



# **COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2008

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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio, Franklin County, prepared by Schneider Downs & Co., Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

*Mary Taylor*

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September 22, 2009

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# **Comprehensive Annual Financial Report**

**of the**

## **Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio**

**for the**

**Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2008**

Issued by the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio

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Chief Financial Officer

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# **INTRODUCTORY SECTION**



July 31, 2009

To the Board of Trustees, residents and businesses of the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (“SWACO”):

We are pleased to present SWACO’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (“CAFR”) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 to the SWACO Board of Trustees and those living and doing business within the jurisdiction of SWACO.

By statute, SWACO is required to publish and file with the Auditor of State a complete set of audited financial statements within six months of the close of each fiscal year, unless an extension is authorized. SWACO received an extension from the Auditor of State and this report is published to fulfill the filing requirement for 2008.

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

Schneider Downs & Co., Inc., Certified Public Accountants, have issued an unqualified opinion on SWACO’s financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2008. The independent auditors’ report is located at the beginning of the Financial Section of the report, Section 2.

The Management Discussion and Analysis (“MD&A”) immediately follows the independent auditors’ report and provides a narrative introduction, overview and analysis of the basic financial statements. MD&A complements this letter of transmittal and should be read in conjunction with it.

### **Profile of SWACO**

A political subdivision of the State of Ohio, SWACO is one of 52 single and multi-county solid waste management districts established under Ohio’s solid waste management program. The primary goal of the State’s solid waste management program is reducing reliance on landfills for solid waste disposal in Ohio. As a solid waste district, SWACO is responsible for preparing, updating and implementing a comprehensive solid waste management plan for the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District (the “District”).

In addition to providing solid waste planning for the District, SWACO operates a sanitary landfill with a maximum daily capacity of 4,000 tons, three waste transfer stations with a combined capacity of approximately 3,000 tons per day, and various recycling and waste reduction programs.

SWACO is governed by a nine-member Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees appoints SWACO's Executive Director, who serves as SWACO's Chief Executive Officer, and the Assistant Executive Director. The Executive Director is the appointing authority for SWACO's other employees, including the Chief Financial Officer who also serves as Secretary/Treasurer to the Board.

SWACO's mission is to manage the District municipal solid waste stream to achieve environmentally responsible and cost-effective disposal, treat solid waste as a resource capable of yielding recovered materials and energy, reduce reliance on landfilling, and plan future disposal capacity for the District.

### History of SWACO

SWACO was established in 1989 and its first two years were devoted to developing the initial solid waste management plan for the District. In 1991, SWACO purchased the 3,333 ton-per-day Franklin County Sanitary Landfill from the County Commissioners and, in 1993, added a 90-megawatt, 2,000-ton per day resource recovery facility (the "Waste-To-Energy Facility" or "WTEF") and two solid waste transfer facilities through a long-term lease with the City of Columbus (the "City"). SWACO also acquired the County's closed landfill (the "Model Landfill") as part of the acquisition of the operating landfill.

SWACO closed all but the waste receiving portion of the WTEF at the end of 1994 because of its inability to generate revenues sufficient to operate the facility and pay the lease obligation to the City. SWACO converted the waste receiving portion of the facility to a solid waste transfer station and negotiated revised lease terms with the City. Pursuant to the modified lease, SWACO implemented new fees in 1999 applied to all solid waste generated within SWACO's jurisdiction and dedicated to the payment of the lease (see Note 12). In 2005, SWACO demolished the waste incineration portions of the facility, retaining the transfer station and certain buildings and structures that SWACO used for recycling activities. A fire destroyed the last remaining structures at the site of the former incinerator in 2008, leaving only the transfer station.

With closure of the WTEF in 1994 and the resulting loss of disposal capacity, SWACO began the process of obtaining a permit from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) to expand the landfill to meet the additional disposal requirement of the District. In 1997, the permit was approved adding 49 million cubic yards to the landfill, sufficient capacity to meet SWACO's disposal requirements for at least 25 years and increasing the daily capacity to 6,000 tons. A further modification to the permit, approved in 2009, added 2.6 million cubic yards to the landfill's capacity.

## The Solid Waste Plan

SWACO's Solid Waste Plan was originally adopted in 1993. The plan is subject to periodic updates and in 2005 the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (the OEPA) approved the most recent update. The updated plan, which runs through 2019, had previously been approved by SWACO's member political subdivisions.

## Budgetary Control

The Board of Trustees adopts annual non-appropriated operating and capital improvements budget resolution. Budgetary control is maintained by the Board at the major account level (Salaries, Wages and Benefits; Contracts, Services and Supplies; Capital Outlays; etc.). Although there is no legal requirement for external reporting of budgetary basis financial data, the Statistical Section provides a budget to actual comparison for the year ending December 31, 2008.

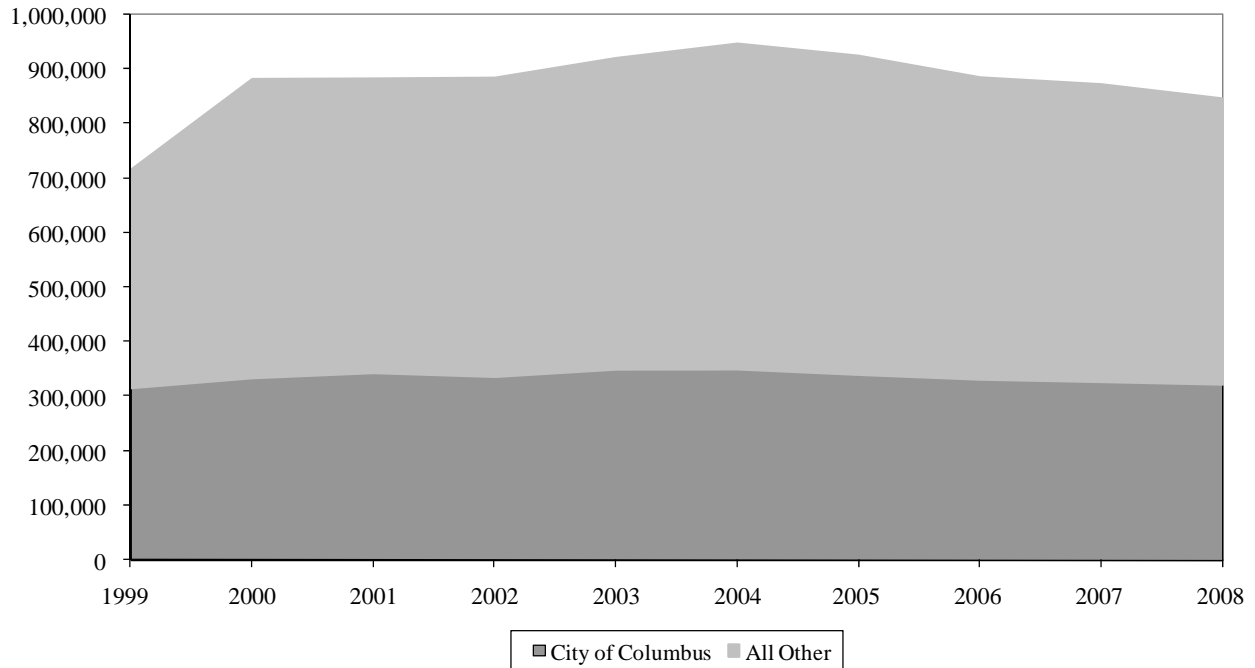
## **Local Economy and Economic Outlook**

SWACO is located principally within Franklin County, with the City of Columbus as the largest city within the District. Prior to 2001, both the County and the City enjoyed healthy economies characterized by low unemployment, an increasing tax base, and strong economic development. In recent years, the state and local economies have shown slower growth including higher unemployment and lower income and sales tax collections. None the less, both the City and the County maintain triple-A ratings on their long-term debt from the major rating agencies.

SWACO, too, has seen the impact of the weakened economy. Solid waste receipts have declined for the third consecutive year, and overall District waste generation has also declined. SWACO completed 2008 without a tipping fee increase, but adopted a \$2.00 per ton District-wide fee increase effective January 1, 2009. Further rate increases for 2010 and beyond are being considered.

The introduction in 1999 of fees assessed on all solid waste generated from within the District and dedicated to the payment of the WTEF lease (the Waiver Fee and Retired Facility Fee, Note 12) has contributed greatly to a more stable outlook for the future of SWACO. As a result of a modification to the lease and implementation of the new fees, the City reduced the lease obligation by 35 percent. This, combined with the payments made by SWACO from the revenues generated from the new fees, has allowed SWACO to make significant reductions in the lease obligation and related debt. This is discussed in more detail in the MD&A on page 2-5 (Financial Position of SWACO).

### SWACO Solid Waste Receipts 1999 - 2008



### Long-Term Financial Planning and Major Initiatives

SWACO adopts annual operating and capital budgets with additional pro forma projections to extend the planning horizon to five years. Over the next twenty years, SWACO will be embarking on an extensive capital improvements program as it completes construction of the remaining four phases of the landfill (the first was completed in 2005 and the second in 2009) and plans for its eventual closure and replacement. To meet the long-term need for disposal capacity, SWACO is studying upgrading or replacing its existing transfer stations and constructing additional stations to expand transfer capacity. SWACO is also investigating the construction of facilities designed to reduce the volume of waste being disposed in the landfill. The challenge for SWACO will be financing these capital improvements while maintaining rates that remain acceptable to SWACO's customers and competitive in the central Ohio market.

As part of its capital improvements program, SWACO issued nearly \$20.0 million in General Obligation bonds in 2008. SWACO requested long term debt ratings on the issue from Standard and Poor's and Moody's Investors Service and received ratings upgrades from both agencies. Standard and Poor's upgraded SWACO to AAA, from AA+, and Moody's upgraded SWACO to Aa1, from Aa2.

## **Awards and Acknowledgements**

### Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to SWACO for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007. This was the eleventh consecutive year SWACO has received this award. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized CAFR that satisfies both accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe that our current CAFR continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement program's requirements and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

### Acknowledgements

The Executive Director wishes to thank the employees of SWACO for their dedication and hard work. On behalf of the citizens and staff of SWACO, the Executive Director also acknowledges the support and efforts of the Board of Trustees. These Board members, who serve without compensation, have provided valuable expertise and guidance to SWACO and staff, as well as a significant time commitment, helping SWACO to achieve its goals.

Sincerely,



Ronald J. Mills,  
Executive Director



G. Paul Koehler, CPA  
Chief Financial Officer

# Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

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## Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio

For its Comprehensive Annual  
Financial Report  
for the Fiscal Year Ended  
December 31, 2007

A Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting is presented by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada to government units and public employee retirement systems whose comprehensive annual financial reports (CAFRs) achieve the highest standards in government accounting and financial reporting.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. L. R.", is positioned above the title "President".

President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey R. Emer", is positioned above the title "Executive Director".

Executive Director

# Principal Officials

## Board of Trustees (Appointed by or Representing)

Bradley N. Frick, Chairman  
*Designee of the Franklin County  
Health Commissioner*

David J. Bush, Vice Chairman  
*Appointed by the Mayor of the City of  
Columbus*

Colleen H. Briscoe  
*Appointed by the Board of Trustees  
representing the general public*

Paula Brooks  
*President of the Franklin County Board  
of Commissioners*

Robert J. Clemons  
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or institutional waste generators*

Mark Kelsey  
*Designee of the Mayor of the City of  
Columbus*

Jacqueline E. LaMuth  
*Appointed by the Board of Trustees  
representing the general interest of citizens*

William Lotz, Sr.  
*Appointed by a majority of the Boards of  
Township Trustees in Franklin County*

Steven P. Shepard  
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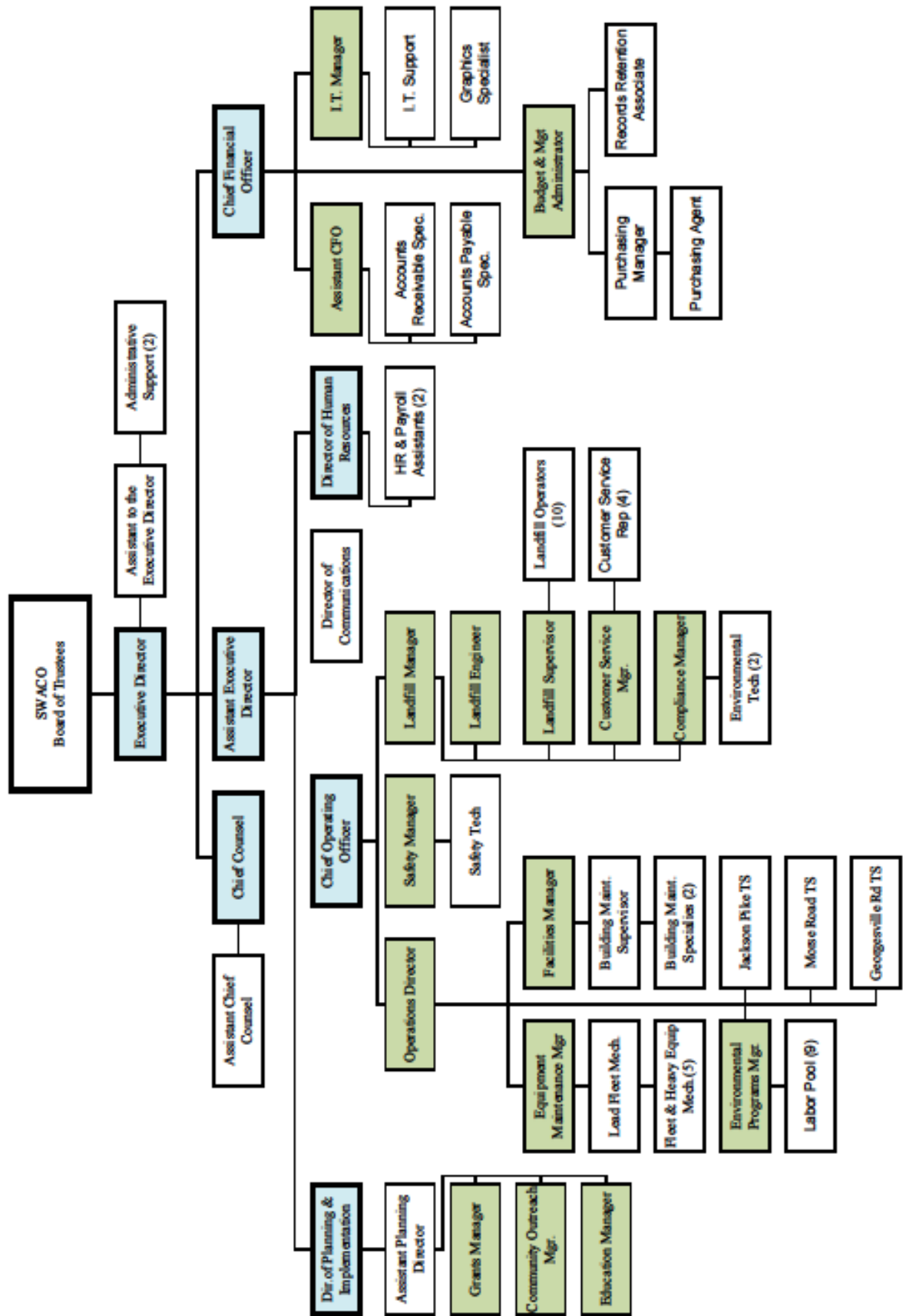
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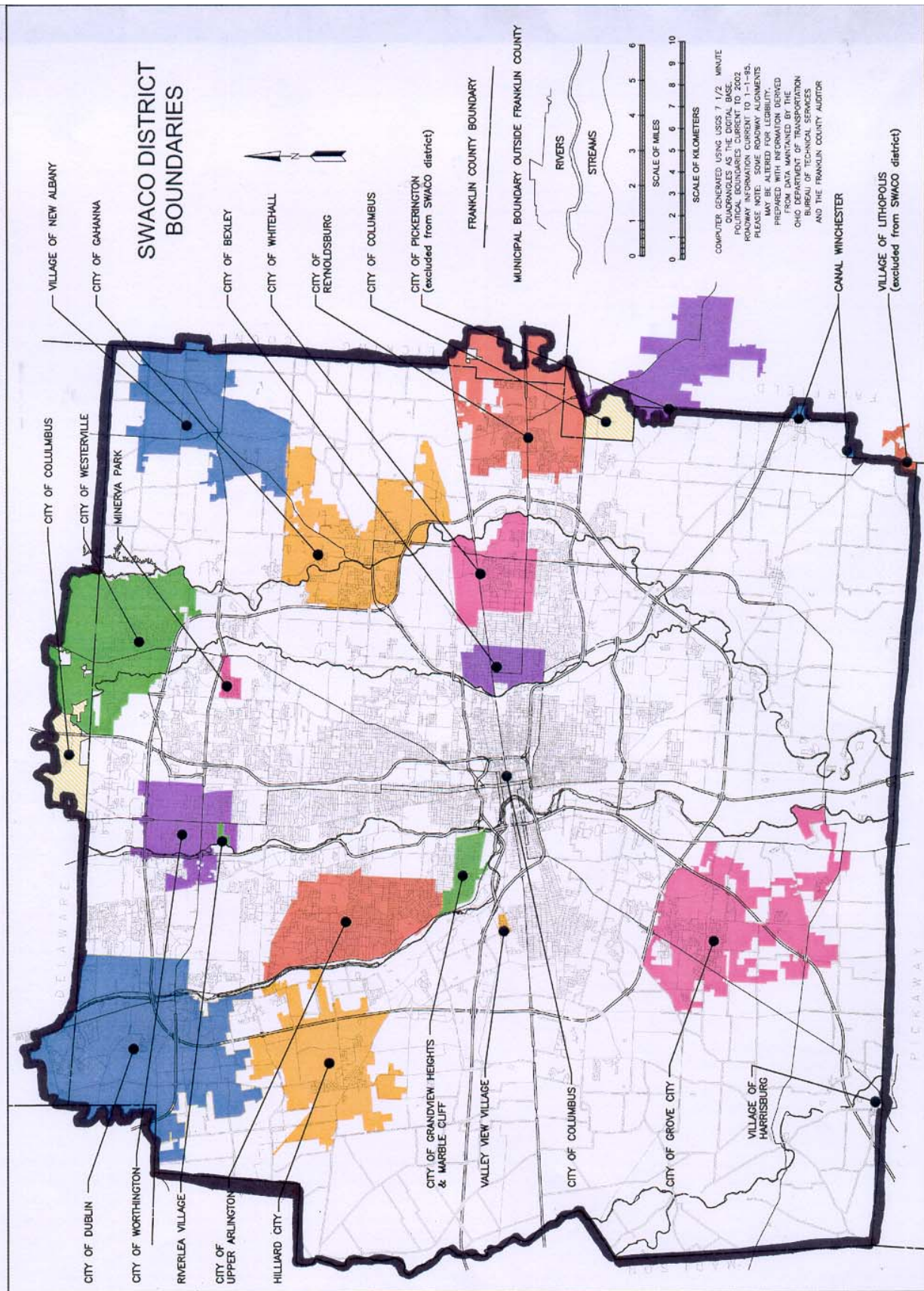
## Staff

