

About The District

The Greater Augusta Utility District is a standalone quasi-municipal entity. Its roots go back to 1903, when the Augusta Water District was formed to take over a private water company. Today, the District is a regional public utility that owns, operates and maintains the water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure in Augusta; drinking water delivery in Manchester and East Winthrop; the wastewater system in Hallowell; and regional wastewater collection and treatment for the communities of Monmouth, Winthrop and Manchester.

We are proud to continually make progress towards our fundamental goals (see inside for details). Please contact me if you ever have any questions or concerns. On behalf of all the employees of the Greater Augusta Utility District, thank you for your support!

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2019 ANNUAL REPORT

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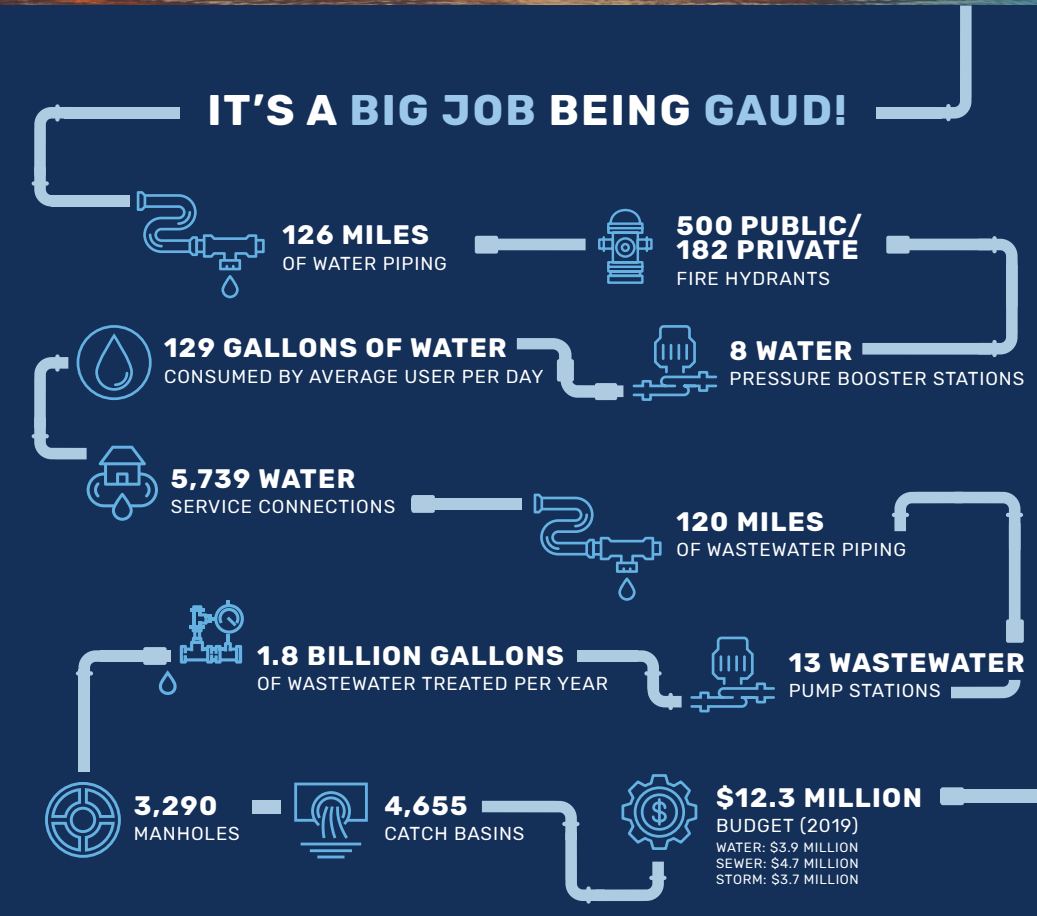


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Visit GreaterAugustaUtilityDistrict.org/ByTheNumbers for more information about the scope of work required to keep water, wastewater & stormwater flowing the way it should!

This past year, we served 14,300 customers with 5,739 drinking water connections, 4,828 sewer connections and 4,612 stormwater customers. This requires continual maintenance of an extensive and complex infrastructure (see numbers at left) in order to continue fulfilling our two-fold mission:

1. To provide fresh, clean, plentiful water; and
2. To remove and treat stormwater and wastewater efficiently and effectively.

To the right, you see an image from one of our more complex projects in 2019 and 2020: working, often at night, at the Cony Circle intersection in Augusta, to install new drinking water mains.

