvements	2,364,000	2,770,829	2,237,258	108,857	2,346,115	84.67%
Morton Theatre Facility Repair & Renovation	600,000	1,234,288	1,234,288	-	1,234,288	100.00%
Sandy Creek Park Renovation & Development	2,000,000	1,955,000	1,716,984	194,474	1,911,458	97.77%
Rocksprings Park Pool Renovations	1,400,000	1,182,772	1,182,772	-	1,182,772	100.00%
Park Facilities Improvements	4,000,000	6,832,148	5,824,562	990,266	6,814,828	99.75%
Dudley Park Improvements	1,000,000	1,134,044	1,119,090	10,072	1,129,162	99.57%
Satterfield Park Renovations & Upgrades	631,000	614,950	614,950	-	614,950	100.00%
Animal Shelter Expansion	620,000	1,535,563	1,436,135	13,595	1,449,730	94.41%
Government Facilities Fire Protection	1,220,000	1,797,600	1,107,652	457,763	1,565,415	87.08%
Public Art Program	410,000	403,500	136,222	9,196	145,418	36.04%
Youth & Community Enrichment Facility Partnership	2,940,000	3,002,188	109,827	2,138	111,965	3.73%
Energy Sustainability Program	1,000,000	820,000	605,671	187	605,858	73.89%
Infrastructure Improvements for Affordable Housing Programs	515,000	500,000	235,552	349	235,901	47.18%
CHaRM - Center for Hard to Recycle Materials	193,000	111,444	111,444	-	111,444	100.00%
Road & Bridge Improvement & Replacement Program	15,580,000	15,735,176	13,026,344	633,738	13,660,082	86.81%
Facility Management Facility Relocation	2,500,000	2,428,500	2,428,500	-	2,428,500	100.00%
Expansion of Property & Evidence Facility	1,918,000	1,812,224	1,812,224	-	1,812,224	100.00%
Costa Building Renovation	3,628,000	9,187,149	843,638	4,662,068	5,505,706	59.93%
Ware-Lyndon House Historic Garden	225,000	239,000	293,609	-	293,609	122.85%
Pedestrian Safety & Safe Routes to Schools Program	5,200,000	5,074,000	5,019,394	-	5,019,394	98.92%
City of Winterville SPLOST funding	1,773,000	1,773,000	1,773,000	-	1,773,000	100.00%
Town of Bogart SPLOST funding	227,000	227,000	226,998	-	226,998	100.00%
Program Management - SPLOST 2011	-	2,599,202	2,042,671	36,104	2,078,775	79.98%
Transfer Out to Debt Service Fund (Jail Bonds) (1)	-	58,399,207	58,551,196	-	58,551,196	100.26%
Transfer Out to Debt Service Fund (Classic Center Bonds) (2)	-	11,936,819	11,923,394	-	11,923,394	99.89%
Transfer Out to Debt Service Fund (GEFA Note Payable)	-	389,583	389,583	-	389,583	100.00%
TOTAL SPLOST 2011	\$ 195,272,000	\$ 275,185,975	\$ 254,697,872	\$ 7,669,409	\$ 262,367,281	95.34%

Note (1) - The Latest Estimated Cost for the Jail Expansion project includes \$57,375,089 in Bond Proceeds from the Mayor & Commission approved bond issuance on May 7, 2013. A total estimated cost of \$58,675,902 was moved to the Transfers Out account to cover all the debt service payments for the Jail Bonds.

Note (2) - The Latest Estimated Cost for the Classic Center Expansion project includes \$11,891,931 in Bond Proceeds from the Mayor & Commission approved bond issuance on December 6, 2011. A total estimated cost of \$11,936,819 was moved to the Transfers Out account to cover all the debt service payments for the Classic Center Bonds. In FY13, the final debt service payments were made for the Classic Center Bonds.

Athens Clarke County, Georgia
Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax 2005
Schedule of Expenditures
(Construction and Other Projects)
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

Project Description	(Unaudited) Original Estimated Cost	(Unaudited) Latest Estimated Cost	Prior Years Cumulative Expenditures	Total Current Year Expenditures	Total Cumulative Expenditures	(Unaudited) Estimated Percentage of Completion
Areawide Storm Drainage Improvement	\$ 12,688,335	\$ 11,894,543	\$ 11,894,540	\$ -	\$ 11,894,540	100.00%
General Intersection Improvements	2,288,495	2,563,787	2,563,786	-	2,563,786	100.00%
East Athens Community Park	4,996,530	4,967,700	4,967,701	-	4,967,701	100.00%
Pavement Improvement Program	5,167,305	6,178,327	6,178,328	-	6,178,328	100.00%
Sidewalk and Other Improvements	2,293,830	2,148,934	2,149,200	-	2,149,200	100.01%
Public Water/Fire Prevention Systems	11,170,000	10,490,953	10,490,952	-	10,490,952	100.00%
Police Assigned Vehicle Program	649,000	471,980	471,980	-	471,980	100.00%
Local Road Traffic Improvement	6,314,715	8,012,513	8,012,658	-	8,012,658	100.00%
Bus Stop Improvement Program	2,039,400	1,978,618	1,978,619	-	1,978,619	100.00%
Fire Station #9	2,867,000	2,807,048	2,807,047	-	2,807,047	100.00%
Classic Center-Theater Package	1,740,420	1,788,466	1,788,466	-	1,788,466	100.00%
Airport Commercial Terminal Facility	4,851,990	5,468,144	5,459,450	-	5,459,450	99.84%
Solid Waste Facility Relocation	2,703,690	2,602,847	2,602,849	-	2,602,849	100.00%
Rocksprings Park Revitalization	2,598,750	2,527,787	2,527,787	-	2,527,787	100.00%
Bridge Improvement & Replacement Program	1,513,710	1,468,299	1,468,300	-	1,468,300	100.00%
Business Corridor Infrastructure Improvement	8,651,500	7,679,759	7,459,249	-	7,459,249	97.13%
Renovate Police Headquarters Building	2,905,650	3,120,300	3,120,300	-	3,120,300	100.00%
Computer Aided Dispatch & Records Mgmt System	1,458,270	1,414,522	1,414,522	-	1,414,522	100.00%
Expand and Replace Transit Vehicles	2,141,370	1,015,218	1,015,218	-	1,015,218	100.00%
Sheriff-Assigned Vehicle Program	267,000	232,511	232,511	-	232,511	100.00%
ACC Tennis Center	2,386,890	3,217,645	3,217,644	-	3,217,644	100.00%
Classic Center Foundry Street Warehouse	8,781,300	8,434,773	8,434,774	-	8,434,774	100.00%
Pulaski Creek Greenway & Park	1,014,750	777,046	777,047	-	777,047	100.00%
Gospel Pilgrim Cemetery Restoration	361,000	306,476	306,476	-	306,476	100.00%
North Oconee Rivers Greenway Project	1,427,580	1,384,753	1,384,755	-	1,384,755	100.00%
ACC Library Additions & Renovations	9,108,000	9,207,081	9,207,081	-	9,207,081	100.00%
ENSAT Phase 2 - Sandy Creek Nature Center	2,923,470	3,139,688	3,139,688	-	3,139,688	100.00%
Downtown Parking Deck	6,954,500	6,768,150	6,768,149	-	6,768,149	100.00%
Rail to Trail - Georgia Railroad Project	2,325,510	2,255,745	2,255,745	-	2,255,745	100.00%
Greenspace Acquisition Program	2,174,040	2,340,319	2,340,319	-	2,340,319	100.00%
Access Improvements for People with Disabilities	136,000	131,920	131,919	-	131,919	100.00%
Youth Facility Partnership	2,800,000	1,002,085	1,002,085	-	1,002,085	100.00%
Diversion - Work Release Center	1,000,000	3,514,000	3,513,999	-	3,513,999	100.00%
Winterville SPLOST 2005 Programs	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,300,002	-	1,300,002	100.00%
Program Management - SPLOST 2005	-	3,621,000	3,621,049	-	3,621,049	100.00%
TOTAL SPLOST 2005	\$ 122,000,000	\$ 126,232,937	\$ 126,004,195	\$ -	\$ 126,004,195	99.82%

Nonmajor Enterprise Funds

Airport - Established to account for the operations of the Athens Ben Epps Airport.

Transit - Established to account for the Government's bus system which is operated with federal financial assistance under the Urban Mass Transit Act. The system provides public transportation services to Athens-Clarke County residents and the University of Georgia staff and students.

Solid Waste - Established to account for the collection and disposal of commercial and residential solid waste from the Urban Service and Special Service Districts.

Landfill - Established to account for the operations of collection and recycling of household, commercial, and other nonhazardous waste.

Stormwater - Established to collect revenues to pay for the cost of stormwater management as mandated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in compliance with the requirements for a NPDES Stormwater Phase II Permit.

Land Bank Authority - Established under the provisions of the O.C.G.A. 48-4-60, to transition real property from nonrevenue-generating, nontax-producing status to a utilization status useful for housing, new industry, and jobs for the citizens of Athens-Clarke County.

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Combining Statement of Net Position
Nonmajor Enterprise Funds
June 30, 2024

	Airport	Landfill	Transit	Solid Waste	Stormwater	Land Bank Authority	Total
ASSETS							
Current assets							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,765,962	\$ 10,007,111	\$ -	\$ 587,483	\$ 3,220,466	\$ 39,085	\$ 15,620,107
Receivables (net)							
Accounts	12,015	527,665	13,948	583,504	1,223,875	-	2,361,007
Intergovernmental	-	-	3,938,332	-	-	-	3,938,332
Inventory	95,035	-	189,795	-	-	-	284,830
Property held for development	-	-	-	-	-	135,140	135,140
Restricted assets							
Cash and cash equivalents	-	12,030	-	153,876	-	-	165,906
Total current assets	<u>1,873,012</u>	<u>10,546,806</u>	<u>4,142,075</u>	<u>1,324,863</u>	<u>4,444,341</u>	<u>174,225</u>	<u>22,505,322</u>
Noncurrent assets							
Capital assets							
Nondepreciable assets	1,288,509	15,781,336	256,614	-	173,096	-	17,499,555
Depreciable/amortizable assets (net)	<u>4,495,248</u>	<u>6,049,973</u>	<u>4,619,252</u>	<u>2,594,543</u>	<u>29,950,863</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,709,879</u>
Capital assets (net)	<u>5,783,757</u>	<u>21,831,309</u>	<u>4,875,866</u>	<u>2,594,543</u>	<u>30,123,959</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65,209,434</u>
Total assets	<u>7,656,769</u>	<u>32,378,115</u>	<u>9,017,941</u>	<u>3,919,406</u>	<u>34,568,300</u>	<u>174,225</u>	<u>87,714,756</u>
LIABILITIES							
Current liabilities							
Accounts payable	146,773	153,836	98,966	177,954	131,642	-	709,171
Accrued payroll liabilities	13,680	20,067	86,838	35,708	46,876	-	203,169
Due to others	-	35,227	-	-	195,678	-	230,905
Due to other funds	-	-	3,214,650	-	-	-	3,214,650
Compensated absences	35,984	57,217	139,688	59,899	106,106	-	398,894
Unearned revenue	10,765	-	-	-	-	-	10,765
Accrued interest payable	2,064	29,787	-	-	-	-	31,851
Notes payable	30,000	595,750	-	-	-	-	625,750
Liabilities payable from restricted assets							
Customer deposits	-	12,030	-	153,876	-	-	165,906
Total current liabilities	<u>239,266</u>	<u>903,914</u>	<u>3,540,142</u>	<u>427,437</u>	<u>480,302</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,591,061</u>
Noncurrent liabilities							
Advances from other funds	-	-	-	287,691	-	-	287,691
Compensated absences	7,607	39,369	22,905	21,479	38,158	-	129,518
Notes payable	120,000	1,787,239	-	-	-	-	1,907,239
Closure/post closure care	-	10,077,112	-	-	-	-	10,077,112
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>127,607</u>	<u>11,903,720</u>	<u>22,905</u>	<u>309,170</u>	<u>38,158</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,401,560</u>
Total liabilities	<u>366,873</u>	<u>12,807,634</u>	<u>3,563,047</u>	<u>736,607</u>	<u>518,460</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,992,621</u>
NET POSITION							
Net investment in capital assets	5,633,757	19,448,320	4,875,866	2,441,170	30,111,502	-	62,510,615
Unrestricted	<u>1,656,139</u>	<u>122,161</u>	<u>579,028</u>	<u>741,629</u>	<u>3,938,338</u>	<u>174,225</u>	<u>7,211,520</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 7,289,896</u>	<u>\$ 19,570,481</u>	<u>\$ 5,454,894</u>	<u>\$ 3,182,799</u>	<u>\$ 34,049,840</u>	<u>\$ 174,225</u>	<u>\$ 69,722,135</u>

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
Nonmajor Enterprise Funds
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

	Airport	Landfill	Transit	Solid Waste	Stormwater	Land Bank Authority	Total
OPERATING REVENUES							
Charges for services	\$ 4,837,141	\$ 5,900,570	\$ 97,713	\$ 4,442,263	\$ 5,554,796	\$ -	\$ 20,832,483
Other revenue	95,281	39,189	-	3,541	26,833	-	164,844
Total operating revenues	<u>4,932,422</u>	<u>5,939,759</u>	<u>97,713</u>	<u>4,445,804</u>	<u>5,581,629</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,997,327</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES							
Personal services	795,502	1,102,310	4,553,031	1,874,549	2,393,927	-	10,719,319
Cost of sales and services	2,989,073	1,471,230	1,914,475	1,634,162	1,036,089	-	9,045,029
Depreciation	235,489	887,307	1,648,759	437,771	1,233,310	-	4,442,636
Interfund services used	127,382	56,167	183,810	308,103	638,623	-	1,314,085
Other	946,413	959,656	65,711	214	-	-	1,971,994
Total operating expenses	<u>5,093,859</u>	<u>4,476,670</u>	<u>8,365,786</u>	<u>4,254,799</u>	<u>5,301,949</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,493,063</u>
Operating income/(loss)	<u>(161,437)</u>	<u>1,463,089</u>	<u>(8,268,073)</u>	<u>191,005</u>	<u>279,680</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,495,736)</u>
NONOPERATING REVENUES/(EXPENSES)							
Intergovernmental revenue	-	-	3,935,696	-	-	-	3,935,696
Interest revenue	71,006	483,097	-	68,558	158,338	2,015	783,014
Net gain/(loss) on disposition of capital assets	-	(1,163,863)	26,174	(6,958)	7,955	-	(1,136,692)
Interest expense	<u>(7,057)</u>	<u>(59,575)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(66,632)</u>
Total nonoperating revenues/(expenses)	<u>63,949</u>	<u>(740,341)</u>	<u>3,961,870</u>	<u>61,600</u>	<u>166,293</u>	<u>2,015</u>	<u>3,515,386</u>
Income/(loss) before contributions and transfers	<u>(97,488)</u>	<u>722,748</u>	<u>(4,306,203)</u>	<u>252,605</u>	<u>445,973</u>	<u>2,015</u>	<u>(2,980,350)</u>
Capital contributions	33,855	-	-	-	-	-	33,855
Capital assets donated from Governmental Activities	50,000	-	-	-	4,185,415	-	4,235,415
Transfers in	-	-	3,993,522	135,000	-	-	4,128,522
Transfers out	<u>(113,205)</u>	<u>(326,311)</u>	<u>(809,904)</u>	<u>(306,502)</u>	<u>(455,892)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,011,814)</u>
Change in net position	<u>(126,838)</u>	<u>396,437</u>	<u>(1,122,585)</u>	<u>81,103</u>	<u>4,175,496</u>	<u>2,015</u>	<u>3,405,628</u>
Net position - beginning	<u>7,416,734</u>	<u>19,174,044</u>	<u>6,577,479</u>	<u>3,101,696</u>	<u>29,874,344</u>	<u>172,210</u>	<u>66,316,507</u>
Net position - ending	<u>\$ 7,289,896</u>	<u>\$ 19,570,481</u>	<u>\$ 5,454,894</u>	<u>\$ 3,182,799</u>	<u>\$ 34,049,840</u>	<u>\$ 174,225</u>	<u>\$ 69,722,135</u>

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Combining Statement of Cash Flows
Nonmajor Enterprise Funds
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

	<u>Airport</u>	<u>Landfill</u>	<u>Transit</u>	<u>Solid Waste</u>	<u>Stormwater</u>	<u>Land Bank Authority</u>	<u>Total</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES							
Receipts from customers	\$ 4,835,842	\$ 5,782,483	\$ 83,765	\$ 4,351,032	\$ 4,863,800	\$ -	\$ 19,916,922
Interfund services used	(127,382)	(56,167)	(183,810)	(308,103)	(638,623)	-	(1,314,085)
Other receipts	95,281	39,189	-	3,541	26,833	-	164,844
Payments to suppliers	(3,857,645)	(1,950,526)	(2,021,370)	(1,617,711)	(1,015,750)	-	(10,463,002)
Payments to employees	(791,525)	(1,091,238)	(4,514,234)	(1,851,935)	(2,354,104)	-	(10,603,036)
Net cash provided/(used) by operating activities	<u>154,571</u>	<u>2,723,741</u>	<u>(6,635,649)</u>	<u>576,824</u>	<u>882,156</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,298,357)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES							
Receipts from other funds	-	-	3,993,522	135,000	-	-	4,128,522
Payments to other funds	(113,205)	(326,311)	(4,416,873)	(306,502)	(455,892)	-	(5,618,783)
Receipts from other governments	-	-	7,060,255	-	-	-	7,060,255
Net cash provided/(used) by noncapital financing activities	<u>(113,205)</u>	<u>(326,311)</u>	<u>6,636,904</u>	<u>(171,502)</u>	<u>(455,892)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,569,994</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES							
Payments to other funds	-	-	-	(596,854)	-	-	(596,854)
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	-	(945,395)	(34,280)	(371,333)	(626,335)	-	(1,977,343)
Proceeds from sale of equipment	-	18,040	32,275	74,000	7,955	-	132,270
Payment of capital related payables	-	(15,227)	-	-	(43,391)	-	(58,618)
Principal payments - notes payable	(30,000)	-	-	-	-	-	(30,000)
Interest paid	(7,469)	(29,788)	-	-	-	-	(37,257)
Net cash provided/(used) by capital and related financing activities	<u>(37,469)</u>	<u>(972,370)</u>	<u>(2,005)</u>	<u>(894,187)</u>	<u>(661,771)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,567,802)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES							
Interest on investments	<u>71,006</u>	<u>483,097</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,558</u>	<u>158,338</u>	<u>2,015</u>	<u>783,014</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	<u>74,903</u>	<u>1,908,157</u>	<u>(750)</u>	<u>(420,307)</u>	<u>(77,169)</u>	<u>2,015</u>	<u>1,486,849</u>
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning	<u>1,691,059</u>	<u>8,110,984</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>1,161,666</u>	<u>3,297,635</u>	<u>37,070</u>	<u>14,299,164</u>
Cash and cash equivalents - ending	<u>\$ 1,765,962</u>	<u>\$ 10,019,141</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 741,359</u>	<u>\$ 3,220,466</u>	<u>\$ 39,085</u>	<u>\$ 15,786,013</u>
Cash and cash equivalents reconciliation							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,765,962	\$ 10,007,111	\$ -	\$ 587,483	\$ 3,220,466	\$ 39,085	\$ 15,620,107
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	-	12,030	-	153,876	-	-	165,906
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 1,765,962</u>	<u>\$ 10,019,141</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 741,359</u>	<u>\$ 3,220,466</u>	<u>\$ 39,085</u>	<u>\$ 15,786,013</u>
Reconciliation of operating income/(loss) to net cash provided/(used) by operating activities							
Operating income/(loss)	\$ (161,437)	\$ 1,463,089	\$ (8,268,073)	\$ 191,005	\$ 279,680	\$ -	\$ (6,495,736)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided/(used) by operating activities							
Depreciation	235,489	887,307	1,648,759	437,771	1,233,310	-	4,442,636
Closure/post closure care	-	454,440	-	-	-	-	454,440
(Increase)/decrease in accounts receivable	(1,636)	(118,087)	(13,948)	(101,807)	(790,685)	-	(1,026,163)
(Increase)/decrease in inventory	(2,006)	-	(64,658)	-	-	-	(66,664)
Increase/(decrease) in accounts payable	79,847	25,823	23,474	16,665	20,339	-	166,148
Increase/(decrease) in unearned revenue	337	-	-	-	-	-	337
Increase/(decrease) in accrued payroll liabilities	3,977	11,072	38,797	22,614	39,823	-	116,283
Increase/(decrease) in due to others	-	97	-	-	99,689	-	99,786
Increase/(decrease) in customer deposits	-	-	-	10,576	-	-	10,576
Total adjustments	<u>316,008</u>	<u>1,260,652</u>	<u>1,632,424</u>	<u>385,819</u>	<u>602,476</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,197,379</u>
Net cash provided/(used) by operating activities	<u>\$ 154,571</u>	<u>\$ 2,723,741</u>	<u>\$ (6,635,649)</u>	<u>\$ 576,824</u>	<u>\$ 882,156</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (2,298,357)</u>
Noncash investing, capital, and financing activities							
Contributions of capital assets							
From developers	\$ 33,855	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,855
From Athens-Clarke County	50,000	-	-	-	4,185,415	-	4,235,415
Assets acquired through capital related payables	-	-	-	153,373	12,457	-	165,830

Internal Service Funds

Internal Support - Established to account for the general support services to user departments, such as telephone, postage, copier and printing.

Fleet Management - Established to account for maintenance and repairs to vehicles and equipment, and a central fuel supply.

Fleet Replacement - Established to account for the funding, purchase, control, and disposition of all Government vehicles except for specialized equipment used by enterprise funds.

Self-Funded Insurance and Claims - Established to provide self insurance for worker's compensation and coverage for employee short-term disability. The Government operates its insured general liability program in this fund. The Government also operates a program for the reservation of funds for claims as to which no governmental immunity exists and other claims which the Government deems appropriate for payment. The liabilities in this fund are based on known claims, probable and reasonably determinable.

Self-Funded Health Insurance and Claims - Established to account for employer and employee contributions for self-funded health insurance coverage.

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Combining Statement of Net Position
Internal Service Funds
June 30, 2024

	Internal Support	Fleet Management	Fleet Replacement	Self-Funded Insurance and Claims	Self-Funded Health Insurance and Claims	Total
ASSETS						
Current assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 615,733	\$ 1,410,300	\$ 10,561,079	\$ 3,004,424	\$ 9,571,181	\$ 25,162,717
Receivables (net)						
Accounts	-	5,625	-	-	-	5,625
Intergovernmental	374	2,229	-	-	-	2,603
Inventory	-	37,465	-	-	-	37,465
Prepaid items	43,143	-	-	-	-	43,143
Other	-	-	113,178	-	-	113,178
Restricted assets						
Investments	-	-	1,976,696	-	-	1,976,696
Total current assets	659,250	1,455,619	12,650,953	3,004,424	9,571,181	27,341,427
Noncurrent assets						
Advances to other funds	-	-	287,691	-	-	287,691
Depreciable/amortizable capital assets (net)	1,530,647	61,717	7,900,766	-	-	9,493,130
Total noncurrent assets	1,530,647	61,717	8,188,457	-	-	9,780,821
Total assets	2,189,897	1,517,336	20,839,410	3,004,424	9,571,181	37,122,248
LIABILITIES						
Current liabilities						
Accounts payable	45,271	155,267	315,426	919,499	39,834	1,475,297
Accrued payroll liabilities	4,582	9,626	-	9,166	8,786	32,160
Claims and judgements payable	-	-	-	2,851,801	680,000	3,531,801
Compensated absences	13,834	20,467	-	6,578	9,412	50,291
Leases payable	127,173	-	-	-	-	127,173
Total current liabilities	190,860	185,360	315,426	3,787,044	738,032	5,216,722
Noncurrent liabilities						
Compensated absences	7,958	2,241	-	1,171	1,164	12,534
Certificates of participation	-	-	2,249,000	-	-	2,249,000
Leases payable	402,103	-	-	-	-	402,103
Total noncurrent liabilities	410,061	2,241	2,249,000	1,171	1,164	2,663,637
Total liabilities	600,921	187,601	2,564,426	3,788,215	739,196	7,880,359
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Accumulated increase in fair value of hedging derivatives	-	-	113,178	-	-	113,178
NET POSITION						
Net investment in capital assets	1,001,371	61,717	5,344,569	-	-	6,407,657
Restricted for debt service	-	-	1,976,696	-	-	1,976,696
Unrestricted	587,605	1,268,018	10,840,541	(783,791)	8,831,985	20,744,358
Total net position	\$ 1,588,976	\$ 1,329,735	\$ 18,161,806	\$ (783,791)	\$ 8,831,985	\$ 29,128,711

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
Internal Service Funds
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

	Internal Support	Fleet Management	Fleet Replacement	Self-Funded Insurance and Claims	Self-Funded Health Insurance and Claims	Total
OPERATING REVENUES						
Interfund services provided	\$ 1,839,357	\$ 3,334,226	\$ 3,219,330	\$ 4,571,525	\$ 21,187,168	\$ 34,151,606
Insurance recoveries	-	-	-	189,291	-	189,291
Total operating revenues	1,839,357	3,334,226	3,219,330	4,760,816	21,187,168	34,340,897
OPERATING EXPENSES						
Personal services	293,486	490,204	-	300,917	803,833	1,888,440
Cost of sales and services	1,150,074	2,573,040	125,480	6,967,803	16,573,389	27,389,786
Depreciation and amortization	228,685	12,552	2,179,135	-	-	2,420,372
Interfund services used	22,479	29,871	90,000	8,187	6,900	157,437
Other	-	10,000	-	-	39,412	49,412
Total operating expenses	1,694,724	3,115,667	2,394,615	7,276,907	17,423,534	31,905,447
Operating income/(loss)	144,633	218,559	824,715	(2,516,091)	3,763,634	2,435,450
NONOPERATING REVENUES/(EXPENSES)						
Interest revenue	27,537	64,787	418,709	115,039	397,613	1,023,685
Net gain/(loss) on disposition of capital assets	-	-	104,741	-	-	104,741
Interest expense	(48)	-	(63,771)	-	-	(63,819)
Total nonoperating revenues/(expenses)	27,489	64,787	459,679	115,039	397,613	1,064,607
Income/(loss) before capital contributions and transfers	172,122	283,346	1,284,394	(2,401,052)	4,161,247	3,500,057
Capital assets donated from Governmental Activities	47,564	-	520,865	-	-	568,429
Transfers in	-	-	5,000,000	-	750,000	5,750,000
Transfers out	(43,486)	(102,272)	-	(47,996)	(50,320)	(244,074)
Change in net position	176,200	181,074	6,805,259	(2,449,048)	4,860,927	9,574,412
Net position - beginning (as previously reported)	1,412,776	1,148,661	10,898,067	1,665,257	3,971,058	19,095,819
Error correction	-	-	458,480	-	-	458,480
Net position - beginning (restated)	1,412,776	1,148,661	11,356,547	1,665,257	3,971,058	19,554,299
Net position - ending	<u>\$ 1,588,976</u>	<u>\$ 1,329,735</u>	<u>\$ 18,161,806</u>	<u>\$ (783,791)</u>	<u>\$ 8,831,985</u>	<u>\$ 29,128,711</u>

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Combining Statement of Cash Flows
Internal Service Funds
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

	Internal Support	Fleet Management	Fleet Replacement	Self-Funded Insurance and Claims	Self-Funded Health Insurance and Claims	Total
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES						
Receipts from customers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 370,104	\$ -	\$ 370,104
Interfund services provided and used	1,820,614	3,309,420	3,129,330	4,563,338	21,180,268	34,002,970
Payments to suppliers	(1,188,245)	(2,593,806)	(130,489)	(4,924,588)	(17,405,021)	(26,242,149)
Payments to employees	(290,275)	(485,510)	-	(295,584)	(797,371)	(1,868,740)
Net cash provided/(used) by operating activities	342,094	230,104	2,998,841	(286,730)	2,977,876	6,262,185
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES						
Receipts from other funds	-	-	-	-	750,000	750,000
Payments to other funds	(43,486)	(102,272)	-	(47,996)	(50,320)	(244,074)
Net cash provided/(used) by noncapital financing activities	(43,486)	(102,272)	-	(47,996)	699,680	505,926
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES						
Receipts from other funds	-	-	5,596,854	-	-	5,596,854
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(26,286)	-	(3,034,419)	-	-	(3,060,705)
Proceeds from sale of equipment	-	-	143,750	-	-	143,750
Payment of capital related payables	-	-	(536,675)	-	-	(536,675)
Principal payments - leases	(141,154)	-	-	-	-	(141,154)
Interest paid	(48)	-	(63,771)	-	-	(63,819)
Net cash provided/(used) by capital and related financing activities	(167,488)	-	2,105,739	-	-	1,938,251
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES						
Interest on investments	27,537	64,787	418,709	115,039	397,613	1,023,685
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	158,657	192,619	5,523,289	(219,687)	4,075,169	9,730,047
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning	457,076	1,217,681	7,014,486	3,224,111	5,496,012	17,409,366
Cash and cash equivalents - ending	<u>\$ 615,733</u>	<u>\$ 1,410,300</u>	<u>\$ 12,537,775</u>	<u>\$ 3,004,424</u>	<u>\$ 9,571,181</u>	<u>\$ 27,139,413</u>
Cash and cash equivalents reconciliation						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 615,733	\$ 1,410,300	\$ 10,561,079	\$ 3,004,424	\$ 9,571,181	\$ 25,162,717
Restricted investments	-	-	1,976,696	-	-	1,976,696
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 615,733</u>	<u>\$ 1,410,300</u>	<u>\$ 12,537,775</u>	<u>\$ 3,004,424</u>	<u>\$ 9,571,181</u>	<u>\$ 27,139,413</u>

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Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Combining Statement of Cash Flows - continued
Internal Service Funds
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

	Internal Support	Fleet Management	Fleet Replacement	Self-Funded Insurance and Claims	Self-Funded Health Insurance and Claims	Total
Reconciliation of operating income/(loss) to net cash provided/(used) by operating activities						
Operating income/(loss)	\$ 144,633	\$ 218,559	\$ 824,715	\$ (2,516,091)	\$ 3,763,634	\$ 2,435,450
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided/(used) by operating activities						
Depreciation and amortization	228,685	12,552	2,179,135	-	-	2,420,372
(Increase)/decrease in accounts receivable	-	(5,625)	-	180,813	-	175,188
(Increase)/decrease in intergovernmental receivable	3,736	10,690	-	-	-	14,426
(Increase)/decrease in inventory	-	4,054	-	-	-	4,054
(Increase)/decrease in prepaid items	(29,106)	-	-	-	-	(29,106)
Increase/(decrease) in accounts payable	(9,065)	(14,820)	(5,009)	754,029	13,844	738,979
Increase/(decrease) in accrued payroll liabilities	3,211	4,694	-	5,333	6,462	19,700
Increase/(decrease) in claims and judgements payable	-	-	-	1,289,186	(806,064)	483,122
Total adjustments	197,461	11,545	2,174,126	2,229,361	(785,758)	3,826,735
Net cash provided/(used) by operating activities	\$ 342,094	\$ 230,104	\$ 2,998,841	\$ (286,730)	\$ 2,977,876	\$ 6,262,185
Noncash investing, capital, and financing activities						
Contributions of capital assets from Athens-Clarke County	\$ 47,564	\$ -	\$ 520,865	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 568,429
Assets acquired through capital related payables	-	-	307,197	-	-	307,197

Fiduciary Funds

Trust Funds

Pension Trust Fund - The Employee Retirement Pension Trust Fund accounts for resources accumulated from pension benefits within a defined benefit plan.

Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund - The Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund accounts for the current and future cost of health and life insurance benefits provided by the Government to retirees and their dependents.

Custodial Funds

Tax Commissioner - Established to account for tax billings, collections, and remittances held by the Tax Commissioner's office on behalf of other governmental agencies.

Clerk of Courts - Established to account for the receipt and disbursement of court-ordered fines and fees made on behalf of third parties.

Corrections - Established to account for the receipt and disbursement of money held on behalf of individuals in custody.

Sheriff - Established to account for the receipt and disbursement of fees for services provided under State law, and prisoner boarding fees.

Municipal Court - Established to account for the receipt and disbursement of bonds (posted to secure release of individuals charged with various crimes) and court-ordered fines and fees made on behalf of third parties.

Magistrate Court - Established to account for the receipt and disbursement of bonds (posted to secure release of individuals charged with various crimes) and court-ordered fines and fees made on behalf of third parties.

Probate Court - Established to account for the receipt and disbursement of funds held on behalf of others and fees for services provided under State law.

Juvenile Court - Established to account for the receipt and disbursement of court-ordered fines and restitution made on behalf of third parties.

Probation Services - Established to account for the receipt and disbursement of various court-ordered fines, fees, restitution, payments on behalf of third parties and supervision fees for probationers.

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Combining Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
Employees' Retirement Program Pension Trust Fund and OPEB Trust Fund
June 30, 2024

	Employees' Retirement Program	OPEB	Employees' Retirement Program and OPEB Trust Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,949,256	\$ 5,569,583	\$ 9,518,839
Accounts receivable (net)	100,987	-	100,987
Restricted investments, at fair value			
Cash and cash equivalents	218,890	-	218,890
Mutual funds			
Equity	20,851,322	-	20,851,322
Fixed income	78,049,861	-	78,049,861
Exchange-trade funds			
Equity	185,552,500	-	185,552,500
Fixed income	24,942,712	-	24,942,712
Private Debt Fund	5,913,000	-	5,913,000
Total assets	<u>319,578,528</u>	<u>5,569,583</u>	<u>325,148,111</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	77,382	42,647	120,029
Claims payable	-	3,260,011	3,260,011
Total liabilities	<u>77,382</u>	<u>3,302,658</u>	<u>3,380,040</u>
NET POSITION			
Restricted for pension benefits	319,501,146	-	319,501,146
Restricted for OPEB benefits	-	2,266,925	2,266,925
Total net position	<u><u>\$ 319,501,146</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,266,925</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 321,768,071</u></u>

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Combining Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
Employees' Retirement Program Pension Trust Fund and OPEB Trust Fund
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

	Employees' Retirement Program	OPEB	Employees' Retirement Program and OPEB Trust Funds
ADDITIONS			
Contributions			
Employer contributions	\$ 11,537,637	\$ 9,289,600	\$ 20,827,237
Employee contributions	-	132,128	132,128
Total contributions	<u>11,537,637</u>	<u>9,421,728</u>	<u>20,959,365</u>
Investment earnings			
Interest income	16,212,807	237,520	16,450,327
Net appreciation (depreciation) of fair value of investments	23,713,449	-	23,713,449
Investment expenses	(405,750)	-	(405,750)
Net investments earnings	<u>39,520,506</u>	<u>237,520</u>	<u>39,758,026</u>
Total additions	<u>51,058,143</u>	<u>9,659,248</u>	<u>60,717,391</u>
DEDUCTIONS			
Benefit payments	19,783,066	6,790,879	26,573,945
Administrative expenses	88,906	69,842	158,748
Total deductions	<u>19,871,972</u>	<u>6,860,721</u>	<u>26,732,693</u>
Change in net position	31,186,171	2,798,527	33,984,698
Net position - beginning	<u>288,314,975</u>	<u>(531,602)</u>	<u>287,783,373</u>
Net position - ending	<u><u>\$ 319,501,146</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,266,925</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 321,768,071</u></u>

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Combining Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
Custodial Funds
June 30, 2024

	Tax Commissioner	Clerk of Courts	Corrections	Sheriff	Municipal Court	Magistrate Court	Probate Court	Juvenile Court	Probation Services	Totals
ASSETS										
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,392,676	\$ 2,176,770	\$ 500,237	\$ 70,304	\$ 155,163	\$ 50,671	\$ 19,751	\$ 11,361	\$ 10,509	\$ 4,387,442
Receivables (net)										
Taxes	1,978,407	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,978,407
Accounts	42,770	-	-	-	1,629	1,013	-	185	-	45,597
Total assets	3,413,853	2,176,770	500,237	70,304	156,792	51,684	19,751	11,546	10,509	6,411,446
LIABILITIES										
Due to others	3,084,852	184,657	11,244	1,395	36,513	51,684	17,819	8,078	10,509	3,406,751
NET POSITION										
Restricted for individuals, organizations, and other governments	<u>\$ 329,001</u>	<u>\$ 1,992,113</u>	<u>\$ 488,993</u>	<u>\$ 68,909</u>	<u>\$ 120,279</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,932</u>	<u>\$ 3,468</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,004,695</u>

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Combining Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
Custodial Funds
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

	Tax Commissioner	Clerk of Courts	Corrections	Sheriff	Municipal Court	Magistrate Court	Probate Court	Juvenile Court	Probation Services	Totals
ADDITIONS										
Tax collections for other governments	\$ 142,301,589	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 142,301,589
Excess proceeds from tax sales	463,685	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	463,685
Court fees collected for other agencies	-	2,068,626	-	-	346,718	148,667	71,964	943	45,945	2,682,863
Sheriff fees collected	-	-	-	6,417	-	-	-	-	-	6,417
Court individual cases	-	1,777,518	-	-	218,349	302,002	9,888	17,912	38,614	2,364,283
Inmate account deposits	-	-	478,135	866,078	-	-	-	-	-	1,344,213
Total additions	<u>142,765,274</u>	<u>3,846,144</u>	<u>478,135</u>	<u>872,495</u>	<u>565,067</u>	<u>450,669</u>	<u>81,852</u>	<u>18,855</u>	<u>84,559</u>	<u>149,163,050</u>
DEDUCTIONS										
Payment of taxes to other governments	142,301,589	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	142,301,589
Payment of court fees to other agencies	-	2,068,626	-	-	346,718	148,667	71,964	943	45,945	2,682,863
Payment of Sheriff fees to other agencies	-	-	-	6,417	-	-	-	-	-	6,417
Payment from inmate to others	-	-	552,557	860,790	-	-	-	-	-	1,413,347
Payments to others	134,684	1,500,040	-	-	211,597	302,002	11,435	17,912	38,614	2,216,284
Total deductions	<u>142,436,273</u>	<u>3,568,666</u>	<u>552,557</u>	<u>867,207</u>	<u>558,315</u>	<u>450,669</u>	<u>83,399</u>	<u>18,855</u>	<u>84,559</u>	<u>148,620,500</u>
Change in net position	329,001	277,478	(74,422)	5,288	6,752	-	(1,547)	-	-	542,550
Net position - beginning	<u>-</u>	<u>1,714,635</u>	<u>563,415</u>	<u>63,621</u>	<u>113,527</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,479</u>	<u>3,468</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,462,145</u>
Net position - ending	<u>\$ 329,001</u>	<u>\$ 1,992,113</u>	<u>\$ 488,993</u>	<u>\$ 68,909</u>	<u>\$ 120,279</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,932</u>	<u>\$ 3,468</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,004,695</u>

Nonmajor Component Units

Governmental Component Units

Downtown Athens Development Authority (DADA) - The financial operations of the Downtown Athens Development Authority are presented as a governmental type unit. The six members of the Authority include the Mayor of Athens-Clarke County, the President of the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce, and four appointed members, two of whom are real estate owners in the district who are members of the Athens Downtown Council and two of whom operate businesses in the District. The Authority can recommend a tax levy of up to one mill on all taxable property in the District for the operations of the Authority subject to the approval of the Mayor and Commission. The issuance of debt by the Authority requires the approval of Athens-Clarke County.

Clarke County Board of Health - The Board of Health was created under the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 31-3. The Board of Health is composed of seven members all but one are appointed by the Mayor and Commission. The Board of Health is responsible for all public health matters including the enforcement of health laws and regulations. Funds to meet the expenses of the Board of Health come from local, state, and federal sources. The Board of Health meets the criteria for inclusion as a discretely presented governmental type unit.

Alternative Dispute Resolution - The Alternative Dispute Resolution Program was created under the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 15-23-1. The Alternative Dispute Resolution Program was established for the resolution of disputes with any method other than litigation. This program is presented as a governmental type unit.

Proprietary Component Unit

Classic Center - The financial operations of the Classic Center Authority of Clarke County, created in 1988, are presented as a proprietary type unit. Athens-Clarke County is responsible for appointing the five members of the Authority's Board of Directors. The issuance of debt by the Authority requires approval by Athens-Clarke County. The State law enacting the Authority requires the Government's Independent Auditor to audit the financial records of the Authority.

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Combining Statement of Net Position
Nonmajor Governmental Component Units
June 30, 2024

	Downtown Athens Development Authority	Clarke County Board of Health	Alternative Dispute Resolution	Total
ASSETS				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,329,391	\$ 5,223,378	\$ 190,699	\$ 6,743,468
Accounts receivable (net)	554,443	2,768,149	51,338	3,373,930
Restricted assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	5,190	-	-	5,190
Total current assets	1,889,024	7,991,527	242,037	10,122,588
Noncurrent assets				
Depreciable/amortizable capital assets (net)	156,205	2,516,507	-	2,672,712
Net OPEB asset	-	558,246	-	558,246
Total noncurrent assets	156,205	3,074,753	-	3,230,958
Total assets	2,045,229	11,066,280	242,037	13,353,546
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred outflows related to pensions	-	4,033,863	-	4,033,863
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	-	1,690,999	-	1,690,999
Total deferred outflows of resources	-	5,724,862	-	5,724,862
LIABILITIES				
Current liabilities				
Accounts payable	90,199	1,023,149	2,401	1,115,749
Accrued payroll liabilities	19,067	769,502	1,302	789,871
Customer deposits	5,190	-	-	5,190
Intergovernmental payable	-	-	79,347	79,347
Unearned revenue	-	68,710	-	68,710
Compensated absences	17,597	24,401	-	41,998
Leases payable	-	356,490	-	356,490
Total current liabilities	132,053	2,242,252	83,050	2,457,355
Noncurrent liabilities				
Compensated absences	-	705,599	-	705,599
Leases payable	-	1,903,172	-	1,903,172
Net pension liability	-	13,195,289	-	13,195,289
Net OPEB liability	-	582,177	-	582,177
Total noncurrent liabilities	-	16,386,237	-	16,386,237
Total liabilities	132,053	18,628,489	83,050	18,843,592
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred inflows related to pensions	-	30,920	-	30,920
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	-	711,134	-	711,134
Total deferred inflows of resources	-	742,054	-	742,054
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets	156,205	256,845	-	413,050
Unrestricted/(deficit)	1,756,971	(2,836,246)	158,987	(920,288)
Total net position/(deficit)	\$ 1,913,176	\$ (2,579,401)	\$ 158,987	\$ (507,238)

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Combining Statement of Activities
Nonmajor Governmental Component Units
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

	Downtown Athens Development Authority	Clarke County Board of Health	Alternative Dispute Resolution	Total
EXPENSES				
General government	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,700	\$ 19,700
Judicial	-	-	123,756	123,756
Health and welfare	-	26,595,412	-	26,595,412
Housing and development	2,416,418	-	-	2,416,418
Interest on long-term debt	-	108,552	-	108,552
Total expenses	<u>2,416,418</u>	<u>26,703,964</u>	<u>143,456</u>	<u>29,263,838</u>
PROGRAM REVENUES				
Charges for services	19,997	2,208,939	175,797	2,404,733
Operating grants and contributions	2,231,006	24,133,201	-	26,364,207
Total program revenue	<u>2,251,003</u>	<u>26,342,140</u>	<u>175,797</u>	<u>28,768,940</u>
Net (expense)/revenue	<u>(165,415)</u>	<u>(361,824)</u>	<u>32,341</u>	<u>(494,898)</u>
GENERAL REVENUES				
Property taxes	487,627	-	-	487,627
Interest	30,964	24,106	-	55,070
Total general revenue	<u>518,591</u>	<u>24,106</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>542,697</u>
Change in net position	353,176	(337,718)	32,341	47,799
Net position/(deficit) - beginning	<u>1,560,000</u>	<u>(2,241,683)</u>	<u>126,646</u>	<u>(555,037)</u>
Net position/(deficit) - ending	<u><u>\$ 1,913,176</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (2,579,401)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 158,987</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (507,238)</u></u>

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Combining Balance Sheet
Nonmajor Governmental Component Units
June 30, 2024

	Downtown Athens Development Authority	Clarke County Board of Health	Alternative Dispute Resolution	Total
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,329,391	\$ 5,223,378	\$ 190,699	\$ 6,743,468
Accounts receivable (net)	554,443	2,768,149	51,338	3,373,930
Restricted assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	5,190	-	-	5,190
Total assets	\$ 1,889,024	\$ 7,991,527	\$ 242,037	\$ 10,122,588
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ 90,199	\$ 1,023,149	\$ 2,401	\$ 1,115,749
Intergovernmental payable	-	-	79,347	79,347
Accrued payroll liabilities	19,067	769,502	1,302	789,871
Customer deposits	5,190	-	-	5,190
Unearned revenue	-	68,710	-	68,710
Compensated absences - current	-	24,401	-	24,401
Total liabilities	114,456	1,885,762	83,050	2,083,268
FUND BALANCES				
Assigned	-	2,490,888	-	2,490,888
Unassigned	1,774,568	3,614,877	158,987	5,548,432
Total fund balances	1,774,568	6,105,765	158,987	8,039,320
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 1,889,024	\$ 7,991,527	\$ 242,037	\$ 10,122,588

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Nonmajor Governmental Component Units
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

	Downtown Athens Development Authority	Clarke County Board of Health	Alternative Dispute Resolution	Total
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ 487,627	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 487,627
Intergovernmental	2,231,006	24,133,201	-	26,364,207
Charges for services	19,997	2,208,939	175,797	2,404,733
Interest	30,964	24,106	-	55,070
Total revenues	<u>2,769,594</u>	<u>26,366,246</u>	<u>175,797</u>	<u>29,311,637</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
General government	-	-	19,700	19,700
Judicial	-	-	123,756	123,756
Health and welfare	-	25,207,516	-	25,207,516
Housing and development	2,407,990	-	-	2,407,990
Debt service				
Principal retirement	-	355,926	-	355,926
Interest and fiscal charges	-	108,552	-	108,552
Total expenditures	<u>2,407,990</u>	<u>25,671,994</u>	<u>143,456</u>	<u>28,223,440</u>
Net change in fund balance	361,604	694,252	32,341	1,088,197
Fund balances - beginning	<u>1,412,964</u>	<u>5,411,513</u>	<u>126,646</u>	<u>6,951,123</u>
Fund balances - ending	<u><u>\$ 1,774,568</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 6,105,765</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 158,987</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 8,039,320</u></u>

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Statement of Net Position
Nonmajor Proprietary Component Unit
June 30, 2024

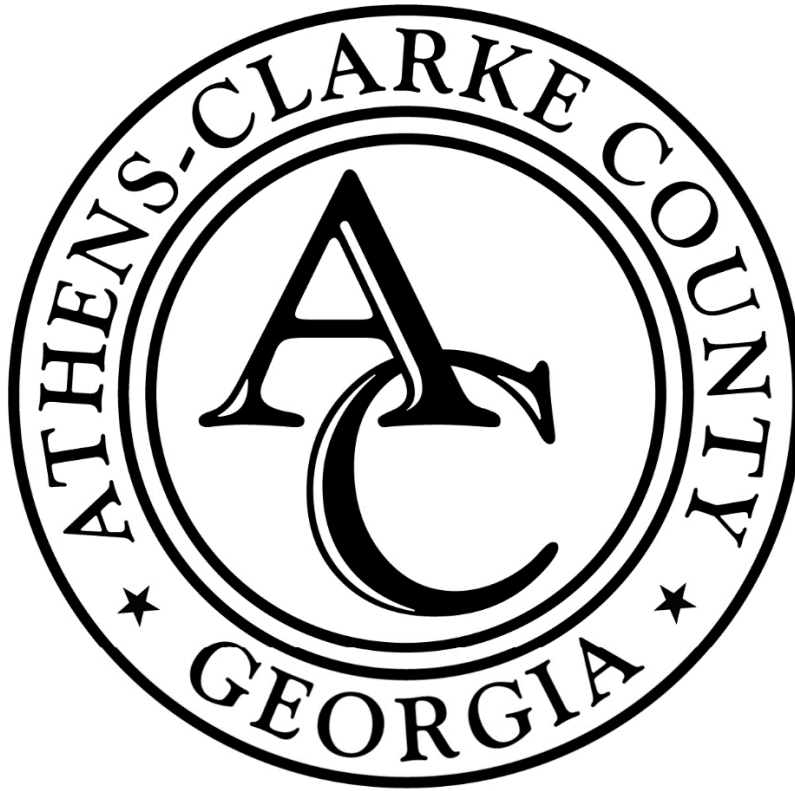
	Classic Center
ASSETS	
Current assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 15,277,805
Receivables (net)	
Taxes	865,820
Accounts	1,414,885
Prepaid items	235,839
Leases receivable	7,258
Restricted assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	49,167,865
Total current assets	<u>66,969,472</u>
Noncurrent assets	
Leases receivable	<u>269,552</u>
Capital assets	
Non-depreciable assets	84,475,164
Depreciable/amortizable assets (net)	<u>9,089,868</u>
Capital assets (net)	<u>93,565,032</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>93,834,584</u>
Total assets	<u>160,804,056</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities	
Accounts payable	9,716,481
Accrued payroll liabilities	148,743
Due to others	22
Unearned revenue	1,152,394
Compensated absences	108,914
Accrued interest payable	7,561
Subscriptions payable	61,805
Notes payable	464,310
Liabilities payable from restricted assets	
Due to others	1,716,168
Retainage payable	7,802,149
Customer deposits	593,763
Accrued interest payable	802,326
Bonds payable	<u>100,000</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>22,674,636</u>
Noncurrent liabilities	
Subscriptions payable	121,647
Notes payable	4,604,412
Bonds payable	<u>117,315,282</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>122,041,341</u>
Total liabilities	<u>144,715,977</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred lease inflows	<u>265,622</u>
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	1,877,233
Unrestricted	<u>13,945,224</u>
Total net position	<u><u>\$ 15,822,457</u></u>

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
Nonmajor Proprietary Component Unit
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

	Classic Center
OPERATING REVENUES	
Charges for services	\$ 14,005,246
Other revenue	3,084,323
Total operating revenues	<u>17,089,569</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Personal services	5,625,791
Cost of sales and services	5,268,397
Depreciation and amortization	718,394
Other	8,695,612
Total operating expenses	<u>20,308,194</u>
Operating loss	<u>(3,218,625)</u>
NONOPERATING REVENUES/(EXPENSES)	
Intergovernmental revenue	5,309,088
Interest revenue	3,360,995
Interest expense	(4,566,553)
Debt issuance costs	(324,444)
Total nonoperating revenues/(expenses)	<u>3,779,086</u>
Income/(loss) before capital contributions	560,461
Capital contributions	<u>865,000</u>
Change in net position	1,425,461
Total net position - beginning	<u>14,396,996</u>
Total net position - ending	<u><u>\$ 15,822,457</u></u>

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Statement of Cash Flows
Nonmajor Proprietary Component Unit
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

	Classic Center
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Receipts from customers	\$ 15,887,080
Other receipts	3,084,323
Payments to suppliers	(14,544,777)
Payments to employees	(5,545,428)
Net cash provided/(used) by operating activities	<u>(1,118,802)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Cash receipts from other governments	<u>4,754,560</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Receipts from individuals	865,000
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(15,534,829)
Proceeds from issuance of debt	28,079,867
Debt issuance costs	(324,444)
Payment of capital related payables	(11,700,576)
Principal payments - subscriptions payable	(60,050)
Principal payments - notes payable	(464,311)
Principal payments - bonds payable	(100,000)
Interest paid	<u>(4,295,297)</u>
Net cash provided/(used) by capital and related financing activities	<u>(3,534,640)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Interest on investments	<u>3,242,760</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	3,343,878
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning	<u>61,101,792</u>
Cash and cash equivalents - ending	<u><u>\$ 64,445,670</u></u>
Cash and cash equivalents reconciliation	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 15,277,805
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	49,167,865
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u><u>\$ 64,445,670</u></u>
Reconciliation of operating income/(loss) to net cash provided/(used) by operating activities:	
Operating income/(loss)	<u>\$ (3,218,625)</u>
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used by operating activities	
Depreciation and amortization	718,394
(Increase)/decrease in accounts receivable	2,998
(Increase)/decrease in prepaid items	(69,940)
(Increase)/decrease in lease receivable	6,623
Increase/(decrease) in deferred lease inflow	(14,358)
Increase/(decrease) in accounts payable	(510,828)
Increase/(decrease) in accrued payroll liabilities	80,363
Increase/(decrease) in due to others	1,716,190
Increase/(decrease) in customer deposits	165,493
Increase/(decrease) in unearned revenues	4,888
Total adjustments	<u>2,099,823</u>
Net cash provided/(used) by operating activities	<u><u>\$ (1,118,802)</u></u>
Noncash transactions affecting financial position:	
Acquisition of assets through capital related payables	\$ 15,861,677



Statistical Section

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia

Statistical Section (Unaudited)

This part of the Government's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report presents detailed information as a context for understanding what the information in the financial statements, note disclosures, and required supplementary information says about the Government's overall financial health.

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Financial Trends (Schedules 1-4)	131-135
These schedules contain trend information to help the reader understand how the Government's financial performance and well-being have changed over time.	
Revenue Capacity (Schedules 5-10)	138-141
These schedules contain information to help the reader assess the Government's most significant local revenue sources: property tax and sales tax.	
Debt Capacity (Schedules 11-15)	142-146
These schedules present information to help the reader assess the affordability of the Government's current levels of outstanding debt and the Government's ability to issue additional debt in the future.	
Demographic and Economic Information (Schedules 16-17)	147-148
These schedules offer demographic and economic indicators to help the reader understand the environment within which the Government's financial activities take place.	
Operating Information (Schedules 18-20)	149-152
These schedules contain service and infrastructure data to help the reader understand how the information in the Government's financial report relates to the services the Government provides and the activities it performs.	

Sources: Unless otherwise noted, the information in these schedules is derived from the Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports for the relevant year.