Ronald J. Mills, Executive Director  
Jeffrey M. Cahill, Assistant Executive Director  
G. Paul Koehler, Chief Financial Officer  
Harold J. Anderson III, Chief Legal Counsel  
Rick A. Dodge, Chief Operating Officer  
Patrick O'Block, Budget and Management Administrator



# SWACO Table of Organization





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# **FINANCIAL SECTION**



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio  
Franklin County  
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To the Audit and Finance Committee and the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities and each major fund of the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, which collectively comprise SWACO's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of SWACO's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. The prior year summarized comparative information has been derived from SWACO's 2007 financial statements. We did not audit the financial statements of SWACO as of and for the year ended December 31, 2007. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose report dated June 20, 2008, expressed an unqualified opinion on those statements.

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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities and each major fund of the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio, as of December 31, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 31, 2009, on our consideration of SWACO's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and 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 the 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* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Government Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise SWACO's basic financial statements. The introductory section, supplemental schedules and statistical section are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The supplemental schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken 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 express no opinion on them.

SCHNEIDER DOWNS : CO., INC.

Columbus, Ohio  
July 31, 2009

# SWACO

## Management's Discussion & Analysis for the Year Ended December 31, 2008 (unaudited)

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### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) provides an overview of the financial performance of the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) and provides an introduction to SWACO's financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008. The information contained in this MD&A should be considered in conjunction with information presented in the letter of transmittal, beginning on page 1-1, and SWACO's financial statements and corresponding notes to the financial statements, which follow this section.

#### Overview Of The Financial Statements

SWACO's financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB). The financial information of SWACO is accounted for in two enterprise funds in order to reflect limitations and restrictions placed on the use of available resources. The *Operating Fund* is used primarily to account for revenues and expenses related to the operation of SWACO's sanitary landfill and solid waste transfer facilities. Except for certain fees restricted to the payment of a capital lease obligation and related bonds, the fund may be used for any other lawful solid waste management purpose deemed appropriate by the Board of Trustees. Moneys in the *Program Fund* are restricted by state statute to certain solid waste reduction, recycling and reuse purposes.

Following this MD&A are the basic financial statements of SWACO together with notes, which are essential to a full understanding of the data contained in the financial statements. Included in the financial statements for SWACO are the following:

- Statement of Net Assets – This statement presents information on all of SWACO's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets.
- Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets - This statement includes all operating and nonoperating revenues and expenses for SWACO and shows the change in SWACO's net assets during the most recent year.
- Statement of Cash Flows – This statement reports cash and cash equivalent activities for the year resulting from operating, capital and related financial activities. A reconciliation of operating income with net cash provided by operating activities is provided.

#### Financial Highlights

Significant financial developments in 2008 include:

- SWACO applied for a modification to the landfill permit that will add approximately 2.6 million cubic yards to the landfill capacity.
- As a result of the modification to the permit (approved in 2009), SWACO re-evaluated landfill development and closure costs and reported a Change in Accounting Estimate (Note 3) that resulted in a \$6.6 million increase in SWACO net assets.
- SWACO issued \$19,975,000 in general obligation bonds in 2008 to refund \$16 million in notes outstanding at the end of 2007 and to continue SWACO's capital improvements program. This was completed late in 2008, in spite of turmoil and uncertainty in the municipal credit markets, and credit markets in general.
- Associated with the 2008 bond issue, SWACO received bond ratings upgrades from both of the rating agencies that maintain ratings on SWACO's long term debt, including a AAA rating from

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## Management's Discussion & Analysis for the Year Ended December 31, 2008 (unaudited)

Standard and Poor's (increased from AA+) and a Aa1 rating from Moody's Investors Service (increased from Aa2).

- SWACO continued to make progress in reducing its deficit related to its acquisition of the former City of Columbus solid waste incinerator (the "WTEF"). SWACO made supplemental lease payments to the City of approximately \$6.1 million during 2008.
- SWACO completed 2008 without a tipping fee increase. During the year, however, SWACO completed public hearings and community meetings on a 2009 rate increase and the Board of Trustees adopted a \$2.00 rate increase effective January 1, 2009.

SWACO's financial position improved by \$9.1 million in 2008 (all funds combined) and SWACO's net asset deficit fell to \$29.1 million at the end of 2008 compared to a beginning deficit of \$38.2 million. This reflects the continued progress SWACO is making in reducing the deficit related to the closed WTEF (see *Financial Position of SWACO*, below) as well as the change in accounting estimate related to landfill depletion and closure expenses (see Note 3).

<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>Operating and Program Funds Combined</b>			
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>Increase (decrease)</u>
<b>Assets</b>			
Current and other assets	\$ 12,582,807	\$ 10,614,090	\$ (1,968,717)
Restricted cash and investments	15,177,101	6,276,731	(8,900,370)
Closure/postclosure funds held by trustee	21,104,036	23,035,444	1,931,408
Capital assets	58,719,696	53,071,663	(5,648,033)
Capital lease receivable (less current portion)	4,900,000	4,708,000	(192,000)
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>112,483,640</u>	<u>97,705,928</u>	<u>(14,777,712)</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current liabilities	38,088,609	14,443,268	(23,645,341)
Bonds payable, less current portion, net	86,962,279	98,366,447	11,404,168
Capital lease obligation, less current portion	5,875,489	3,924,995	(1,950,494)
Landfill closure/postclosure liability, non current	19,753,319	10,075,402	(9,677,917)
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>150,679,696</u>	<u>126,810,112</u>	<u>(23,869,584)</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt:			
Lease obligation and bonds payable related to closed waste-to-energy facility	(61,014,426)	(49,595,116)	11,419,310
Other capital assets, net	6,679,674	(1,054,194)	(7,733,868)
Restricted:			
Landfill closure/postclosure trust fund, net of accrued liability	2,325,036	13,886,444	11,561,408
Other restricted, net	8,251,762	1,184,338	(7,067,424)
Unrestricted	5,561,898	6,474,344	912,446
<b>Total net assets</b>	<u>\$ (38,196,056)</u>	<u>\$(29,104,184)</u>	<u>\$ 9,091,872</u>



## SWACO

### Management's Discussion & Analysis for the Year Ended December 31, 2008 (unaudited)

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SWACO's total revenues, expenses and changes in fund net assets are summarized in the following table:

	<b>Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Assets Operating and Program Funds Combined</b>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>Increase (decrease)</b>
Revenues			
Operating revenues	\$ 37,467,217	\$ 36,822,398	\$ (644,819)
Non-operating revenues	4,918,954	2,423,828	(2,495,126)
Total Revenues	42,386,171	39,246,226	( 3,139,945)
Expenses			
Operating expenses	28,100,875	24,318,080	(3,782,795)
Non-operating expenses	5,709,293	5,836,274	126,981
Total Expenses	33,810,168	30,154,354	(3,655,814)
Change in net assets	8,576,003	9,091,872	515,869
Total net assets – beginning	(46,772,059)	(38,196,056)	8,576,003
Total net assets – ending	\$ (38,196,056)	\$ (29,104,184)	\$ 9,091,872

#### Financial Position of SWACO

As shown in the above table, SWACO ended 2008 with a combined deficit of \$29.1 million. On the surface, this large deficit may raise questions regarding SWACO's financial stability. All of the deficit can be attributed to the acquisition in 1993 of the former City of Columbus, Ohio (the "City") waste-to-energy facility ("WTEF") and the closure of the facility in 1994 and subsequent write-down and demolition of the facility. In 1998, the deficit on the facility reached a peak of \$167.8 million and there was a danger SWACO would default on its lease obligation to the City. However, modifications to the lease in 1998 and 2004 allowed SWACO to put in place a means to fully retire the outstanding debt on the facility and have essentially eliminated the risk of default under the lease if SWACO's revenues are not sufficient to pay the lease.

The modified lease included a thirty-five percent reduction in the lease and the deferral, with interest, of amounts due but not paid by SWACO in accordance with the modified lease payment schedule. Pursuant to the 1998 modification, SWACO enacted new fees in 1999 dedicated to the payment of the lease obligation and began steadily paying down the lease. In accordance with a further modification to the lease in 2004, and using the dedicated lease payment revenues as a source of debt service, SWACO issued \$57.2 million in bonds in 2004 to pay off the deferred lease balance that had accumulated since closure of the plant. By the end of 2008 SWACO had reduced the deficit to \$49.0 million as shown in the following table. Note 12 provides additional information on the WTEF and WTEF lease.

# SWACO

## Management's Discussion & Analysis for the Year Ended December 31, 2008 (unaudited)

	<b>Discontinued Operations Total Net Assets (in thousands)</b>				
	Carrying value of Waste-to- Energy Facility	WTEF lease obligation	Bonds Payable	Other Assets and (Liabilities)	Total Net Assets
1993	\$162,105	\$173,253	\$ -	\$ -	(\$11,148)
1994	36,594	165,372	-	(2,565)	(131,343)
1995	36,594	165,372	-	(3,565)	(132,343)
1996	36,594	165,372	-	(4,097)	(132,875)
1997	6,500	165,372	-	(8,361)	(167,233)
1998	6,433	158,135	-	(16,068)	(167,770)
1999	6,381	140,275	-	(4,150)	(138,044)
2000	6,338	136,553	-	(113)	(130,328)
2001	4,605	126,879	-	(1,734)	(124,008)
2002	1,976	119,480	-	(981)	(118,485)
2003	1,976	108,711	-	(964)	(107,699)
2004	1,121	28,751	56,379	4,837	(79,172)
2005	-	27,356	53,230	15,405	(65,181)
2006	-	15,817	50,029	5,986	(59,860)
2007	-	14,269	46,745	6,520	(54,494)
2008	-	6,225	43,370	556	(49,039)

### Operating Fund Net Assets

A comparison of Operating Fund net assets as of the end of 2007 and 2008 is shown in the table on the following page. Total assets decreased by \$14.5 million in 2008 compared to 2007. Of the total decrease, there was an approximately \$8.7 million reduction in restricted cash and investments primarily due to supplemental lease payments made to the City of Columbus from restricted cash and investments. Capital assets were reduced by approximately \$5.5 million primarily due to a change in estimate related to landfill depletion, which is described in more detail in Note 3. Current liabilities decreased by approximately \$24.2 million, attributable to the refunding, with bonds, of \$16.0 million in bond anticipation notes outstanding at the end of 2007, and the supplemental lease payment to the City of Columbus. The landfill closure/postclosure liability decreased approximately \$9.7 million due to the change in accounting estimate discussed in note 3.

Excluding the bonds payable and lease related to the WTEF, SWACO's capital assets net of related debt at the end of 2008 are reported at a negative balance of \$1.9 million, a reduction of approximately \$7.6 million from 2007. A significant portion of the decrease (\$4.3 million) is attributable to the change in accounting estimate related to the calculation of landfill depletion (Note 3).

Restricted net assets in the Operating Fund include funds held by a trustee for closure of the Sanitary Landfill net of the accrued liability for closure and postclosure care of the landfill. SWACO established the trust fund to meet Ohio EPA requirements that landfill owners provide assurance that the owner has the necessary financial resources to provide for the ultimate closure and ongoing care of the landfill (see Note 6). As of the end of 2008, the trust fund balance of \$23.0 million exceeded the accrued Sanitary Landfill closure/postclosure liability by approximately \$13.9 million, an increase of \$11.5 million compared to 2007 primarily due to the change in accounting estimate related to landfill closure costs discussed in note 3.

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<b>Operating Fund Net Assets</b>			
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>Increase (decrease)</b>
<b>Assets</b>			
Current and other assets	\$ 12,137,881	\$ 9,925,479	\$ (2,212,402)
Restricted cash and investments	13,753,152	5,007,425	(8,745,727)
Closure/postclosure funds held by trustee	21,104,036	23,035,444	1,931,408
Capital assets	57,728,234	52,221,680	(5,506,554)
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>104,723,303</b>	<b>90,190,028</b>	<b>(14,533,275)</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current liabilities	37,363,476	13,113,964	(24,249,512)
Bonds payable, less current portion, net	82,084,279	93,658,447	11,574,168
Capital lease obligation, less current portion	5,875,489	3,924,995	(1,950,494)
Landfill closure/postclosure liability, non current	19,753,319	10,075,402	(9,677,917)
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>145,076,563</b>	<b>120,772,808</b>	<b>(24,303,755)</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt:			
Lease obligation and bonds payable related to closed waste-to-energy facility	(61,014,426)	(49,595,116)	11,419,310
Other capital assets, net	5,688,212	(1,904,177)	(7,592,389)
Restricted:			
Landfill closure/postclosure trust fund, net of accrued liability	2,325,036	13,886,444	11,561,408
Restricted investments	5,299,900	-	(5,299,900)
Other restricted, net	1,786,120	555,725	(1,230,395)
Unrestricted	5,561,898	6,474,344	912,446
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>\$ (40,353,260)</b>	<b>\$ (30,582,780)</b>	<b>\$ 9,770,480</b>

SWACO previously maintained a \$5.3 million debt service reserve account categorized as restricted investments. In 2008 SWACO replaced the reserve account with a surety bond and used the investments to make a supplemental lease payment to the City of Columbus (see Note 12). Other restricted assets at the end of 2008 of approximately \$555,000 includes cash restricted for the payment of debt service. Unrestricted net assets in the Operating Fund increased by approximately \$912,000 during 2008 ending at approximately \$6.4 million as of December 31, 2008.

### Operating Fund Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets

The following table compares 2007 and 2008 revenues, expenses and changes in fund net assets in the Operating Fund.

