Keeping our Great Lake great

During 2015, in addition to being a proud participant in Cleveland’s “Year of Clean Water,” and our treatment plants’ continued excellence in meeting their permit limits, the District celebrated these successes and recognitions:

EUCLID CREEK TUNNEL
The Euclid Creek Tunnel was completed $3.6 million under budget, setting a benchmark for future Project Clean Lake successes. These tunnels — the region’s largest infrastructure investments — will keep hundreds of millions of gallons of combined sewage out of Lake Erie each year.

STORMWATER
The Ohio Supreme Court ruled that the District can proceed with its Stormwater Management Program to address large-scale flooding, erosion, and pollution problems on a regional basis.

GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM
Our innovative Good Neighbor Ambassador program expanded communication and understanding with residents and businesses affected by our construction projects, and inspired other local organizations to adopt similar customer-engagement programs.

FAIRHILL/MLK GREEN PROJECTS
Green infrastructure at Fairhill Road and MLK Jr. Boulevard will manage 17 million gallons of stormwater in a typical year and reduce the flow reaching our combined sewer system.

URBAN AGRICULTURE
A new urban agriculture project in the Kinsman neighborhood will manage seven million gallons of stormwater a year, reduce CSO pollution to Lake Erie by 1.6 million gallons annually, and offer a new site for environmental outreach and education.

PUBLIC SQUARE
A new rainwater harvesting and infiltration system downtown at Public Square will capture storm runoff and reuse it for irrigation. Paired with a permeable paver tree infiltration system, the project will manage three million gallons of stormwater per year.

BEACH MONITORING UPGRADES
The District invested in a Mass Spectrometer to monitor beach waters for toxins produced by blue-green algae, as well as compounds found in pharmaceuticals and personal-care products. Our lab is the first in Ohio that can offer this type of analysis.

CLEAN-UP FUNDS
The District was awarded $400,000 from the U.S. EPA to clean up two brownfields in Cleveland’s Central neighborhood. Polluted with industrial waste atop contaminated soils, the sites will be remediated to make way for a District project that will help convert the blighted areas into 15.6 acres of greenspace—and eliminate 14.3 million gallons of CSO annually.

GREEN BUILDING
Our Renewable Energy Facility earned LEED Gold Certification and a Sustainable Cleveland recognition for its success in saving money and resources.

OPEN HOUSE SUCCESS
At its 2015 Open House, the District enjoyed a 228% increase in attendance from the previous year.

WINNING WORKPLACE
The District was recognized by both the Plain Dealer and NorthCoast 99 as one of the great workplaces in Northeast Ohio.
# Financial Highlights

- Assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by $1,357,906,185.
- Retirements of debt principal were $46,084,980.
- Operating revenues increased by $41,244,758.
- Operating expenses increased by $7,935,044.

## Revenues (In Thousands)

### OPERATING REVENUES 2015

- City of Cleveland Sewer and Stormwater Service fees (NEORSD billing agent) $242,171 86.4%
- Other Billing Agents Sewer and Stormwater Services Fees $15,824 5.6%
- Direct Billed Sewer and Stormwater Service Fees $17,007 6.0%
- Septic Tank and Municipal Sludge Fees $501 0.2%
- Miscellaneous $4,927 1.8%
- Total Operating Revenues $280,430 100.0%

### NON-OPERATING REVENUES 2015

- Interest Revenue $2,526 27.4%
- Federal Subsidy Revenue $6,469 70.3%
- Non-Operating Grant Revenue $1,383 15.0%
- Decrease in Fair Value of Investments $(1,173) -12.7%
- Total Non-Operating Revenues $9,205 100.0%

## Expenses (In Thousands)

### OPERATING EXPENSES 2015

- Salaries and Wages $47,918 28.7%
- Fringe Benefits $14,563 8.7%
- Utilities $16,284 9.7%
- Professional and Contractual Services $21,988 13.1%
- Other $3,726 2.2%
- Depreciation $62,826 37.6%
- Total Operating Expenses $167,305 100.0%

### NON-OPERATING EXPENSES 2015

- Interest Expense on Long-Term Debt $62,617 92.6%
- Non-Operating Grant Expenses $708 1.0%
- Loss on Disposals of Equipment $4,323 6.4%
- Total Non-Operating Expenses $67,648 100.0%