Schedule 1
Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Net Position by Component
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(accrual basis of accounting)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Governmental activities										
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 395,025,050	\$ 411,763,612	\$ 432,889,250	\$ 436,164,456	\$ 469,694,420	\$ 477,385,442	\$ 509,201,957	\$ 517,477,862	\$ 547,293,584	\$ 603,028,422
Restricted	46,565,360	49,796,664	36,736,342	36,602,683	54,856,295	89,293,757	128,978,333	257,762,517	280,642,906	294,912,113
Unrestricted (deficit)	(61,023,183)	(82,776,887)	(99,905,878)	(197,961,323)	(210,633,971)	(237,810,596)	(286,181,080)	(358,966,163)	(332,825,110)	(303,416,477)
Total governmental activities net position	<u>\$ 380,567,227</u>	<u>\$ 378,783,389</u>	<u>\$ 369,719,714</u>	<u>\$ 274,805,816</u>	<u>\$ 313,916,744</u>	<u>\$ 328,868,603</u>	<u>\$ 351,999,210</u>	<u>\$ 416,274,216</u>	<u>\$ 495,111,380</u>	<u>\$ 594,524,058</u>
Business-type activities										
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 281,900,676	\$ 282,514,387	\$ 265,148,380	\$ 312,893,527	\$ 319,911,066	\$ 325,139,971	\$ 367,928,845	\$ 379,086,610	\$ 400,571,899	\$ 433,653,679
Restricted	-	-	-	7,167,757	233,392	6,096,652	6,096,680	5,828,183	-	-
Unrestricted	69,709,437	80,278,300	110,814,825	110,302,559	125,466,552	131,292,459	100,742,367	95,811,597	100,278,852	103,394,424
Total business-type activities net position	<u>\$ 351,610,113</u>	<u>\$ 362,792,687</u>	<u>\$ 375,963,205</u>	<u>\$ 430,363,843</u>	<u>\$ 445,611,010</u>	<u>\$ 462,529,082</u>	<u>\$ 474,767,892</u>	<u>\$ 480,726,390</u>	<u>\$ 500,850,751</u>	<u>\$ 537,048,103</u>
Primary government										
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 676,925,726	\$ 694,277,999	\$ 698,037,630	\$ 749,057,983	\$ 789,605,486	\$ 802,525,413	\$ 877,130,802	\$ 896,564,472	\$ 947,865,483	\$ 1,036,682,101
Restricted	46,565,360	49,796,664	36,736,342	43,770,440	55,089,687	95,390,409	135,075,013	263,590,700	280,642,906	294,912,113
Unrestricted (deficit)	8,686,254	(2,498,587)	10,908,947	(87,658,764)	(85,167,419)	(106,518,137)	(185,438,713)	(263,154,566)	(232,546,258)	(200,022,053)
Total primary government net position	<u>\$ 732,177,340</u>	<u>\$ 741,576,076</u>	<u>\$ 745,682,919</u>	<u>\$ 705,169,659</u>	<u>\$ 759,527,754</u>	<u>\$ 791,397,685</u>	<u>\$ 826,767,102</u>	<u>\$ 897,000,606</u>	<u>\$ 995,962,131</u>	<u>\$ 1,131,572,161</u>

Schedule 2
Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Changes in Net Position
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(accrual basis of accounting)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Expenses										
Governmental Activities										
General government	\$ 29,997,427	\$ 37,251,761	\$ 33,095,912	\$ 38,865,355	\$ 47,764,500	\$ 64,257,341	\$ 61,296,742	\$ 53,234,932	\$ 57,484,983	\$ 29,620,628
Judicial	29,832,976	30,277,933	32,580,530	29,141,949	12,451,761	12,310,018	12,557,390	12,287,458	14,028,239	17,422,339
Public safety	42,923,962	46,000,766	48,453,849	43,649,206	63,582,237	65,307,481	67,632,123	68,910,171	77,415,026	82,638,932
Public works	21,397,076	23,260,320	24,658,057	20,710,007	23,509,265	25,130,099	25,522,194	27,163,747	28,622,807	32,067,391
Health and welfare	-	-	1,796,080	1,510,069	1,737,940	1,571,496	4,706,947	1,555,639	5,405,537	6,859,400
Culture and recreation	9,577,345	10,201,642	14,075,466	12,170,258	12,878,574	12,762,460	13,396,795	14,426,925	15,644,418	20,887,751
Housing and development	7,136,928	6,741,292	8,138,491	6,672,016	5,549,624	6,249,727	9,925,781	11,355,927	12,712,495	16,989,555
Interest on long term debt	800,873	905,064	852,976	639,622	571,898	1,165,434	479,724	1,852,683	374,121	1,021,828
Total governmental activities expenses	141,666,587	154,638,778	163,651,361	153,358,482	168,045,799	188,754,056	195,517,696	190,787,482	211,687,626	207,507,824
Business-type activities										
Water and sewer	42,191,438	39,584,445	40,323,955	40,848,243	42,197,808	43,443,267	44,331,407	46,114,344	46,841,001	48,848,477
Airport	-	-	-	2,688,916	2,649,909	2,685,899	2,516,275	3,955,015	4,186,916	5,100,916
Landfill	3,575,512	3,940,697	3,969,872	3,726,658	3,754,647	4,006,314	4,092,063	6,245,795	4,659,859	5,700,108
Transit	6,136,373	6,641,800	6,651,777	7,632,987	8,895,806	9,208,033	9,136,251	9,216,959	9,256,326	8,365,786
Solid Waste	3,233,135	3,037,484	3,212,291	3,301,670	3,286,160	3,531,692	3,518,351	3,733,431	4,059,719	4,261,757
Stormwater	3,076,963	3,021,847	3,149,155	3,314,029	3,975,814	4,434,460	4,522,058	4,543,357	4,771,972	5,301,949
Land Bank Authority	-	978	6,307	-	-	33	-	-	-	-
Total business-type activities expenses	58,213,421	56,227,251	57,313,357	61,512,503	64,760,144	67,309,698	68,116,405	73,808,901	73,775,793	77,578,993
Total primary government expenses	\$ 199,880,008	\$ 210,866,029	\$ 220,964,718	\$ 214,870,985	\$ 232,805,943	\$ 256,063,754	\$ 263,634,101	\$ 264,596,383	\$ 285,463,419	\$ 285,086,817
Program Revenues										
Governmental Activities										
Charges for services										
General government	\$ 4,396,368	\$ 4,565,722	\$ 4,514,340	\$ 4,413,594	\$ 4,543,279	\$ 4,710,626	\$ 3,658,884	\$ 4,481,366	\$ 5,223,778	\$ 6,069,768
Judicial	7,193,096	6,175,012	5,864,119	6,117,500	5,734,298	4,487,378	2,890,720	4,312,245	3,901,286	3,679,613
Public safety	2,914,440	2,815,638	3,177,139	2,719,929	3,135,152	3,176,694	2,980,180	3,439,680	3,482,958	4,022,624
Public works	5,216,727	5,498,792	5,831,194	6,147,877	5,703,645	5,438,331	4,735,042	6,280,197	6,850,154	7,568,371
Culture and recreation	1,086,919	1,082,595	1,157,105	1,104,537	1,177,222	617,127	586,309	906,985	1,121,432	1,187,895
Housing and development	1,302,599	969,955	1,943,892	1,078,252	2,013,951	2,245,018	2,543,083	5,616,304	2,470,921	4,413,814
Operating grants and contributions	4,768,885	4,905,983	4,740,536	5,217,283	4,041,309	5,883,180	13,153,780	16,637,484	23,339,563	20,731,219
Capital grants and contributions	8,222,903	7,158,609	2,788,007	14,270,154	21,066,126	5,686,733	8,787,892	8,337,071	11,837,686	18,077,584
Total governmental activities program revenues	35,101,937	33,172,306	30,016,332	41,069,126	47,414,982	32,245,087	39,335,890	50,011,332	58,227,778	65,750,888
Business-type activities										
Charges for services										
Water and sewer	47,998,930	50,305,874	54,044,734	55,400,790	57,587,236	59,810,940	56,182,510	59,277,106	64,896,101	72,216,734
Airport	-	-	-	2,677,488	2,363,082	2,638,093	2,601,991	4,241,184	4,730,128	4,837,141
Landfill	3,443,240	3,836,148	4,263,779	4,302,047	4,214,635	4,081,343	4,634,555	5,032,444	5,149,342	5,900,570
Transit	1,565,884	1,461,729	1,406,337	1,306,035	1,215,579	775,544	118,033	90,325	70,842	97,713
Solid Waste	3,418,584	3,383,706	3,457,758	3,451,226	3,544,287	3,446,453	3,501,690	3,705,788	3,875,786	4,442,263
Stormwater	3,504,697	3,567,324	3,852,901	4,193,511	3,987,046	4,497,795	4,524,902	4,235,162	4,862,460	5,554,796
Operating grants and contributions	2,037,000	2,068,000	2,099,000	2,563,000	2,556,876	4,020,324	6,169,946	2,720,364	6,868,085	3,935,696
Capital grants and contributions	1,011,623	924,405	38,045	998,550	380,000	1,852,900	1,143,825	1,682,225	1,962,793	4,869,855
Total business-type activities program revenues	62,979,958	65,547,186	69,162,554	74,892,647	75,848,741	81,123,392	78,877,452	80,984,598	92,415,537	101,854,768
Total primary government program revenues	\$ 98,081,895	\$ 98,719,492	\$ 99,178,886	\$ 115,961,773	\$ 123,263,723	\$ 113,368,479	\$ 118,213,342	\$ 130,995,930	\$ 150,643,315	\$ 167,605,656

Note: In fiscal year 2021, Governmental Activities operating grants and contributions increased primarily due to \$6.6 million received from the Coronavirus Relief Fund.
In fiscal years 2022,

(continued)

Schedule 2
Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Changes in Net Position
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(accrual basis of accounting)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Net (Expense)/Revenue										
Governmental Activities	\$ (106,564,650)	\$ (121,466,472)	\$ (133,635,029)	\$ (112,289,356)	\$ (120,630,817)	\$ (156,508,969)	\$ (156,181,806)	\$ (140,776,150)	\$ (153,459,848)	\$ (141,756,936)
Business-type activities	4,766,537	9,319,935	11,849,197	13,380,144	11,088,597	13,813,694	10,761,047	7,175,697	18,639,744	24,275,775
Total primary government net expense	<u>\$ (101,798,113)</u>	<u>\$ (112,146,537)</u>	<u>\$ (121,785,832)</u>	<u>\$ (98,909,212)</u>	<u>\$ (109,542,220)</u>	<u>\$ (142,695,275)</u>	<u>\$ (145,420,759)</u>	<u>\$ (133,600,453)</u>	<u>\$ (134,820,104)</u>	<u>\$ (117,481,161)</u>
General Revenues and Other Changes in Net Position										
Governmental Activities										
Taxes										
Property taxes	\$ 49,231,919	\$ 50,743,276	\$ 52,581,432	\$ 55,663,129	\$ 59,034,967	\$ 65,129,171	\$ 69,478,641	\$ 74,678,486	\$ 84,332,541	\$ 91,458,697
Sales taxes	43,993,805	44,032,691	44,901,142	52,495,274	71,723,658	77,133,740	80,512,133	94,139,356	103,271,986	108,878,767
Excise taxes	15,410,364	15,989,297	15,321,598	15,619,031	16,733,367	16,184,754	15,863,891	19,461,786	20,130,103	20,803,762
Business taxes	7,971,238	8,490,207	9,787,699	9,974,311	10,622,326	11,222,092	11,890,583	12,059,626	12,447,701	13,451,876
Unrestricted grants and contributions	112,719	116,700	131,934	129,918	137,821	167,217	174,618	178,132	157,419	-
Investment income	180,785	391,317	454,016	1,303,551	1,478,127	1,118,357	113,014	289,566	6,238,108	8,803,125
Other revenues	2,003,087	890,084	1,472,680	1,561,516	889,189	926,007	1,032,445	1,021,000	1,392,948	1,418,765
Gain on sale of capital assets	57,244	26,328	50,339	213,041	102,341	244,574	300,040	176,014	30,890	143,741
Transfers	(7,088,214)	(1,017,235)	(129,486)	(32,149,577)	(980,051)	(665,084)	(52,952)	3,047,190	4,295,316	(4,247,599)
Total governmental activities	<u>111,872,947</u>	<u>119,662,665</u>	<u>124,571,354</u>	<u>104,810,194</u>	<u>159,741,745</u>	<u>171,460,828</u>	<u>179,312,413</u>	<u>205,051,156</u>	<u>232,297,012</u>	<u>240,711,134</u>
Business-type activities										
Investment income	376,716	468,572	704,731	1,306,915	2,526,639	1,899,868	129,321	193,631	3,814,976	5,588,528
Other revenues	392,882	358,646	393,614	502,671	651,880	512,023	1,223,587	1,620,414	1,865,160	2,051,321
Gain on sale of capital assets	22,672	18,186	93,490	18,106	-	27,403	71,903	15,946	99,797	34,129
Transfers	7,088,214	1,017,235	129,486	32,149,577	980,051	665,084	52,952	(3,047,190)	(4,295,316)	4,247,599
Total business-type activities	<u>7,880,484</u>	<u>1,862,639</u>	<u>1,321,321</u>	<u>33,977,269</u>	<u>4,158,570</u>	<u>3,104,378</u>	<u>1,477,763</u>	<u>(1,217,199)</u>	<u>1,484,617</u>	<u>11,921,577</u>
Total primary government	<u>\$ 119,753,431</u>	<u>\$ 121,525,304</u>	<u>\$ 125,892,675</u>	<u>\$ 138,787,463</u>	<u>\$ 163,900,315</u>	<u>\$ 174,565,206</u>	<u>\$ 180,790,176</u>	<u>\$ 203,833,957</u>	<u>\$ 233,781,629</u>	<u>\$ 252,632,711</u>
Change in Net Position										
Governmental Activities	\$ 5,308,297	\$ (1,803,807)	\$ (9,063,675)	\$ (7,479,162)	\$ 39,110,928	\$ 14,951,859	\$ 23,130,607	\$ 64,275,006	\$ 78,837,164	\$ 98,954,198
Business-type activities	12,647,021	11,182,574	13,170,518	47,357,413	15,247,167	16,918,072	12,238,810	5,958,498	20,124,361	36,197,352
Total primary government	<u>\$ 17,955,318</u>	<u>\$ 9,378,767</u>	<u>\$ 4,106,843</u>	<u>\$ 39,878,251</u>	<u>\$ 54,358,095</u>	<u>\$ 31,869,931</u>	<u>\$ 35,369,417</u>	<u>\$ 70,233,504</u>	<u>\$ 98,961,525</u>	<u>\$ 135,151,550</u>

Note: In fiscal year 2019, the Sheriff's Department was reclassified from the Judicial function to the Public Safety function

Schedule 3
Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Fund Balances - Governmental Funds
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(modified accrual basis of accounting)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
General Fund										
Nonspendable	\$ 32,914	\$ 13,554	\$ 132,938	\$ 11,088	\$ 10,103	\$ 501	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Assigned	6,457,300	7,040,000	6,930,600	4,323,044	4,000,000	1,313,629	7,649,075	8,835,164	13,152,648	14,697,401
Unassigned	21,324,246	19,240,897	16,420,827	18,394,193	22,366,250	32,565,692	32,148,781	44,870,298	51,588,993	42,441,363
Total general fund	<u>\$ 27,814,460</u>	<u>\$ 26,294,451</u>	<u>\$ 23,484,365</u>	<u>\$ 22,728,325</u>	<u>\$ 26,376,353</u>	<u>\$ 33,879,822</u>	<u>\$ 39,797,856</u>	<u>\$ 53,705,462</u>	<u>\$ 64,741,641</u>	<u>\$ 57,138,764</u>
All Other Governmental Funds										
Special Revenue Funds										
Nonspendable	15,720	6,312	157,082	249,699	157,082	157,083	157,083	157,083	-	107,550
Restricted	2,620,506	2,176,420	2,408,393	2,630,106	2,780,407	2,818,796	2,854,770	3,601,189	4,674,131	8,658,086
Committed	3,638,914	3,909,714	3,940,502	4,563,795	5,023,509	5,322,416	5,636,859	7,079,146	8,784,615	12,547,506
Assigned	1,782,125	1,680,627	1,303,508	1,144,907	1,779,449	1,919,353	2,100,015	2,408,785	3,626,594	4,599,304
Unassigned	-	-	(490,331)	(501,166)	(348,483)	(487,069)	(565,932)	(484,078)	-	(107,550)
Total special revenue funds	<u>8,057,265</u>	<u>7,773,073</u>	<u>7,319,154</u>	<u>8,087,341</u>	<u>9,391,964</u>	<u>9,730,579</u>	<u>10,182,795</u>	<u>12,762,125</u>	<u>17,085,340</u>	<u>25,804,896</u>
Capital Project Funds										
Nonspendable	-	-	48,615	235,763	235,763	905,405	2,070,826	-	-	-
Restricted	48,142,988	38,682,955	25,896,943	31,357,239	54,270,909	115,248,518	121,697,872	247,073,060	268,759,033	278,150,721
Committed	10,637,672	9,486,152	10,019,468	9,142,340	7,868,785	7,335,724	8,709,014	10,478,675	14,827,338	24,077,067
Assigned	1,559,775	2,228,673	1,306,723	1,770,239	1,492,739	1,743,520	1,128,597	1,116,003	1,661,013	1,593,856
Total capital project funds	<u>60,340,435</u>	<u>50,397,780</u>	<u>37,271,749</u>	<u>42,505,581</u>	<u>63,868,196</u>	<u>125,233,167</u>	<u>133,606,309</u>	<u>258,667,738</u>	<u>285,247,384</u>	<u>303,821,644</u>
Debt Service Fund										
Restricted	<u>5,646,991</u>	<u>5,988,481</u>	<u>6,492,406</u>	<u>7,579,594</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,993,762</u>	<u>3,074,275</u>	<u>5,456,955</u>	<u>5,832,915</u>	<u>6,126,787</u>
Permanent Fund										
Nonspendable	<u>13,381</u>	<u>12,518</u>	<u>14,430</u>	<u>17,803</u>	<u>19,887</u>	<u>23,880</u>	<u>33,445</u>	<u>26,031</u>	<u>34,777</u>	<u>47,676</u>
Total all other governmental funds	<u>\$ 74,058,072</u>	<u>\$ 64,171,852</u>	<u>\$ 51,097,739</u>	<u>\$ 58,190,319</u>	<u>\$ 73,280,047</u>	<u>\$ 138,981,388</u>	<u>\$ 146,896,824</u>	<u>\$ 276,912,849</u>	<u>\$ 308,200,416</u>	<u>\$ 335,801,003</u>

Note: In fiscal year 2020, the Government issued the Series 2020 General Obligation Sales Tax Bonds to fund projects authorized by the SPLOST 2020 referendum. Fund balance restricted for capital projects in other government funds increased by \$32,368,568 due to this bond issue. In fiscal year 2022, the Government issued the Series 2021 General Obligation Sales Tax Bonds to fund projects authorized by the SPLOST 2020 referendum. Fund balance restricted for capital projects in other government funds increased by \$112,231,520 due to this bond issue.

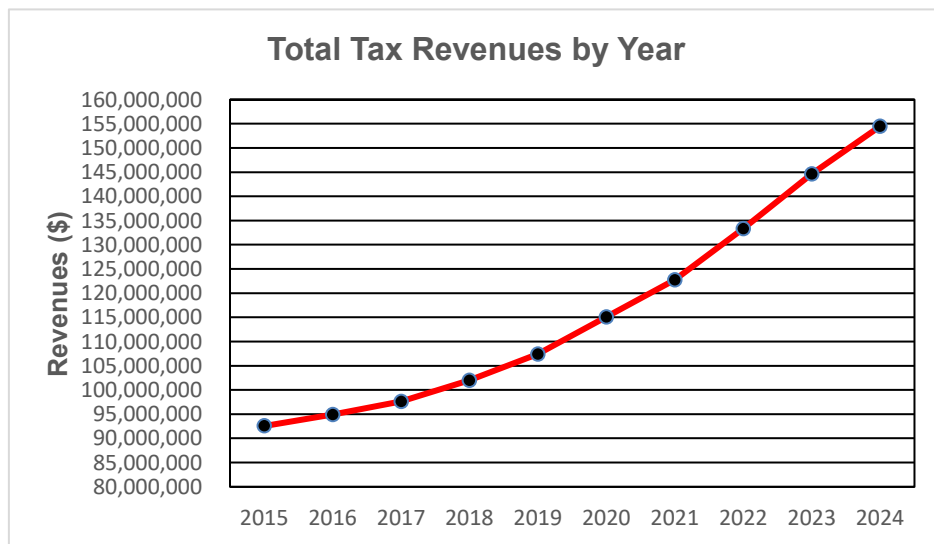
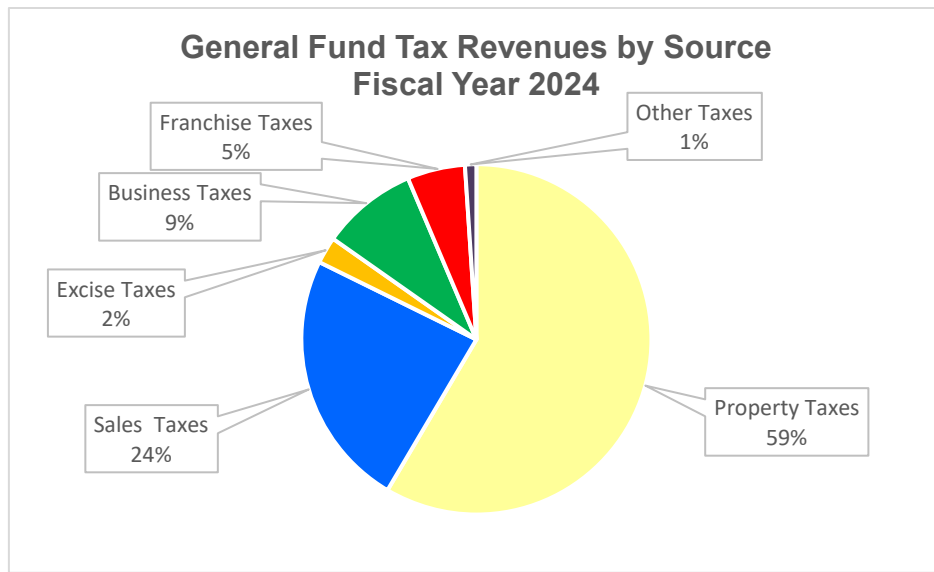
Schedule 4
Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Revenues										
Taxes	\$ 117,296,373	\$ 119,816,520	\$ 123,090,344	\$ 134,146,245	\$ 158,507,294	\$ 167,917,932	\$ 179,669,000	\$ 200,954,428	\$ 220,640,731	\$ 235,250,788
Licenses and permits	2,826,614	2,497,158	2,675,931	2,590,885	2,981,340	3,421,837	2,630,744	3,263,328	3,227,521	2,959,340
Intergovernmental	12,826,632	10,970,900	8,121,755	17,865,781	19,697,277	12,568,242	19,796,330	27,184,856	27,549,099	28,115,506
Charges for services	13,792,769	14,354,066	14,519,844	14,629,857	15,273,132	12,251,805	13,524,712	15,476,155	16,634,501	20,196,880
Fines and forfeitures	4,932,933	3,847,828	4,258,919	4,112,996	3,799,960	2,865,493	1,415,031	2,899,878	2,764,445	2,941,857
Interest	314,367	403,879	609,077	1,135,962	2,096,913	1,792,719	135,617	525,255	10,947,639	16,722,587
Net (decrease) in the fair value of investments	-	(863)	9	(4,166)	(296)	1,379	5,568	(10,688)	7,587	11,369
Other	2,003,085	918,506	1,383,777	1,504,502	1,057,341	993,433	1,024,748	1,391,179	1,943,020	1,539,710
Total revenues	153,992,773	152,807,994	154,659,656	175,982,062	203,412,961	201,812,840	218,201,750	251,684,391	283,714,543	307,738,037
Expenditures										
Current										
General government	17,189,146	19,342,568	19,494,984	20,637,517	22,661,748	25,022,733	28,166,529	36,783,302	38,065,548	36,401,597
Judicial	25,055,792	26,304,805	27,937,047	28,799,321	12,186,059	12,112,921	12,144,990	12,306,690	13,784,918	15,453,065
Public safety	38,340,848	39,435,674	40,809,791	42,021,615	60,274,065	61,370,148	63,015,267	65,888,350	72,417,734	81,541,299
Public works	12,352,820	13,249,527	13,838,830	14,457,225	15,364,152	15,809,241	15,905,963	17,113,031	17,411,983	22,610,219
Health and welfare	-	-	1,604,581	1,525,398	1,541,762	1,541,762	4,646,514	1,567,762	5,386,004	6,734,771
Culture and recreation	7,151,100	7,198,007	9,203,227	9,256,378	9,735,875	9,606,236	10,148,467	11,104,948	12,148,515	13,452,224
Housing and development	6,299,748	6,100,894	7,176,006	6,216,735	5,854,208	5,582,002	7,867,568	10,195,359	10,713,367	18,360,768
Intergovernmental	7,443,416	7,805,900	4,630,470	4,833,902	5,241,726	4,967,508	7,837,787	6,395,804	7,470,925	8,036,619
Capital outlay	51,584,174	33,199,524	33,114,184	39,155,397	41,665,273	24,482,770	50,425,174	43,788,911	47,326,175	62,023,578
Debt service										
Principal	9,926,500	10,204,800	10,518,600	11,188,054	10,849,338	3,186,423	6,535,705	13,521,237	13,869,799	12,866,143
Interest and fiscal charges	2,117,940	1,769,835	1,363,497	1,017,873	662,974	518,473	2,048,613	4,425,244	5,326,580	4,741,934
Debt issuance costs	600	500	-	21,500	-	161,664	9,000	429,271	-	-
Total expenditures	177,462,084	164,612,034	169,691,217	179,130,915	186,037,180	164,361,881	208,751,577	223,519,909	243,921,548	282,222,217
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(23,469,311)	(11,804,040)	(15,031,561)	(3,148,853)	17,375,781	37,450,959	9,450,173	28,164,482	39,792,995	25,515,820
Other Financing Sources (Uses)										
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	59,099	901	9,297	21,223	21,035	11,339	38,294	19,666	-	-
Issuance of debt	-	-	-	8,375,000	-	28,295,334	675,000	93,175,000	-	-
Premium on debt issuance	-	-	-	-	-	5,708,568	-	19,056,520	-	-
Transfers in	18,170,443	20,115,180	20,351,603	22,336,966	11,078,396	12,176,869	11,902,329	28,167,089	33,766,949	40,871,764
Transfers out	(18,392,117)	(19,738,239)	(21,213,538)	(21,247,796)	(9,737,456)	(10,438,259)	(8,232,326)	(24,659,126)	(31,236,198)	(46,389,874)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(162,575)	377,842	(852,638)	9,485,393	1,361,975	35,753,851	4,383,297	115,759,149	2,530,751	(5,518,110)
Net change in fund balance	\$ (23,631,886)	\$ (11,426,198)	\$ (15,884,199)	\$ 6,336,540	\$ 18,737,756	\$ 73,204,810	\$ 13,833,470	\$ 143,923,631	\$ 42,323,746	\$ 19,997,710
Debt service as a percentage of noncapital expenditures	9.40%	8.86%	8.45%	8.52%	7.79%	2.61%	5.32%	9.80%	9.59%	8.10%

Note: Beginning in fiscal year 2015, the following departments are being included in the Housing and Development function: Housing and Community Development, Economic Development, Planning and Zoning, Building Inspection, and Cooperative Extension Service. Beginning in fiscal year 2019, the Sheriff's Department was reclassified from the Judicial function to the Public Safety function.