**SWACO****Management's Discussion & Analysis for the Year Ended December 31, 2008  
(unaudited)****Operating Fund Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Assets**

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>Increase (decrease)</u>
Operating Revenues:			
Tipping and disposal fees	\$ 18,870,699	\$ 18,345,327	\$ (525,372)
Waste transfer fees	4,336,118	4,537,544	201,426
Retired Facility and waiver fees	7,892,268	7,613,718	(278,550)
Other	291,658	222,932	(68,726)
	<u>31,390,743</u>	<u>30,719,521</u>	<u>(671,222)</u>
Operating Expenses:			
Salaries, wages and benefits	6,024,800	7,937,207	1,912,407
Contract, services and supplies	6,976,108	6,656,262	(319,846)
Solid waste fees	3,236,533	3,122,177	(114,356)
Depreciation	3,007,270	2,937,455	(69,815)
Landfill depletion	2,501,600	7,255,277	4,753,677
Landfill Closing Costs	1,276,000	(9,630,000)	(10,906,000)
Interfund transfers	(693,678)	(334,373)	359,305
	<u>22,328,633</u>	<u>17,944,005</u>	<u>(4,384,628)</u>
Operating income	<u>9,062,110</u>	<u>12,775,516</u>	<u>3,713,406</u>
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)			
Interest expense	(5,115,900)	(4,858,143)	257,757
Interest earnings	2,679,886	2,470,988	(208,898)
Grant revenues	2,047,100	289,327	(1,757,773)
Loss on federal grant	-	(480,000)	(480,000)
Gain (loss) on disposal of assets	47,232	(44,903)	(92,135)
Fire loss net of insurance proceeds	-	(382,305)	(382,305)
	<u>(341,682)</u>	<u>(3,005,036)</u>	<u>(2,663,354)</u>
Change in net assets	8,720,428	9,770,480	1,050,052
Total net assets – beginning	<u>(49,073,688)</u>	<u>(40,353,260)</u>	<u>8,720,428</u>
Total net assets – ending	<u>\$ (40,353,260)</u>	<u>\$ (30,582,780)</u>	<u>\$ 9,770,480</u>

Solid waste deliveries to SWACO's facilities during 2008 were approximately 845,000 tons. This is below deliveries of approximately 871,000 tons in 2007. As a result of the decline in waste receipts, tipping and disposal fees were approximately \$525,000 less in 2008 than they were in 2007. Similarly, total operating revenues in 2008 were less than 2007 revenues by approximately \$671,000 in the Operating Fund.

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Expenses for salaries, wages and benefits in 2008 were more than \$1.9 million greater in 2008 compared to 2007. SWACO assumed operation of its landfill with its own employees in 2008, and increased personnel levels by approximately 25 percent, accounting for the increase in payroll expense. Previously SWACO operated the landfill under contract with a third party (Note 14).

Depletion expenses are reported at \$7.2 million in 2008, an increase of \$4.7 million compared to 2007 due to the change in accounting estimate described in Note 3. Landfill closing costs were reported as a net decrease in operating expenses of \$9.6 million in 2008 to reflect the change in accounting estimate described in Note 3. This is a total reduction of \$10.9 compared to the 2007 expense of approximately \$1.3 million.

Operating income in 2008 was \$12.8 million, an increase of \$3.7 million compared to 2007. Nonoperating income includes a \$480,000 loss on a federal grant. SWACO recorded \$1.98 million in grant income in 2007 related to a project to construct a landfill gas-to-energy facility. SWACO was notified in 2008 that costs incurred by a subrecipient of the grant could not be validated to the satisfaction of the federal agency. The federal agency has asked SWACO for additional information before releasing the grant funds. SWACO estimates that it will receive \$1.5 million of the total grant award. SWACO's financial position in the Operating Fund improved by \$9.8 million in 2008, reducing SWACO's net asset deficit from \$40.4 million at the beginning of the year to \$30.6 million at the end of the year.

#### Program Fund Net Assets

In the Program Fund, total net assets at the end of 2008 were approximately \$1.5 million consisting of restricted net assets (cash and receivables less payables) of \$628,613 and net capital assets of \$849,983. Total net assets decreased by \$678,608 in 2008 and total restricted net assets decreased by \$537,129.

#### Program Fund Net Assets

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>Increase (decrease)</u>
<b>Assets</b>			
Current assets	\$ 1,975,985	\$ 1,957,917	\$ (18,068)
Capital lease receivables	4,900,000	4,708,000	(192,000)
Capital assets	991,462	849,983	(141,479)
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>7,867,447</u>	<u>7,515,900</u>	<u>(351,547)</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current liabilities	832,243	1,329,304	497,061
Bonds payable, less current portion	4,878,000	4,708,000	(170,000)
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>5,710,243</u>	<u>6,037,304</u>	<u>327,061</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	991,462	849,983	(141,479)
Restricted	1,165,742	628,613	(537,129)
<b>Total net assets</b>	<u>\$ 2,157,204</u>	<u>\$ 1,478,596</u>	<u>\$ (678,608)</u>

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### Program Fund Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets

A comparison of 2007 and 2008 revenues and expenses in the Program Fund is shown in the following table. Generation Fees declined approximately \$225,000 in 2008 compared to 2007. This reflects an overall decline in waste generation which SWACO believes is related to the economic downturn experienced in Central Ohio and elsewhere.

Operating expenses grew by approximately \$601,000 in 2008 compared to 2007. This reflects a planned spend-down of fund balances in the Program Fund which explains most of the \$678,608 reduction in total net assets in the Program Fund during 2008.

### **Program Fund Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Assets**

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>Increase (decrease)</u>
Operating Revenues:			
Tipping and disposal fees	\$ 255,387	\$ 304,726	\$ 49,339
Generation fees	5,663,315	5,438,437	(224,878)
Other	157,772	359,714	201,942
	<u>6,076,474</u>	<u>6,102,877</u>	<u>26,403</u>
Operating Expenses:			
Salaries, wages and benefits	1,326,075	1,754,772	428,697
Contract, services and supplies	3,589,168	4,143,451	554,283
Depreciation and depletion	163,321	141,479	(21,842)
Interfund transfers	693,678	334,373	(359,305)
	<u>5,772,242</u>	<u>6,374,075</u>	<u>601,833</u>
Operating income	<u>304,232</u>	<u>(271,198)</u>	<u>(575,430)</u>
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):			
Grant revenues	144,736	89,812	(54,924)
Grants awarded	(593,393)	(498,131)	95,262
Gain on sale of assets	-	909	909
	<u>(448,657)</u>	<u>(407,410)</u>	<u>41,247</u>
Total nonoperating expenses	<u>(448,657)</u>	<u>(407,410)</u>	<u>41,247</u>
Change in net assets	(144,425)	(678,608)	(534,183)
Total net assets – beginning	<u>2,301,629</u>	<u>2,157,204</u>	<u>(144,425)</u>
Total net assets – ending	<u>\$ 2,157,204</u>	<u>\$ 1,478,596</u>	<u>\$ (678,608)</u>

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### Capital Assets

SWACO's investments in depreciable capital assets include the sanitary landfill and related facilities, three transfer stations, a fleet maintenance facility, a landfill operations facility, the administrative office building and furnishings, and solid waste transfer vehicles and related equipment. SWACO also owns land for its facilities and buffer area land in the vicinity of the landfill. The table below compares SWACO's investments in capital assets as of the end of 2007 and 2008.

Since 2004, SWACO has been in the midst of a major capital improvements program totaling nearly \$50 million, most of which is related to expansion of the landfill or other landfill projects. SWACO has completed the first phase of the horizontal landfill expansion (Phase H1) and in 2008 continued construction of Phase H2. In the Operating Fund, the carrying value of the landfill decreased by approximately \$8.7 million and total capital assets decreased by approximately \$5.5 million in 2008, primarily as a result of the change in accounting estimate described in Note 3. In addition, a building leased by SWACO from the City of Columbus, and subleased by SWACO to the owner of a paper recycling operation, was destroyed in a fire in 2008. The building had a carrying value of \$790,600 prior to the fire, and SWACO recorded a loss of \$382,305 on the fire, net of insurance proceeds of \$408,295.

	<b>Capital Assets</b>		
<b>Operating Fund</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>Increase (decrease)</b>
Capital assets, not being depreciated:			
Land and land improvements	\$ 11,721,277	\$ 11,721,277	\$ -
Construction in progress	10,278,742	9,106,823	(1,171,919)
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	22,000,019	20,828,100	(1,171,919)
Depreciable capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and depletion:			
Equipment and furnishings	9,037,746	12,967,371	3,929,625
Building and improvements	2,373,805	2,860,462	486,657
Transfer stations	1,730,339	1,716,075	(14,264)
Sanitary landfill	22,586,325	13,849,672	(8,736,653)
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	35,728,215	31,393,580	(4,334,635)
Total capital assets, net	\$ 57,728,234	\$ 52,221,680	\$ (5,506,554)
<b>Program Fund</b>			
Depreciable capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:			
Equipment and furnishings	\$ 170,530	\$ 87,363	\$ (83,167)
Building and improvements	820,932	762,620	(58,312)
Total capital assets, net	\$ 991,462	\$ 849,983	\$ (141,479)

SWACO's capital asset activity is discussed in more detail in Note 7, Capital Assets.

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### Debt Administration

SWACO's outstanding debt as of December 31, 2007 and 2008 is shown in the following table:

	Outstanding Long-Term Debt		Increase (decrease)
	2007	2008	
General obligation bonds, net	\$ 89,664,279	\$ 101,613,447	\$ 11,949,168
General obligation Notes	16,000,000	-	(16,000,000)
Taxable notes	4,900,000	4,878,000	(22,000)
Capital lease obligation	14,269,489	6,224,995	(8,044,494)
Total	\$ 124,833,768	\$112,716,442	\$ (12,117,326)

In 2008, SWACO issued \$19,975,000 in general obligation bonds to refund the \$16.0 million in notes outstanding as of the end of 2007 and to provide additional funds for capital improvements projects. SWACO's general obligation notes and bonds are unvoted issues backed by the authority to levy property taxes if necessary to pay debt service. It is SWACO's intention, however, not to levy the tax and to pay all debt service from other sources, primarily tipping fees charged at the landfill and transfer stations. Certain general obligation bonds were issued to retire a portion of the WTEF lease and are being paid from the \$7.00 per ton Retired Facility Fee and Waiver Fee enacted in 1999. The taxable notes are secured by a pledge of Generation Fee revenues, but SWACO expects to use lease payments to retire the debt.

SWACO's ability to issue unvoted general obligation debt is subject to overlapping debt restrictions with other political subdivisions, but there is not a statutory direct debt limit on SWACO's ability to issue general obligation or revenue bonds. SWACO's debt capacity is more limited by market forces and its ability to raise tipping fees to levels required to pay debt service.

SWACO's general obligation bonds carry a AAA rating by Standard and Poor's and a Aa1 rating by Moody's Investors Service. SWACO received rating upgrades from both agencies in 2008 when its 2008 bond issue was rated. The 2007 taxable notes are not rated. SWACO's debt management program is discussed in more detail in Note 11, Debt Management.

### Economic Factors

Similar to other local governments in Ohio, SWACO has been facing economic pressures. Waste receipts in 2008 were below the previous year for the third year in a row. In addition, certain SWACO revenues are collected on total District waste generation, which also declined in 2008. SWACO did not increase rates on January 1, 2008 but during the year the Board of Trustees adopted a \$2.00 per ton rate increase effective January 1, 2009 payable on all waste generated within the District. Management believes that SWACO's rates remain at a level competitive with the local market and landfill rates throughout Ohio.

### Request For Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of SWACO's finances and to show accountability for money received by SWACO. For questions or for additional information regarding this report, write to SWACO, 4239 London-Groveport Road, Grove City, Ohio 43123 or contact G. Paul Koehler, at 614.871.5100 or by e-mail at Paul.Koehler@SWACO.org.



**SWACO**  
**Statement of Net Assets – Proprietary Funds**  
**As of December 31, 2008**

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Assets	Business-type Activities – Enterprise Funds		
	Operating Fund	Program Fund	Total
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,460,600	\$ -	\$ 2,460,600
Restricted cash	1,173,828	1,269,306	2,443,134
Investments	3,023,401	-	3,023,401
Restricted investments	3,833,597	-	3,833,597
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for bad debts	2,810,134	518,611	3,328,745
Federal grant receivable	1,500,000	-	1,500,000
Lease receivable	-	170,000	170,000
Other assets	131,344	-	131,344
Total current assets	<u>14,932,904</u>	<u>1,957,917</u>	<u>16,890,821</u>
Noncurrent assets:			
Investments held by trustee for landfill closure/post closure care	23,035,444	-	23,035,444
Capital assets:			
Sanitary landfill, net of accumulated depletion	13,849,672	-	13,849,672
Buildings and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	17,543,908	849,983	18,393,891
Construction in progress	9,106,823	-	9,106,823
Land and land improvements	11,721,277	-	11,721,277
Lease receivable, less current portion	-	4,708,000	4,708,000
Total noncurrent assets	<u>75,257,124</u>	<u>5,557,983</u>	<u>80,815,107</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 90,190,028</u>	<u>\$ 7,515,900</u>	<u>\$ 97,705,928</u>

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The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**SWACO**  
**Statement of Net Assets – Proprietary Funds**  
**As of December 31, 2008**

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<b>Liabilities</b>	<u>Business-type Activities – Enterprise Funds</u>		
	<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>Program Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$ 1,494,985	\$ 617,850	\$ 2,112,835
Accrued wages and benefits	769,418	127,133	896,551
Accrued interest	519,561	-	519,561
Current maturities of bonds payable	7,955,000	170,000	8,125,000
Capital lease obligation	2,300,000	-	2,300,000
Landfill postclosure liability-current portion	75,000	-	75,000
Other payables	-	414,321	414,321
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Total current liabilities	13,113,964	1,329,304	14,443,268
Noncurrent liabilities			
Bonds payable, less current portion, net	93,658,447	4,708,000	98,366,447
Capital lease obligation, less current portion	3,924,995	-	3,924,995
Landfill closure/postclosure liability	10,075,402	-	10,075,402
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Total noncurrent liabilities	107,658,844	4,708,000	112,366,844
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Total liabilities	120,772,808	6,037,304	126,810,112
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<b>Net Assets</b>			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt:			
Lease obligation and bonds payable related to closed waste-to-energy facility	(49,595,116)	-	(49,595,116)
Other capital assets, net	(1,904,177)	849,983	(1,054,194)
Restricted:			
Closure/postclosure trust fund net of accrued liability – Sanitary Landfill	13,886,444	-	13,886,444
Other restricted, net	555,725	628,613	1,184,338
Unrestricted	6,474,344	-	6,474,344
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Total net assets	<u>\$ (30,582,780)</u>	<u>\$ 1,478,596</u>	<u>\$ (29,104,184)</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**SWACO****Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets – Proprietary Funds****For the Year Ended December 31, 2008**

	<u>Business-type Activities – Enterprise Funds</u>		
	<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>Program Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Operating Revenues:</b>			
Tipping and disposal fees	\$ 18,345,327	\$ 304,726	\$ 18,650,053
Waste transfer fees	4,537,544	-	4,537,544
Retired Facility and Waiver Fees	7,613,718	-	7,613,718
Generation Fees	-	5,438,437	5,438,437
Other	222,932	359,714	582,646
	<u>30,719,521</u>	<u>6,102,877</u>	<u>36,822,398</u>
Operating revenues			
	<u>30,719,521</u>	<u>6,102,877</u>	<u>36,822,398</u>
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>			
Salaries, wages and benefits	7,937,207	1,754,772	9,691,979
Contract, services and supplies	6,656,262	4,143,451	10,799,713
Solid waste fees	3,122,177	-	3,122,177
Depreciation	2,937,455	141,479	3,078,934
Landfill depletion	7,255,277	-	7,255,277
Landfill closing costs	(9,630,000)	-	(9,630,000)
Interfund charges	(334,373)	334,373	-
	<u>17,944,005</u>	<u>6,374,075</u>	<u>24,318,080</u>
Operating expenses			
	<u>17,944,005</u>	<u>6,374,075</u>	<u>24,318,080</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>12,775,516</u>	<u>(271,198)</u>	<u>12,504,318</u>
<b>Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):</b>			
Interest expense	(4,858,143)	-	(4,858,143)
Interest earnings	2,470,988	-	2,470,988
Grant revenues	289,327	89,812	379,139
Grants awarded	-	(498,131)	(498,131)
Loss on federal grant	(480,000)	-	(480,000)
Gain (loss) on disposal of assets	(44,903)	909	(43,994)
Fire loss net of insurance proceeds	(382,305)	-	(382,305)
	<u>(3,005,036)</u>	<u>(407,410)</u>	<u>(3,412,446)</u>
Total nonoperating expenses			
	<u>(3,005,036)</u>	<u>(407,410)</u>	<u>(3,412,446)</u>
Change in net assets	9,770,480	(678,608)	9,091,872
Total net assets – beginning	<u>(40,353,260)</u>	<u>2,157,204</u>	<u>(38,196,056)</u>
Total net assets – ending	<u>\$ (30,582,780)</u>	<u>\$ 1,478,596</u>	<u>\$ (29,104,184)</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**SWACO**  
**Statement of Cash Flows – Proprietary Funds**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2008**

