

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



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Dear Greater Augusta Utility District Ratepayers and Serviced Municipalities, 2021 was another challenging year with COVID testing and growing awareness about PFAS – also known as “forever chemicals.” It appears these issues will remain a major topic of discussion going forward.

However, in 2021 we found ourselves working hard to continue to balance our billing between wastewater and stormwater.

We received generous grants of over \$7.8M in 2021, which helped our ratepayers and the District. We anticipate this will continue into 2022. We also successfully completed a number of major infrastructure projects, as outlined in this report.

I am very proud of our amazing employees here at GAUD who continue to show up day in and day out to successfully deliver safe, fresh water, environmentally conscientious waste and stormwater treatment to our ratepayers.

As always, please know that the GAUD Board of Trustees operates with openness and transparency at the heart of all that we do. Our monthly Board meetings are open to the public and are broadcast live through CTV7. Our minutes and recordings of past meetings can be found on our website under About Us.

Please feel free to reach out to myself, any member of our Board of Trustees or General Manager Brian Tarbuck with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

—Ken Knight, Chair, Board of Trustees





2021 HIGHLIGHTS + ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Infrastructure/Projects

- Consolidated Highland project from two years to one and shifted to 2022
- Continued planning Winthrop redundant feed
- Developed Trunkline long-range plan to include consolidating two pump stations into one
- Developed annual pipe replacement plan

Administrative/Financial

- Awarded over \$2M in grant funding through successful applications
- Website updated to support PFAS testing
- Rate committee worked to find ways to meet operational and capital goals in the face of historic inflationary pressures
- Developed an Organizational Risk Plan that identified six positions needed to meet current/future needs
- Established consistent weekly or biweekly department meetings (Management, Operations, Engineering, Finance/Admin)
- Established Personal Development Plans for three team members

Outreach

- Successfully continued communications with municipalities, MaineDOT and regulatory agencies
- Started GAUD Crisis Communications review, including a table top emergency drill conducted in June 2021
- Ongoing communication regarding Trunkline
- Continued engagement in Manchester regarding the redundant water main
- Continued outreach to stakeholders and added new pages to web site explaining PFAS and ongoing test results
- Newsletter continues to reinforce the importance of infrastructure

Headwinds

- Sampled for PFAS before and after new regulations were adopted with water meeting the proposed 20 ppt standards and full results available online
- Visited southern Maine PFAS drinking water treatment site in May 2021
- Tracked potential arsenic in drinking water regulation
- Tracked updated lead in drinking water regulation

STATEMENT OF NET FINANCIAL POSITION

DECEMBER 31, 2021

ASSETS

Current assets:

Cash & cash equivalents \$4,139,495

Accounts receivable:

Customer service \$589,347

Unbilled \$1,039,891

Other \$30,909

Inventory \$219,796

Prepaid expenses \$121,700

Total current assets **\$6,141,138**

Noncurrent assets:

Other assets:

Net pension asset \$108,336

Cash held by ME Municipal Bond Bank \$75,759

Total other assets **\$184,095**

Capital assets:

Work in process \$5,263,176

Operating property \$160,878,242

Less accumulated depreciation (\$64,405,843)

Net capital assets **\$101,735,575**

Total noncurrent assets **\$101,919,670**

Total assets **\$108,060,808**

LIABILITIES

Current liabilities:

Accounts payable:

Trade \$234,804

Construction/retainage \$39,240

Intercommunity trunkline - operations \$21,372

Accrued payroll \$86,963

Accrued interest \$103,464

Unearned revenue \$31,229

Current portion of notes payable \$2,457,344

Total current liabilities **\$2,974,416**

Noncurrent liabilities:

Accrued compensated absences \$228,523

OPEB liabilities \$2,940,308

Notes payable \$21,812,344

Total noncurrent liabilities **\$24,981,175**

Total liabilities **\$27,955,591**

DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred credits \$403,135

Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions \$1,481,237

Deferred inflows of resources related to other post employment benefits \$75,391

Total deferred inflows of resources **\$1,959,763**

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions \$551,440

Deferred outflows of resources related to other post employment benefits \$301,104

Total deferred outflows of resources **\$852,544**

NET POSITION

Net investment in capital assets \$77,541,646

Unrestricted \$1,456,352

Total net position **\$78,997,998**



KEY 2022 PROJECTS

- Install wastewater pipe and drinking water pipe beneath Kennebec River
- Install new computer control system for plant and pump stations
- Optimize conduit gate operation to reduce combined sewer overflows (CSO)
- Optimize performance of boat landing tank to allow for removal of several CSOs
- Begin design and engineering on Front Street sewer pump station
- Survey Green, Drew and Water Streets for 2023-24 projects
- Replace 300 feet of pipe on Evergreen Drive
- Complete stormwater projects on Cushnoc Drive, Ballard Center outfall, Fourth Avenue, Glenwood Avenue
- Sample for the virus that causes COVID-19 in wastewater as part of national study
- Replace aging computer system to enhance cybersecurity resilience