

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!

—Brian Tarbuck, General Manager | BTarbuck@GreaterAugustaUtilityDistrict.org



2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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Dear Partner Municipal Leader,

We are pleased to present the 2018 Annual Report of the Greater Augusta Utility District. In 2018, we served our customers via 5,400 drinking water connections, 5,100 wastewater connections and 4,600 stormwater connections. This entails maintaining an extensive and complex infrastructure every year 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.

The photo at right shows a major project underway to fulfill the second half of our mission statement: the excavation for our new million-gallon tank to capture combined sewer overflows during major rain events.

This report summarizes our 2018 accomplishments and the projects we’re working on in 2019. These include a proposal to adjust our rates, based on an assessment by the Stormwater Workgroup that examined the best way to share stormwater costs throughout the system.

As always, our number one priority is serving you and your constituents. We appreciate your support through the years, and we invite you to get in touch with any member of the Board of Trustees at any time.

Ken Knight | Chair | Board of Trustees



2018 HIGHLIGHTS + ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Infrastructure/Projects

- Initiated construction of new one million-gallon Combined Sewer Overflow Tank.
- Hydraulically connected East and West drinking water pressure zones through Cony Street.
- Replaced Lambard Court wastewater pipe because of root damage to pipes.
- Replaced wastewater and water mains on Oak Street, and added new stormwater pipes.
- Replaced water and wastewater pipes on Cedar Street and Cedar Court, and installed a new storm drain, as part of a joint project with the City of Augusta.
- Replaced 340' of cast iron main on Gage Street.
- Upgraded wastewater and stormwater infrastructure on Capitol Street.
- Rehabilitated failed wastewater infrastructure on East Side.
- Graded slope, installed fencing and planted trees at Riverside Well, with a grant from the Drinking Water Program.
- Installed new catch basin on Fowler Street to prevent icing and improve drainage.
- Installed new catch basins and stormwater mains on Penley Street to improve drainage.
- Replaced wastewater on Highland Avenue.
- Upgraded catch basins on Purinton Avenue and helped the City of Augusta replace a culvert to improve runoff during significant rain events.
- Put new CCTV Inspection vehicle in service to self-inspect waste/stormwater infrastructure.

Process Improvements

- Planned upgrades to all dewatering equipment.
- Standardized programming and screens through SCADA computers.

Safety/Preparedness

- Promoted safe work practices to encourage continuous improvement in the planning/execution of all work activities.

Administrative/Financial

- Ended 2018 with 1,243 paperless customers (out of 6,000) and 795 customers using the "autopay" system.
- 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 2017 Drinking Water Quality Report.

STATEMENT OF NET FINANCIAL POSITION

DECEMBER 31, 2018

ASSETS

Current assets:

Cash & cash equivalents\$6,073,516

Accounts receivable:

Customer service\$850,897

Unbilled\$1,119,933

Intercommunity trunkline operations\$80,921

Other\$87,444

Inventory\$176,793

Prepaid expenses\$65,243

Total current assets**\$8,454,747**

Noncurrent assets:

Other assets:

Unamortized debt discount\$1,780

Total other assets**\$1,780**

Capital assets:

Work in process\$1,900,015

Operating property\$146,355,496

Less: accumulated depreciation(\$54,592,863)

Net capital assets**\$93,662,648**

Total noncurrent assets**\$93,664,428**

Total assets**\$102,119,175**

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions\$245,381

Deferred outflows of resources related to other post-employment benefits\$179,815

Total deferred outflows of resources**\$425,196**

LIABILITIES

Current liabilities:

Accounts payable:

Trade\$216,675

Construction/retainage\$111,773

Accrued payroll\$116,656

Accrued interest\$107,174

Unearned revenue\$3,049

Current portion of bonds & notes payable\$2,678,196

Total current liabilities**\$3,233,523**

Noncurrent liabilities:

Accrued compensated absences\$108,728

OPEB liabilities\$3,150,710

Net pension liability\$911,892

Bonds & notes payable\$22,000,724

Total noncurrent liabilities**\$26,172,054**

Total liabilities**\$29,405,577**

DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred credits\$543,494

Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions\$311,082

Deferred inflows of resources related to other post-employment benefits\$189,741

Total deferred inflows of resources**\$1,044,317**

NET POSITION

Net investment in capital assets\$69,005,498

Unrestricted\$3,088,979

Total net position**\$72,094,477**

KEY 2019 PROJECTS:

- Commercial Street: Replace aging infrastructure, due to root and structural damage to pipes.
- Dewatering upgrade: Obtain funding and implement project.
- Murray Street: Replace aging infrastructure and storm separation.
- Combined Sewer Overflow Tank: Complete construction.
- Kennebec River Siphon: Complete construction.

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.