	<u>Business-type Activities – Enterprise Funds</u>		
	<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>Program Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
Receipts from customers	\$ 22,529,444	\$ 304,726	\$ 22,834,170
Retired Facility Fee and Waiver Fees collected	5,548,843	-	5,548,843
Generation Fees collected	-	5,364,751	5,364,751
Other receipts	226,463	359,713	586,176
Payments to or on behalf of employees for salaries, wages and benefits	(7,811,015)	(1,734,749)	(9,545,764)
Payments to vendors	(10,482,416)	(3,953,734)	(14,436,150)
Model Landfill postclosure costs paid	(47,917)	-	(47,917)
Interfund charges	334,373	(334,373)	-
Other payments	132,408	14,322	146,730
Net cash provided by operating activities:	<u>10,430,183</u>	<u>20,656</u>	<u>10,450,839</u>
<b>Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:</b>			-
Grants received	262,512	214,811	477,323
Grants awarded	-	(498,131)	(498,131)
Net cash provided by (used) by noncapital financing activities	<u>262,512</u>	<u>(283,320)</u>	<u>(20,808)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Proceeds from sales and maturities of investments	17,934,084	-	17,934,084
Purchase of investments	(18,477,309)	-	(18,477,309)
Interest received	2,242,148	-	2,242,148
Net cash provided by investment activities	<u>1,698,923</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,698,923</u>
<b>Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:</b>			-
Proceeds from capital debt	36,260,976	-	36,260,976
Proceeds from sale of assets	27,123	909	28,032
Proceeds from capital lease	-	22,000	22,000
Landfill, facilities and equipment additions	(6,786,722)	-	(6,786,722)
Principal paid on bonds and notes payable	(39,580,000)	(22,000)	(39,602,000)
Principal paid on capital lease	(5,762,127)	-	(5,762,127)
Interest paid	(5,575,682)	-	(5,575,682)
Debt issuance costs paid	(210,658)	-	(210,658)
Net cash provided by (used) in capital and related financing activities	<u>(21,627,090)</u>	<u>909</u>	<u>(21,626,181)</u>
Net decrease in cash	(9,235,472)	(261,755)	(9,497,227)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	12,869,900	1,531,061	14,400,961
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 3,634,428</u>	<u>\$ 1,269,306</u>	<u>\$ 4,903,734</u>

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	Operating Fund	Program Fund	Total
<b>Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:</b>			
Operating income (loss)	\$ 12,775,516	\$ (271,198)	\$ 12,504,318
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and depletion	10,192,732	141,479	10,334,211
Landfill closing costs	(9,630,000)	-	(9,630,000)
Lease credit received in lieu of cash:			
Applied to principal	(1,747,033)	-	(1,747,033)
Applied to interest	(525,758)	-	(525,758)
Increase (decrease) in cash resulting from changes in:			
Accounts receivable (net)	(141,980)	(73,687)	(215,667)
Accounts payable	(703,978)	189,717	(514,261)
Accrued wages and benefits	126,193	20,023	146,216
Landfill postclosure liability	(47,917)	-	(47,917)
Other assets and liabilities	132,408	14,322	146,730
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 10,430,183</u>	<u>\$ 20,656</u>	<u>\$ 10,450,839</u>

**Noncash capital and related financing activities (Operating Fund):**

- Amortization of premiums on bonds payable of \$732,717.
- Amortization of debt issuance cost \$134,623.
- Amortization of premiums on lease obligation of \$9,576.
- Amortization of reacquisition cost on refunding bonds of \$76,944.
- Change in carrying value of investments resulting in gain of \$222,408.

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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#### 1. Organization

SWACO (the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio) is a political subdivision of the State of Ohio established in 1989 to develop and implement a comprehensive solid waste management plan for the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District (the "District," principally Franklin County, but also including parts of five adjacent counties). SWACO is governed by a nine-member Board of Trustees appointed pursuant to statute. The Board consists of two members appointed by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners (the "County"), two members appointed by the City of Columbus (the "City"), and additional members representing the County Board of Health, townships within SWACO, waste generators and the general public. As a governmental authority, SWACO is exempt from federal, state and local taxes. SWACO operates autonomously from the County and City, and the County and City have no financial responsibility for the operations of SWACO.

SWACO operates a sanitary landfill (the "Sanitary Landfill") and three solid waste transfer facilities supported by tipping fees charged for solid waste disposal and transfer services at these facilities. SWACO also provides recycling programs, yard waste composting services, public education programs, and other activities to reduce the generation and disposal of solid waste within SWACO's jurisdiction. SWACO's waste-reduction activities are supported by a \$5.00 per-ton waste generation fee levied on all solid waste generated within the District.

The Sanitary Landfill was purchased from Franklin County in 1991. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency ("OEPA") approved a modification to the original County permit in 1997 increasing disposal capacity by approximately 49 million cubic yards (from 10.7 million cubic yards) and increasing the landfill acreage to 363 acres from approximately 116 acres. The modified permit allowed both vertical and horizontal expansion of the landfill. In 2008 SWACO submitted an application to the OEPA to further modify the permit to change the configuration of the landfill and further increase capacity. The modification was approved by the OEPA in 2009 and added approximately 2.6 million cubic yards of disposal capacity (see Notes 3 and 17). SWACO estimates that it has sufficient landfill capacity to service the needs of the District for at least 25 years.

In 1993, SWACO leased a 90-megawatt solid waste resource recovery facility (the Waste-to-Energy Facility or "WTEF") and three related waste transfer facilities from the City (see Note 12). The WTEF was closed in November 1994 due to SWACO's inability to generate revenues sufficient to operate the facility. SWACO continues to operate two of the three waste transfer facilities and has converted a portion of the closed WTEF into an additional transfer facility.

As part of the purchase of the currently operating landfill, SWACO also acquired the Model Landfill, the County's closed former landfill. The Model Landfill has been closed since 1985, and SWACO assumed ongoing monitoring and closure requirements for the landfill when it was transferred from the County. In 1999 SWACO leased the landfill to a private entity to develop a public golf course on the site as part of a project to remediate the landfill cap.

SWACO derives its revenue principally from fees levied on the disposal of solid waste. SWACO collects these fees in two ways: (1) tipping fees charged for solid waste disposal and waste transfer services provided at SWACO facilities, and (2) fees assessed on solid waste generated within the District and disposed at the SWACO landfill or other public or privately-owned

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landfills located outside of the District. These fees are established pursuant to authorization within the Ohio Revised Code and agreements established with private landfill owners (see Note 12).

The accompanying financial statements comply with the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, and Statement No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units*, in that the statements include all organizations, activities, and functions for which SWACO (the reporting entity) is financially accountable. Financial accountability is defined as the appointment of a voting majority of a legally separate organization and either SWACO's ability to impose its will over the organization's governing body or the possibility that the organization will provide a financial benefit to, or impose a financial burden on, SWACO. There are no potential component units that meet the criteria imposed by GASB Statement No. 14 or GASB Statement No. 39 included in SWACO's reporting entity.

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The significant accounting policies followed in preparation of these financial statements are summarized below. The accounting policies and financial reporting practices of SWACO conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for governmental units as prescribed in the statements issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and other recognized authoritative sources.

*Measurement focus and basis of accounting:* SWACO's funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus, and the financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, revenue is recognized when earned, and expenses are recorded when incurred.

*Proprietary Fund:* SWACO operates as an enterprise fund. Enterprise funds are used to account for the costs of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis which are financed or recovered primarily through user charges or to report any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services, regardless of whether the government intends to fully recover the cost of the goods or services provided.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of SWACO are charges to customers for disposal fees.

*Basis of presentation:* SWACO reports the following major proprietary funds:

The *Operating Fund* receives all income derived from the operations of SWACO's landfill and waste transfer facilities including tipping fees, waste transfer fees, investment income, and certain other revenues. Revenues are used to support the operations of SWACO's solid waste facilities and to pay certain costs of discontinued operations of SWACO. Operating Fund revenues are derived primarily from rates and charges established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 343.08.

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Within the Operating Fund, SWACO segregates revenues and expenses for Continuing Operations (primarily the Sanitary Landfill and transfer stations) from Discontinued Operations (the WTEF) to allow management to more easily focus on operating results from ongoing operations. Additionally, certain revenues within the Operating Fund are dedicated to the payment of the WTEF lease obligation (Note 12) and may not be used for other purposes. The separation of the Operating Fund into Continuing and Discontinued Operations is shown in the supplemental schedules beginning on page 2-42.

The *Program Fund* receives Generation Fees authorized by ORC Section 3734.57 paid on waste generated in the Solid Waste District and disposed of at SWACO's landfill or out-of-district landfills. Revenues are used only to support solid waste recycling, reuse, and reduction programs operated by SWACO in implementation of SWACO's solid waste plan. The Program Fund also includes grant revenues and expenses for grants received from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Interfund charges shown in the Program Fund under operating expenses are comprised of charges to the Program Fund for administrative and operational support.

*Cash and cash equivalents:* SWACO considers all highly liquid debt instruments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. SWACO follows GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures*, and discloses custodial, credit, and interest rate risks associated with cash and investments.

*Investments:* In accordance with GASB Statement No. 31, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools*, investments are carried at fair value, including accrued interest receivable. Unrealized gains and losses resulting from changes in fair value are reported as adjustments to investment income. SWACO does not invest in any form of derivatives or reverse repurchase agreements. SWACO's cash and investments are discussed in more detail in Note 4.

*Accounts receivable:* SWACO extends credit to public and private customers of the landfill, transfer stations, and other SWACO facilities and reports amounts owed to SWACO net of any allowance for bad debts. Accounts receivable also includes amounts owed by private transfer stations and landfills for solid waste received at the facilities, generated within the boundaries of SWACO and subject to the Generation Fee and Waiver Fee. As of December 31, 2008, SWACO had reserved approximately \$390,000 as an allowance for bad debts.

*Restricted Assets:* As discussed further in Note 5, certain SWACO assets are restricted for debt service, capital projects, by State law, or for other purposes. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for a particular purpose, it is SWACO's policy to use restricted resources first.

*Landfill and Property, Plant, and Equipment:* SWACO records asset acquisitions at cost and provides for depreciation in amounts adequate to amortize cost over the estimated useful lives of the assets using a straight-line method for financial reporting purposes, except for its landfill, which is depleted using a units-of-production method.



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Maintenance, repairs and minor renewals are charged to expense as incurred, while major renewals and betterments are capitalized. The cost and related accumulated depreciation of assets sold or otherwise disposed of are removed from the related accounts, and resulting gains or losses are reflected in income.

*Vacation and sick leave:* A liability for vacation and sick leave is included in accrued wages and benefits. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 16, *Accounting for Compensated Absences*, this liability includes accumulated vacation time and vested sick leave computed using employee wage rates in effect at December 31.

*Bond premiums:* Bond premiums are included in bonds payable and are amortized over the term of the bonds using the effective interest rate method.

*Bond issuance cost and deferred amounts on refundings:* Costs relating to issuing bonds and deferred amounts on refundings are netted against the outstanding bonds, as a liability valuation account, and are amortized over the term of the bond issue using the effective interest rate method.

*Net Assets:* Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. *Net assets Invested in capital assets, net of related debt* consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for acquisition, construction or improvements of those assets. Any unspent capital related debt proceeds do not reduce *Net assets Invested in capital assets, net of related debt*. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are external restrictions imposed on their use, either contractually, by debt covenant, or by statute.

*Application of Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Statements and Interpretations:* In accordance with GASB Statement No. 20, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Proprietary Funds and Other Governmental Entities That Use Proprietary Fund Accounting*, SWACO is required to apply FASB statements and interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, and has elected not to apply those issued after that date.

*New accounting pronouncements:* In July 2007, the GASB issued Statement No. 51, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Intangible Assets*. The statement provides needed guidance regarding how to identify, account for, and report intangible assets. This statement is effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2009.

In November 2007, the GASB issued Statement No. 52, *Land and Other Real Estate Held as Investments by Endowments*. The statement improves the quality of financial reporting by requiring endowments to report their land and other real estate investments at fair value, creating consistency in reporting among similar entities that exist to invest resources for the purpose of generating income. This statement is effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2008.

In June 2008, the GASB issued Statement No. 53, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Derivative Instruments*. This Statement establishes methods for evaluating the effectiveness of a derivative instrument. The statement also requires disclosures that includes an indication of the fair value of derivative instruments. This Statement is effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2009.

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GASB issued Statements No. 54, 55 and 56 subsequent to December 31, 2008.

Management has not yet determined the impact these GASB statements will have on its financial statements.

*Use of estimates:* The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Estimates also affect the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**3. Change in Accounting Estimate**

Land acquisition, engineering, construction and other direct costs associated with the permitting, development, and construction of landfill capacity (“Landfill Development Costs”) are capitalized and depleted based on the percentage of permitted capacity used as measured through an annual aerial survey to determine the cubic yards of landfill capacity used and remaining as of the end of the year. Similarly, in accordance with GASB Statement No. 18, *Accounting for Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Closure and Postclosure Care Costs*, SWACO reports a portion of estimated final landfill closure and postclosure care costs (“Landfill Closure Costs”) as an operating expense based on landfill capacity used as of the end of each fiscal year.

In January 2008, SWACO submitted an application to modify the permit approved by the OEPA in 1997. The primary purpose of the modification was to accommodate plans by the City of Grove City and the Ohio Department of Transportation to build a high-speed freeway interchange at the junction of Interstate 71 and State Route 665. The interchange would require a portion of the landfill property and would prohibit SWACO from developing a portion of the planned landfill expansion approved in 1997. Additional objectives of the modification were no reduction in landfill capacity and management of landfill construction costs. SWACO determined that it would be possible to accommodate the interchange and maintain landfill capacity while at the same time reducing construction and closure costs by increasing the height of the landfill and reducing the acreage of the completed landfill.

The modified permit, which was approved by the Director of the OEPA in July 2009 increased the capacity of the landfill by approximately 2.6 million cubic yards and reduced the size of the landfill from 363 acres to 283 acres.

With anticipated approval of the permit, SWACO undertook a comprehensive reevaluation of Landfill Development and Closure Costs as of December 31, 2008. As a result, SWACO made significant changes in its estimated costs for both Landfill Development Costs, depletion and Landfill Closure Costs.

As a result of these changes in estimate, landfill depletion expense for 2008 is reported at \$7,255,277, an increase of approximately \$4.7 million from what was reported in 2007, and approximately \$4.3 million more than what would have been reported for 2008 prior to the change in estimate.

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The change in the closure cost estimate resulted in a \$9.6 million reduction in accrued landfill closure costs as of December 31, 2008 compared to the amount accrued as of December 31, 2007. This reduction was reported under operating expenses in 2008 as landfill closing costs. The 2008 expense compares to landfill closure expenses of approximately \$1.3 million for both 2007 and 2008 prior to the change in estimate. The net effect on closure expense related to the change in accounting estimate is \$10.9 million.

The combined impact of the changes in accounting estimate for landfill depletion and landfill closure costs is an increase in net assets as of December 31, 2008 of approximately \$6.6 million compared to what would have been reported prior to the changes in estimate.

#### 4. Cash and Investments

SWACO pools its cash and investments except for funds held by a trustee for landfill closure/postclosure care and funds held in escrow.