Schedule 5
Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
General Fund Tax Revenues by Source
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year	Property Taxes	Sales Taxes	Excise Taxes	Business Taxes	Franchise Taxes	Other Taxes	Total
2015	\$ 49,882,805	\$ 21,878,655	\$ 2,979,090	\$ 7,980,412	\$ 8,881,523	\$ 978,765	\$ 92,581,250
2016	51,263,877	21,899,120	3,095,131	8,501,138	8,858,188	1,281,178	94,898,632
2017	53,035,937	22,330,078	3,164,863	9,803,127	8,075,196	1,206,235	97,615,436
2018	56,012,451	23,523,030	3,203,164	9,991,098	8,007,942	1,269,284	102,006,969
2019	59,377,704	24,266,926	3,272,336	10,647,016	8,461,593	1,393,770	107,419,345
2020	65,434,337	25,121,935	3,129,222	11,233,636	8,524,820	1,646,842	115,090,792
2021	69,653,011	28,069,532	3,320,364	11,551,453	7,795,877	2,344,835	122,735,072
2022	74,806,198	31,817,401	3,747,969	12,089,308	8,299,559	2,594,297	133,354,733
2023	83,421,757	34,910,648	3,853,327	12,689,369	8,353,180	1,409,187	144,637,468
2024	90,370,079	36,764,660	3,811,888	13,702,706	8,259,214	1,606,669	154,515,216



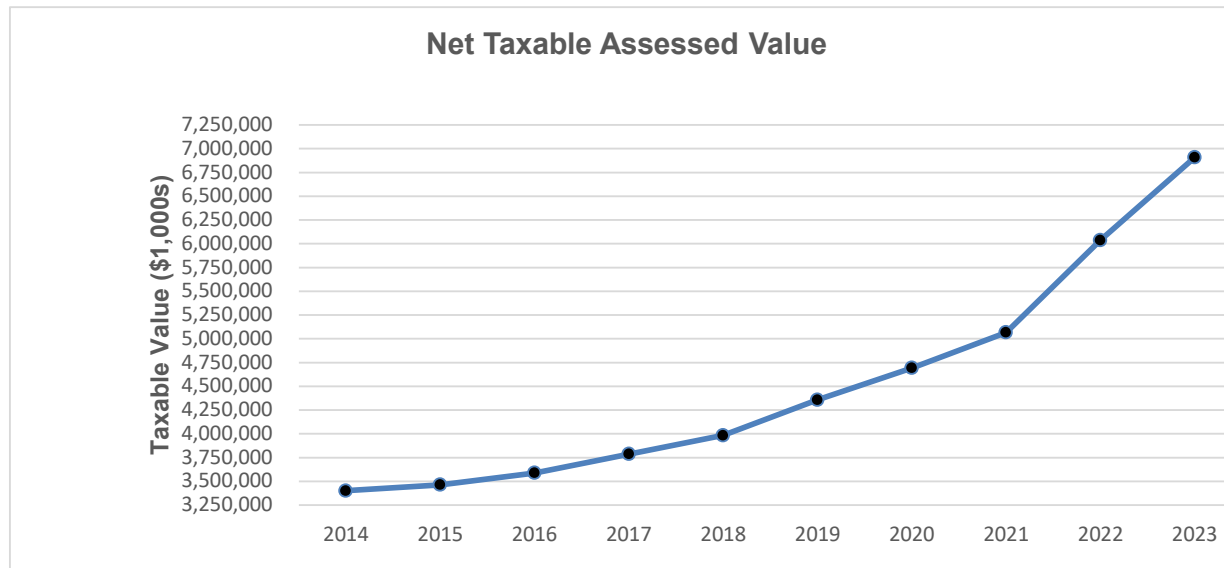
Schedule 6
Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Assessed Value and Actual Value of Taxable Property
Last Ten Calendar Years
(in thousands of dollars)

Calendar Year Ended December 31	Real and Personal Property	Motor Vehicles	Mobile Homes	Public Utilities	Less Exempt Property	Total Assessed Value	Less Exemptions On Taxable Property	Total Net Taxable Assessed Value	Total Direct Tax Rate (1)	Estimated Actual Taxable Value (2)	Assessed Value as a Percentage of Actual Value
2014	\$ 5,365,450	\$ 146,025	\$ 5,637	\$ 89,750	\$ (1,882,696)	3,724,167	\$ (323,581)	\$ 3,400,586	13.95	\$ 9,310,416	40%
2015	5,554,592	106,434	5,277	89,708	(1,954,282)	3,801,729	(337,580)	3,464,149	13.95	9,504,322	40%
2016	5,751,722	78,704	5,025	89,712	(1,979,455)	3,945,708	(356,853)	3,588,855	13.95	9,864,270	40%
2017	5,984,680	57,786	5,036	84,704	(2,009,290)	4,122,916	(335,372)	3,787,544	13.95	10,307,290	40%
2018	6,231,257	42,765	5,082	84,382	(2,014,529)	4,348,957	(365,566)	3,983,391	13.95	10,872,393	40%
2019	6,633,456	34,528	5,056	88,679	(2,017,545)	4,744,174	(386,343)	4,357,831	13.95	11,860,435	40%
2020	6,999,093	27,681	5,103	93,942	(2,056,526)	5,069,293	(377,226)	4,692,067	13.70	12,673,233	40%
2021	7,362,412	22,965	5,175	99,001	(2,070,810)	5,418,743	(353,105)	5,065,638	13.70	13,546,858	40%
2022	8,392,249	19,769	5,444	108,884	(2,098,153)	6,428,193	(390,147)	6,038,046	13.70	16,070,483	40%
2023	9,755,472	19,327	6,252	110,709	(2,320,376)	7,571,384	(663,045)	6,908,339	12.45	18,928,460	40%

Source: Tax Commissioner's Office

(1) The direct tax rate is applied against the total net taxable assessed value to levy property taxes.

(2) Under Georgia law, property is assessed for taxes at 40% of fair market value.



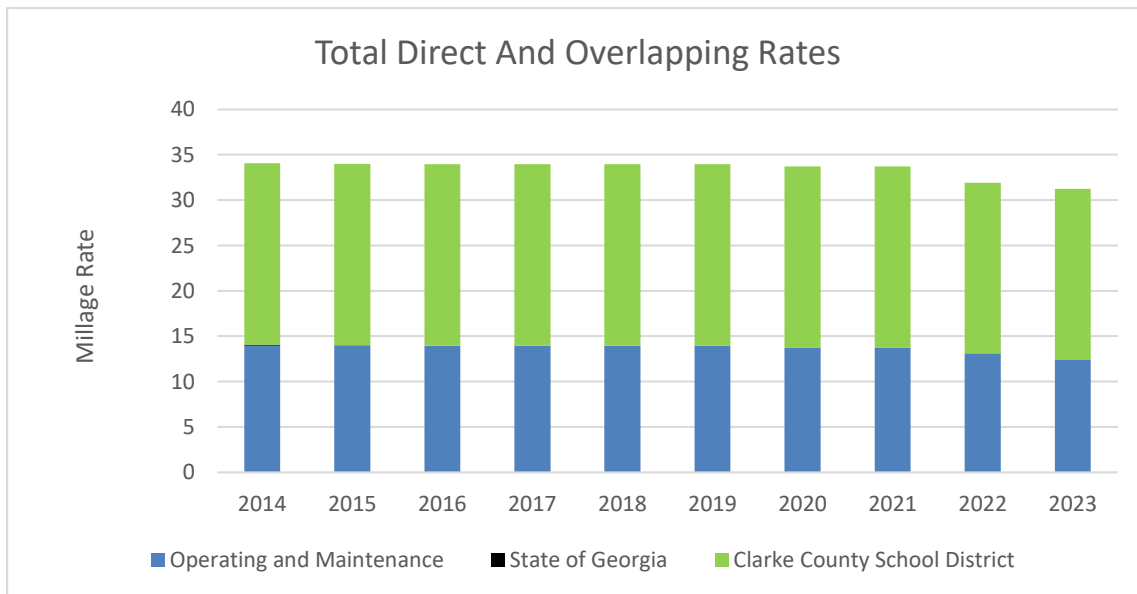
Schedule 7
Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Direct and Overlapping Property Tax Rates (1)
Last Ten Calendar Years

Calendar Year	Athens-Clarke County Direct Rate	Overlapping Rates (2)		Total Direct and Overlapping Rates
	Operating and Maintenance Rate	State of Georgia	Clarke County School District	
2014	13.95	0.10	20.00	34.05
2015	13.95	0.05	20.00	34.00
2016	13.95	0.00	20.00	33.95
2017	13.95	0.00	20.00	33.95
2018	13.95	0.00	20.00	33.95
2019	13.95	0.00	20.00	33.95
2020	13.70	0.00	20.00	33.70
2021	13.70	0.00	20.00	33.70
2022	13.10	0.00	18.80	31.90
2023	12.45	0.00	18.80	31.25

Source: Tax Commissioner's Office and Georgia Department of Revenue

(1) Tax rates are per thousand dollars of assessed value.

(2) Athens-Clarke County property owners are subject to a property tax levy for the Government, State of Georgia, and the Clarke County School District.



Schedule 8
Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Principal Property Taxpayers
Current Year and Nine Years Ago

Taxpayer	2024			2015		
	Taxable Assessed Value	Rank	Percentage of Total County Taxable Assessed Value	Taxable Assessed Value	Rank	Percentage of Total County Taxable Assessed Value
LMP Athens Property Owner, LLC	\$ 98,536,763	1	1.43 %	\$ -	-	- %
Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health	91,638,300	2	1.33	-	-	-
Janssen Pharmaceuticals Inc.	69,409,626	3	1.00	-	-	-
McLane Company Inc	47,775,668	4	0.69	16,514,259	7	0.48
GS Standard	33,400,001	5	0.48	-	-	-
Passco Jennings Mill DST	31,751,022	6	0.46	-	-	-
Finley and Broad Athens Owner, LLC	28,333,306	7	0.41	-	-	-
PRCP-GA Athens, LLC	27,033,221	8	0.39	-	-	-
2429 S. Milledge Avenue GA Owner, LLC	26,777,324	9	0.39	-	-	-
Pilgrims Pride Corporation	25,471,628	10	0.37	-	-	-
Georgia Power Company	-	-	-	43,434,977	2	1.25
Noramco	-	-	-	52,047,170	1	1.50
Meril/Rhone-Merieux, Inc.	-	-	-	22,435,984	4	0.65
KRG Beechwood	-	-	-	16,199,670	8	0.47
Bell South/AT&T	-	-	-	27,306,276	3	0.79
Certainteed/Saomt-Gobain Corp.	-	-	-	15,983,370	9	0.46
SHP Riverclub LLC	-	-	-	20,588,911	5	0.59
Diamond URS Athens, LLC	-	-	-	15,494,708	10	0.45
KDI Athens Mall/Athens Theater	-	-	-	19,099,030	6	0.55
Total	\$ 480,126,859		6.95 %	\$ 249,104,355		7.19 %

Source: Tax Commissioner's Office

Schedule 9
Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Property Tax Levies and Collections
Last Ten Calendar Years

Calendar Year of Levy	Taxes Levied for the Fiscal Year	Collected within the Fiscal Year of the Levy		Collections in Subsequent Years	Total Collections to Date	
		Amount	Percentage of Levy		Amount	Percentage of Levy
2014	\$ 48,134,377	\$ 47,709,256	99.12	\$ 415,043	\$ 48,124,299	99.98
2015	46,662,753	46,335,785	99.30	354,465	46,690,250	100.06
2016	52,519,681	52,194,741	99.38	331,099	52,525,840	100.01
2017	55,726,997	55,411,318	99.43	343,804	55,755,122	100.05
2018	59,095,976	58,701,948	99.33	437,015	59,138,963	100.07
2019	65,230,044	64,733,665	99.24	480,689	65,214,354	99.98
2020	69,138,361	68,644,170	99.29	496,237	69,140,407	100.00
2021	74,237,996	73,817,366	99.43	402,624	74,219,990	99.43
2022	78,213,568	77,609,267	99.23	708,240	78,317,507	100.13
2023	88,174,862	87,226,529	98.92	-	87,226,529	98.92

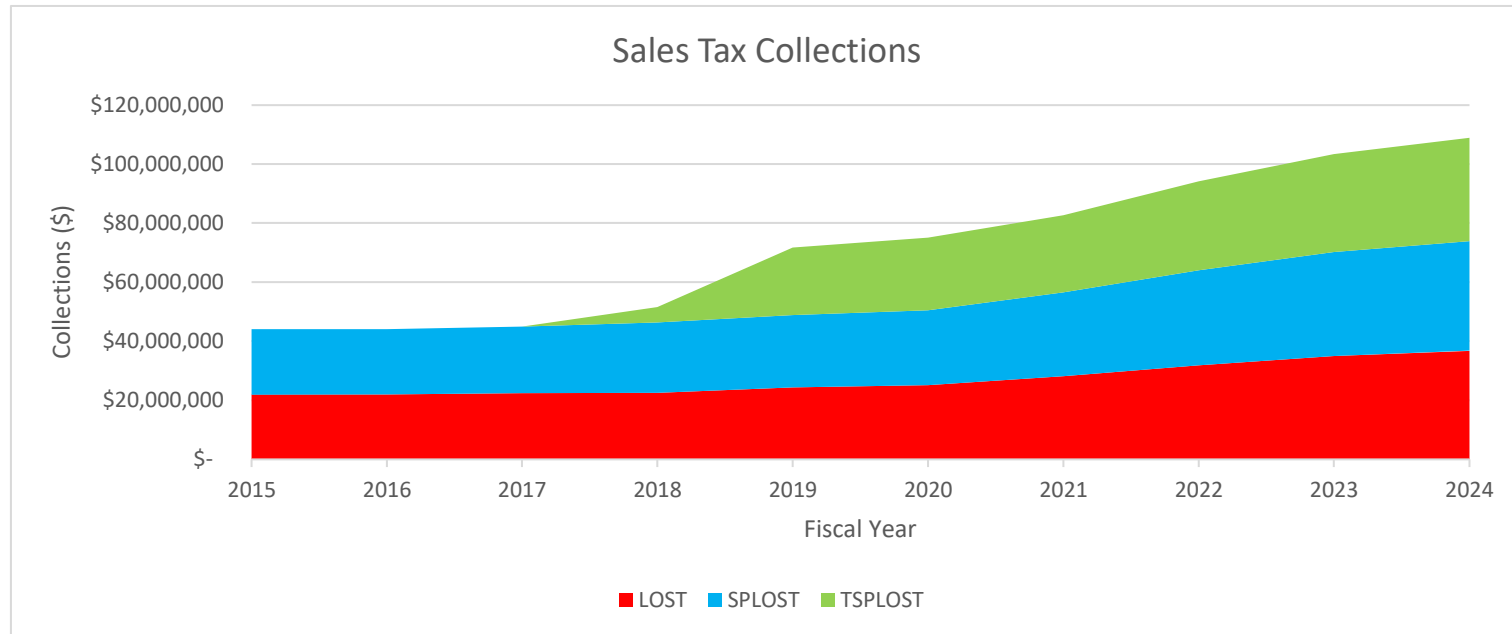
Source: Tax Commissioner's Office

Schedule 10
Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Sales Tax Collections
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year	Local Option Sales Tax (LOST)	Percent Increase (Decrease)	Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST)	Percent Increase (Decrease)	Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST)	Percent Increase (Decrease)	Total Sales Taxes
2015	\$ 21,878,655	6.26 %	\$ 22,115,150	6.27 %	\$ -	- %	\$ 43,993,805
2016	21,899,120	0.09	22,133,571	0.08	-	-	44,032,691
2017	22,330,078	1.97	22,571,064	1.98	-	-	44,901,142
2018	22,523,030	0.86	23,777,558	5.35	5,194,686	-	51,495,274
2019	24,266,926	7.74	24,518,639	3.12	22,938,093	341.57	71,723,658
2020	25,121,935	3.52	25,331,845	3.32	24,596,470	7.23	75,050,250
2021	28,069,532	11.73	28,406,978	12.14	26,119,114	6.19	82,595,624
2022	31,817,400	13.35	32,133,725	13.12	30,188,231	15.58	94,139,356
2023	34,910,648	9.72	35,244,889	9.68	33,116,449	9.70	103,271,986
2024	36,764,660	5.31	37,103,141	5.27	35,010,966	5.72	108,878,767

Source: Athens-Clarke County Finance Department

Note: LOST, SPLOST and TSPLOST are \$0.01 sales taxes on each dollar of taxable transactions.



Schedule 11
Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Ratios of Outstanding Debt by Type
Last Ten Fiscal Years

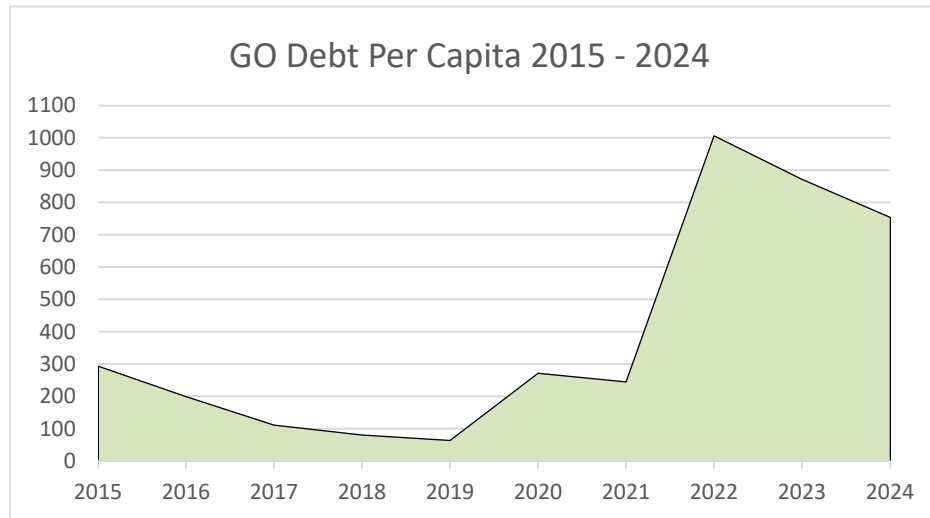
Fiscal Year	Governmental Activities							Business-type Activities				
	General Obligation Bonds	Guaranteed Revenue Debt	Certificates of Participation	Notes Payable	Leases Payable	Subscriptions Payable	Development Authority Revenue Bonds	Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds	Notes Payable	Total Primary Government	Percentage of Personal Income (1)	Per Capita (1)
2015	\$ 41,015,875	\$ 7,731,600	\$ 2,249,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,929,226	\$ 232,488,769	\$ 15,991,070	\$ 305,405,540	9 %	2,525
2016	30,608,066	6,921,800	2,249,000	-	-	-	5,902,376	228,219,509	15,149,162	289,049,913	8	2,333
2017	20,209,047	6,088,200	2,249,000	-	-	-	5,875,524	221,158,414	14,304,014	269,884,199	7	2,164
2018	9,766,939	5,225,400	2,249,000	359,746	-	-	5,563,674	213,865,258	14,730,827	251,760,844	6	1,981
2019	8,000,000	4,332,800	2,249,000	1,301,985	-	-	5,246,823	206,327,530	17,872,574	245,330,712	6	1,927
2020	38,442,068	3,409,800	2,249,000	2,669,720	-	-	4,919,973	198,537,854	16,864,689	267,093,104	6	2,081
2021	31,146,046	2,455,900	2,249,000	1,927,804	-	-	4,583,123	190,488,943	14,635,747	247,486,563	5	1,937
2022	129,573,004	2,000,400	2,249,000	1,456,859	-	-	4,226,273	182,158,599	12,972,102	334,636,237	6	2,600
2023	112,586,245	1,527,700	2,249,000	970,278	670,430	2,710,170	3,859,423	173,529,844	11,277,089	309,380,179	6	2,395
2024	97,849,506	1,037,200	2,249,000	736,966	529,276	1,947,840	3,482,573	164,595,882	10,213,782	282,642,025	5	2,175

(1) Calculated using amounts from Schedule 16.

Schedule 12
Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Ratio of General Bonded Debt Outstanding
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year	General Obligation Bonds	Percentage of Total Assessed Value of Property	Per Capita (1)
2015	\$ 35,368,884	0.95 %	\$ 292
2016	24,619,585	0.65	199
2017	13,716,641	0.35	110
2018	10,187,345	0.25	80
2019	8,000,000	0.18	63
2020	34,739,909	0.73	271
2021	31,146,046	0.61	244
2022	129,573,004	2.39	1,007
2023	112,586,245	1.75	872
2024	97,849,506	1.29	753

(1) Population data can be found in the Schedule 16 - Demographic and Economic Statistics.



Schedule 13
Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Direct and Overlapping Governmental Activities Debt
As of June 30, 2024

	Debt Outstanding	Estimated Percentage Applicable	Estimated Share of Direct and Overlapping Debt
Direct Debt:			
General Obligation Bonds (TSPLOST and SPLOST 2020)	\$ 97,849,506	100 %	\$ 97,849,506
Guaranteed Revenue Debt:			
Downtown Athens Development Authority - Washington St. Building Parking Deck	1,037,200	100	1,037,200
Development Authority of Athens-Clarke County, Component Unit	3,482,573	100	3,482,573
Notes Payable	736,966	100	736,966
Leases Payable	529,276		
Subscriptions Payable	1,947,840		
Certificates of Participation	2,249,000	100	2,249,000
Subtotal Direct Debt	107,832,361		105,355,245
Overlapping Debt: (1)			
Clarke County School District	61,250,000	100	61,250,000
Classic Center Authority, Component Unit	122,667,546	100	122,667,546
Subtotal Overlapping Debt	183,917,546		183,917,546
Total direct and overlapping debt	\$ 291,749,907		\$ 289,272,791

(1) Overlapping governments are those that coincide, at least in part, with the geographic boundaries of Athens-Clarke County. This schedule estimates the portion of the outstanding debt of those overlapping governments that is borne by the residents and businesses of Athens-Clarke County. This process recognizes that, when considering the government's ability to issue and repay long-term debt, the entire debt burden borne by the residents and businesses should be taken into account. However, this does not imply that every taxpayer is a resident, and therefore responsible for repaying the debt, of each overlapping government.

Sources: Athens-Clarke County Finance Department and Clarke County School District.

Schedule 14
Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Legal Debt Margin Information
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Debt limit	\$ 372,416,653	\$ 380,172,880	\$ 394,570,800	\$ 412,291,600	\$ 434,895,700	\$ 474,417,400	\$ 506,929,300	\$ 541,874,300	\$ 642,819,300	\$ 757,138,400
Total net debt applicable to limit	33,088,009	23,351,519	13,162,594	10,050,406	8,000,000	29,031,341	27,369,070	105,030,938	106,753,328	91,722,719
Legal debt margin	\$ 339,328,644	\$ 356,821,361	\$ 381,408,206	\$ 402,241,194	\$ 426,895,700	\$ 445,386,059	\$ 479,560,230	\$ 436,843,362	\$ 536,065,972	\$ 665,415,681
Total net debt applicable to limit as a percentage of debt limit	8.88%	6.14%	3.34%	2.44%	1.84%	6.12%	5.40%	19.38%	16.61%	12.11%

Legal Debt Margin Calculation for Fiscal Year 2020

Assessed Value		\$ 7,571,384,000
Debt Limit (10% of total assessed value)		757,138,400
General Obligation Bonds	97,849,506	
Less: amount set aside for repayment of general obligation debt	(6,126,787)	
Total net debt applicable to limit	-	91,722,719
Legal debt margin	\$ -	\$ 665,415,681

Note: Under state law, the Government's outstanding general obligation debt should not exceed 10 percent of total assessed property value. By law, the general obligation debt subject to the limitation may be offset by amounts set aside for repaying general obligation bonds.

Schedule 15
Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Pledged Revenue Bond Coverage
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds							
Fiscal Year	Operating Revenue	Less: Operating Expenses	Net Available Revenue	Debt Service		Coverage	
				Principal	Interest		
2015	\$ 48,686,198	\$ 18,029,704	\$ 30,656,494	\$ 4,455,000	\$ 11,361,494	1.94	
2016	51,055,181	18,254,648	32,800,533	3,305,000	5,420,899	3.76	
2017	55,012,279	18,682,868	36,329,411	5,390,000	9,394,600	2.46	
2018	56,939,866	19,347,511	37,592,355	5,670,000	9,125,100	2.54	
2019	60,262,035	19,515,804	40,746,231	5,965,000	8,841,600	2.75	
2020	61,896,526	20,100,738	41,795,788	6,270,000	8,543,350	2.82	
2021	57,432,528	20,758,085	36,674,443	6,585,000	8,229,850	2.48	
2022	60,744,677	22,235,725	38,508,952	6,925,000	7,900,600	2.60	
2023	66,667,043	22,731,897	43,935,146	7,285,000	7,554,350	2.96	
2024	78,908,725	25,543,661	53,365,064	7,655,000	7,190,100	3.59	

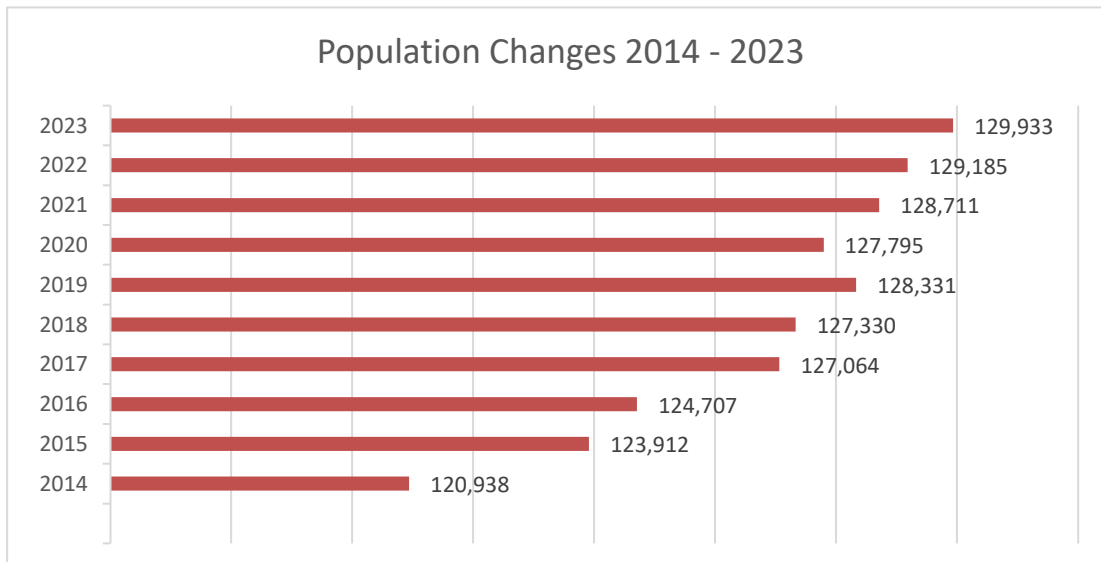
Note 1: Details regarding the Government's outstanding debt can be found in the Notes to the Financial Statements. Operating Revenue includes all charges for services, other revenues and interest revenues not related to construction funds. Operating expenses do not include interest, closure/post closure care, or depreciation. The principal and interest amounts for water and sewer revenue bonds annual debt service payments during the computational period are in accordance with the debt service coverage requirements in the covenants for the Water and Sewer Series 2015 Bonds.

Note 2: Pledged revenue requirements for Landfill revenue bonds are not applicable for fiscal years 2015 through 2024.