This report summarizes our 2019 accomplishments and the projects we're working on in 2020.

As always, serving you and your constituents is our top priority. We appreciate your support through the years, and we invite you to contact any member of the Board of Trustees at any time.



Ken Knight | Chair | Board of Trustees



2019 HIGHLIGHTS + ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Infrastructure/Projects

- Continued construction of new 1-million-gallon Combined Sewer Overflow Tank, which will go online in August 2020.
- Finished Cedar Street and Commercial Street projects.
- Continued work on Murray Street project, to be completed in 2020.
- Found some promising locations for groundwater development, with work halted in 2020 due to COVID-19.

Process Improvements

- Dewatering Study
- Primary Clarifier #1: New drive and bridge
- Sludge Holding Tank #2: New Chopper Pump for mixing
- Sludge Holding Tank #2: New diffusers for aeration
- Replaced Grit Pump.
- Replaced three return-activated sludge actuators.

Safety/Preparedness

- Reapplied and received SHAPE status from DOL. (District has been a SHAPE Utility since 2008, except for one year, 2016.)

Administrative/Financial

- Ended 2019 with 1,185 paperless customers and 742 using the “autopay” system (out of 6,000 total customers).
- Participated in the Stormwater Workgroup, a multi-partner committee exploring ways to determine an equitable allocation of increasing stormwater operational costs.
- Met monthly with GAUD Board of Trustees and with City of Augusta and other municipalities, as needed, to discuss relevant issues.

Outreach

- Continued key information delivery to GAUD customers through “GAUD by the Numbers” print and digital materials, regular updates to the GAUD website, social media posts, statement stuffers, newsletters, televised board meetings, and the 2018 Drinking Water Quality Report.

STATEMENT OF NET FINANCIAL POSITION

DECEMBER 31, 2019

ASSETS

Current assets:

Cash & cash equivalents	\$8,287,953
Accounts receivable:	
Customer service	\$737,365
Unbilled	\$980,881
Intercommunity trunkline—operations	\$79,804
Other	\$198,134
Inventory	\$183,189
Prepaid expenses	\$92,572

Total current assets **\$10,559,898**

Noncurrent assets:

Other assets:

Unamortized debt discount	\$877
Cash held by ME Municipal Bond Bank	\$3,623,062

Total other assets **\$3,623,939**

Capital assets:

Work in process	\$6,137,749
Operating property	\$147,682,075
Less accumulated depreciation	(\$57,703,906)

Net capital assets **\$96,115,918**

Total noncurrent assets **\$99,739,857**

Total assets **\$110,299,755**

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	\$282,705
Deferred outflows of resources related to other post employment benefits	\$125,068

Total deferred outflows of resources **\$407,773**

LIABILITIES

Current liabilities:

Accounts payable:

Trade	\$594,633
Construction/retainage	\$590,312
Accrued payroll	\$110,895
Accrued interest	\$118,254
Unearned revenue	\$6,739
Current portion of notes payable	\$2,928,968

Total current liabilities **\$4,349,801**

Noncurrent liabilities:

Accrued compensated absences	\$120,260
OPEB liabilities	\$2,900,860
Net pension liability	\$1,007,488
Notes payable	\$25,821,364

Total noncurrent liabilities **\$29,850,364**

Total liabilities **\$34,200,165**

DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred credits	\$494,713
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	\$294,976
Deferred inflows of resources related to other post employment benefits	\$230,768

Total deferred inflows of resources **\$1,020,457**

NET POSITION

Net investment in capital assets	\$72,683,956
Unrestricted	\$2,802,950

Total net position **\$75,486,906**

KEY 2020 PROJECTS

- Environmental review to replace failed sewer pipe under Kennebec River.
- Make new CSO storage tank operational.
- Replace belt filter presses at Wastewater Treatment Plant with new twin Ishigaki screw presses.
- Replace old water mains through Cony Circle
- Replace 15 hydrants.



OUR FUNDAMENTAL GOALS, EVERY YEAR:

1. Supply enough clean, safe drinking water to meet the needs of the communities we serve.
2. Provide adequate fire protection.
3. Remove stormwater and wastewater efficiently and effectively.
4. Maintain stable and equitable rates.
5. Continually improve the District's financial systems to ensure reliability, transparency and security.
6. Comply with all regulatory permits.
7. Always communicate clearly, courteously and effectively.