*Deposits:* Ohio Law requires that deposits be placed in eligible banks or savings and loan associations located in Ohio. Any public depository in which SWACO places deposits must pledge as collateral eligible securities of aggregate market value equal to the excess of deposits not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). The securities pledged as collateral are pledged to a pool for each individual financial institution in amounts equal to at least 105% of the carrying value of all public deposits held by each institution. Obligations that may be pledged as collateral are limited to obligations of the United States and its agencies and obligations of any state, county, municipal corporation, or other legally constituted authority of any other state or any instrumentality of such county, municipal corporation or other authority.

At December 31, 2008, the carrying amounts of SWACO's deposits were \$2,954,123, while the bank balances were \$3,204,255. Of the bank deposits, \$500,000 was insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and \$2,704,255 was uninsured and collateralized by collateral pools held by the financial institutions and not in the name of SWACO.

*Investments.* SWACO has adopted a formal investment policy in accordance with Section 135 of the Ohio Revised Code, the "Uniform Depository Act." Safety of principal is the foremost objective of the investment policy. Maintaining sufficient liquidity to meet SWACO's cash flow needs and return on investment are secondary goals of the policy. SWACO does not purchase any form of derivative.

In accordance with the Ohio Revised Code and SWACO's investment policy, SWACO is authorized to invest in (1) bonds, notes, or other obligations of, or guaranteed by, the United States, or those for which the faith of the United States is pledged for the payment of principal and interest; (2) bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality; (3) certificates of deposit purchased from qualified banks and savings and loans; (4) bond and other obligations of the State of Ohio; (5) no-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions; (6) the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio managed by the Treasurer of the State of Ohio (STAR Ohio), and (7) subject to certain restrictions and limitations, short-term commercial paper and bankers acceptances.

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*STAR Ohio:* SWACO invests in STAR Ohio, a highly liquid investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office with participation restricted to subdivisions of the State of Ohio. STAR Ohio is restricted to investing in securities authorized under Ohio Revised Code Section 135.143. STAR Ohio is not registered with the Securities Exchange Commission as an investment company, but does operate in a manner generally consistent with Rule 2a-7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Investments in STAR Ohio are valued at STAR Ohio's share price, which is equal to SWACO's pro rata share of the fair value per share.

*Money Market Mutual Funds:* The Money Market Mutual Funds consist of overnight investments with a financial institution in an open-end, institutional money market fund complying with SEC Rule 2a-7 and investing only in U.S. government or agency securities pursuant to SWACO's investment policy. In accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 31 these amounts are classified as investments but are not categorized.

*Interest Rate Risk:* It is SWACO's policy to manage interest rate risk by targeting the duration of the portfolio. Management of interest rate risk is an integral part of an overall process that addresses total return, reinvestment risk, interest rate risk and credit risk.

*Credit Risk:* It is SWACO's policy to invest only in securities rated in the highest rating category (AAA/Aaa or A-1+/P-1/F1+) by at least one of the nationally recognized rating agencies (Standard & Poor's, Moody's Investors Service, and Fitch). SWACO's investment in federal agency coupon or discount securities meet this criteria. SWACO's investments with STAR Ohio and money market investments are rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's or Aaa by Moody's Investors Service. Investments in U.S. government treasury securities are not considered to have credit risk.

SWACO reports its investments at fair value in accordance with GASB Statement No. 31. SWACO recorded an unrealized gain of \$677,055 as of December 31, 2008, which represents the difference between fair value and the carrying value as of that date. Fair value was determined using quoted market prices. The following chart summarizes SWACO's cash and investments at fair market value as of December 31, 2008:

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**Cash and Investments at December 31, 2008**

Operating and Program Funds	Fair Value	Maturity in Years	
		Less than 1	1 to 3
Carrying amount of deposits	\$ 2,954,123	\$ 2,954,123	\$ -
STAR Ohio	1,356,184	1,356,184	-
Money Market Mutual Funds/Sweep acct.	590,427	590,427	-
Federal agency coupon	6,856,998	6,856,998	-
Cash on hand	3,000	3,000	-
	<u>11,760,732</u>	<u>11,760,732</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Closure/Postclosure Trust Fund</b>			
Money Market Mutual Funds	318,872	318,872	-
U.S. Treasury notes	2,376,419	-	2,376,419
Federal agency securities	20,340,153	5,403,427	14,936,726
	<u>23,035,444</u>	<u>5,722,299</u>	<u>17,313,145</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 34,796,176</u>	<u>\$ 17,483,031</u>	<u>\$ 17,313,145</u>

**Reconciliation of Cash and Investments to Statement of Net Assets**

<u>Per Statement of Net Assets</u>	<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>Program Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,460,600	\$ -	\$ 2,460,600
Restricted cash	1,173,828	1,269,306	2,443,134
Investments	3,023,401	-	3,023,401
Restricted investments	3,833,597	-	3,833,597
Closure/postclosure funds held by trustee:			
Investments	<u>23,035,444</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,035,444</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 33,526,870</u>	<u>\$ 1,269,306</u>	<u>\$ 34,796,176</u>

*Concentration of Credit Risk:* SWACO's investment policy limits the amount that may be invested with any one issuer to fifty percent of the total portfolio. As of December 31, 2008, investments in the following issuers exceeded five percent of the portfolio: FHLB Notes (35%), FNMA Notes (18%), FHLMC Notes (16%), FFCB Notes (13%), and U.S. Treasury Notes (7%).

As further discussed in Note 5, cash in the amount of \$1,173,828 and investments of \$3,833,597 in the Operating fund and cash of \$1,269,306 in the Program Fund were restricted at December 31, 2008 for debt service, capital projects, by State law, or for other purposes.

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**5. Restricted Assets**

*Restricted Cash:* In the Operating Fund these funds include debt service accounts, the capital improvements account (bond proceeds), the underground storage tank account, and funds dedicated to the payment of the WTEF lease (see Note 12). In the Program Fund restricted cash is unexpended Generation Fees collected by SWACO that are restricted by State statute for the purpose of solid waste recycling, reuse, and reduction programs and implementation of SWACO's solid waste plan.

Other restricted assets include Generation Fees receivable, Waiver Fees receivable, and grants receivable. Restricted assets are reduced by bonds payable related to the capital improvements account.

**Restricted Net Assets**

	Operating Fund	Program Fund	Total
Cash			
Capital projects account	\$ 753,590	\$ -	\$ 753,590
Deposits due others	-	78,448	78,448
Unexpended Grant Proceeds	-	325,000	325,000
Bond retirement account	97,151	-	97,151
Unexpended Generation Fees	323,087	865,858	1,188,945
	<u>1,173,828</u>	<u>1,269,306</u>	<u>2,443,134</u>
Total restricted cash			
Restricted investments			
Capital projects account	3,833,597	-	3,833,597
Waiver and Generation Fees receivable	414,812	518,611	933,423
Restricted interest receivable	26,927	-	26,927
Less bonds payable related to capital projects account	(4,587,187)	-	(4,587,187)
Less amounts payable from restricted assets	<u>(306,252)</u>	<u>(1,159,304)</u>	<u>(1,465,556)</u>
Other restricted assets, net	<u>\$ 555,725</u>	<u>\$ 628,613</u>	<u>\$ 1,184,338</u>

**6. Closure/Postclosure Funds Held by Trustee**

In 1995, SWACO established a trust fund (the "Fund") with U.S. Bank for the benefit of the OEPA under OEPA rules applicable to SWACO requiring the owner or operator of a solid waste facility to provide financial assurance that funds will be available when needed for final closure, postclosure care, and/or corrective measures of the facility when the landfill stops accepting waste (either when at maximum capacity or if closed for other reasons). The amount to be funded for the financial assurance instrument, which is established in the landfill permit, and is subject to change due to inflation or other factors, is based on the maximum exposure of unclosed landfill area allowed in the permit and is calculated differently than SWACO's Landfill Closure Cost estimate for purposes of GASB Statement No. 18 (See Note 13). The amount to be funded for the

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financial assurance estimate is paid in annual installments over a maximum twenty-year pay-in period. Annual payments of approximately \$500,000 have been made by SWACO in recent years and are calculated by dividing the financial assurance requirement less cash and investments in the Fund as of the calculation date by the number of years remaining in the pay-in period (eight years as of December 31, 2008).

The Fund is restricted by the Director of the OEPA, and SWACO invests in those securities authorized by the Ohio Revised Code and SWACO's investment policy (see Note 4). All amounts earned by the investments are reinvested in the Fund.

**7. Capital Assets**

The Sanitary Landfill, buildings and equipment are stated at cost and updated for the cost of additions and retirements during the year. It is SWACO's policy to capitalize items costing in excess of \$10,000 with a useful life greater than one year.

The cost of buildings and equipment is depreciated using a straight-line method over their estimated useful lives of 10 to 20 years for buildings and 5 to 10 years for equipment

Landfill Development Costs (Land acquisition, engineering, construction and other direct costs associated with the permitting, development, and construction of landfill capacity) are capitalized and depleted based on the percentage of permitted capacity used during the year. Depletion is calculated based on cubic yards of solid waste disposed and placed in the landfill as measured through an annual aerial survey. Costs associated with development of the entire landfill site are depleted based on the percentage of total permitted capacity used (approximately 37% as of December 31, 2008). Costs associated with the development and construction of horizontal expansion cells are depleted based on the percentage of horizontal capacity used (approximately 6% as of December 31, 2008).

In 2008, SWACO submitted an application to modify the landfill permit changing the configuration and capacity of the landfill. As a result, SWACO changed its estimate of Landfill Development Costs and depletion in 2008 (see Note 3, Change in Accounting Estimate). As of the end of 2008, SWACO estimates total Landfill Development Costs at \$157 million, including approximately \$50 million expended through 2008 (including construction in progress) and \$107 million estimated future costs to be expended over the remaining life of the landfill. SWACO recognized total accumulated depletion of \$28.3 million as of December 31, 2008, leaving an estimate of \$129 million in depletion expense over the remaining life of the landfill.

A summary of property, plant and equipment at December 31, 2008 is shown on the following page.

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**Summary of property, plant and equipment at December 31, 2008**

<b>Operating Fund</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Increases</b>	<b>Decreases</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land and land improvements	\$ 11,721,277	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,721,277
Construction in progress	10,278,742	-	(1,171,919)	9,106,823
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	22,000,019	-	(1,171,919)	20,828,100
Capital assets, being depreciated/depleted:				
Equipment and furnishings	17,513,450	6,579,791	(1,614,384)	22,478,857
Building and improvements	3,257,406	1,849,139	(1,113,916)	3,992,629
Transfer stations	7,072,002	371,004	-	7,443,006
Sanitary landfill	43,887,693	80,364	(1,793,385)	42,174,672
Total capital assets, being depreciated/depleted	71,730,551	8,880,298	(4,521,685)	76,089,164
Less accumulated depreciation/depletion for:				
Equipment and furnishing	(8,475,704)	(2,276,930)	1,241,148	(9,511,486)
Building and improvements	(883,601)	(506,902)	258,336	(1,132,167)
Transfer stations	(5,341,663)	(385,268)	-	(5,726,931)
Sanitary landfill	(21,301,368)	(7,023,632)	-	(28,325,000)
Total accumulated depreciation/depletion	(36,002,336)	(10,192,732)	1,499,484	(44,695,584)
Total capital assets, being deprec./depl., net	35,728,215	(1,312,434)	(3,022,201)	31,393,580
Total capital assets, net	\$ 57,728,234	\$ (1,312,434)	\$ (4,194,120)	\$ 52,221,680
<b>Program Fund</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Increases</b>	<b>Decreases</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Equipment and furnishings	\$ 835,576	\$ -	\$ (10,695)	\$ 824,881
Building and improvements	1,210,214	-	-	1,210,214
Total capital assets, being depreciated	2,045,790	-	(10,695)	2,035,095
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Equipment and furnishing	(665,046)	(83,167)	10,695	(737,518)
Building and improvements	(389,282)	(58,312)	-	(447,594)
Total accumulated depreciation	(1,054,328)	(141,479)	10,695	(1,185,112)
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	\$ 991,462	\$ (141,479)	\$ -	\$ 849,983



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**8. Capital Lease Receivable**

In 2005 SWACO purchased for approximately \$1.6 million a building housing a non-hazardous oily waste water processing facility located on land leased to the owner of the facility by SWACO. SWACO then entered into an agreement with the former owner to lease the building from SWACO. In 2007 SWACO purchased for approximately \$3.3 million the oily waste water processing equipment located in the building and amended the lease to include the equipment. Lease payments under the amended lease are equal to SWACO's debt service requirements on the building and equipment plus 1/2 of one percent (the base rent). In addition, the lessee is required to provide certain waste processing services to SWACO at no additional cost to SWACO (the supplemental rent). The lease is for a term of ten years, subject to earlier termination if the lessee prepaays the lease. At the end of the lease, title to the building and equipment passes to the lessee. Excluding the supplemental rent, the present value of the minimum lease payments is \$4,878,000 (see Series 2007 Variable Rate Taxable Notes, Note 11)

**9. Retirement Commitments**

*Plan description.* SWACO contributes to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System ("OPERS"). Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by state statute (Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code). The OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. Interested parties may obtain a copy by making written requests to OPERS at 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642 or by calling (614) 222-5601 or (800) 222-7377.

OPERS administers three separate pension plans:

1. The Traditional Pension Plan - a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan.
2. The Member-Directed Plan - a defined contribution plan in which the member invests both member and employer contributions (employer contributions vest over five years at 20% per year). Under the Member-Directed Plan, members accumulate retirement assets equal to the value of member and (vested) employer contributions plus any investment earnings.
3. The Combined Plan - a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. Under the Combined Plan, OPERS invests employer contributions to provide a formula retirement benefit similar in nature to the Traditional Pension Plan benefit. Member contributions, the investment of which is self-directed by the members, accumulate retirement assets in a manner similar to the Member-Directed Plan.

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits and annual cost-of-living adjustments to members of the Traditional Pension and Combined Plans. In addition, OPERS provides a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment healthcare plan, which includes a medical plan, prescription drug program and Medicare Part B premium reimbursement, to qualifying members of the Traditional Pension and Combined Plans. Members of the Member-Directed Plan do not qualify for ancillary benefits, including post-employment health care coverage.

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In order to qualify for post-employment health care coverage, age-and-service retirees under the Traditional Pension and Combined Plans must have 10 or more years of qualifying Ohio service credit. Health care coverage for disability benefit recipients and qualified survivor benefit recipients is also available. The health care coverage provided by the retirement system is considered an Other Post-employment Benefit (“OPEB”) as described in GASB Statement No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Post-employment Benefits other than Pensions*.

The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not mandate, OPERS to provide OPEB benefits to its eligible members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code.

*Funding policy.* The Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for employee and employer contributions. For 2008, member contribution rates were consistent across all three plans. The 2008 employee contribution rate for members in local government was 10.0%. It is SWACO’s policy to pay 8.5% of the employee contribution for full time employees. The 2008 employer contribution rate for local government employer units was 14.0% of covered payroll. The Ohio Revised Code currently limits the employer contribution to a rate not to exceed 14.0% of covered payroll for local government employer units. Active members do not make contributions to the OPEB Plan.

SWACO’s contribution to OPERS, representing 100% of employer contributions, and amounts paid by employees or by SWACO on behalf of employees have been as follows for the past four years:

	Employee share paid by employees	Employee share paid by SWACO	Employer share paid by SWACO	Total paid by SWACO
2008	\$ 100,190	\$ 513,085	\$ 856,967	\$ 1,370,052
2007	61,560	376,290	639,372	1,015,662
2006	37,191	368,003	615,574	983,577
2005	9,804	359,650	593,873	953,523

The Ohio Revised Code provides the statutory authority requiring public employers to fund post-retirement health care through their contributions to OPERS. A portion of each employer’s contribution to OPERS is set aside for the funding of post-retirement health care benefits.

OPERS’ Post-Employment Health Care Plan was established under, and is administered in accordance with, Internal Revenue Code 401(h). Each year, the OPERS Retirement Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside for funding of post-employment health care benefits. For 2008, the employer contribution allocated to the health care plan was 7.0% of the covered payroll. The OPERS Retirement Board is also authorized to establish rules for the payment of a portion of the health care benefits provided by the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected. The rates stated above are the actuarially determined contribution requirements to OPERS. SWACO’s contributions to OPERS to fund post-employment benefits were approximately \$428,000 for 2008.