Schedule 16
Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Demographic and Economic Statistics
Last Ten Calendar Years

Calendar Year	Population	Personal Income	Per Capita Personal Income	Unemployment Rate (1)
2014	120,938	\$ 3,483,396,000	\$ 28,803	6.9 %
2015	123,912	3,635,942,000	29,343	5.9
2016	124,707	3,873,980,000	31,065	5.6
2017	127,064	4,128,474,000	32,491	4.7
2018	127,330	4,325,441,000	33,970	4.0
2019	128,331	4,474,788,000	34,869	3.6
2020	127,795	4,803,519,000	37,588	6.4
2021	128,711	5,234,983,000	40,672	3.8
2022	129,185	5,284,963,000	40,910	3.3
2023	129,933	5,703,989,000	43,899	3.3

Sources: US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis (CA1-3 Personal Income Summary)
(1) = Annual average provided by the US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics



Schedule 17
Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Principal Employers
Current Year and Nine Years Ago

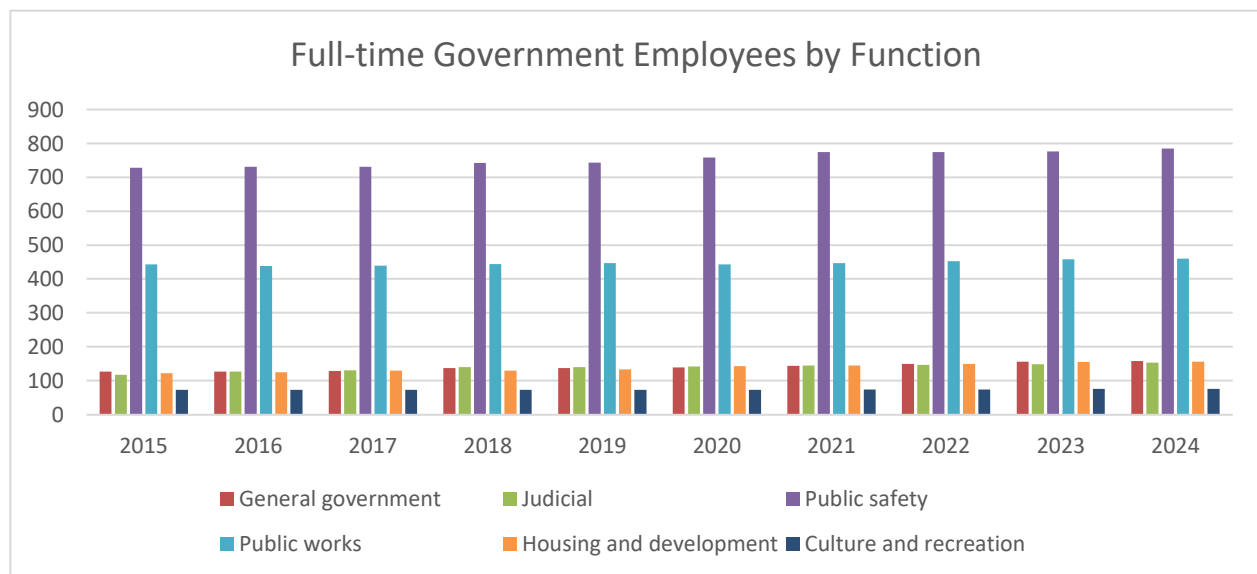
Employer	2024				2015			
	Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total County Employment		Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total County Employment	
University of Georgia	11,541	1	19.37	%	10,102	1	18.55	%
Piedmont Athens Regional	3,300	2	5.54		3,181	2	5.84	
Clarke County School District	2,350	3	3.94		2,146	3	3.94	
St. Mary's Health Care System	2,100	4	3.53		1,400	6	2.57	
Athens-Clarke County Unified Government	1,728	5	2.90		1,619	5	2.97	
Caterpillar	1,600	6	2.69		900	7	1.65	
Pilgrims Pride	1,350	7	2.27		1,654	4	3.04	
Power Partners/ABB Power	500	8	0.84		480	10	0.88	
Dial America	500	9	0.84					
Carrier Transicold	500	10	0.84					
Baldor/Reliance Electric Company	-		-		480	9	0.88	
Athens Technical College	-		-		650	8	1.19	
Total	<u>25,469</u>		<u>42.75</u>	%	<u>22,612</u>		<u>41.51</u>	%

Sources: The total county

Schedule 18
Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Full-time Government Employees by Function
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Function	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
General government	127	127	129	137	137	139	144	149	156	158
Judicial	117	127	131	140	140	142	145	147	148	153
Public safety	728	731	731	742	743	758	774	774	776	785
Public works	443	438	439	444	447	443	447	452	458	460
Culture and recreation	73	73	73	73	73	73	74	74	76	76
Housing and development	122	125	130	130	133	143	145	149	155	156
Total	1,610	1,621	1,633	1,666	1,673	1,698	1,729	1,745	1,769	1,788

Source: Athens-Clarke County Finance Department



Schedule 19
Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Operating Indicators by Function/Department
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	Function/Department										
		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
150	Judicial										
	Sheriff										
	Total arrests (Field Section only)	4,254	3,515	3,776	2,834	4,367	3,030	2,011	2,182	3,331	330
	Inmates processed	9,323	8,463	8,105	8,105	759	5,975	4,468	5,683	6,741	6,765
	Average inmates per day	445	398	386	421	411	359	301	365	475	387
	Public Safety										
	Police										
	Incident reports written	20,360	20,979	18,407	21,453	15,484	14,291	12,780	15,238	15,306	14,912
	Calls received via 911	136,543	122,420	156,922	112,748	106,917	102,917	98,184	101,456	97,184	91,819
	Part I incidents investigated by ACCPD	4,542	5,062	4,412	4,677	4,947	3179*	_***	_***	_***	_***
	NIBRS Group A Offenses***	10,580	11,235	10,116	9,990	9,794	10,248	9,775	10,154	9,434	10,050
	Fire										
	Emergency responses	3,629	4,155	5,422	6,196	6,002	6,721	7,712	9,308	9,607	11,082
	Inspections	4,182	4,582	3,719	3,126	3,007	906	3,235	3,344	4,060	2,206
	Public Works										
	Building Inspection										
	Total construction inspections	8,566	8,609	9,403	11,280	12,153	14,674	14,065	10,368	11,865	8,197
	Solid Waste										
	Community refuse collected (tons)	60,400	74,673	86,539	85,308	86,060	82,061	89,457	92,104	87,172	90,576
	Community recyclables collected (tons including RMPF)**	47,256	38,483	38,369	38,214	30,310	29,945	27,414	40,426	30,710	12,119
	RMPF (tons)	21,997	18,579	19,526	19,722	17,808	13,789	13,467	24,933	18,054	11,844
	ACC refuse collected (tons)	11,215	11,437	12,267	12,001	11,079	11,774	11,732	17,577	16,174	26,120
	ACC recyclables collected (tons)	7,095	7,462	7,332	7,542	6,352	5,491	6,261	5,994	5,499	6,786
	Public Utilities										
	New water meters installed	190	147	207	360	400	426	654	2,597	319	420
	Water business office bills prepared	436,090	441,931	444,292	447,313	452,445	456,756	464,121	470,618	476,673	479,254
	Daily water treatment (in millions)	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	14
	Number of fire hydrants repaired/replaced/installed	3,396	1,929	1,384	1,982	2,284	2,005	2,597	397	116	625
	Number of plans reviewed	587	682	607	635	664	632	533	651	470	491

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Schedule 19
Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Operating Indicators by Function/Department - continued
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Function/Department	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Public Works										
Major resurfacing/rehabilitation of pavement (centerline miles)	12	11	9	30	35	22	32	19	6	6
Traffic signal upgrades	39	30	47	46	22	180	85	97	92	87
Transit										
Total ridership	1,555,318	1,508,601	1,543,403	1,548,324	1,360,392	1,338,071	622,423	1,020,532	1,183,153	1,351,985
Total revenue miles	764,370	818,720	832,458	957,923	927,117	869,006	920,622	813,769	794,439	810,328
Airport										
Number of landings	37,036	31,964	35,769	37,506	40,933	40,260	41,246	43,351	38,604	41,740
Gallons of fuel sold (Jet Fuel)	417,447	426,194	452,940	406,096	287,964	365,117	415,752	575,540	523,888	571,773
Gallons of fuel sold (AVGas)	-	-	-	115,822	123,219	101,032	98,912	108,314	94,152	98,095
Central Services										
Square feet of building maintained	1,959,332	1,981,173	2,006,907	2,035,833	2,053,908	2,051,242	2,057,983	2,057,983	2,138,130	2,093,854
Vehicles replaced	48	48	57	53	54	52	31	62	34	68
Culture and Recreation										
Leisure Services										
Number of program participants	275,000	280,000	292,726	315,304	308,244	203,709	726,858**	799,584	822,697	837,328
Number of acres maintained	2,525	2,527	2,554	2,532	2,532	2,704	2,704	2,704	2,708	2,721

Source: Various Athens-Clarke County departments

Note: * Data subject to revision.

Note: Solid Waste began reporting tonnage from CHaRM in 2020.

Note: *** Police department changed to NIBRS reporting system in 2018. UCR reporting (Part 1) system is not longer used.

Note: ** FY21 installed trail counters

Schedule 20
Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Capital Asset Statistics by Function/Department
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Function/Department	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Judicial										
Sheriff										
Vehicles	43	43	43	43	48	48	48	46	49	51
Public Safety										
Police										
Vehicles	228	226	226	226	226	226	232	232	232	241
Stations/Precincts	5 (3/2)*	5 (3/2)*	5 (3/2)*	5 (3/2)*	5 (3/2)*	5 (3/2)*	5 (3/2)*	5 (3/2)*	5 (3/2)*	5 (3/2)*
Fire										
Stations	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Fire trucks	19	19	19	19	19	20	20	19	19	19
Public Works										
Public Works										
Lane miles owned and maintained	1,266	1,272	1,272	1,272	1,272	1,272	1,272	1,226	1,226	1,241
Traffic signals	170	172	172	172	172	172	173	173	175	177
Vehicles	110	113	106	113	113	116	116	116	117	119
Public Utilities										
Vehicles	161	161	161	161	161	161	163	154	154	154
Transit										
Full size buses	31	31	31	31	32	32	32	32	32	32
Other vehicles	11	19	19	18	17	21	23	23	19	23
Solid Waste										
Vehicles	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	40	39	40
Culture and Recreation										
Leisure Services										
Aquatics Facilities	10	9	9							
Bridges (count)	76	76	82							
Bridges (feet)	8,332	8,332	8,636	8,701	8,890	12,158	12,158	12,158	12,658	12,864
Buildings	145	146	146	150	150	181	185	185	185	185
Courts (all types)	22	22	22	53	53	53	53	53	53	53
Fields (all types)	32	32	33							
Parking Spaces	2,894	2,895	3,002	3,100	3,123	3,311	3,311	3,311	3,311	3,311
Playgrounds	15	15	15	17	17	18	18	18	18	18
Roads (miles)	7	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Outdoor Structures (e.g. amphitheatres, fishing piers,	19	20	20	22	34	31	31	31	31	33
Outdoor Spaces (e.g. dog parks, gardens, etc.)	17	17	21	40	44	41	41	41	41	41
Trails (miles)	38	38	38	44	46	47	47	47	48	53

* Total does not include Evidence Facility or Family Protection Center

Source: Various government departments

Note: Indicators are not available for the general government function

Athens-Clarke County Finance Department
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Athens, Georgia 30601

APPENDIX B

Summary of Certain Documents and
Definitions of Certain Terms Relating to

Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Water and Sewerage Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2025

**SUMMARY OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS AND
DEFINITIONS OF CERTAIN TERMS RELATING TO**

**THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA
WATER AND SEWERAGE REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2025**

CERTAIN DEFINITIONS

The following capitalized terms as used in this Summary and elsewhere in the Official Statement, are used with the following meanings:

“Accreted Value” means, with respect to each Compound Interest Bond, the principal amount of such Compound Interest Bond, plus, on the date of calculation, the interest accrued thereon to such date compounded at the interest rate thereof on each compounding date contained in such Compound Interest Bond, and, with respect to any calculation on a date other than a compounding date, the Accreted Value means the Accreted Value as of the preceding compounding date plus interest on such amount from such compounding date to the date of calculation at a rate equal to the interest rate on such Compound Interest Bond.

“Additional Interest” means, for any period during which any Liquidity Provider Bonds are owned by a Liquidity Facility Provider pursuant to a Liquidity Facility or Liquidity Facility Agreement, the amount of interest accrued on such Liquidity Provider Bonds at the Liquidity Provider Bond Rate less the amount of interest that would have accrued during such period on an equal principal amount of Bonds at the Bond Rate.

“Adjusted Available Revenues” means, for any Fiscal Year, the Available Revenue for such Fiscal Year less, to the extent included in the calculation of Net Operating Revenues for such Fiscal Year, all amounts received or expected to be received by or on behalf of the Issuer in respect of any subsidy, reimbursement or other payment from a governmental entity in connection with, or related to, payment of principal and/or interest on Senior Bonds.

“Annual Budget” means the annual budget of the Issuer relating to the System (which shall include all costs, obligations and expenses properly allocable to the System), as amended or supplemented in accordance with established procedures of the Issuer, adopted or in effect for a particular Fiscal Year.

“Attesting Officer” means the individual holding the office of Clerk of the Commission of the Issuer (or any individual holding the office of Deputy Clerk of the Commission of the Issuer) and any successor who might hold such office, and any individual, body or authority to whom or which may be delegated by law the duties, powers, authority, obligations or liabilities of such office.

“Authorized Denomination” means, (a) with respect to the Series 2025 Bonds, \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, and (b) with respect to other Parity Bonds or Subordinate Bonds, the amounts as provided by Series Ordinance.

“Available Revenues” means all Net Operating Revenues remaining after the payment or setting aside of all payments, transfers and other deposits described in subparagraphs (a) through (b) below under the heading “THE BOND ORDINANCE – Revenue Fund.”

“Balloon Bonds” means any series of Bonds, 25% or more of the original principal amount of which (a) is due in any 12-month period, (b) is subject to scheduled mandatory tender for repurchase in any 12-month period; or (c) may, at the option of the Bondholders, be required to be redeemed, prepaid, purchased directly or indirectly by the Issuer, or otherwise paid in any 12-month period; provided that, in calculating the principal amount of such Bonds due or required to be redeemed, prepaid, purchased, or otherwise paid in any 12-month period, such principal amount shall be reduced to the extent that all or any portion of such amount is required to be redeemed or amortized prior to such 12-month period and designated as such in the Series Ordinance authorizing such Bonds.

“Balloon Date” means, with respect to Balloon Bonds, the date or dates designated as such in the Series Ordinance authorizing such Balloon Bonds.

“Bond Counsel” means any firm of nationally recognized bond counsel experienced in matters relating to tax-advantaged bond financing, appointed by the Issuer.

“Bondholder” means the registered owner of one or more Bonds.

“Bond Ordinance” means the Bond Ordinance, enacted by the Issuer April 1, 2025, as amended or supplemented on June 3, 2025, as it may from time to time be further modified, supplemented or amended by Supplemental Ordinances.

“Bond Rate” means the rate of interest per annum payable for any period on specified Bonds other than Liquidity Provider Bonds.

“Bond Register” means the registration books maintained and to be maintained by the Issuer or by the Bond Registrar on behalf of the Issuer.

“Bond Registrar” means any bank or trust company designated as such by the Issuer in the Bond Ordinance or a Series Ordinance with respect to any of the Bonds. Such Bond Registrar shall perform the duties required of the Bond Registrar in the Bond Ordinance or a Series Ordinance.

“Bonds” means any revenue bonds authorized by and authenticated and delivered pursuant to the Bond Ordinance or a Series Ordinance, including the Series 2025 Bonds, any Parity Bonds and any Subordinate Bonds.

“Capitalized Interest Account” means any Capitalized Interest Account established by Series Ordinance within the Sinking Fund.

“Chief Officer” means the individual holding the office of Mayor of the Issuer and any successor who might hold such office, and any individual, body or authority to whom or which may be delegated by law the duties, powers, authority, obligations or liabilities of such office.

“Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and any regulations promulgated or applicable thereunder.

“Commitment,” when used with respect to Balloon Bonds, means a binding written commitment from a financial institution, surety or insurance company to refinance such Bonds on or prior to any Balloon Date thereof, including without limitation any Liquidity Facility for such Bonds.

“Compound Interest Bonds” means Bonds that bear interest which is calculated based on periodic compounding, payable only at maturity or earlier redemption, and designated as such in a Series Ordinance.

“Construction Fund” means the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Water and Sewerage Construction Fund established in of the Bond Ordinance.

“Consultant” means the consultant, consulting firm, financial consultant, financial consulting firm, engineer, architect, engineering firm, architectural firm, accountant or accounting firm retained by the Issuer to perform acts or carry out the duties provided for such consultant in the Bond Ordinance. Such consultant, consulting firm, financial consultant, financial consulting firm, engineer, architect, engineering firm or architectural firm shall be nationally or regionally recognized within its profession for work of the character required. Any such accountants or accounting firms shall be an Independent Certified Public Accountant licensed to practice in the State of Georgia.

“Costs” with respect to any Project, means the total cost, paid or incurred, to study, plan, design, finance, acquire, construct, reconstruct, install or otherwise develop the Project and shall include, but shall not be limited to,

the following costs and expenses relating to such Project and the reimbursement to the Issuer for any such items previously paid by the Issuer:

- (a) the cost of all lands, real or personal properties, rights, easements and franchises acquired;
- (b) the cost of all machinery and equipment, financing charges and interest prior to and during construction and for six months after completion of construction;
- (c) the cost of the acquisition, construction, reconstruction or installation of any Project;
- (d) the cost of engineering, architectural, development and supervisory services, fiscal agents' and legal expenses, plans and specifications and other expenses necessary or incident to determining the feasibility or practicability of any Projects, administrative expenses, and such other expenses as may be necessary or incident to any financing by Bonds;
- (e) the cost of placing any Project in operation;
- (f) the cost of condemnation of property necessary for such construction and operation;
- (g) the costs of issuing any Bonds to finance any Project or to refund any Bonds; and
- (h) any other costs that may be incident to any Project.

“Coverage Requirement” means, for any Fiscal Year or any other pertinent period, an amount of Adjusted Available Revenue equal to at least (i) 125% of the Debt Service Requirement on all Senior Bonds for such Fiscal Year or other pertinent period, as applicable, and (ii) 100% of the Debt Service Requirement on all Subordinate Bonds for such Fiscal Year or other pertinent period, as applicable.

“Credit Facility” means any letter of credit, insurance policy, guaranty, surety bond or similar obligation, arrangement or instrument issued by a bank, insurance company or other financial institution that is used by the Issuer to enhance the Issuer's credit by assuring owners of any of the Bonds that principal of and interest on such Bonds will be paid promptly when due. The term Credit Facility shall not include a Reserve Fund Credit Facility.

“Credit Facility Agreement” means an agreement between the Issuer and a Credit Facility Provider pursuant to which the Credit Facility Provider issues a Credit Facility and may include the promissory note or other instrument evidencing the Issuer's obligations to a Credit Facility Provider pursuant to a Credit Facility Agreement. The term Credit Facility Agreement shall not include a Reserve Fund Credit Facility.

“Credit Facility Provider” means any issuer of a Credit Facility then in effect for all or part of the Bonds. The term Credit Facility Provider shall not include any Reserve Fund Credit Facility Provider. Whenever in the Bond Ordinance the consent of the Credit Facility Provider is required, such consent shall only be required from the Credit Facility Provider whose Credit Facility is issued with respect to the Bonds for which the consent is required.

“Current Interest Bonds” means those Bonds that are not Compound Interest Bonds.

“Debt Service Requirement,” with respect to any Bonds, means the total principal and interest coming due, whether at maturity or upon mandatory redemption, less any interest that is to be paid from proceeds of the Bonds, less any earnings to be derived from the investment of moneys on deposit in any Debt Service Reserve Fund or Capitalized Interest Account, in any specified period. For purposes of calculating the Debt Service Requirement, the following provisions apply:

- (a) If any Bonds Outstanding or proposed to be issued shall bear interest at a Variable Rate, the interest coming due in any specified future period shall be determined as if the Variable Rate in effect on any such Bonds at all times during such future period equaled, at the option of the Issuer, either: (i) the highest average of the

actual Variable Rates that were in effect (weighted according to the length of the period during which each such Variable Rate was in effect) during a 3-month period of the most recent 12-month period immediately preceding the date of calculation for which such information is available (or shorter period if such information is not available for a 12-month period); or (ii) the current average annual long-term fixed rate of interest on securities of similar quality having a similar maturity date as certified by a Financial Advisor, or, alternatively if the Bonds bear a tax-exempt rate, the highest average SIFMA rate during a 3-month period of the most recent 12-month period immediately preceding the date of calculation, or, alternatively if the Bonds bear a taxable rate, the highest relevant average SOFR rate of similar duration during a 3-month period of the most recent 12-month period immediately preceding the date of calculation plus 25 basis points.

(b) If any Compound Interest Bonds are Outstanding or proposed to be issued, the total principal and interest coming due in any specified period shall be determined, with respect to such Compound Interest Bonds, by Series Ordinance of the Issuer authorizing such Compound Interest Bonds.

(c) With respect to any Bonds secured by a Financial Facility, Debt Service Requirement shall include (i) the outstanding amount of any Reimbursement Obligation owed to the relevant Financial Facility Provider and interest thereon, and (ii) any Additional Interest owed on Liquidity Provider Bonds to a Liquidity Facility Provider.

(d) With respect to any Hedged Bonds, the interest on such Hedged Bonds during any Hedge Period and for so long as the provider of the related Hedge Agreement has not defaulted on its payment obligations thereunder shall be calculated by adding (i) the amount of interest payable by the Issuer on such Hedged Bonds pursuant to their terms and (ii) the amount of Hedge Payments payable by the Issuer under the related Hedge Agreement and subtracting (iii) the amount of Hedge Receipts payable by the provider of the related Hedge Agreement at the rate specified in the related Hedge Agreement; provided, however, that to the extent that the provider of any Hedge Agreement is in default thereunder, the amount of interest payable by the Issuer on the related Hedged Bonds shall be the interest calculated as if such Hedge Agreement had not been executed. In determining the amount of Hedge Payments or Hedge Receipts that are not fixed throughout the Hedge Period (*i.e.*, which are variable), payable or receivable for any future period, such Hedge Payments or Hedge Receipts for any period of calculation (the "Determination Period") shall be computed by assuming that the variables comprising the calculation (*e.g.*, indices) applicable to the Determination Period are equal to the average of the actual variables that were in effect (weighted according to the length of the period during which each such variable was in effect) for the most recent 12-month period immediately preceding the date of calculation for which such information is available (or shorter period if such information is not available for a 12-month period).

(e) For the purpose of calculating the Debt Service Requirement on Balloon Bonds (i) which are subject to a Commitment or (ii) which do not have a Balloon Date within 12 months from the date of calculation, such Bonds shall be assumed to be amortized in substantially equal annual amounts to be paid for principal and interest over an assumed amortization period of 30 years at an assumed interest rate equal to either (x) the highest average of the actual Variable Rates that were in effect (weighted according to the length of the period during which each such Variable Rate was in effect) during a 3-month period of the most recent 12-month period immediately preceding the date of calculation for which such information is available (or shorter period if such information is not available for a 12-month period); or (y) the current average annual long-term fixed rate of interest on securities of similar quality having a similar maturity date as certified by a Financial Advisor, or, alternatively if the Bonds bear a tax-exempt rate, the highest average SIFMA during a 3-month period of the most recent 12-month period immediately preceding the date of calculation, or, alternatively if the Bonds bear a taxable rate, the highest relevant average SOFR rate of similar duration during a 3-month period of the most recent 12-month period immediately preceding the date of calculation plus 25 basis points; provided, however, that if the maturity of such Bonds (taking into account the term of any Commitment) is in excess of 20 years from the date of issuance, then such Bonds shall be assumed to be amortized in substantially equal annual amounts to be paid for principal and interest over an assumed amortization period of years equal to the number of years from the date of issuance of such Bonds to maturity (including the Commitment) and at the interest rate applicable to such Bonds. For the purpose of calculating the Debt Service Requirement on Balloon Bonds (A) which are not subject to a Commitment, and (B) which have a Balloon Date within 12 months from the date of calculation, the principal payable on such Bonds on the Balloon Date shall be calculated as if paid on the Balloon Date.

(f) The principal of and interest on Bonds and Hedge Payments shall be excluded from the determination of Debt Service Requirement to the extent that the same were or are expected to be paid with amounts on deposit on the date of calculation (or Bond proceeds to be deposited on the date of issuance of proposed Bonds) in the Construction Fund, the Sinking Fund, or a similar fund for Subordinate Bonds.

(g) The amount on deposit in a Debt Service Reserve Fund, if any, with respect to Parity Bonds on any date of calculation of Debt Service Requirement shall be deducted from the amount of principal due at the final maturity of such Parity Bonds, and to the extent the amount in such Debt Service Reserve Fund is in excess of such amount of principal, such excess shall be applied to principal due in preceding years until such amount is exhausted.

(h) If, under any statutory scheme, during any period of calculation the Issuer or a fiduciary, on behalf of the Issuer, receives or expects to receive any subsidy, reimbursement or other payment from a governmental entity (including, but not limited to, the federal government of the United States of America) in connection with, or related to, payments of principal of and/or interest on Parity Bonds, then principal of and/or interest on such Parity Bonds during such period of calculation shall be disregarded and not included in calculating Debt Service Requirement to the extent that such subsidy, reimbursement or other payment is received or expected to be received by the Issuer or fiduciary, on behalf of the Issuer, during such period of calculation.

“Debt Service Reserve Fund” means any Debt Service Reserve Fund established by a Series Ordinance.

“Debt Service Reserve Requirement” means an amount that may be specified in a Series Ordinance authorizing the issuance of the related Bonds.

“Depository” means the depository of each fund established under the Bond Ordinance, and any successor depository of such fund designated by the Issuer from time to time by a Supplemental Ordinance or Series Ordinance.

“Deputy Officer” means the individual holding the office of Mayor Pro Tempore of the Issuer and any successor who might hold such office, and any individual, body or authority to whom or which may be delegated by law the duties, powers, authority, obligations or liabilities of such office.

“DTC” means The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York or its nominee, or its successors and assigns, or any other depository performing similar functions under the Bond Ordinance.

“Event of Default” means any of the events defined as such in the Bond Ordinance and described below under the heading “THE BOND ORDINANCE – Events of Default.”

“Expenses of Operation and Maintenance” means all expenses reasonably incurred in connection with the operation and maintenance of the System, including salaries, wages, the cost of materials and supplies, rentals of leased property, if any, management fees, payments to others for the collection of raw water and transmission to the water treatment facility or the treatment or distribution of treated water or the collection or treatment of wastewater, if any, the cost of audits, remarketing agent fees, Paying Agent’s and Bond Registrar’s fees, any commission or commitment fee obligations with respect to a Financial Facility, payment of premiums for insurance required by the Bond Ordinance and other insurance that the Issuer deems prudent to carry on the System and its operations and personnel, and, generally, all expenses, exclusive of interest on the Bonds and depreciation or amortization, that under accounting principles generally accepted for municipal utility purposes are properly allocable to operation and maintenance; however, only such expenses as are reasonably and properly necessary or desirable for the proper operation and maintenance of the System shall be included. “Expenses of Operation and Maintenance” also includes the Issuer’s obligations under any contract with any other political subdivision or public agency or authority of one or more political subdivisions pursuant to which the Issuer undertakes to make payments measured by the expenses of operating and maintaining any facility that constitutes part of the System and that is owned or operated in part by the Issuer and in part by others.

“Financial Advisor” means an investment banking or financial advisory firm, commercial bank, or any other Person who or which is appointed by the Issuer for the purpose of passing on questions relating to the

availability and terms of specified types of Bonds and is actively engaged in and, in the good faith opinion of the Issuer, has a favorable reputation for skill and experience in underwriting or providing financial advisory services in respect of similar types of securities.

“Financial Facility” means a Credit Facility or a Liquidity Facility.

“Financial Facility Agreement” means a Credit Facility Agreement or a Liquidity Facility Agreement.

“Financial Facility Provider” means a Credit Facility Provider or a Liquidity Facility Provider.

“Fiscal Year” means the 12-month period used by the Issuer for its general accounting purposes, as it may be changed from time to time. The Fiscal Year at the time the Bond Ordinance was adopted began on July 1 and ended on June 30 of the following year.

“Fitch” means Fitch Ratings, Inc., or, if such corporation is dissolved or liquidated or otherwise ceases to perform securities rating services, such other nationally recognized securities rating agency as may be designated in writing by the Issuer. The notice address of Fitch shall be One State Street Plaza, New York, New York 10004 or such other address as it may designate.

“Forecast Period” means a period of three consecutive Fiscal Years commencing with the Fiscal Year after the later of (a) the Fiscal Year in which any proposed Parity Bonds are to be issued or (b) the Fiscal Year in which any Project to be financed with the proceeds of any proposed Parity Bonds is expected to be completed.