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The Health Care Preservation Plan (HCPP) adopted by the OPERS Retirement Board on September 9, 2004, was effective on January 1, 2007. In addition to the HCPP, OPERS took additional action to improve the solvency of the Health Care Fund in 2005 by creating a separate investment pool for health care assets. As an additional component of the HCPP, members and employer contribution rates increased as of January 1, 2006, and January 1, 2007, which will allow additional funds to be allocated to the health care plan.

GASB Statement No. 45 requires disclosure of other post employment benefits. SWACO provides no post-employment benefits other than those provided through OPERS. The liability for past service costs at the time OPERS was established was assumed by the State of Ohio; therefore, it is not a liability of SWACO.

**10. Construction Commitments**

SWACO had one active construction project as of December 31, 2008, the ongoing construction of the second phase of the landfill expansion ( Phase H2). At year end SWACO's commitment on this contract stood as follows:

	<u>Cost to-Date</u>	<u>Remaining Commitment</u>
Landfill Phase H2 Construction	\$ 5,279,131	\$ 293,592

**11. Debt Management**

SWACO's outstanding long-term debt is summarized in the following table (excludes related premiums and costs of issuance):

**Outstanding Notes and Bonds as of December 31, 2008**

Issue	Amount Issued	Maturities	Interest Rates	Principal Balance as of December 31, 2008
Series 2004A	\$ 57,205,000	2004-2019	3.00%-5.00%	\$ 42,070,000
Series 2004B	29,670,000	2006-2025	3.50%-5.00%	22,060,000
Series 2005	6,750,000	2006-2012	3.00%-3.50%	4,025,000
Series 2005 refunding	12,320,000	2008-2017	5.00%	11,375,000
Series 2008	19,975,000	2010-2028	4.00%-5.20%	19,975,000
Subtotal, G.O. Bonds				<u>\$ 99,505,000</u>
Series 2007 taxable notes	4,900,000	2008-2017	variable	<u>\$ 4,878,000</u>

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*Series 2004A Bonds.* SWACO issued \$57.2 million general obligation bonds in 2004 to refinance a portion of the WTEF lease as discussed in Note 12. Although the bonds are general obligations of SWACO secured by a pledge to levy ad valorem property taxes, SWACO expects to pay debt service on the bonds from Retired Facility Fees and Waiver Fees collected by SWACO (see Note 12).

*Series 2004B Bonds.* In 2004 SWACO also issued \$29.7 million fixed-rate general obligation bonds to finance SWACO's 2004-2005 capital improvements plan, including landfill construction, property acquisition, and certain other solid waste facility improvements.

*Series 2005 Bonds.* In 2005 SWACO issued \$6,750,000 fixed-rate general obligation bonds to fund the purchase of the heavy equipment required to operate the landfill. Prior to this purchase, contractors responsible for the daily operation of the landfill provided the necessary equipment (see Note 14).

*Series 2005 Refunding Bonds.* In March 1997, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners issued \$20 million in general obligation bonds on behalf of SWACO (the Series 1997 Bonds). The proceeds of the bonds were used to fund SWACO's capital improvements program, including land acquisition and engineering for development of the expanded landfill, and other improvements to the landfill and transfer stations. SWACO entered into a repayment agreement with the County and collateralized the repayment by granting to the County a mortgage in the landfill real property, a security interest in the personal property associated with the landfill, and an assignment of rents, permits and licenses.

On October 26, 2005, the County issued \$12.3 million in general obligation bonds (the Series 2005 Refunding Bonds) as part of a \$41 million various purpose issue to advance refund \$12.6 million of the outstanding Series 1997 Bonds (the 2008-2017 callable maturities; the 2006 and 2007 maturities were not callable). The Series 2005 Refunding Bonds are secured in the same manner as the Series 1997 Bonds.

The net proceeds of the Series 2005 Refunding Bonds were used to fund an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide for all future debt service payments on the callable portion of the Series 1997 Bonds. In 2007 the Series 1997 Bonds maturing in 2008 through 2017 were called and retired using the funds on deposit with the escrow agent.

*Series 2007B and Series 2008 Bond Anticipation Notes.* In 2007 SWACO issued \$16.0 million in general obligation bond anticipation notes. The notes were issued to fund capital improvements, including on-going construction of landfill expansion phases and construction of an electricity generation and fueling station located at the landfill and to be supplied by landfill gas. The notes were outstanding as of December 31, 2007 and matured on July 25, 2008. In July 2008, SWACO refunded the notes with the \$16.0 million Series 2008 Bond Anticipation Notes which matured in December 2008.

*Series 2008 Bonds.* In December 2008 SWACO issued \$20.0 million fixed-rate general obligation bonds to refund the Series 2008 Bond Anticipation Notes and to provide additional funds for SWACO's 2006-2009 capital improvements plan, including landfill construction, property acquisition, and certain other solid waste facility improvements.

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It is anticipated that that debt service on the Series 2004B, Series 2005, and Series 2008 bonds will be paid from SWACO's tipping fees or other sources of revenues. However, as is the case with the series 2004A bonds, the Series 2004B, Series 2005, and Series 2008 Bonds are general obligation bonds secured by a pledge to levy ad valorem property taxes.

The following table summarizes SWACO's annual debt service requirements to maturity for its general obligation bonds (including general obligation bonds issued by Franklin County on behalf of SWACO) and outstanding as of December 31, 2008 categorized by source of debt service payment.

Year ended December 31,	Paid from Tipping Fees		Paid from Retired Facility/Waiver Fees		Total	
	Series 2004B, 2005, 2005 Refunding and 2008 Bonds		Series 2004A			
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2009	\$4,750,000	\$2,392,603	\$3,205,000	\$2,014,525	\$7,955,000	\$4,407,128
2010	4,955,000	2,463,625	3,365,000	1,850,275	8,320,000	4,313,900
2011	5,205,000	2,232,763	3,530,000	1,677,900	8,735,000	3,910,663
2012	3,755,000	2,011,438	3,710,000	1,496,900	7,465,000	3,508,338
2013	2,815,000	1,870,575	3,895,000	1,306,775	6,710,000	3,177,350
2014-2018	14,690,000	7,260,725	22,595,000	3,332,625	37,285,000	10,593,350
2019-2023	11,215,000	4,250,458	1,770,000	39,825	12,985,000	4,290,283
2024-2028	10,050,000	1,391,563	-	-	10,050,000	1,391,563
Total	\$57,435,000	\$23,873,750	\$42,070,000	\$11,718,825	\$99,505,000	\$35,592,575

*Series 2007 Variable Rate Taxable Notes.* In 2005 SWACO issued \$1,559,250 Variable Rate Taxable Notes to acquire a building used as a oily waste-water processing facility. In 2007 SWACO purchased additional assets at the facility at a cost of approximately \$3.3 million and issued \$4,900,000 in Variable Rate Taxable Notes to fund the acquisition and refund the Series 2005 taxable notes (see Note 8). The Series 2007 Notes mature in 2017 with principal payments beginning in 2008. Interest on the notes is set at the one month LIBOR rate (London Interbank Offered Rate) plus 100 basis points (1%). The notes, which are not general obligations of SWACO, are secured by a pledge of lease payments from the operator of the facility and SWACO's Generation Fees. Although Generation Fees have not been used to pay the debt service on the taxable notes, if necessary up to 5% of Generation Fee income would be required for this purpose through 2017.

At the same time the Series 2007 Variable Rate Taxable Notes were issued, SWACO entered into a five-year interest rate swap in connection with the notes. The purpose of the swap is to mitigate against the risk of rising interest rates by effectively changing SWACO's variable interest rate on the notes to a synthetic fixed rate of 5.71 percent for a period of five years.

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The notes mature on December 1, 2017, and the swap agreement on December 1, 2012. The swap's notional amount of \$4,900,000 (\$4,878,000 as of December 31, 2008) matches the principal amount of the notes. Starting in November 2008, the notional value of the swap and the principal amount of the associated notes decline by \$11,000 per month through November 2009 and by \$49,000 per month beginning in December 2009. Under the swap, SWACO pays the counterparty, the Huntington National Bank, a fixed payment of 5.71 percent and receives a variable payment computed at the same rate as the related notes (LIBOR plus one hundred basis points).

Because interest rates have declined since execution of the swap, the swap had a fair value of \$482,465 including accrued interest in favor of the swap counterparty as of December 31, 2008. Because the interest rate on the Series 2007 Variable-Rate Taxable Notes is subject to monthly adjustment, the notes do not have a corresponding fair value increase. The fair value was estimated using the zero-coupon method. This method calculates the future net settlement payments required by the swap, assuming that the current forward rates implied by the yield curve correctly anticipate future spot interest rates. These payments are then discounted using the spot rates implied by the current yield curve for hypothetical zero-coupon bonds due on the date of each future net settlement on the swap. The risks associated with the swap are as follows:

- (a) Credit risk: As of December 31, 2008, SWACO was not exposed to credit risk from the counterparty. As of that date the swap was valued at \$482,465 in the counterparty's favor. The swap counterparty was rated A- by Fitch Ratings, A- by Standard & Poor's and A2 by Moody's Investors Service as of December 31, 2008.
- (b) Basis risk. The swap does not expose SWACO to basis risk since both the underlying notes and the swap compute interest using LIBOR plus 100 basis points.
- (c) Termination risk. SWACO or the counterparty may terminate the swap if the other party fails to perform under the terms of the contract. If the swap is terminated, the Variable-Rate Taxable Notes would no longer carry a synthetic fixed interest rate. Also, if at the time of termination the swap has a negative fair value, SWACO would be liable to the counterparty for a payment equal to the swap's fair value. Under the terms of the lease agreement for the facility (Note 8) the lessee would be obligated to pay SWACO's termination costs, if any. Similarly, the lessee would be entitled to receive any termination payments received by SWACO after expenses. As of the end of 2008, SWACO is exposed to credit risk from the lessee of the facility with respect to payment of termination costs, if any, due to the swap counterparty. The lessee is a private entity, which does not carry a debt rating.

*Swap payments and associated debt.* Using rates as of December 31, 2008, debt service requirements of the variable-rate debt and net swap payments, assuming current interest rates remain the same for their term, were as follows. As rates vary, variable-rate bond interest payments and net swap payments will vary.

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Year ended December 31,	Variable Rate Notes		Interest Rate Swap, Net	Total Interest
	Principal	Interest		
2009	\$ 170,000	\$ 284,376	\$ (5,480)	\$ 278,896
2010	588,000	261,988	(5,049)	256,939
2011	588,000	227,278	(4,380)	222,898
2012	588,000	193,123	(3,442)	189,681
2013	588,000	157,858	-	157,858
2014-2017	2,356,000	284,505	-	284,505
Total	<u>\$ 4,878,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,409,128</u>	<u>\$ (18,351)</u>	<u>\$ 1,390,777</u>

*Legal Debt Margins.* SWACO's debt is not subject to direct debt limitations, but its unvoted general obligation debt (debt authorized by SWACO's Board of Trustees but not by a vote of the electors) is subject to overlapping debt restrictions with other political subdivisions. These limitations apply to each overlapping county, municipal corporation, school district or other issuing authority. Limitations apply to each county total and are not considered cumulatively. Total debt service charges for any one year of all overlapping debt may not exceed ten mills (1%) of the assessed property value within the overlapping jurisdictions. This determination is made by the respective county auditors each time a subdivision proposes to issue unvoted debt. At the time of SWACO's most recent unvoted debt issue in 2006, the maximum millage required in any overlapping jurisdictions was 8.7 mills, leaving a margin of 1.3 mills.

*Summary of Debt and Long-Term Liabilities*

Including the bonds and notes payable, long-term liability activity for the year ended December 31, 2008 was as follow:

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Operating and Program Funds	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
General Obligation Notes and Bonds Payable					
Series 2004A	\$ 45,120,000	\$ -	\$ (3,050,000)	\$ 42,070,000	\$ 3,205,000
Series 2004B	24,715,000	-	(2,655,000)	22,060,000	2,790,000
Series 2005	4,955,000	-	(930,000)	4,025,000	960,000
Series 2005 Refunding	12,320,000	-	(945,000)	11,375,000	1,000,000
Series 2007B Notes	16,000,000	-	(16,000,000)	-	-
Series 2008 Notes	-	16,000,000	(16,000,000)	-	-
Series 2008 Bonds	-	19,975,000	-	19,975,000	-
Unamortized bond premiums	3,678,966	285,976	(732,711)	3,232,231	-
Unamortized cost of issuance	(666,671)	(210,658)	134,623	(742,706)	-
Unamortized reacquisition price	(458,016)	-	76,944	(381,072)	-
Total General Obligation notes and bonds payable, net	105,664,279	36,050,318	(40,101,144)	101,613,453	7,955,000
Revenue Notes Payable					
Series 2007 Var. Rate Taxable	4,900,000	-	(22,000)	4,878,000	170,000
Capital lease obligation	14,269,489	-	(8,044,494)	6,224,995	2,300,000 *
Landfill closure & postclosure liability	19,828,319	-	(9,677,917)	10,150,402	75,000
Total long term liabilities	\$ 144,662,087	\$ 36,050,318	\$ (57,845,555)	\$ 122,866,850	\$ 10,500,000

\* Current portion based on amount expected to be paid as permitted under the modified lease (see Note 12).

**12. Capital Lease Obligation**

On April 1, 1993, the City of Columbus leased its solid waste resource recovery plant, the Waste-to-Energy Facility or WTEF, and related waste transfer stations to SWACO. Under the initial terms of the lease, SWACO agreed to make lease payments to the City in amounts equal to the debt service requirements on bonds the City issued to construct the facility and the City agreed to deliver all waste collected by the City to facilities operated or designated by SWACO. SWACO recorded an asset and capital lease obligation liability for the WTEF. The assets acquired were recorded at an estimated market value equal to the liabilities assumed.

SWACO operated the landfill and WTEF as an integrated system for approximately 18 months and attempted to implement a fee structure that would have resulted in all district waste being delivered to SWACO's facilities. This was challenged in Federal District Court and SWACO's fee structure was repealed effective September 1, 1994. The repeal of its fees resulted in the closing of the WTEF at the end of 1994 because of SWACO's inability to generate revenues sufficient to operate the facility and pay the lease obligation to the City.

Management determined that SWACO would be unable to recover the carrying value of the



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WTEF at the date of closure and the WTEF was written down to \$36,594,000, and a loss of \$126,248,000 was recognized. Subsequent write downs of \$30,034,000 in 1997 and \$2,627,000 in 2001, plus sale of the turbine-generator sets and other equipment located in the facility reduced the carrying value of the WTEF to \$1,121,000 as of December 31, 2005, reflecting the appraised value of usable space at the facility as of that date. In 2005, SWACO completed demolition of all but the usable portion of the facility and entered into a sublease of the remaining portion (excluding the transfer station) to a recycling business. The building used for the recycling operation was destroyed in a fire in 2008, and SWACO has since terminated the sublease.

With the repeal of its fees in 1994, SWACO was not able to meet its lease obligation to the City. In 1998, SWACO and the City reached agreement on new lease terms that included (1) a 4.5 percent reduction in the lease payment obligations for the years 1995-2010, (2) deferral, with interest, of any amounts due but not paid by SWACO, (3) payment to the City of any income received by SWACO from the sublease of the facility, the sale of plant assets, pollution allowances, or other income (4) the implementation of new fees dedicated to the payment of the lease and applied to all solid waste generated within SWACO's jurisdiction, and (5) a further 30.5 percent reduction in the lease obligation for each year the dedicated fee is levied and collected.

To implement the new fees, the SWACO Board adopted in 1998 a rule effective April 1, 1999, requiring that all waste generated within SWACO's jurisdiction be delivered only to a SWACO facility, unless a waiver has been granted to another facility or the waste is disposed at a facility outside the State of Ohio. The Board of Trustees authorized waivers for any landfill in Ohio provided the landfill executes a waiver agreement with SWACO and agrees to pay a waiver fee as prescribed in the agreement (the "Waiver Fee"). Also in 1998, the Board of Trustees established a new fee (the "Retired Facility Fee"), to be assessed at SWACO facilities effective April 1, 1999. Under the waiver agreements, the Waiver Fee is set equal to the Retired Facility Fee, (initially and through the end of 2008, \$7.00 per ton).

Since 1999, SWACO has paid 100 percent of the income derived from the Waiver Fee and Retired Facility Fees to the City. In lieu of cash payments to SWACO, Retired Facility Fees owed by the City for use of SWACO's facilities are applied directly to the lease obligation as a credit. The Waiver Fee and Retired Facility Fee revenues have not been sufficient to satisfy all of the modified lease obligation and SWACO accumulated a deferred lease obligation of \$46.3 million at the end of 2003.

As the result of a subsequent modification to the lease agreed to in 2004, SWACO issued \$57,205,000 in bonds in 2004 (the Series 2004A Bonds") and paid the net proceeds, \$55.1 million, to the City as a payment on the lease. Debt service on the bonds will be paid from the Retired Facility and Waiver Fees collected by SWACO, excluding amounts owed by the City. Amounts due from the City will continue to be applied as a credit to the lease obligation remaining after the payment from bond proceeds. Additional cash payments to the City will be made only to the extent collections from the Retired Facility Fee and Waiver Fee exceed debt service requirements on the bonds.

As the result of the 1998 modification to the lease, SWACO recognized gains of \$50,203,271 for the years 1995-2003 representing 4.5 percent of the lease for the years 1995-2010 and 30.5 percent for the years 1995-2003. In 2004 SWACO recognized a gain of \$19,652,043 representing the remaining 30.5% reduction in the lease obligation for the years 2004-2010. The

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2004 modification removed the provision of the 1998 modification which make the additional 30.5 percent lease reduction contingent on the continued collection of the Waiver Fee and Retired Facility Fee and accelerated the recognition of the gain into 2004. No future gains will be recognized by SWACO under the terms of the modified lease.

SWACO and the City of Columbus entered into a Ninth modification to the WTEF lease in 2008 that resulted in the replacement of the \$5.3 million debt service reserve account related to the Series 2004A bonds with a surety bond. The release of the reserve fund allowed SWACO to make supplemental lease payments to the City totaling \$5.3 million in 2008. In addition, SWACO made a supplemental lease payment to the City of \$771,000 in December 2008 from Retired Facility and Waiver Fees collected since 2004 and not needed for debt service on the Series 2004A Bonds.

In 2008, SWACO and the City further modified the lease (the Tenth Modification) to allow SWACO to increase the Retired Facility and Waiver Fee above \$7.00 per ton, and to allow SWACO to use the revenues generated by any fee increase for purposes other than paying the WTEF lease or debt service on the Series 2004A Bonds. During 2008, the SWACO Board of Trustees adopted a \$2 per ton increase in the Retired Facility and Waiver Fee effective January 1, 2009. The waiver agreements, which were initially for a five-year period and were renewed for an additional five years in 2004, expire at the end of 2009. SWACO has not determined whether it will renew the agreements in 2009.

The following table is a schedule of the remaining minimum lease payments owed to the City if paid when due and an estimate of the actual payments expected to be made, as permitted under the modified lease.

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	<u>As Scheduled</u>	<u>Estimated Actual</u>
2009	\$ 4,320,684	\$ 2,300,000
2010	2,114,390	2,194,545
2011	-	1,971,318
Total minimum lease payments	6,435,074	6,465,863
Less: amount representing interest	(210,079)	(240,868)
Present value of minimum lease payments	<u>\$ 6,224,995</u>	<u>\$ 6,224,995</u>

**13. Landfill Closure and Postclosure Care Costs**

State and federal laws and regulations require SWACO to place a final cover on its Sanitary Landfill site when it stops accepting waste and to perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the site for 30 years after closure. Although final closure and postclosure care costs will be paid only when the last phases of the landfill reach final waste elevation, in accordance with GASB Statement No. 18, *Accounting for Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Closure and Postclosure Care Costs*, SWACO reports a portion of these closure and postclosure care costs as an operating expense in each period based on landfill capacity used as of each balance sheet date.

SWACO's estimate of total current cost of closure and postclosure care is \$24.7 million. This

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estimate includes final cover and gas collection system costs for the last two phases of the landfill construction of \$17.5 million and postclosure maintenance and monitoring costs of \$7.2 million. These amounts are estimated based on the costs to perform all closure and postclosure care in 2008. Actual costs may be higher due to inflation, changes in technology, or changes in regulations. The amount reported as Landfill Closure/postclosure liability as of December 31, 2008 includes \$9.1 million representing the cumulative amount reported based on the use of 37% of the estimated capacity of the landfill, including the original permit and 1997 and 2009 modifications. SWACO will recognize the remaining estimated cost of closure and postclosure care costs of approximately \$15.6 million as the remaining estimated capacity is filled.

In 2008, SWACO reduced its estimated closure and postclosure care estimate related to the modification of the permit submitted in 2008, and approved in 2009. This change was recorded as a change in accounting estimate and reported in operating income in 2008 (See Note 3).

SWACO also maintains and monitors the Model Landfill, which has been closed since 1985. The Model Landfill is not subject to the same state and federal laws and regulations as the current operating landfill. In an effort to manage postclosure costs, SWACO leased the closed landfill to a private entity in 1999 to develop a public golf course on the site, and leased the landfill gas collection system and sold the gas rights for the purpose of generating electricity. The amounts reported as Landfill Closure/postclosure care liability as of December 31, 2008 includes \$75,000 as a current liability related to monitoring, leachate treatment and gas collection costs and \$926,402 as a noncurrent liability representing the estimated cost of the future maintenance and monitoring costs at the site.

#### 14. Service Agreements

SWACO entered into a five-year yard waste compost facility service agreement in 2002. The agreement was extended an additional five years in 2007. Under the agreement, SWACO pays a monthly service fee to the facility operator to accept and process yard waste delivered from the SWACO District. Operating expenses under the service agreement were \$374,400 in 2008. The future minimum service payments are \$374,400 annually from 2009 through 2011 and \$280,800 in 2012, the last year of the agreement.

SWACO also is party to a yard waste compost facility service agreement which expires in 2016. Under the agreement, SWACO pays a service fee for each ton of yard waste delivered to the facility, with no guaranteed minimum payments to the facility operator. Operating expenses under the service agreement were \$1,780,534 in 2008. Operating expenses are expected to continue into the future but there are no future minimum service payments under the agreement.

Since acquiring the landfill in 1991 until 2007, SWACO contracted with private solid waste companies to operate and maintain the heavy equipment needed to place and compact the solid waste into the landfill, construct site access roads, provide daily and interim cover, and maintain the landfill according to all local, state and federal laws and regulations. SWACO managed and oversaw the day-to-day operations of the Sanitary Landfill, conducted environmental monitoring and reporting, operated the scale house, and collected all tipping fees paid by users of the landfill. Under the agreements, SWACO paid the contractor for each ton of waste received at the landfill. During 2007 SWACO paid the contractor approximately \$3,275,000.

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The final landfill operating contract expired at the end of 2007 and in 2008 SWACO began operating the landfill with its own management and labor.

**15. Commitments and Contingencies**

As the operator of solid waste disposal and transfer facilities, SWACO is subject to environmental regulation by federal, state and local governmental authorities. These authorities have the power to enforce compliance with environmental laws and regulations and to obtain injunctions or impose fines in the case of violations. In addition, SWACO's operation of landfills subjects it to certain operational, monitoring, site maintenance, closure and postclosure obligations. As the result of this extensive regulation, SWACO may become subject to various judicial and administrative proceedings involving federal, state or local regulatory agencies. If these agencies find that SWACO's operations or facilities are not in compliance with applicable environmental regulations or operating permits, they could seek to impose fines on SWACO or to revoke or deny renewal of an operating permit held by SWACO. Failure to correct the problems to the satisfaction of the authorities could lead to curtailed operations or closure of the landfill or transfer stations.

Certain federal and state environmental laws impose strict liability on SWACO for such matters as contamination of water supplies or other environmental damage associated with its operation of solid waste facilities. If such contamination or environmental damage were to occur, the resulting cost to SWACO of corrective measures and cleanup could adversely affect SWACO's financial condition.

**16. Risks and Uncertainties**

SWACO is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts and general liability; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; natural disasters; errors and omissions; employee health care claims and injuries to employees. Insurance policies are procured for buildings and contents and certain equipment. In addition, a crime policy is in effect which covers SWACO for employee theft and dishonesty. Settled claims have not exceeded commercial coverage in any of the past three years. SWACO purchases workers' compensation insurance through the State of Ohio to cover all employees. SWACO also provides life insurance to its employees equal to each employees' base annual salary and a short-term disability benefit. These benefits are fully insured by SWACO through third parties.

SWACO purchases property insurance for all buildings and equipment, excluding over-the-road motor vehicles. SWACO maintain \$5.0 million in general liability, public officials liability, and motor vehicle liability insurance for claims in excess of \$1.0 million. SWACO retains the risk for claims less than \$1.0 million.

SWACO provides health care benefits to its employees under agreement with Franklin County. The County provides multiple health care benefit plans that cover approximately 6,000 employees of Franklin, Pickaway and Fairfield Counties, SWACO and other Central Ohio political subdivisions. There are approximately 14,800 plan subscribers when spouses and dependents are counted. During 2008 these benefits included a self-insured participating provider organization medical plan, a prescription drug program, a mental health and chemical dependency program, and dental and vision benefits. The program is administered by third parties which

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provide claims review and processing. Participating County agencies and other political subdivisions pay their proportionate shares of the premiums and actual claims processed through these programs.

The County develops annual actuarial estimates of the amounts to be paid for claims but unreported as of year-end based on its historical experience. In 2007 and 2008, the County assessed participants in the program a premium for their proportionate share of the estimated liability and SWACO did not recognize any additional liability as of December 31, 2007 and 2008.

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Unpaid Claims at January 1	\$ -	\$ -
Incurred Claims	66,908	84,272
Paid Claims	<u>( 66,908)</u>	<u>(84,272)</u>
Unpaid Claims at December 31	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

The Comprehensive Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1986 requires SWACO to offer terminated or retired employees continued participation in SWACO's employee health care benefits program, provided that the employees pay the rate established by the plan administrator.

SWACO analyzes all outstanding and potential claims that have arisen or could arise due to the occurrence of a loss contingency on or before December 31, 2008. Those claims that are judged to have a high probability of requiring a settlement and for which the amount required to settle the claim is reasonably estimable are included.

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Unpaid Claims at January 1	\$ -	\$ 500
Incurred Claims	78,768	132,138
Paid Claims	<u>(78,268)</u>	<u>(20,706)</u>
Unpaid Claims at December 31	<u>\$ 500</u>	<u>\$111,932</u>

**17. Subsequent Events**

In January 2008 SWACO entered into an agreement to facilitate construction of a facility which will manufacture building panels from recycled polystyrene. The facility will be located on land leased to the owner of the facility by SWACO. SWACO facilitated the project by agreeing to purchase the building in the event project revenues are not sufficient to pay the debt on the building. At the end of 2008, the owner of the facility failed to pay rent due SWACO and has been notified they are in default under the lease. It appears likely SWACO will be purchasing the building by issuing notes prior to the end of 2009. It is likely that rent from the building will not be sufficient to pay 100% of the debt service on the note issued to purchase the building.

On July 8, 2009 SWACO was notified that the Director of the OEPA has approved SWACO's 2008 application to modify the landfill permit. The permit is discussed in more detail in Notes 1 and 3.

**SWACO****Supplemental Schedule—Operating Fund Statement of Net Assets – Proprietary Fund****As of December 31, 2008**

	<b>Operating Fund</b>		<b>Total</b>
	<b>Continuing Operations</b>	<b>Discontinued Operations</b>	
<b>Assets</b>			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,460,600	\$ -	\$ 2,460,600
Restricted cash	753,590	420,238	1,173,828
Investments	3,023,401	-	3,023,401
Restricted investments	3,833,597	-	3,833,597
Accounts receivable, net	2,395,322	414,812	2,810,134
Federal grant receivable	1,500,000	-	1,500,000
Other assets	104,417	26,927	131,344
Total current assets	<u>14,070,927</u>	<u>861,977</u>	<u>14,932,904</u>
Noncurrent assets:			
Investments held by trustee for landfill closure/post closure care	23,035,444	-	23,035,444
Capital assets			
Sanitary landfill, net of accumulated depletion	13,849,672	-	13,849,672
Buildings and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	17,543,908	-	17,543,908
Construction in progress	9,106,823	-	9,106,823
Land and land improvements	11,721,277	-	11,721,277
Total noncurrent assets	<u>75,257,124</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,257,124</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 89,328,051</u>	<u>\$ 861,977</u>	<u>\$ 90,190,028</u>

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**SWACO****Supplemental Schedule—Operating Fund Statement of Net Assets – Proprietary Fund****As of December 31, 2008**

	<b>Operating Fund</b>		
	<b>Continuing Operations</b>	<b>Discontinued Operations</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 1,494,985	\$ -	\$ 1,494,985
Accrued wages and benefits	769,418	-	769,418
Accrued interest	213,309	306,252	519,561
Current maturities of bonds payable	4,750,000	3,205,000	7,955,000
Capital lease obligation	-	2,300,000	2,300,000
Landfill postclosure liability-current portion	75,000	-	75,000
Total current liabilities	7,302,712	5,811,252	13,113,964
Noncurrent liabilities			
Bonds payable, less current portion, net	53,493,326	40,165,121	93,658,447
Capital lease obligation, less current portion	-	3,924,995	3,924,995
Landfill closure/postclosure liability	10,075,402	-	10,075,402
Total noncurrent liabilities	63,568,728	44,090,116	107,658,844
Total liabilities	70,871,440	49,901,368	120,772,808
<b>Net Assets</b>			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt:			
Lease obligation and bonds payable related to closed waste-to-energy facility	-	(49,595,116)	(49,595,116)
Other capital assets, net	(1,904,177)	-	(1,904,177)
Restricted:			
Closure/postclosure trust fund net of accrued liability – Sanitary Landfill	13,886,444	-	13,886,444
Other restricted, net	-	555,725	555,725
Unrestricted	6,474,344	-	6,474,344
Total net assets	\$ 18,456,611	\$ (49,039,391)	\$ (30,582,780)

**SWACO****Supplemental Schedule—Operating Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets – Proprietary Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2008**

	<b>Operating Fund</b>		
	<b>Continuing Operations</b>	<b>Discontinued Operations</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Operating revenues:</b>			
Tipping and disposal fees	\$ 18,345,327	\$ -	\$ 18,345,327
Waste transfer fees	4,537,544	-	4,537,544
Retired Facility and Waiver Fees	-	7,613,718	7,613,718
Other	143,993	78,939	222,932
Operating revenues	23,026,864	7,692,657	30,719,521
<b>Operating expenses:</b>			
Salaries, wages and benefits	7,937,207	-	7,937,207
Contract, services and supplies	6,594,112	62,150	6,656,262
Solid Waste Fees	3,122,177	-	3,122,177
Depreciation and depletion	2,937,455	-	2,937,455
Landfill Depletion	7,255,277	-	7,255,277
Landfill closing cost	(9,630,000)	-	(9,630,000)
Interfund transfers	(228,918)	(105,455)	(334,373)
Operating expenses	17,987,310	(43,305)	17,944,005
Operating income	5,039,554	7,735,962	12,775,516
<b>Nonoperating revenues (expenses):</b>			
Interest expense	(2,267,633)	(2,590,510)	(4,858,143)
Interest earnings	2,161,801	309,187	2,470,988
Grant revenues	289,327	-	289,327
Loss on Federal Grant	(480,000)	-	(480,000)
Loss on disposal of assets	(44,903)	-	(44,903)
Fire Loss net of insurance proceeds	(382,305)	-	(382,305)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses):	(723,713)	(2,281,323)	(3,005,036)
Change in net assets	4,315,841	5,454,639	9,770,480
Total net assets – beginning	14,140,770	(54,494,030)	(40,353,260)
Total net assets – ending	\$ 18,456,611	\$ (49,039,391)	\$ (30,582,780)



**SWACO****Supplemental Schedule—Operating Fund Statement of Cash Flows – Proprietary Fund****For the Year Ended December 31, 2008**