“Governing Body” means the Mayor and Commission of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia and any predecessor or successor in office to such present body, and any Person to whom or which may be delegated by law the duties, powers, authority, obligations or liabilities of the present body, either in whole or in relation to the System.

“Government Loans” means loans to the Issuer by the government of the United States or the State, or by any department, authority, or agency of either, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, bettering or extending any part of the System.

“Government Obligations” means (a) direct obligations of the United States of America for the full and timely payment of which the full faith and credit of the United States of America is pledged or (b) obligations issued by a person controlled or supervised by and acting as an instrumentality of the United States of America, the full and timely payment of the principal of and the interest on which is fully and unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation of the United States of America (including any securities described in (a) or (b) issued or held in book-entry form on the books of the Department of the Treasury of the United States of America), which obligations, in either case, (i) are not subject to redemption or prepayment prior to maturity except at the option of the holder of such obligations and (ii) may include U.S. Treasury Trust Receipts.

“Hedge Agreement” means, without limitation, (a) any contract known as or referred to or which performs the function of an interest rate swap agreement, currency swap agreement, forward payment conversion agreement or futures contract; (b) any contract providing for payments based on levels of, or changes or differences in, interest rates, currency exchange rates, or stock or other indices; (c) any contract to exchange cash flows or payments or series of payments; (d) any type of contract called, or designed to perform the function of, interest rate floors, collars or caps, options, puts or calls, to hedge or minimize any type of financial risk, including, without limitation, payment, currency, rate or other financial risk; and (e) any other type of contract or arrangement that the Issuer determines is to be used, or is intended to be used, to manage or reduce the cost of any of its debt obligations, to convert any element of any of its debt obligations from one form to another, to maximize or increase investment return, to minimize investment return risk, or to protect against any type of financial risk or uncertainty.

“Hedged Bonds” means any Bonds with respect to which the Issuer shall have entered into a Hedge Agreement.

“Hedge Payments” means amounts payable by the Issuer pursuant to any Hedge Agreement, other than termination payments, fees, expenses and indemnity payments.

“Hedge Period” means the period during which a Hedge Agreement is in effect.

“Hedge Provider” means an entity whose senior unsecured long term obligations, financial program rating, counterparty rating or claims paying ability, or whose payment obligations under the related Hedge Agreement are absolutely and unconditionally guaranteed by an entity whose senior unsecured long term obligations, financial program rating, counterparty rating, or claims paying ability, are rated either (a) at least as high as the middle range of the third highest rating category of each Rating Agency, but in no event lower than any Rating on the related Hedged Bonds at the time of execution of the Hedge Agreement, or (b) in any such lower Rating that each Rating Agency indicates in writing to the Issuer will not, by itself, result in a reduction or withdrawal of its Rating on the related Hedged Bonds that is in effect prior to entering into the Hedge Agreement. An entity’s status as a “Hedge Provider” is determined only at the time the Issuer enters into a Hedge Agreement with such entity and cannot be redetermined with respect to that Hedge Agreement.

“Hedge Receipts” means amounts payable by any provider of a Hedge Agreement pursuant to such Hedge Agreement, other than termination payments, fees, expenses and indemnity payments.

“Independent Certified Public Accountant” means a certified public accountant, or a firm of certified public accountants, who or which is “independent” as that term is defined in Rule 101 and related interpretations of the Code of Professional Ethics of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, of recognized standing, who or which does not devote his or its full time to the Issuer (but who or which may be regularly retained by the Issuer).

“Interest Account” means the Interest Account within the Sinking Fund established in the Bond Ordinance.

“Interest Payment Date” means each date on which interest is to become due on any Bonds, as established in the Series Ordinance for such Bonds.

“Investment Earnings” means all interest received on and profits derived from investments made with Pledged Revenues or any moneys in the funds and accounts established under the Bond Ordinance.

“Issuer” means the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State.

“Liquidity Facility” means any letter of credit, standby bond purchase agreement, line of credit, revolving credit agreement, or similar obligation, arrangement, or instrument issued by a bank, insurance company or other financial institution that is used by the Issuer to perform one or more of the following tasks: (a) providing liquidity for the owners of Bonds through undertaking to cause Bonds to be bought from the owners thereof when submitted pursuant to an arrangement prescribed by a Series Ordinance; or (b) remarketing any Bonds so submitted to the Liquidity Facility Provider (whether or not the same Liquidity Facility Provider is remarketing the Bonds).

“Liquidity Facility Agreement” means an agreement between the Issuer and a Liquidity Facility Provider pursuant to which the Liquidity Facility Provider issues a Liquidity Facility and may include the promissory note or other instrument evidencing the Issuer’s obligations to a Liquidity Facility Provider pursuant to a Liquidity Facility Agreement.

“Liquidity Facility Provider” means any issuer of a Liquidity Facility then in effect for all or part of the Bonds.

“Liquidity Provider Bond” means any Bond purchased and held by a Liquidity Facility Provider pursuant to a Liquidity Facility Agreement. A Bond shall be deemed a Liquidity Provider Bond only for the actual period during which such Bond is owned by a Liquidity Facility Provider pursuant to a Liquidity Facility Agreement.

“Liquidity Provider Bond Rate” means the rate of interest payable for any period on Liquidity Provider Bonds, as may be provided in a Liquidity Facility or Liquidity Facility Agreement.

“Moody’s” means Moody’s Investors Service, Inc. or, if such corporation is dissolved or liquidated or otherwise ceases to perform securities rating services, such other nationally recognized securities rating agency as may be designated in writing by the Issuer. The notice address of Moody’s shall be 7 World Trade Center, 250 Greenwich Street, New York, New York 10007, or such other address as it may designate.

“Net Operating Revenues” means Operating Revenues, after provision for payment of all Expenses of Operation and Maintenance.

“Operating Revenues” means all income and revenue of any nature derived from the operation of the System, including monthly water service charges and monthly sewer service charges and other charges for water and sewer service and the availability thereof (other than any special assessment proceeds), and local, state or federal grants or other moneys received for the payment of Expenses of Operation and Maintenance, but excluding local, state or federal grants, loans, capital improvement contract payments, or other moneys received for capital improvements to the System and excluding Hedge Receipts and Investment Earnings on any Debt Service Reserve Fund or Capitalized Interest Account.

“Other System Obligations” means obligations of any kind, including but not limited to, Government Loans, revenue bonds, capital leases, installment purchase agreements, hedge agreements or notes (but excluding obligations that have been granted a Senior Pledge or a Subordinate Pledge), incurred or issued by the Issuer in connection with financing or refinancing the cost of acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, bettering or extending any part of the System.

“Outstanding” means, when used in reference to the Bonds, all Bonds that have been duly authenticated and delivered under the Bond Ordinance, with the exception of (a) Bonds in lieu of which other Bonds have been issued under agreement to replace lost, mutilated, stolen or destroyed obligations, (b) Bonds surrendered by the owners in exchange for other Bonds, and (c) Bonds for the payment of which provision has been made in accordance with the Bond Ordinance. In determining the amount of Compound Interest Bonds Outstanding under the Bond Ordinance, the Accreted Value of such Compound Interest Bonds at the time of determination shall be used.

“Parity Bonds” means Bonds issued with a right to payment and secured by a lien on a parity with the Series 2025 Bonds and any other Senior Bonds.

“Paying Agent” means any bank or trust company authorized by the Issuer in the Bond Ordinance or a Series Ordinance to pay the principal of, premium (if any) or interest on any Bonds on behalf of the Issuer. Such Paying Agent shall perform the duties required of the Paying Agent in the Bond Ordinance.

“Permitted Investments” means obligations in which the Issuer is permitted to invest such moneys of the Issuer pursuant to applicable law that have (or are fully collateralized by obligations that have) a Rating by any Rating Agency which is equal to or greater than the third highest long-term Rating of such Rating Agency, or that bear (or are fully collateralized by obligations that bear) the second highest short-term Rating of such Rating Agency. Obligations in which the Issuer is permitted to invest proceeds of Bonds are described, as of the date of enactment of the Bond Ordinance, in Section 36-82-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. Obligations in which the Issuer is permitted to invest its funds other than proceeds of Bonds are described, as of the date of enactment of the Bond Ordinance, in O.C.G.A. §§ 36-80-3 and 36-83-4.

“Person” or **“person”** means any individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, association, joint stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, body, authority, government or agency or political subdivision thereof.

“Pledged Revenues” means Operating Revenues, Investment Earnings, Hedge Receipts and all moneys paid or required to be paid into, and all moneys and securities on deposit from time to time in, the funds and

accounts specified in the Bond Ordinance or in a Series Ordinance, but excluding (a) any amounts required in the Bond Ordinance to be set aside pending, or used for, rebate to the United States government pursuant to Section 148(f) of the Code, including, but not limited to, amounts in the Rebate Fund, (b) Debt Service Reserve Funds, which shall be pledged only for the purposes as provided in the pertinent Series Ordinances, and (c) any amounts received under Financing Facilities, which shall be pledged only for the purposes as provided in the pertinent Series Ordinances.

“Principal” means the principal amount of any Bond and includes the Accreted Value of any Compound Interest Bonds. All references to principal shall be construed as if they were also references to Accreted Value with respect to Compound Interest Bonds.

“Principal Account” means the Principal Account within the Sinking Fund established in the Bond Ordinance.

“Principal Maturity Date” means each date on which principal is to become due on any Bonds, by maturity or mandatory sinking fund redemption, as established in the Series Ordinance for such Bonds.

“Prior Ordinance” means the ordinance heretofore enacted by the Issuer or its legal predecessor on May 5, 2015.

“Project” means an acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement, betterment, extension and/or equipping of the System described as a Project in a Series Ordinance.

“Purchaser” means the initial purchaser of a series of Bonds.

“Rate Stabilization Fund” means the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Water and Sewerage Rate Stabilization Fund established in the Bond Ordinance.

“Rating” means a rating in one of the categories by a Rating Agency, disregarding pluses, minuses and numerical gradations.

“Rating Agencies” or **“Rating Agency”** means Fitch, Moody’s and Standard & Poor’s or any successors thereto and any other nationally recognized credit rating agency then maintaining a rating on any Bonds at the request of the Issuer. If at any time a particular Rating Agency does not have a rating outstanding with respect to the relevant Bonds at the request of the Issuer, then a reference to Rating Agency or Rating Agencies shall not include such Rating Agency.

“Rebate Fund” means the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Water and Sewerage Rebate Fund, established in the Bond Ordinance.

“Record Date” means, with respect to any Interest Payment Date for Bonds, the date(s) specified as Record Date(s) in the Bond Ordinance or any Series Ordinance(s) for such Bonds. The Record Date for the Series 2025 Bonds shall be the 15th day preceding the date for any payment to be made on the Series 2025 Bonds.

“Refunded Bonds” means the Issuer’s \$210,140,000 original principal amount Water and Sewerage Revenue Bonds, Series 2015, currently outstanding in the principal amount of \$147,045,000.

“Reimbursement Obligation” means the obligation of the Issuer to directly reimburse any Financial Facility Provider for amounts paid by such Financial Facility Provider under a Financial Facility, whether or not such obligation to so reimburse is evidenced by a promissory note or other similar instrument.

“Renewal and Extension Fund” means the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Water and Sewerage Renewal and Extension Fund established in the Bond Ordinance.

“Reserve Fund Bonds” means Bonds, other than the Series 2025 Bonds, that are secured by a Debt Service Reserve Fund pursuant to the provisions of a Series Ordinance.

“Reserve Fund Credit Facility” means the letter of credit, insurance policy, line of credit or surety bond, together with any substitute or replacement therefor, if any, complying with the provisions of a Series Ordinance, thereby fulfilling all or a portion of a Debt Service Reserve Requirement.

“Reserve Fund Credit Facility Provider” means any provider of a Reserve Fund Credit Facility.

“Revenue Fund” means the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Water and Sewerage Revenue Fund established in the Bond Ordinance.

“Rule 15c2-12” means Rule 15c2-12 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

“Securities Depository” means initially The Depository Trust Company and its successors and assigns, or a successor Securities Depository approved by Supplemental Resolution, serving as a book-entry agent for the Series 2025 Bonds as provided for in the Bond Ordinance.

“Senior Bonds” means any Bonds which are secured by the Senior Pledge, including the Series 2025 Bonds and any Parity Bonds.

“Senior Hedge Agreements” means Hedge Agreements with respect to which the Hedge Payments have been secured with the Senior Pledge.

“Senior Hedge Payments Account” means any Senior Hedge Payments Account established by Series Ordinance within the Sinking Fund.

“Senior Pledge” means the senior pledge of Pledged Revenues made by the Ordinance in favor of the Series 2025 Bonds and any other Senior Bonds.

“Series Ordinance” means an ordinance or ordinances of the Issuer (which may be supplemented by one or more ordinance(s)) to be adopted prior to and authorizing the issuance and delivery of any series of Bonds. Such an ordinance as supplemented shall establish the date or dates of the pertinent series of Bonds, the schedule of maturities of such Bonds, whether any such Bonds will be Reserve Fund Bonds, whether any such Bonds will be Compound Interest Bonds, whether such Bonds will be Balloon Bonds, the name of the Purchaser(s) of such series of Bonds, the purchase price thereof, the rate or rates of interest to be borne thereby, whether fixed or variable, the interest payment dates for such Bonds, the terms and conditions, if any, under which such Bonds may be made subject to redemption (mandatory or optional) prior to maturity, the form of such Bonds, and such other details as the Issuer may determine.

“Series 2025 Bonds” means the Issuer’s Water and Sewerage Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2025, in the original principal amount of up to \$_____.

“Series 2025 Disclosure Certificate” means the Continuing Disclosure Certificate relating to the Series 2025 Bonds executed by the Issuer and dated as of the date of issuance of the Series 2025 Bonds, as originally executed and as it may be amended from time to time in accordance with its terms.

“SIFMA” means a rate determined on the basis of the 7-day high grade market index of tax-exempt variable rate demand obligations, as produced by Municipal Market Data and published or made available by the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (“SIFMA”) or any person acting in cooperation with or under the sponsorship of SIFMA.

“Sinking Fund” means the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Water and Sewerage Sinking Fund established in the Bond Ordinance.

“SOFR” means the secured overnight financing rate as such rate appears on website of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, currently at <http://www.newyorkfed.org>, or any successor source for the secured overnight financing rate identified as such by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (or a successor administrator of the secured overnight financing rate).

“Standard and Poor’s” or **“S&P”** means S&P Global Ratings, a division of Standard & Poor’s Financial Services, LLC, or, if such entity is dissolved or liquidated or otherwise ceases to perform securities rating services, such other nationally recognized securities rating agency as may be designated in writing by the Issuer. The notice address of Standard & Poor’s shall be 55 Water Street, New York, New York 10041 or such other address as shall be designated.

“State” means the State of Georgia.

“Subordinate Bonds” means revenue bonds of the Issuer made with a right to payment from the Pledged Revenues and secured by a lien on the Pledged Revenues expressly junior and subordinate to the Senior Bonds, but not to include obligations under a Hedge Agreement.

“Subordinate Hedge Agreements” means Hedge Agreements with respect to which Hedge Payments have been secured by the Subordinate Pledge.

“Subordinate Pledge” means a pledge of Pledged Revenues on a basis junior and subordinate to the Senior Pledge, as described in the Bond Ordinance.

“Supplemental Ordinance” means (a) any Series Ordinance and (b) any modification, amendment or supplement to the Bond Ordinance other than a Series Ordinance.

“System” means the water and sewerage system of the Issuer, as it now exists and as it may be added to, extended, improved and equipped, either from the proceeds of the Bonds, Other System Obligations or from any other sources at any time. The Issuer may own a partial interest in any facilities constituting a part of the System, the remaining interest in which may be owned by or on behalf of another Person. In case of such ownership, the rights and interests possessed by the Issuer in such facility shall be included as part of the System.

“Tax-Advantaged Bonds” means any Bonds which have been determined, in an unqualified opinion of Bond Counsel, to constitute “tax-exempt bonds” or “qualified tax credit bonds” within the meaning of the Code.

“Term Bonds” means Bonds that mature on one Principal Maturity Date yet a portion of which are required to be redeemed, prior to maturity, under a schedule of mandatory redemptions established by the Bond Ordinance.

“U.S. Treasury Trust Receipts” means receipts or certificates that evidence an undivided ownership interest in the right to the payment of portions of the principal of or interest on obligations described in clauses (a) or (b) of the term Government Obligations, provided that such obligations are held by a bank or trust company organized under the laws of the United States acting as custodian of such obligations, in a special account separate from the general assets of such custodian.

“Variable Rate” means a rate of interest applicable to the Bonds, other than a fixed rate of interest that applies to a particular maturity of Bonds so long as that maturity of Bonds remains Outstanding.

THE BOND ORDINANCE

The following, in addition to information contained in the Official Statement under the captions **“THE SERIES 2025 BONDS”** and **“SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE SERIES 2025 BONDS”** is a summary of certain provisions of the Bond Ordinance. The summary does not purport to be complete

and is qualified in its entirety by express reference to the Bond Ordinance, copies of which are on file in the offices of the Issuer.

Funds and Accounts

The Bond Ordinance calls for the Issuer to establish the following funds and accounts, and the moneys deposited in such funds and accounts will be held in trust for the purposes set forth in the Bond Ordinance:

- (a) Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Water and Sewerage Revenue Fund.
- (b) Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Water and Sewerage Sinking Fund.
 - (i) Interest Account.
 - (ii) Senior Hedge Payments Account.
 - (iii) Principal Account.
 - (iv) Capitalized Interest Account.

The Sinking Fund shall apply to the Series 2025 Bonds and any Parity Bonds thereafter issued.

- (c) Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Water and Sewerage Renewal and Extension Fund.
- (d) Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Water and Sewerage Rate Stabilization Fund.
- (e) Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Water and Sewerage Rebate Fund.
- (f) Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Water and Sewerage Construction Fund.

Revenue Fund

The Issuer shall deposit and continue to deposit all Operating Revenues in the Revenue Fund from time to time as and when received. Moneys in the Revenue Fund shall be applied by the Issuer semiannually on or before each December 29th and June 28th or, if required by a Series Ordinance, more frequently in installments, except with respect to payment of Expenses of Operation and Maintenance, which shall be paid as required, without duplication, to the following purposes and in the following order of priority:

- (a) First: There shall be applied to the payment of the Expenses of Operation and Maintenance the amounts required therefor.
- (b) Second: There shall next be deposited any amounts required to be deposited with respect to any of the Tax-Advantaged Bonds into the Rebate Fund, as estimated by the Issuer, or as estimated by a consultant to the Issuer and approved by the Issuer, for purposes of complying with the requirement for rebate to the United States government under Section 148(f) of the Code. Amounts estimated annually may be deposited in installments and may be adjusted as the Issuer deems necessary to provide the amount that it estimates to be necessary, as revised from time to time, within any Fiscal Year.
- (c) Third: There shall next be deposited into the Interest Account the amount required by the Bond Ordinance.
- (d) Fourth: There shall next be deposited into the Senior Hedge Payments Account the amount required by the Bond Ordinance.

(e) Fifth: There shall next be deposited into the Principal Account the amount required by the Bond Ordinance.

(f) Sixth: There shall next be paid to Financial Facility Providers, except to the extent paid as part of Expenses of Operation and Maintenance under clause (a) above, all amounts required to be paid to such Financial Facility Providers as compensation for Financial Facilities securing Senior Bonds and as satisfaction of any other amounts (including Additional Interest on Senior Bonds) due under pertinent Financial Facility Agreements with respect to which the Financial Facility Provider is not subrogated to the rights of the Senior Bonds paid with the Financial Facility under the terms of the Series Ordinance.

(g) Seventh: There shall next be deposited into any Debt Service Reserve Fund and/or paid to any Reserve Fund Credit Facility Provider, on a pro rata basis, the amounts required by the Bond Ordinance.

(h) Eighth: There shall next be paid repayments of any draw-down on any Reserve Fund Credit Facility (other than repayments that reinstate the Reserve Fund Credit Facility) and any interest or fees due the Reserve Fund Credit Facility Provider under such Reserve Fund Credit Facility.

(i) Ninth: There shall next be deposited the amounts required to be deposited into the funds and accounts created by any Series Ordinance authorizing the issuance of Subordinate Bonds, for the purpose of paying principal of (whether at maturity or upon mandatory redemption) and interest on Subordinate Bonds, making Hedge Payments under Subordinate Hedge Agreements, paying amounts due with respect to Financial Facilities securing Subordinate Bonds, and accumulating reserves for such payments as required in such Series Ordinance. If at any time the amounts in any accounts of the Sinking Fund are less than the amounts required by the Bond Ordinance, and there are not on deposit in the Renewal and Extension Fund available moneys sufficient to cure any such deficiency, then the Issuer shall withdraw from such funds and accounts relating to Subordinate Bonds and deposit in such accounts of the Sinking Fund the amount necessary (or all the moneys in such funds and accounts, if less than the amount required) to make up such deficiencies (or so much thereof as is possible, on a pro rata basis).

(j) Tenth: There next shall be paid any amounts other than Hedge Payments (including termination payments, fees, expenses and indemnity payments) then owing to Hedge Providers with respect, first, to Senior Hedge Agreements, and then, to Subordinate Hedge Agreements.

(k) Eleventh: There shall next be paid any amounts required to be paid with respect to any Other System Obligations.

(l) Twelfth: There shall next be deposited into the Renewal and Extension Fund all remaining moneys and securities held in the Revenue Fund in excess of a reasonable reserve for estimated Expenses of Operation and Maintenance.

Sinking Fund

Sufficient moneys will be paid from the Revenue Fund into the accounts in the Sinking Fund in the amounts as provided in the following:

(a) Interest Account. There shall be paid into the Interest Account the amount of interest falling due and payable on the Senior Bonds on the next Interest Payment Date. Any Series Ordinance that authorizes the issuance of Parity Bonds shall provide for the accumulation or payment of interest on all Senior Bonds, which may be in installments or payments, more frequent than semiannually but not more frequent than monthly, and may provide for the deposit of all Hedge Receipts under Hedge Agreements with respect to Senior Bonds in the Interest Account from time to time as and when received. Moneys in the Interest Account shall be used solely to pay interest (excluding Additional Interest) on the Senior Bonds when due.

(b) Senior Hedge Payments Account. The Issuer may provide in a Series Ordinance for the deposit in the Senior Hedge Payments Account from moneys in the Revenue Fund amounts which will not be less than the amount of such Hedge Payments to become due on such next succeeding payment date for such Hedge Payments.

Amounts in the Senior Hedge Payments Account shall be applied solely to pay Hedge Payments under Senior Hedge Agreements when due.

(c) Principal Account. At least fifteen (15) days prior to each Principal Maturity Date with respect to the Senior Bonds, there shall be paid into the Principal Account the principal amount falling due and payable on the Senior Bonds on the next Principal Maturity Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Series Ordinance that authorizes the issuance of Parity Bonds shall provide for the accumulation or payment of principal on all Senior Bonds, which may be in installments or payments, more frequent than annually but not more frequent than monthly. Moneys in the Principal Account shall be used solely for the payment of principal of the Senior Bonds as the same shall become due and payable at maturity or upon redemption.

(d) Moneys Sufficient to Pay Senior Bonds. No further payments need be made into the Interest Account or the Principal Account whenever the amount available in the Interest Account and the Principal Account, if added to the amount then in the Debt Service Reserve Fund (without taking into account any amount available to be drawn on any Reserve Fund Credit Facility), is sufficient to retire (by payment or redemption) all Senior Bonds then Outstanding and to pay all unpaid interest accrued and to accrue prior to such retirement. No moneys in the Interest Account or the Principal Account shall be used or applied to the optional purchase or redemption of Senior Bonds prior to maturity unless: (i) provision shall have been made for the payment of all of the Senior Bonds; or (ii) such moneys are applied to the purchase and cancellation of Senior Bonds that are subject to mandatory redemption on the next mandatory redemption date, which falls due within 12 months, such Senior Bonds are purchased at a price not more than would be required for mandatory redemption, and such Senior Bonds are canceled upon purchase; or (iii) such moneys are applied to the purchase and cancellation of Senior Bonds at a price less than the amount of principal that would be payable on such Senior Bonds, together with interest accrued through the date of purchase, and such Senior Bonds are canceled upon purchase; or (iv) such moneys are in excess of the then required balance of the Interest Account or the Principal Account and are applied to redeem a part of the Senior Bonds Outstanding on the next succeeding redemption date for which the required notice of redemption may be given.

(e) Capitalized Interest Account. There shall be deposited into the Capitalized Interest Account any amounts specified in Series Ordinances with respect to the issuance of Senior Bonds. Amounts deposited in the Capitalized Interest Account shall be applied to the payment of interest on the Senior Bonds and shall be transferred to the Interest Account as required to pay the interest first coming due on the related series of Senior Bonds.

(f) Debt Service Reserve Fund. There shall be deposited into a Debt Service Reserve Fund any amounts specified in Series Ordinances with respect to Parity Bonds to serve as a debt service reserve for a particular issue or issues of Parity Bonds. Any such Debt Service Reserve Fund shall be governed by Series Ordinance. Any Debt Service Reserve Fund shall secure only such Senior Bonds as shall be provided in the Series Ordinance establishing such Fund.

(g) Use of a Reserve Fund Credit Facility as Part of the Debt Service Reserve Fund. The Issuer may elect to satisfy in whole or in part any Debt Service Reserve Requirement to the extent of the amount available to be drawn under a Reserve Fund Credit Facility as provided by Series Ordinance.

Renewal and Extension Fund

In addition to the deposits to be made to the Renewal and Extension Fund pursuant to "Revenue Fund" above, the Issuer will deposit in the Renewal and Extension Fund all termination payments received under any Hedge Agreements. All sums accumulated and retained in the Renewal and Extension Fund will be applied by the Issuer from time to time, as and when required, to the following purposes and in the following order of priority:

(a) First: To the payment of Expenses of Operation and Maintenance, to the extent moneys are not available for such purpose in the Revenue Fund;

(b) Second: To the restoration of the Rebate Fund to the amount required at that time to be held therein;

- (c) Third: To the restoration of the Interest Account to the amounts required at that time to be held therein;
- (d) Fourth: To the restoration of the Principal Account to the amounts required at that time to be held therein;
- (e) Fifth: To the restoration of the Senior Hedge Payments Account to the amounts required at that time to be held therein;
- (f) Sixth: To the payment of any and all amounts that may then be due and owing to any Financial Facility Provider securing Senior Bonds to the extent that such amounts would be funded in accordance with the provisions described in subparagraph (f) above under the heading “— Revenue Fund”;
- (g) Seventh: To the restoration of the Debt Service Reserve Fund and the reinstatement of any Reserve Fund Credit Facility, on a pro rata basis, to the amount required by subparagraph (g) described above under the heading “— Revenue Fund”;
- (h) Eighth: To the payment of any and all other amounts that may then be due and owing to any Reserve Fund Credit Facility Provider;
- (i) Ninth: To prevent default in the payment of interest on or principal of the Subordinate Bonds when due, or otherwise to the restoration of the funds and accounts relating to Subordinate Bonds to the respective amounts required at that time to be held therein;
- (j) Tenth: To the payment of any and all other amounts that may then be due and owing under any Hedge Agreement (including termination payments, fees, expenses and indemnity payments);
- (k) Eleventh: To the payment of any amounts other than Hedge Payments (including termination payments, fees, expenses and indemnity payments) then owing to Hedge Providers with respect, first, to Senior Hedge Agreements, then to Subordinate Hedge Agreements;
- (l) Twelfth: To the payment of any and all amounts that may then be due and owing under any Other System Obligation;
- (m) Thirteenth: To make acquisitions, betterments, extensions, repairs or replacements or other capital improvements (including the purchase of equipment) to the System deemed necessary by the Issuer (including payments under contracts with vendors, suppliers and contractors for the foregoing purposes);
- (n) Fourteenth: At the option of the Issuer, to the acquisition of Senior Bonds by redemption or by purchase in the open market at a price not exceeding the callable price as provided and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Bond Ordinance; and
- (o) Fifteenth: At the option of the Issuer, to the acquisition of Subordinate Bonds by redemption or by purchase in the open market at a price not exceeding the callable price as provided and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Bond Ordinance.

Application of Excess in Sinking Fund

Whenever at the end of each Fiscal Year the amount of moneys in any account of the Sinking Fund exceeds the amount then currently required to be held therein, the excess will be transferred to the Revenue Fund.

Construction Fund

The Issuer shall establish within the Construction Fund a separate account for each Project. Moneys in the Construction Fund shall be held by such bank as may from time to time be designated by the Issuer and applied to

the payment of the Costs of the Project for the repayment of advances made for that purpose in accordance with and subject to the provisions and restrictions set forth in the Bond Ordinance or for costs of issuance of the Series 2025 Bonds. The Issuer covenants that it will not cause or permit to be paid from the Construction Fund any sums except in accordance with such provisions and restrictions; provided, however, that any moneys in the Construction Fund not presently needed for the payment of current obligations during the course of construction may be invested in Permitted Investments upon written direction of the Issuer. Any such investments shall be held by the Depository, in trust, for the account of the Construction Fund until maturity or until sold, and at maturity or upon such sale the proceeds received therefrom including accrued interest and premium (if any) shall be deposited immediately by the Depository in the Construction Fund and shall be disposed of in the manner and for the purposes provided in the Bond Ordinance.

Funds Remaining on Completion of Projects

The Issuer shall, when a Project has been completed, and may, when a Project has been substantially completed, file with the Depository a certificate signed by the Chief Officer estimating what portion of the funds remaining in the separate account relating to such Project will be required by the Issuer for the payment or reimbursement of the Costs of such Project. The Chief Officer shall attach to his certificate a certificate of the supervising engineer certifying that such Project has been completed or substantially completed, as the case may be, in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor and approving the estimates of the Chief Officer with respect to the portion of funds in the account required for Costs of the Project. Such funds that will not be used shall be (a) transferred to the Principal Account and used to redeem Bonds of the related series on the next redemption date or to pay principal of such Bonds on the next Principal Maturity Date, or (b) transferred to the Interest Account and used to pay interest on Bonds of the related series, provided that the Issuer shall first obtain an opinion of Bond Counsel to the effect that, under existing law, the application of such moneys to pay interest on such Bonds (i) is allowed under State law, and (ii) if such Bonds are Tax-Advantaged Bonds, will not, by itself and without more, adversely affect their status as Tax-Advantaged Bonds. When all moneys have been withdrawn or transferred from any separate account within the Construction Fund in accordance with the provisions of the Bond Ordinance, such separate account shall terminate and cease to exist.

Investment of Funds and Accounts

Moneys in the funds and accounts established under the Bond Ordinance may be invested and reinvested in Permitted Investments as provided in the Bond Ordinance.

Pledge of Revenues; Limited Obligations

All Pledged Revenues shall be and are hereby pledged to the prompt payment of the principal of, premium (if any) and interest on the Bonds and to Hedge Payments that are granted a Senior Pledge or Subordinate Pledge by Series Ordinance. Such moneys and securities shall immediately be subject to the lien of this pledge without any physical delivery thereof or further act, and the lien of this pledge shall be valid and binding against the Issuer and against all other persons having claims against the Issuer, whether such claims shall have arisen in tort, contract or otherwise, and regardless of whether such persons have notice of the lien of this pledge. This pledge of Pledged Revenues in favor of the Series 2025 Bonds and any other Senior Bonds (the "Senior Pledge") shall rank senior and superior to all other pledges that may thereafter be made of any of the Pledged Revenues; provided, however, that the Issuer may apply by Supplemental Ordinance such Senior Pledge of the Pledged Revenues on a parity basis to secure Hedge Payments under Senior Hedge Agreements. By Series Ordinance, the Issuer may apply the pledge of the Pledged Revenues on a basis junior and subordinate to the Senior Pledge (such junior and subordinate pledge being referred to as the "Subordinate Pledge") to secure the payment of (a) the principal of, premium (if any) and interest on Subordinate Bonds, and (b) Hedge Payments that do not enjoy the Senior Pledge set forth in the immediately preceding sentence, obligated to be made under the Hedge Agreements relating to a series of Bonds, all in accordance with such further priorities as the Issuer may establish by Senior Ordinance or Supplemental Ordinance. The lien of the pledge made in the Bond Ordinance shall not secure any obligation of the Issuer other than the Bonds or such other obligations as to which the Issuer shall specifically subject such lien as provided for in the foregoing.

Parity Bonds Generally The Issuer may at any time and from time to time issue or create any Parity Bonds provided:

(a) There has not occurred and be continuing (i) an Event of Default under the terms of the Bond Ordinance or other Series Ordinance that provides for the issuance of Parity Bonds (each an “Issuing Document”), or (ii) an Event of Default or termination event, as defined in and under any Financial Facilities Agreement with respect to Senior Bonds or any Senior Hedge Agreement; and

(b) The Issuer obtains or provides a certificate or certificates, prepared by the Issuer or at the Issuer’s option by a Consultant showing that either:

(i) the Adjusted Available Revenues for either the most recent Fiscal Year for which audited financial statements are available or any 12 consecutive calendar month period during the 18 consecutive calendar month period ending immediately prior to the incurring of such additional Parity Bonds were at least sufficient to satisfy the Coverage Requirement for each Fiscal Year of the Forecast Period, including the Debt Service Requirements during such Fiscal Years on such additional Parity Bonds; and for the purpose of providing such certificate or certificates, the Issuer or the Issuer’s Consultant, as applicable, may adjust the Adjusted Available Revenues for such Fiscal Year or 12 calendar month period, as the case may be, to reflect:

(A) an allowance for Net Operating Revenues that would have been derived from each new connection to the System that was made prior to the incurrence of such additional Parity Bonds but which was not in existence, during all or any part of such Fiscal Year or 12 calendar month period under consideration, in an amount equal to the estimated additional Net Operating Revenues that would have been derived from each such connection if it had been made prior to the beginning of such Fiscal Year or 12 calendar month period; and

(B) an allowance for Net Operating Revenues that would have been derived from any increase in the rates, fees and charges fixed and prescribed for the services of the System which became effective prior to the incurrence of such additional Parity Bonds but which was not in effect, during all or any part of such Fiscal Year or 12 calendar month period, in an amount equal to the estimated additional Net Operating Revenues that would have been derived from such increase in rates, fees and charges if it had been in effect prior to the beginning of such Fiscal Year or 12 calendar month period; or

(ii) the estimated Adjusted Available Revenues for each of the Fiscal Years during the Forecast Period will be at least sufficient to satisfy the Coverage Requirement for such period; and for the purpose of providing such certificate or certificates, the Issuer or the Issuer’s Consultant, as applicable, may adjust the foregoing estimated Adjusted Available Revenues to reflect:

(A) an allowance for Net Operating Revenues that are estimated to be derived from any increase in the rates, fees and charges for the services of the System which have been adopted by the Issuer and which will be in effect during all or any portion of the period for which such estimates are provided; and

(B) an allowance for Net Operating Revenues that are estimated to be derived from new customers of the System anticipated to be served by any additions or improvements to or extensions of the System reasonably expected to become available during such five-year period in an amount equal to the additional Net Operating Revenues that are estimated to be derived from such customers.

For purposes of clause (ii) above, with respect to Expenses of Operation and Maintenance, the Issuer or the Issuer’s Consultant, as applicable, is required to use such assumptions (which are required to be set forth in such certificate or certificates) as such Person believes to be reasonable, taking into account (a) historical Expenses of Operation and Maintenance, (b) Expenses of Operation and Maintenance associated with the additions or

improvements to or extensions of the System to be financed with the proceeds of such additional Parity Bonds and any other new additions or improvements to or extensions of the System during such five-year period, and (c) such other factors, including inflation and changing operations or policies of the Issuer, as the Issuer or the Issuer's Consultant, as applicable, believes to be appropriate.

Refunding Bonds Any or all of the Senior Bonds may be refunded at maturity, upon redemption in accordance with their terms, or with the consent of the owners of such Senior Bonds, and upon making provision for payment of such Senior Bonds pursuant to the Bond Ordinance, and the refunding Bonds so issued shall constitute Parity Bonds, if:

(a) The Issuer shall have executed a certificate: (i) setting forth the aggregate amount of interest and principal of the Senior Bonds falling due during the then current Fiscal Year and for each subsequent Fiscal Year to and including the Fiscal Year of the last maturity of any Senior Bonds then Outstanding (A) with respect to all Senior Bonds Outstanding immediately prior to the date of authentication and delivery of such refunding Bonds and (B) with respect to all Senior Bonds to be Outstanding immediately thereafter; and (ii) demonstrating that the amount set forth for each Fiscal Year pursuant to (i)(B) above is no greater than the amount set forth for such Fiscal Year pursuant to (i)(A) above.

(b) As an alternative to, and in lieu of, satisfying the requirements of the paragraph above, all Outstanding Senior Bonds are being refunded under arrangements that immediately result in making provision for the payment of the refunded Bonds

No Prior Lien Bonds nor Parity Bonds Except as Permitted in the Bond Ordinance

All Senior Bonds shall have complete parity of lien on the Pledged Revenues despite the fact that any of the Senior Bonds may be delivered at an earlier date than any other of the Senior Bonds. The Issuer may issue Parity Bonds and enter into Senior Hedge Agreements with Hedge Providers in accordance with the Bond Ordinance, and the Issuer shall issue no other obligations of any kind or nature payable from or enjoying a lien on the Pledged Revenues or any part thereof having priority over or on a parity with the Series 2025 Bonds (except as permitted in the Bond Ordinance).

Subordinate Bonds

The Issuer expressly reserves the right, at any time, to issue Subordinate Bonds enjoying a Subordinate Pledge, on a basis junior and subordinate to the Senior Pledge, pursuant to a Series Ordinance, payable from moneys, funds and accounts as provided for in the Bond Ordinance, if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) The Series Ordinance authorizing the Subordinate Bonds shall provide that such Subordinate Bonds shall enjoy a Subordinate Pledge and be junior and subordinate to the Senior Pledge.

(b) The Series Ordinance authorizing the Subordinate Bonds shall establish funds and accounts for the moneys to be used to pay debt service on the Subordinate Bonds, to pay Hedge Payments under any Subordinate Hedge Agreement, and to provide any reserves with respect to the Subordinate Bonds, and the funding of such funds and accounts shall be junior and subordinate to the Senior Pledge.

(c) No Event of Default exists or will exist upon the issuance of the Subordinate Bonds, under and as defined in the Bond Ordinance or any Senior Hedge Agreement.

(d) The requirements of subparagraph (b) of the section titled "Parity Bonds Generally" above are met with respect to such Subordinate Bonds, except that references to "Parity Bonds" shall be substituted with the term "Subordinate Bonds".

No owner of Senior Bonds or any Hedge Provider of a related Senior Hedge Agreement shall be prejudiced in its right to enforce subordination of the Subordinate Bonds and Subordinate Hedge Agreements by any act or failure to act on the part of the Issuer.

Financial Facilities

In connection with any Bonds, the Issuer may obtain or cause to be obtained one or more Financial Facilities providing for payment of all or a portion of the principal of, premium (if any) or interest due or to become due on such Bonds, providing for the purchase of such Bonds by the Financial Facility Provider, or providing funds for the purchase of such Bonds by the Issuer. In connection therewith the Issuer may enter into Financial Facility Agreements with such Financial Facility Providers providing for, among other things, (a) the payment of fees and expenses to such Financial Facility Providers for the issuance of such Financial Facilities; (b) the terms and conditions of such Financial Facilities and the Bonds affected thereby; and (c) the security, if any, to be provided for the issuance of such Financial Facilities. The Issuer may obtain any Financial Facility by an agreement providing for the purchase of the Bonds secured thereby with such adjustments to the rate of interest, method of determining interest, maturity or redemption provisions as are specified by the Issuer in the applicable Series Ordinance. The Issuer may in a Financial Facility Agreement agree to directly reimburse such Financial Facility Provider for amounts paid under the terms of such Financial Facility, together with interest thereon; provided, however, that no Reimbursement Obligation shall arise for purposes of the Bond Ordinance until amounts are paid under such Financial Facility. Any such Financial Facility shall be for the benefit of and secure such Bonds or portion thereof as specified in the applicable Series or Supplemental Ordinance.

Hedge AgreementsIn connection with any issuance of Bonds, the Issuer may enter into Hedge Agreements with Hedge Providers, and no other providers, with respect to any Bonds. The Issuer shall authorize the execution, delivery and performance of each Hedge Agreement in a Series Ordinance or Supplemental Ordinance in which it shall designate the related Hedged Bonds. The Issuer's obligation to pay Hedge Payments may enjoy a Senior Pledge or a Subordinate Pledge if and when provided for by the Bond Ordinance, or may be subordinated in lien and right of payment to the Senior Pledge and the Subordinate Pledge, as determined by the Issuer and expressed in the Series or Supplemental Ordinance.

Rate Covenant

The Issuer shall prescribe, fix, maintain and collect rates, fees and other charges for the services, facilities and commodities furnished by the System during each Fiscal Year which are estimated to yield Adjusted Available Revenues for such Fiscal Year equal to at least the Coverage Requirement for such Fiscal Year. The Issuer may make adjustments from time to time in such fees and charges and may make such classification thereof as it deems necessary, but shall not reduce the rates, fees and charges then in effect unless the Adjusted Available Revenues from such reduced rates, fees and charges are estimated to be sufficient to meet the requirements of the rate covenant.

On a single occasion to be determined by the Issuer, the Issuer may deposit into the Rate Stabilization Fund, from available amounts in the Renewal and Extension Fund, such amount as the Issuer shall determine. Further, from time to time, the Issuer may deposit into the Rate Stabilization Fund from Operating Revenues derived in the current Fiscal Year such amounts as the Issuer shall determine, and the amount of Operating Revenues shall be reduced by the amount so transferred for such Fiscal Year for the purposes for which Operating Revenues are computed under this Ordinance; provided, however, no such transfer shall be effected if after making such transfer and reduction Operating Revenues are not estimated to equal or exceed the Coverage Requirement for such Fiscal Year. Amounts may be transferred from the Rate Stabilization Fund and deposited in the Revenue Fund, and any amounts so transferred within 270 days after the end of a Fiscal Year shall be deemed Operating Revenues for such Fiscal Year when so transferred. The Issuer may also transfer moneys on deposit in the Rate Stabilization Fund to the Renewal and Extension Fund. All interest or other earnings upon amounts in the Rate Stabilization Fund may be withdrawn therefrom, be deposited in the Revenue Fund, and be accounted for as Operating Revenues.

If the Issuer fails to prescribe, fix, maintain and collect rates, fees and other charges, or to revise such rates, fees and other charges in accordance with the provisions described in this subsection, the owners of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Senior Bonds then Outstanding, without regard to whether any Event of Default shall have occurred, may institute and prosecute in any court of competent jurisdiction an appropriate action to compel the Issuer to prescribe, fix, maintain or collect such rates, fees and other charges, or to revise such rates, fees and other charges in accordance with the requirements described in this subsection.

The rates, fees and other charges shall be classified in a reasonable manner to cover users of the services and facilities furnished by the System so that, as nearly as practicable, such rates, fees and other charges shall be uniform in application to all users falling within any reasonable class. No free services shall at any time be furnished from the System and it will undertake within its health powers or such other applicable powers provided by law to require the owners of all improved property abutting any sewerage lien to connect with the System. No customer shall be connected to the System or served by the Issuer without a proper meter having been first installed. All services shall be furnished in accordance with rates established, including services furnished to any county, municipal corporation or other public board or body. The Issuer in the exercise of its reasonable discretion shall have the right to furnish temporarily free water to nonprofit bodies or public bodies for emergency purposes.

Maintenance of the System in Good Condition

The Issuer covenants that it has and will continue to enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the System and the operation thereof, that all compensation, salaries, fees and wages paid by it in connection with the operation, maintenance and repair of the System will be reasonable, and that no more persons will be employed by it than are necessary, that it will operate the System in an efficient and economical manner and will maintain the System in good repair and in sound operating condition, that it will make all necessary repairs, renewals and replacements to the System, and that it will comply with all valid acts, rules, regulations orders and directions of any legislative, executive, administrative or judicial body applicable to the System and the Issuer's operation thereof.

Insurance

The Issuer will procure and maintain such insurance relating to the System which it shall deem advisable or necessary to protect its interests and the interests of the Bondholders, which insurance shall afford protection in such amounts and against such risks as are usually covered in the State of Georgia in connection with municipal water and sewerage systems comparable to the System; provided that any such insurance may be maintained under a self-insurance program so long as such self insurance is maintained in the amounts and manner usually maintained in connection with municipal water and sewerage systems in the State of Georgia comparable to the System and is, in the opinion of an accredited actuary, actuarially sound.

The Issuer shall protect itself against the usual hazards incident to the construction of any Project, and without in any way limiting the generality of the above, shall: (a) require each construction contractor and each subcontractor to furnish a bond or bonds, of such type and in amounts adequate to assure the faithful performance of their contracts and the payment of all bills and claims for labor and material arising by virtue of such contracts; and (b) require each construction contractor or the subcontractor to maintain at all times until the completion and acceptance of the Project adequate compensation insurance for all of their employees and adequate public liability and property damage insurance for the full and complete protection of the Issuer from any and all claims of every kind and character that may arise by virtue of the operations under their contracts, whether such operations be by themselves or by anyone directly or indirectly for them, or under their control.

All such policies shall be for the benefit of and made payable to the Issuer and shall be on deposit with the Issuer. The cost of insurance may be paid as an Expense of Operation and Maintenance.

All moneys received for losses under any such insurance policies, except public liability policies, are hereby pledged by the Issuer as security for the Bonds until and unless such proceeds are paid out in making good the loss or damage in respect of which such proceeds are received, either by repairing the property damaged or replacing the property destroyed or by depositing the same in the Renewal and Extension Fund. Adequate provision for making good such loss and damage shall be made within 120 days from the date of the loss. Insurance proceeds not used in making such provision shall be deposited in the Renewal and Extension Fund on the expiration of such 120-day period.

No Sale, Lease, or Encumbrance; Exceptions

The Issuer will not sell, lease or otherwise dispose of the System or any part thereof essential to the proper operation of the System or to the maintenance of Net Operating Revenues. The Issuer will not enter into any

agreement which impairs the operation of the System or any part thereof necessary to secure adequate Net Operating Revenues for the payment of Senior Bonds or which would otherwise impair the rights of the Issuer with respect to Net Operating Revenues or the operation of the System. This covenant shall not prohibit the Issuer from acquiring personal property by capital leases under which title to or a lien on such property is retained to secure the completion of the acquisition payments.

All proceeds received from any permitted sale of System assets shall be deposited in the Renewal and Extension Fund.

The Issuer reserves the right to transfer the System as a whole to any political subdivision, public corporation or agency of one or more political subdivisions of the State to which may be delegated the legal authority to own and operate the System, or any portion thereof, on behalf of the public, and which undertakes in writing, filed with the Issuer, the Issuer's obligations under the Bond Ordinance, provided that there shall be first filed with the Issuer: (a) an opinion of Bond Counsel to the effect that such sale will not adversely affect the status of any Bonds as Tax-Advantaged Bonds; and (b) ratings confirmation letters from all Rating Agencies rating Bonds, at the Issuer's request, that the current ratings on the Bonds will not be adversely affected.

Books, Records, and Accounts

The Issuer shall, after the close of each Fiscal Year, cause the books, records and accounts of the System to be properly audited by an Independent Certified Public Accountant and shall require such Independent Certified Public Accountant to complete its report within 180 days after the close of the Fiscal Year. The audit report shall cover, but shall not be limited to, a balance sheet, an income statement, a cash flow statement, any other statement required by law or accounting convention, and a report by such Independent Certified Public Accountant disclosing any material financial default on the part of the Issuer in the performance of any covenant in the Bond Ordinance. A copy of such annual audit report shall be made available to any Bondholder, Financial Facility Provider, Hedge Provider or Reserve Fund Credit Facility Provider on request.

Rights of Inspection

The owner or owners of \$1,000,000 or more in aggregate principal amount of Bonds, any Financial Facility Provider, any Hedge Provider or any Reserve Fund Credit Facility Provider shall have the right at all reasonable times to inspect the System and all records, accounts and data of the Issuer relating thereto. Upon request the Issuer will furnish to such persons such financial statements and other available information relating to the Issuer and the System as such persons may from time to time reasonably request.

Employees' Salaries

No part of the salary of any Issuer employee shall be charged against the Pledged Revenues unless, and only to the extent that, the duties and performance of such employee pertain to the operation of the System.

Satisfaction of Liens

The Issuer will from time to time duly pay and discharge or cause to be paid and discharged all taxes, assessments and other governmental charges, if any, lawfully imposed upon the System or any part thereof or upon the Pledged Revenues, as well as any lawful claims for labor, materials or supplies that if unpaid might by law become a lien or charge upon the System or the Pledged Revenues or any part thereof or that might impair the security of the Bonds, except when the Issuer in good faith contests its liability to pay the same.

Enforcement of Bills

In accordance with good business practices, the Issuer shall diligently enforce payment of bills for services supplied by the System and will do all things and exercise remedies reasonably available to assure the prompt payment of charges for services supplied by the System.

Payments

All payments falling due on the Bonds for principal and interest shall be made by the Issuer from the Pledged Revenues or, at the Issuer's option, other legally available revenues to the owners thereof when due in full, and all reasonable and authorized charges made by the Bond Registrar and any Paying Agent shall be paid by the Issuer when due.

No Loss of Lien on Revenues.

The Issuer shall not do, or omit to do, or permit to be done or to be omitted any matter or thing whatsoever whereby the lien of the Bond Ordinance on the Pledged Revenues or any part thereof might or could be lost or impaired.

Events of Default

An "Event of Default" shall mean the occurrence of any one or more of the following:

(a) failure to pay the principal or redemption price or premium of any Senior Bond when the same shall become due and payable, either at maturity or by proceedings for redemption or otherwise; or

(b) failure to pay any installment of interest on any Senior Bond when and as such installment of interest shall become due and payable; or

(c) default shall be made by the Issuer in the performance of any obligation in respect to any Debt Service Reserve Fund and such default shall continue for 30 days thereafter; or

(d) the Issuer shall (i) admit in writing its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due, (ii) file a petition in bankruptcy or take advantage of any insolvency act, (iii) make an assignment for the benefit of its creditors, (iv) consent to the appointment of a receiver of itself or of the whole or any substantial part of its property, or (v) be adjudicated a bankrupt; or

(e) a court of competent jurisdiction shall enter an order, judgment or decree appointing a receiver of the System or any of the funds or accounts established in the Bond Ordinance, or of the whole or any substantial part of the Issuer's property, or approving a petition seeking reorganization of the Issuer under the federal bankruptcy laws or any other applicable law or statute of the United States of America or the State, and such order, judgment or decree shall not be vacated or set aside or stayed within 60 days from the date of the entry thereof; or

(f) under the provisions of any other law for the relief or aid of debtors, any court of competent jurisdiction shall assume custody or control of any of the funds or accounts established in the Bond Ordinance, or of the Issuer or of the whole or any substantial part of the Issuer's property, and such custody or control shall not be terminated or stayed within 60 days from the date of assumption of such custody or control; or

(g) the Issuer shall fail to perform any of the other covenants, conditions, agreements and provisions contained in the Senior Bonds or in the Bond Ordinance on the part of the Issuer to be performed, and such failure shall continue for 90 days after written notice specifying such failure and requiring it to be remedied shall have been given to the Issuer by the owners of not less than, or a Credit Facility Provider securing not less than, 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Senior Bonds; provided, however, if the failure stated in such notice can be corrected, but not within such 90-day period, the Issuer shall have 365 days after such written notice to cure such default if corrective action is instituted by the Issuer within such 90-day period and diligently pursued until the failure is corrected; or

(h) an Event of Default under any Series Ordinance relating to Senior Bonds shall occur; or

(i) delivery to the Issuer by a Credit Facility Provider of written notice stating that an "Event of Default" on the part of the Issuer has occurred under any Credit Facility Agreement relating to Senior Bonds; or

(j) delivery to the Issuer by a Hedge Provider of written notice stating that an “Event of Default” on the part of the Issuer has occurred under any Senior Hedge Agreement.

Remedies

(a) Upon the happening and continuance of any Event of Default, then and in every such case, upon the written declaration of the owners of more than 50% in aggregate principal amount of all Senior Bonds then Outstanding or upon the written demand of a Credit Facility Provider securing more than 50% in aggregate principal amount of the Senior Bonds then Outstanding, the principal of all Senior Bonds then Outstanding shall become due and payable immediately, together with the interest and premium (if any) accrued thereon to the date of such acceleration, at the place of payment provided therein, and interest on the Bonds fully secured by a Credit Facility shall cease to accrue after the date of such acceleration, anything in the Bond Ordinance or in the Bonds.

Upon any declaration of acceleration under the Bond Ordinance, the Issuer shall immediately draw under any applicable Credit Facility to the extent permitted by the terms thereof that amount which shall be sufficient to pay the principal of and accrued interest and premium (if any) on the related Senior Bonds so accelerated.

The above provisions, however, are subject to the condition that if, after the principal of the Senior Bonds shall have been so accelerated, all arrears of interest upon such Bonds, and interest on overdue installments of interest at the rate on such Bonds, shall have been paid by the Issuer, the principal of such Bonds that has matured (except the principal of any Bonds not then due by their terms except as provided above) has been paid, and the Issuer shall also have performed all other things in respect to which it may have been in default under the Bond Ordinance, then, in every such case, the owners of more than 50% in aggregate principal amount of all Senior Bonds then Outstanding by written notice to the Issuer, may waive such default and its consequences and such waiver shall be binding upon the Issuer and upon all owners of the Bonds; but no such waiver shall extend to or affect any subsequent default or impair any right or remedy consequent thereon. As long as the applicable Credit Facility Provider shall not then continue to dishonor draws under the Credit Facility, no Event of Default with respect to the related Senior Bonds may be waived without the express written consent of such Credit Facility Provider.

(b) Upon the happening and continuance of any Event of Default, any owner of Senior Bonds then Outstanding affected by the Event of Default or a duly authorized agent for such owner may proceed to protect and enforce its rights and the rights of the owners of Senior Bonds by such of the following remedies as it shall deem most effectual to protect and enforce such rights:

(i) by mandamus or other suit, action, or proceeding at law or in equity, enforce all rights of the owners of Senior Bonds, including the right to require the appointment of a receiver for the System or to exercise any other right or remedy provided by the Revenue Bond Law and to require the Issuer to perform any other covenant or agreement contained in the Bond Ordinance and to perform its duties under the Revenue Bond Law;

(ii) by bringing suit upon the Senior Bonds;

(iii) by action or suit in equity, require the Issuer to account as if it were the trustee of an express trust for the owners of the Senior Bonds;

(iv) by action or suit in equity, enjoin any acts or things that may be unlawful or in violation of the rights of the owners of the Senior Bonds; or

(v) by pursuing any other available remedy at law or in equity or by statute.

In the enforcement of any remedy under the Bond Ordinance, owners of Senior Bonds shall be entitled to sue for, enforce payment on, and receive any and all amounts then or during any default becoming, and at any time remaining, due from the Issuer for principal, redemption premium, interest, or otherwise, under any provision of the Bond Ordinance or of the Senior Bonds, and unpaid, with interest on overdue payments at the rate or rates of interest specified in such Senior Bonds, together with any and all costs and expenses of collection and of all proceedings

under the Bond Ordinance and under such Senior Bonds, without prejudice to any other right or remedy of the owners of Senior Bonds, and to recover and enforce a judgment or decree against the Issuer for any portion of such amounts remaining unpaid, with interest, costs and expenses, and to collect from any moneys available for such purpose, in any manner provided by law, the moneys adjudged or decreed to be payable.

Waiver of Default

No delay or omission of any Bondholder to exercise any right or power accruing upon any Event of Default shall impair any such right or power or shall be construed to be a waiver of any such Event of Default, or an acquiescence therein, and every power and remedy given by the Bond Ordinance to the Bondholders may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient.

Application of Moneys After Default

If an Event of Default occurs and shall not have been remedied, the Issuer or a receiver appointed for the purpose shall apply all Pledged Revenues as follows and in the following order of priority:

(a) Expenses of Receiver and Paying Agent and Bond Registrar - to the payment of the reasonable and proper charges, expenses and liabilities of the receiver and the Paying Agent and Bond Registrar under the Bond Ordinance;

(b) Expenses of Operation and Maintenance and Renewals and Replacements - to the payment of all reasonable and necessary Expenses of Operation and Maintenance and major renewals and replacements to the System;

(c) Payments with Respect to Senior Bonds - to the payment of the interest and principal or redemption price then due on the Senior Bonds and Hedge Payments then due under Senior Hedge Agreements, as follows:

(i) Unless the principal of all the Senior Bonds shall have become due and payable, all such moneys shall be applied as follows:

First: to the payment to the persons entitled thereto of all installments of interest then due on the Senior Bonds, in the order of the maturity of such installments (with interest on defaulted installments of interest at the rate or rates borne by the Senior Bonds with respect to which such interest is due, but only to the extent permitted by law), and, if the amount available shall not be sufficient to pay in full any particular installment, then to the payment ratably, according to the amounts due on such installment, to the persons entitled thereto, without any discrimination or preference. As to any Compound Interest Bond that is a Senior Bond, such interest shall accrue on the Accreted Value of such Bond and be set aside on a daily basis until the next compounding date for such Bonds, whereupon it shall be paid to the owner of such Bond as interest on a defaulted obligation and only the unpaid portion of such interest (if any) shall be treated as principal of such Bond.

Second: to the payment of the Hedge Payments due under any Senior Hedge Agreements pursuant to their terms.

Third: to the payment to the persons entitled thereto of the unpaid principal of any of the Senior Bonds that shall have become due at maturity or upon mandatory redemption prior to maturity (other than Senior Bonds called for redemption for the payment of which moneys are held pursuant to the provisions of the Bond Ordinance), in the order of their due dates, with interest upon such Senior Bonds from the respective dates upon which they became due, and, if the amount available shall not be sufficient to pay in full Senior Bonds due on any particular date, together with such interest, then to the payment first of such interest, ratably according to the amount of such interest due on such date, and then to the payment of such principal, ratably

according to the amount of such principal due on such date, to the persons entitled thereto without any discrimination or preference. The Accreted Value of a Compound Interest Bond that is a Senior Bond (except for interest that shall have been paid under paragraph first) shall be treated as principal for purposes of this paragraph third.

Fourth: to the payment of the redemption premium on and the principal of any Senior Bonds called for optional redemption pursuant to their terms.

Fifth: to the payment of other amounts owing by the Issuer to Financial Facility Providers with respect to Financial Facilities for Senior Bonds.

Sixth: to the payment of any amounts owing by the Issuer to Reserve Fund Credit Facility Providers with respect to Reserve Fund Credit Facilities with respect to Senior Bonds.

(ii) If the principal of all the Senior Bonds shall have become due and payable, all such moneys shall be applied to the payment of the principal, premium (if any) and interest then due and unpaid upon the Senior Bonds, with interest thereon as aforesaid, and due and unpaid Hedge Payments under Senior Hedge Agreements, without preference or priority of principal over interest, premium, or Hedge Payments, or of interest over principal, premium, or Hedge Payments, or of premium over principal, interest, or Hedge Payments, or of Hedge Payments over principal, premium, or interest, or of any installment of interest over any other installment of interest, or of any Senior Bond over any other Senior Bonds, or of any such Hedge Payment over any other such Hedge Payment, ratably, according to the amounts due respectively for principal, premium (if any) interest, and Hedge Payments, to the persons entitled thereto without any discrimination or preference.

(iii) For the purposes described above, Reimbursement Obligations relating to interest on Senior Bonds shall be treated and paid in the same priority as interest on Senior Bonds, and Reimbursement Obligations relating to principal on Senior Bonds shall be treated and paid in the same priority as principal on Senior Bonds.

(d) Other Payments. Except as otherwise described above as further provided by Series Ordinance or Supplemental Ordinance, in the same order of priority as provided in clauses (b) through (k) above.

Defeasance

Bonds for the payment or redemption of which sufficient moneys or sufficient Government Obligations shall have been deposited with the Paying Agent or the Depository of the Sinking Fund (whether upon or prior to the maturity or the redemption date of such Bonds) shall be deemed to be paid and no longer Outstanding under the Bond Ordinance; provided, however, that if such Bonds are to be redeemed prior to the maturity thereof, notice of such redemption shall have been duly given as provided in the Bond Ordinance or firm and irrevocable arrangements shall have been made for the giving of such notice. Government Obligations shall be considered sufficient for these purposes only: (a) if such Government Obligations are not callable by the issuer of the Government Obligations prior to their stated maturity, and (b) if such Government Obligations fall due and bear interest in such amounts and at such times as will assure sufficient cash (whether or not such Government Obligations are redeemed by the Issuer pursuant to any right of redemption) to pay currently maturing interest and to pay principal and redemption premiums, if any, when due on the Bonds without rendering the interest on any Tax-Advantaged Bonds includable in gross income of any owner thereof for federal income tax purposes.

The Issuer may at any time surrender to the Bond Registrar for cancellation by it any Bonds previously authenticated and delivered under the Bond Ordinance, which the Issuer may have acquired in any manner whatsoever. All such Bonds, upon such surrender and cancellation, shall be deemed to be paid and retired.

Supplemental Ordinances Not Requiring Consent of Bondholders

As used below, the term “modify” means “modify, amend, or supplement” and the term “modification” means “modification, amendment, or supplement.”

The Issuer, from time to time and at any time, subject to the conditions and restrictions in the Bond Ordinance, may enact one or more Supplemental Ordinances, which thereafter shall form a part of the Bond Ordinance, for any one or more or all of the following purposes:

(a) To add to the covenants and agreements of the Issuer in the Bond Ordinance other covenants and agreements thereafter to be observed or to surrender, restrict or limit any right or power reserved in the Bond Ordinance to or conferred upon the Issuer;

(b) To make such provisions for the purpose of curing any ambiguity, or of curing, correcting or supplementing any defective provision contained in the Bond Ordinance, or in regard to matters or questions arising under the Bond Ordinance, as the Issuer may deem necessary or desirable and not inconsistent with the Bond Ordinance;

(c) To grant to or confer any additional rights, remedies, powers or authorities that may be lawfully granted to or conferred upon the owners of the Bonds;

(d) To subject to the lien and pledge of the Bond Ordinance additional revenues, receipts, properties or other collateral;

(e) To evidence the appointment of successors to any Depositories, Paying Agent(s) or Bond Registrar(s);

(f) To modify, amend or supplement the Bond Ordinance in such manner as to permit the qualification of the Bond Ordinance under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 or any federal statute hereinafter in effect, and similarly to add to the Bond Ordinance such other terms, conditions and provisions as may be permitted or required by such Trust Indenture Act of 1939 or any similar federal statute;

(g) To make any modification or amendment of the Bond Ordinance required in order to make any Bonds eligible for acceptance by The Depository Trust Company or any similar holding institution or to permit the issuance of any Bonds or interests therein in book-entry form;

(h) To modify any of the provisions of the Bond Ordinance in any respect if such modification shall not become effective until after the Bonds Outstanding immediately prior to the effective date of such Supplemental Ordinance shall cease to be Outstanding and if any Bonds issued contemporaneously with or after the effective date of such Supplemental Ordinance shall contain a specific reference to the modifications contained in such subsequent proceedings;

(i) Subject to the provisions of the Bond Ordinance, to modify the provisions of the Bond Ordinance with respect to the disposition of any moneys remaining in the Construction Fund upon the completion of any Project;

(j) To modify the Bond Ordinance to permit the qualification of any Bonds for offer or sale under the securities laws of any state in the United States of America;

(k) To modify the Bond Ordinance to provide for the issuance of Parity Bonds, Subordinate Bonds or Other System Obligations in a manner not inconsistent with the Bond Ordinance, and such modification may deal with any subjects and make any provisions that the Issuer deems necessary or desirable for that purpose;

(l) To make such modifications in the provisions of the Bond Ordinance as may be deemed necessary by the Issuer to accommodate the issuance of Bonds that (i) are Compound Interest Bonds (including, but not limited to, provisions for determining the Debt Service Requirement for such Compound Interest Bonds and for treatment of Accreted Value in making such determination) or (ii) bear interest at a Variable Rate;

(m) To modify any of the provisions of the Bond Ordinance in any respect (other than a modification of the type described therein requiring the unanimous written consent of the Bondholders); provided that for (i) any

Outstanding Bonds which are assigned a Rating and which are not secured by a Credit Facility providing for the payment of the full amount of principal and interest to be paid thereon, each Rating Agency shall have given written notification to the Issuer that such modification will not cause the then applicable Rating on any Bonds to be reduced or withdrawn, and (ii) any Outstanding Bonds which are secured by Credit Facilities providing for the payment of the full amount of the principal and interest to be paid thereon, each Credit Facility Provider shall have consented in writing to such modification; and

(n) To grant to any Reserve Fund Credit Facility Provider such rights as it may require in connection with the issuance of a Reserve Fund Credit Facility, provided that such amendment shall not, in the written opinion of Bond Counsel filed with the Issuer, impair or reduce the security granted to the owners of Senior Bonds or any of them.

Supplemental Ordinances Requiring Consent of Bondholders

With the consent of the owners of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Bonds of each class (senior and subordinate), voting separately by class, the Issuer may from time to time and at any time enact a Supplemental Ordinance for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of the Bond Ordinance or of any Supplemental Ordinance; provided, however, that no such Supplemental Ordinance shall: (a) extend the maturity date or due date of any mandatory sinking fund redemption with respect to any Bond Outstanding under the Bond Ordinance; (b) reduce or extend the time for payment of principal of, redemption premium, or interest on any Bond Outstanding under the Bond Ordinance; (c) reduce any premium payable upon the redemption of any Bond under the Bond Ordinance or advance the date upon which any Bond may first be called for redemption prior to its stated maturity date; (d) give to any Senior Bond or Senior Bonds (or related Senior Hedge Agreements) a preference over any other Senior Bond or Senior Bonds (or related Senior Hedge Agreements); (e) permit the creation of any lien or any other encumbrance on the Pledged Revenues having a lien equal to or prior to the lien created under the Bond Ordinance for the Senior Bonds; (f) reduce the percentage of owners of any class of Bonds required to approve any such Supplemental Ordinance; or (g) deprive the owners of the Bonds of the right to payment of the Bonds or from the Pledged Revenues, without, in each case, the consent of the owners of all the Bonds then Outstanding. No amendment may be made with the consent of the holders of the Bonds that affects the rights or duties of any Financial Facility Provider securing any of the Bonds or any Hedge Provider under any Hedge Agreement without its written consent.

If the Issuer intends to enter into or adopt any Supplemental Ordinance as described above, the Issuer shall mail, by registered or certified mail, to the registered owners of the Bonds at their addresses as shown on the Bond Register, a notice of such intention along with a description of such Supplemental Ordinance not less than 30 days prior to the proposed effective date of such Supplemental Ordinance. The consents of the registered owners of the Bonds need not approve the particular form of wording of the proposed Supplemental Ordinance, but it shall be sufficient if such consents approve the substance thereof. Failure of the owner of any Bond to receive the notice required in the Bond Ordinance shall not affect the validity of any Supplemental Ordinance if the required number of owners of the Bonds of each class shall provide their written consent to such Supplemental Ordinance.

Upon the issuance of a Credit Facility to secure any Bonds and for the period in which such Credit Facility is outstanding, the Credit Facility Provider may have the consent rights of the owners of the Bonds that are secured by such Credit Facility pertaining to some or all of the amendments or modifications of the Bond Ordinance, to the extent provided in the applicable Series Ordinance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a Credit Facility Provider is granted the consent rights of the owners of any Bonds in a Series Ordinance and refuses to exercise such consent rights, either affirmatively or negatively, then the registered owners of the Bonds secured by the related Credit Facility may exercise such consent rights.

APPENDIX C

Form of Opinion of Bond Counsel

_____, 2025

Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County
Athens, Georgia

Re: \$_____ Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Water and Sewerage
Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2025

To the Addressee:

We have acted as Bond Counsel in connection with the issuance by the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State of Georgia (the “Issuer”), of its Water and Sewerage Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2025 in the aggregate principal amount of \$_____ (the “Series 2025 Bonds”). We have examined the law and such certified proceedings, including a certified copy of the transcript of the validation proceeding concluded in the Superior Court of Clarke County, Georgia, and other papers as we deemed necessary to render this opinion. In all such examinations, we have assumed the genuineness of signatures on original documents and the conformity to original documents of all copies submitted to us as certified, conformed or photographic copies, and as to certificates of public officials, we have assumed the same to have been properly given and to be accurate.

The Series 2025 Bonds are being issued pursuant to a Bond Ordinance of the Issuer enacted on April 1, 2025, as supplemented by a Supplemental Bond Ordinance of the Issuer enacted on June 3, 2025 (together, the “Bond Ordinance”). The proceeds from the sale of the Series 2025 Bonds will be used to finance costs of (a) currently refunding the Issuer’s outstanding Water and Sewerage Revenue Bonds, Series 2015 (the “Refunded Bonds”), and (b) paying costs of issuance. The Series 2025 Bonds are payable from the Net Operating Revenues (as defined in the Bond Ordinance) of the System.

The Issuer has reserved the right to issue additional parity bonds and other obligations (the “Parity Bonds”) pursuant to the Bond Ordinance under certain terms and conditions on a parity with the lien on Net Operating Revenues of the System.

As to questions of fact material to our opinion, we have relied upon (i) representations of duly authorized officers of the Issuer and (ii) certified proceedings and other certifications of duly authorized officers of the Issuer, without undertaking to verify the same by independent investigation.

We express no opinion with respect to the accuracy, completeness or sufficiency of the Official Statement or any other offering materials distributed in connection with the offering or sale of the Series 2025 Bonds. In our role as Bond Counsel, we express no opinion as to the compliance by the Issuer or the underwriter of the Series 2025 Bonds with any federal or state statute, regulation or ruling with respect to the sale or distribution of the Series 2025 Bonds.

Based upon our examination, we are of the opinion, as of the date hereof and under existing law, as follows:

1. The Issuer is a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State of Georgia with the corporate power to (i) enact the Bond Ordinance; (ii) perform its obligations contained in the Bond Ordinance, and (iii) issue the Series 2025 Bonds.

2. The Bond Ordinance has been duly enacted by the Issuer and constitutes the legal, valid, binding and enforceable obligation of the Issuer.

3. The Bond Ordinance creates a valid first and priority lien on the funds pledged by the Bond Ordinance as security for the Series 2025 Bonds on a parity with other bonds and obligations that may be issued under the Bond Ordinance.

4. The Series 2025 Bonds have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Issuer and constitute the legal, valid and binding limited obligations of the Issuer payable from the sources provided therefor in the Bond Ordinance.

5. The interest on the Series 2025 Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals; however, such interest is taken into account in determining the annual adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations. In rendering this opinion, we have assumed the continued compliance by the Issuer with its covenants relating to the use of the proceeds of the Series 2025 Bonds and compliance with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Series 2025 Bonds in order for the interest on the Series 2025 Bonds to be and continue to be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. The noncompliance with such covenants could cause interest on the Series 2025 Bonds to be included in federal gross income retroactive to the date of issuance of the Series 2025 Bonds. We express no opinion regarding any other federal tax consequences arising with respect to the Series 2025 Bonds.

6. The interest on the Series 2025 Bonds is exempt from all present State of Georgia income tax.

The rights of the owners of the Series 2025 Bonds and the enforceability of the Bond Ordinance and the Series 2025 Bonds may be subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights heretofore or hereafter enacted and may also be subject to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases.

Very truly yours,

SMITH, GAMBRELL & RUSSELL, LLP

By: _____
Benjamin J. Brooks

APPENDIX D

Form of Continuing Disclosure Certificate

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE

_____, 2025

This Continuing Disclosure Certificate (this “Disclosure Certificate”) is executed and delivered by the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia (the “Unified Government”), in connection with the issuance of \$ _____ in aggregate principal amount of Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia Water and Sewerage Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2025 (the “Bonds”). The Bonds are being issued pursuant a Bond Ordinance enacted by the Commission of Unified Government (the “Commission”) on April 1, 2025, as supplemented on June 3, 2025 (together, the “Bond Ordinance”). The Unified Government hereby covenants and agrees as follows:

SECTION 1. Purpose of this Disclosure Certificate. This Disclosure Certificate is being executed and delivered by the Unified Government for the benefit of Bondholders (as herein defined).

SECTION 2. Definitions. In addition to the definitions set forth in the Bond Ordinance, which apply to any capitalized terms used in this Disclosure Certificate unless otherwise defined in this Section, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

“*Annual Report*” means any Annual Report provided by the Unified Government pursuant to, and as described in, Sections 3 and 4 of this Disclosure Certificate.

“*Bondholders*” means the beneficial owners of the Bonds.

“*Dissemination Agent*” means any Dissemination Agent designated in writing by the Unified Government and which has filed with the Unified Government a written acceptance of such designation.

“*EMMA*” means the Electronic Municipal Market Access system of the MSRB.

“*Fiscal Year*” means any period of twelve consecutive months adopted by the Unified Government as its fiscal year for financial reporting purposes and initially means the period beginning on July 1 of each calendar year and ending on June 30 of the next calendar year.

“*Listed Events*” means any of the events listed in Section 5 of this Disclosure Certificate.

“*MSRB*” means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

“*Rule*” shall mean Rule 15c2-12 adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as the same may be amended from time to time.

SECTION 3. Provision of Annual Reports.

(a) The Unified Government will provide, or cause the Dissemination Agent to provide, not later than seven months after the end of each Fiscal Year, commencing with Fiscal Year 2025, to the MSRB in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB (which, as of the date hereof, is EMMA) an Annual Report that is consistent with the requirements of the provisions of Section 4 hereof. The Unified Government agrees to provide the Annual Report to the Dissemination Agent (if other than the Unified Government) not later than fifteen business days prior to such date. The Annual Report may be submitted as a single document or as separate documents comprising a package, and may cross-reference other information as provided in Section 4 hereof; provided that the audited financial statements of the Unified Government may be submitted separately from the balance of the Annual Report.

(b) If the Unified Government is unable to provide to the MSRB an Annual Report by the date required as described above, the Unified Government must send a notice to the MSRB in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB (which, as of the date hereof, is EMMA) of such failure.

(c) The Dissemination Agent is required to:

- (i) determine each year prior to the date for providing the Annual Report the appropriate electronic format prescribed by the MSRB for filing with the MSRB and the proper form for such filing; and
- (ii) if the Dissemination Agent is other than the Unified Government, file a report with the Unified Government certifying that the Annual Report has been provided pursuant to this Disclosure Certificate and stating the date it was provided.

(d) The Unified Government is required to promptly file a notice of any change in its Fiscal Year with the MSRB in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB (which, as of the date hereof, is EMMA). If the audit report specified in clause (a) of Section 4 hereof is not submitted as part of the Annual Report to the MSRB, the Unified Government agrees to, or to cause the Dissemination Agent to, provide to the MSRB in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB (which, as of the date hereof, is EMMA) such audit report, together with the audited basic financial statements to which such audit report relates, when they are available to the Unified Government.

SECTION 4. Content of Annual Reports. The Unified Government's Annual Report shall contain or incorporate by reference the following:

(a) the Unified Government's basic financial statements for the preceding Fiscal Year, which must be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, as in effect from time to time, and which must be accompanied by an audit report, if available at the time of submission of the Annual Report to the MSRB, resulting from an audit conducted by an independent certified public accountant or firm of independent certified public accountants in conformity with generally accepted auditing standards;

(b) if generally accepted accounting principles have changed since the last Annual Report was submitted and if such changes are material to the Unified Government, a narrative explanation describing the impact of such changes on the Unified Government; and

(c) information for the preceding Fiscal Year regarding the following categories of financial information and operating data of the Unified Government's water and sewerage system, to the extent not included in the audited financial statements (including the notes thereto) of the Unified Government: (A) average and maximum daily (in MGD) water demand, (B) number of water connections by customer class, (C) ten largest water customers, (D) Average and maximum daily treated wastewater flow, (E) number of sewer connections by customer class, (F) ten largest sewer customers, (G) rates, fees and charges, (H) historical debt service coverage ratio, (I) total costs of capital improvements and funding sources, and (J) the insurance coverage of the Unified Government.

Any or all of the items listed above may be incorporated by reference from other documents, including official statements of debt issues of the Unified Government or related public entities, which are available to the public on the MSRB's Internet Web site or filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Unified Government must clearly identify each such other document so incorporated by reference.

SECTION 5. Reporting of Significant Events.

(a) The Unified Government shall give, or cause to be given, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds:

- (1) Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (2) Non-payment related defaults, if material;
- (3) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (4) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (5) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (6) Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;
- (7) Modifications to rights of Bondholders, if material;
- (8) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers;

- (9) Defeasances;
- (10) Release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material;
- (11) Rating changes;
- (12) Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or other similar event of the Unified Government;
- (13) The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the Unified Government or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Unified Government, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
- (14) Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
- (15) The incurrence of a financial obligation of the obligated person, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the obligated person, any of which affect security holders, if material; and
- (16) Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the obligated person, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

For the purposes of the events described in clauses (15) and (16) above, the term “Financial Obligation” shall mean a (a) debt obligation; (b) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (c) a guarantee of (a) or (b). The term “Financial Obligation” does not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.

For purposes of the event identified in clause (12), the event is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent, or similar officer for the Unified Government in a proceeding under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Unified Government, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement, or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Unified Government.

If the Unified Government obtains knowledge of the occurrence of a Listed Event, the Unified Government agrees to file in a timely manner not in excess of ten business days after such occurrence a notice of such occurrence with the MSRB in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB (which, as of the date hereof, is EMMA). Notwithstanding the foregoing, notice of Listed Events described in clauses 8 (other than tender offers) and 9 need not be given any earlier than the notice (if any) of the underlying event is given to the owners of the affected Bonds pursuant to the Bond Ordinance.

SECTION 6. Termination of Reporting Obligation. The Unified Government's obligations under this Disclosure Certificate shall terminate upon the legal defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all of the Bonds.

SECTION 7. Dissemination Agent. The Unified Government may, from time to time, appoint a dissemination agent to assist it in carrying out its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate, and the Unified Government may, from time to time, discharge the dissemination agent, with or without appointing a successor dissemination agent.

SECTION 8. Amendment; Waiver. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Disclosure Certificate, the Unified Government may amend this Disclosure Certificate, and any provision of this Disclosure Certificate may be waived, if: (a) such amendment or waiver is made in connection with a change in circumstances that arises from a change in legal requirements, change in law, or change in the identity, nature, or status of the obligor on the Bonds, or type of business conducted; (b) such amendment or waiver does not materially impair the interests of the Bondholders, as determined either by an unqualified opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel filed with the Unified Government or by the approving vote of the Bondholders owning more than two-thirds in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds outstanding at the time of such amendment or waiver; and (c) such amendment or waiver is supported by an opinion of counsel expert in federal securities laws, to the effect that such amendment or waiver would not, in and of itself, cause the undertakings in this Disclosure Certificate to violate the Rule if such amendment or waiver had been effective on the date of this Disclosure Certificate but taking into account any subsequent change in or official interpretation of the Rule, as well as any change in circumstances.

If any provision of Section 4 of this Disclosure Certificate is amended or waived, the first Annual Report containing any amended, or omitting any waived, operating data or financial information must explain, in narrative form, the reasons for the amendment or waiver and the impact of the change in the type of operating data or financial information being provided.

If the provisions of Section 4 of this Disclosure Certificate specifying the accounting principles to be followed in preparing the Unified Government's financial statements are amended or waived, the Annual Report for the year in which the change is made must present a comparison between the financial statements or information prepared on the basis of the new accounting principles and those prepared on the basis of the former accounting principles. The comparison must include a qualitative discussion of the differences in the accounting principles and the impact of the change in the accounting principles on the presentation of the financial information, in order to provide information to the Bondholders to enable them to evaluate the ability of the Unified Government to meet its obligations. To the extent reasonably feasible, the comparison must also be quantitative. The Unified Government must file a notice of the change in the accounting

principles with the MSRB in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB (which, as of the date hereof, is EMMA) on or before the effective date of any such amendment or waiver.

SECTION 9. Additional Information. Nothing in this Disclosure Certificate will prevent the Unified Government from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Disclosure Certificate or any other means of communication, or including any other information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event, in addition to that which is required by this Disclosure Certificate. If the Unified Government chooses to include any information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event in addition to that which is specifically required by this Disclosure Certificate, the Unified Government will have no obligation under this Disclosure Certificate to update such information or include it in any future Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event.

SECTION 10. Default. In the event of a failure of the Unified Government to comply with any provision of this Disclosure Certificate, any Bondholder may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandamus or specific performance by court order, to cause the Unified Government to comply with its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate. A default under this Disclosure Certificate will not be deemed an “event of default” or “default” under the Bond Ordinance, and the sole remedy under this Disclosure Certificate in the event of any failure of the Unified Government to comply with this Disclosure Certificate will be an action to compel performance. A court may decide not to order the specific performance of the covenants contained in this Disclosure Certificate.

SECTION 11. Duties, Immunities and Liabilities of Dissemination Agent. The Dissemination Agent shall have only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Disclosure Certificate, and the Unified Government agrees to indemnify and save the Dissemination Agent, its officers, directors, employees and agents, harmless against any loss, expense and liabilities which they may incur arising out of or in the exercise or performance of their powers and duties hereunder, including the costs and expenses (including attorneys’ fees) of defending against any claim of liability, but excluding liabilities due to the Dissemination Agent’s gross negligence or willful misconduct. The Dissemination Agent may consult with counsel (who may, but need not, be counsel for any party hereto or the Unified Government), and the opinion of such Counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken or suffered by it hereunder in good faith and in accordance with the opinion of such Counsel. The obligations of the Unified Government under this Section 11 shall survive resignation or removal of the Dissemination Agent and payment of the Bonds.

SECTION 12. Beneficiaries. This Disclosure Certificate shall inure solely to the benefit of the Unified Government and Bondholders from time to time of the Bonds, and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

SECTION 13. Intermediaries; Expenses. The Dissemination Agent is hereby authorized to employ intermediaries to carry out its obligations hereunder. The Dissemination Agent shall be reimbursed immediately for all such expenses and any other reasonable expense incurred hereunder (including, but not limited to, attorney’s fees).

SECTION 14. Counterparts. This Disclosure Certificate may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

SECTION 15. Governing Law. This Disclosure Certificate shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 16. Severability. In case any one or more of the provisions of this Disclosure Certificate shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Disclosure Certificate, but this Disclosure Certificate shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provision had not been contained herein.

[Execution on Following Page]

Dated as of the date first above written.

**UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF ATHENS-
CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA**

(S E A L)

By: _____
Mayor

Attest:

Commission Clerk

[Signature Page to Continuing Disclosure Certificate]