	<b>Operating Fund</b>		<b>Total</b>
	<b>Continuing Operations</b>	<b>Discontinued Operations</b>	
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
Receipts from customers	\$ 22,529,444	\$ -	\$ 22,529,444
Retired Facility Fees and Waiver Fees collected	-	5,548,843	5,548,843
Other receipts	147,523	78,940	226,463
Payments to or on behalf of employees for salaries, wages and benefits	(7,811,015)	-	(7,811,015)
Payment to vendors	(10,420,267)	(62,149)	(10,482,416)
Landfill post closure cost paid	(47,917)	-	(47,917)
Interfund charges	228,918	105,455	334,373
Other receipts	132,408	-	132,408
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>4,759,094</u>	<u>5,671,089</u>	<u>10,430,183</u>
<b>Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:</b>			
Grants received	262,512	-	262,512
<b>Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities</b>	<u>262,512</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>262,512</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Proceeds from sales and maturities of investments	12,634,184	5,299,900	17,934,084
Purchase of investments	(18,477,309)	-	(18,477,309)
Interest received	1,937,911	304,237	2,242,148
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>(3,905,214)</u>	<u>5,604,137</u>	<u>1,698,923</u>
<b>Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:</b>			
Proceeds from capital debt	36,260,976	-	36,260,976
Proceeds from sale of assets	27,123	-	27,123
Landfill, plant improvements and equipment additions	(6,786,722)	-	(6,786,722)
Principal paid on bonds and notes payable	(36,530,000)	(3,050,000)	(39,580,000)
Principal paid on capital lease	-	(5,762,127)	(5,762,127)
Interest paid	(2,524,514)	(3,051,168)	(5,575,682)
Debt issuance cost paid	(210,658)	-	(210,658)
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	<u>(9,763,795)</u>	<u>(11,863,295)</u>	<u>(21,627,090)</u>
Net decrease in cash	(8,647,403)	(588,069)	(9,235,472)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>11,861,593</u>	<u>1,008,307</u>	<u>12,869,900</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$3,214,190</u>	<u>\$ 420,238</u>	<u>\$ 3,634,428</u>

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**SWACO****Supplemental Schedule—Operating Fund Statement of Cash Flows – Proprietary Fund****For the Year Ended December 31, 2008**

	<b>Operating Fund</b>		<b>Total</b>
	<b>Continuing Operations</b>	<b>Discontinued Operations</b>	
<b>Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:</b>			
Operating income	\$ 5,039,554	\$ 7,735,962	\$ 12,775,516
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and depletion	10,192,732	-	10,192,732
Landfill closing cost	(9,630,000)	-	(9,630,000)
Lease credits received in lieu of cash:			
Applied to principal	-	(1,747,033)	(1,747,033)
Applied to interest	-	(525,758)	(525,758)
Increase (decrease) in cash resulting from changes in:			
Accounts receivable (net)	(349,898)	207,918	(141,980)
Accounts payable	(703,978)	-	(703,978)
Accrued wages and benefits	126,193	-	126,193
Landfill postclosure liability	(47,917)	-	(47,917)
Other assets and liabilities	132,408	-	132,408
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 4,759,094</u>	<u>\$ 5,671,089</u>	<u>\$ 10,430,183</u>

**Noncash capital and related financing activities:**

Amortization of premiums on lease obligation and bonds payable of \$341,265 for Continuing Operations and \$391,452 for Discontinued Operations

Amortization of debt issuance costs of \$67,987 for Continuing Operations and \$66,636 for Discontinued Operations

Amortization of premiums on lease obligation of \$9,576 (Discontinued Operations).

Amortization of reacquisition costs on refunding bonds payable of \$76,944 (Continuing Operations).

Change in carrying value of investments resulting in gain of \$222,408 (Continuing Operations).

# **STATISTICAL SECTION**

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STATISTICAL SECTION

The following statistical tables provide selected information on SWACO’s financial trends, revenue capacity, operating information, debt capacity, and economic and demographic information.

Tables 1 and 2 provide ten years of financial information for SWACO. Table 3 is a budget to actual comparison for year 2008.

Revenue capacity information on solid waste deliveries and tipping fees at SWACO facilities is presented in Tables 4 through 8. Table 8 provides generation fees reported by solid waste facilities receiving waste generated from within the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District (the “District”) and disposed in an Ohio landfill.

Indicators of the level of demand for service are included in tables throughout the statistical section and include tons received (Tables 4 and 5), Top Ten customer data (Table 5), tons generated (Table 8), and tons recycled (Tables 9 and 10). Table 11 shows current and historical SWACO employees by function.

Tables 12 through 17 provide debt service schedules for SWACO’s outstanding bonds. Table 18 provides detail on the WTEF lease. Table 19 shows various debt ratios for SWACO. It includes total debt (notes, bonds and WTEF lease) per capita, total general obligation debt as a percent of SWACO assessed property valuation (although backed by a pledge to levy ad valorem property taxes, SWACO’s general obligation bonds are paid from other sources, see Note 11 to the financial statements), and annual debt service per ton for bonds paid from the landfill tipping fee. Table 20 shows the statutory debt limit on SWACO’s ability to issue debt supported by property taxes. SWACO is not subject to direct debt limits.

Demographic information is presented for SWACO’s solid waste district and Franklin County in Tables 21 through 23.

**SWACO**  
**Schedules of Net Assets - All Funds**  
**For Years Ended December 31, 1999 through 2008**  
(in thousands)<sup>1</sup>

<b>ASSETS</b>	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,077	\$ 11,591	\$ 11,371	\$ 6,257	\$ 5,772	\$ 7,210	\$ 3,128	\$ 3,558	\$ 4,524	\$ 2,461
Restricted cash	10,327	7,650	6,072	5,239	3,554	20,277	5,286	4,668	9,877	2,443
Unrestricted and restricted investments	-	-	-	4,493	2,496	2,001	14,757	9,909	7,917	6,857
Accounts receivable, net	2,040	2,143	2,328	2,293	2,562	3,976	3,010	3,360	3,113	3,329
Pollution allowances sales receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,015	-	-	-
Federal grant receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,980	1,500
Closure/postclosure funds held by trustee	11,750	13,378	14,409	15,296	16,142	16,873	17,799	19,218	21,104	23,035
Sanitary Landfill, net of accum. deprec./depletion	7,559	10,401	11,083	11,475	11,801	10,262	20,448	23,441	22,586	13,850
Buildings & equipment, net of accum. depreciation	5,636	6,096	8,187	8,887	9,349	9,905	17,045	15,054	14,133	18,394
Construction in progress	-	-	-	-	-	9,093	6,577	4,401	10,279	9,107
Land and land improvements	1,724	1,724	1,724	1,724	1,724	9,931	9,931	9,931	11,721	11,721
Lease receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,559	1,559	4,900	4,878
Idle plant facilities - WTEF (Note 12)	6,381	6,338	4,605	1,976	1,976	1,121	-	-	-	-
Other assets	231	224	135	159	170	357	447	169	349	130
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 55,725</b>	<b>\$ 59,545</b>	<b>\$ 59,915</b>	<b>\$ 57,799</b>	<b>\$ 55,546</b>	<b>\$ 91,006</b>	<b>\$ 110,002</b>	<b>\$ 95,269</b>	<b>\$ 112,484</b>	<b>\$ 97,706</b>

<sup>1</sup> Certain items for the years prior to 2005 have been reclassified for presentation purposes. Totals may not add due to rounding.

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Table 1 (continued)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>LIABILITIES</b>										
Accounts payable	\$ 2,020	\$ 3,368	\$ 2,729	\$ 1,875	\$ 2,584	\$ 4,491	\$ 7,298	\$ 2,312	\$ 4,278	\$ 2,113
Accrued wages and benefits	686	736	868	926	1,005	856	762	814	750	896
Accrued interest	6,285	2,151	648	824	788	1,140	980	850	706	520
Bonds and Notes payable (Note 11)	19,050	18,295	17,505	16,795	16,045	102,274	106,498	103,407	110,564	106,491
Capital lease obligation (Note 12)	140,275	136,553	127,443	118,456	108,052	28,751	27,356	15,817	14,269	6,225
Landfill closure/postclosure care liability (Note 13)	13,425	13,966	14,788	15,430	16,113	16,927	18,124	18,711	19,828	10,150
Other	514	394	748	1,167	665	7	232	130	283	413
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>182,255</b>	<b>175,463</b>	<b>164,728</b>	<b>155,473</b>	<b>145,252</b>	<b>154,445</b>	<b>161,250</b>	<b>142,041</b>	<b>150,680</b>	<b>126,810</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>										
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt:										
WTEF, net of lease obligation & bonds payable	(133,894)	(130,215)	(122,838)	(116,480)	(106,076)	(84,010)	(80,586)	(65,846)	(61,014)	(49,595)
Other capital assets, net	(905)	1,684	3,490	5,291	6,829	5,195	4,433	2,517	6,680	(1,054)
Restricted:										
Closure/postclosure trust fund, net of accrued liability - Sanitary Landfill	1,436	1,987	2,075	2,240	2,087	1,974	1,661	1,715	2,325	13,887
Other restricted, net	10,461	7,734	6,173	5,333	3,658	8,621	18,491	7,961	8,252	1,184
Unrestricted	(3,628)	2,892	6,286	5,942	3,795	4,780	4,753	6,881	5,562	6,474
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>\$ (126,530)</b>	<b>\$ (115,918)</b>	<b>\$ (104,813)</b>	<b>\$ (97,674)</b>	<b>\$ (89,706)</b>	<b>\$ (63,439)</b>	<b>\$ (51,248)</b>	<b>\$ (46,772)</b>	<b>\$ (38,196)</b>	<b>\$ (29,104)</b>

Source: SWACO. All references to notes are to the Notes to Financial Statements beginning on page 2-18.

**SWACO**  
**Schedules of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Assets - All Funds**  
**For Years Ended December 31, 1999 through 2008**  
(in thousands)<sup>1</sup>

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Revenues:</b>										
Tipping and disposal fees	\$ 11,238	\$ 13,576	\$ 13,705	\$ 13,600	\$ 14,079	\$ 14,423	\$ 16,754	\$ 18,376	\$ 18,958	\$ 18,650
Waste transfer fees	3,471	3,806	3,884	3,860	4,132	4,010	4,448	4,377	4,336	4,537
Retired Facility and Waiver Fees	5,149	7,488	7,596	7,722	7,916	8,113	8,016	7,949	7,892	7,614
Generation Fees	5,735	5,780	5,571	5,559	5,655	5,801	5,720	5,716	5,663	5,438
Other	245	686	868	704	755	128	574	319	617	582
<b>Operating revenues</b>	<b>25,839</b>	<b>31,337</b>	<b>31,624</b>	<b>31,445</b>	<b>32,536</b>	<b>32,475</b>	<b>35,512</b>	<b>36,737</b>	<b>37,467</b>	<b>36,822</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>										
Salaries, wages and benefits	3,679	3,801	4,304	4,873	5,582	6,127	6,790	7,104	7,351	9,692
Contracts, services and supplies	7,941	12,110	11,409	11,854	12,860	14,406	14,918	10,248	10,566	10,800
Solid waste fees	1,428	1,707	1,755	1,771	1,955	2,192	2,686	3,276	3,236	3,122
Depreciation and depletion	1,121	1,132	1,424	1,815	2,151	2,141	3,612	6,874	5,672	10,334
Landfill closing expenses	707	1,078	942	722	999	844	1,239	1,365	1,276	(9,630)
Other	4	52	1	22	113	20	2	-	-	-
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>14,880</b>	<b>19,880</b>	<b>19,836</b>	<b>21,057</b>	<b>23,660</b>	<b>25,730</b>	<b>29,247</b>	<b>28,867</b>	<b>28,101</b>	<b>24,318</b>
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>10,959</b>	<b>11,456</b>	<b>11,788</b>	<b>10,388</b>	<b>8,876</b>	<b>6,745</b>	<b>6,265</b>	<b>7,870</b>	<b>9,366</b>	<b>12,504</b>

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Table 2 (continued)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):										
Interest expense	(8,418)	(6,745)	(6,113)	(4,919)	(4,773)	(4,246)	(5,232)	(5,040)	(5,116)	(4,858)
Interest earnings	1,528	2,002	1,296	705	466	617	1,344	1,962	2,680	2,471
Grant revenues	256	132	138	134	138	145	404	240	2,192	379
Grants awarded <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	(155)	(542)	(462)	(636)	(574)	(593)	(498)
Loss on federal grant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(480)
Fire loss net of insurance proceeds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(382)
Gain (loss) on disposal of assets	10	45	68	(50)	(125)	(19)	(4)	19	47	(44)
Total nonoperating expenses	(6,624)	(4,566)	(4,612)	(4,285)	(4,835)	(3,965)	(4,124)	(3,393)	(790)	(3,412)
Special and Extraordinary Items										
Gain on forgiveness of debt	27,725	3,722	3,929	3,663	3,927	19,652	-	-	-	-
Sale of pollution allowances	-	-	-	-	-	3,835	10,051	-	-	-
Reduction of LF closure liability	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Impairment loss-WTEF	-	-	-	(2,627)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Change in net assets	32,060	10,612	11,105	7,139	7,968	26,267	12,192	4,477	8,576	9,092
Total net assets - beginning	(158,590)	(126,530)	(115,918)	(104,813)	(97,674)	(89,706)	(63,439)	(51,248)	(46,772)	(38,196)
Total net assets - ending	<u>\$ (126,530)</u>	<u>\$ (115,918)</u>	<u>\$ (104,813)</u>	<u>\$ (97,674)</u>	<u>\$ (89,706)</u>	<u>\$ (63,439)</u>	<u>\$ (51,248)</u>	<u>\$ (46,772)</u>	<u>\$ (38,196)</u>	<u>\$ (29,104)</u>

<sup>1</sup> Certain items for the years prior to 2005 have been reclassified for presentation purposes. Totals may not add due to rounding.

<sup>2</sup> Included in Contracts, Services and Supplies prior to 2002.

Source: SWACO.



**SWACO**  
**Schedules of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets**  
**2008 Budget to Actual (in thousands)**

	Operating Fund			Program Fund			All Funds Total			
	Original Budget	Amended Budget	Actual	Original Budget	Amended Budget	Actual	Original Budget	Amended Budget	Actual	Actual Over (under) Am. Budget
<b>Operating Revenues:</b>										
Tipping and disposal fees	\$ 18,275	\$ 18,275	\$ 18,345	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 305	\$ 18,275	\$ 18,275	\$ 18,650	\$ 375
Waste transfer fees	4,313	4,313	4,537	-	-	-	4,313	4,313	4,537	224
Retired Facility and Waiver Fees	8,120	8,120	7,614	-	-	-	8,120	8,120	7,614	(506)
Generation Fees	-	-	-	5,800	5,800	5,438	5,800	5,800	5,438	(362)
Other	200	200	223	200	200	360	400	400	582	182
<b>Total operating revenues</b>	<b>30,908</b>	<b>30,908</b>	<b>30,719</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>6,103</b>	<b>36,908</b>	<b>36,908</b>	<b>36,822</b>	<b>(87)</b>
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>										
Salaries, wages and benefits	7,166	7,556	7,937	2,214	2,274	1,755	9,380	9,830	9,692	(138)
Contracts, services and supplies	5,708	6,358	6,656	4,602	4,602	4,144	10,310	10,960	10,800	(160)
Solid Waste Fees	3,188	3,188	3,122	-	-	-	3,188	3,188	3,122	(66)
Depreciation and depletion	6,037	6,037	10,193	149	149	141	6,186	6,186	10,334	4,148
Landfill closing costs	1,275	1,275	(9,630)	-	-	-	1,275	1,275	(9,630)	(10,905)
Interfund transfers	-	-	(334)	-	-	334	-	-	-	-
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>23,374</b>	<b>24,414</b>	<b>17,944</b>	<b>6,965</b>	<b>7,025</b>	<b>6,374</b>	<b>30,339</b>	<b>31,439</b>	<b>24,318</b>	<b>(7,121)</b>
<b>Operating income (loss)</b>	<b>7,534</b>	<b>6,494</b>	<b>12,775</b>	<b>(965)</b>	<b>(1,025)</b>	<b>(271)</b>	<b>6,569</b>	<b>5,469</b>	<b>12,504</b>	<b>7,035</b>

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Table 3 (continued)

	Operating Fund			Program Fund			All Funds Total			
	Original Budget	Amended Budget	Actual	Original Budget	Amended Budget	Actual	Original Budget	Amended Budget	Actual	Actual Over (under) Am. Budget
<u>Nonoperating revenues (expenses)</u>										
Interest expense	\$ (5,484)	\$ (5,484)	\$ (4,858)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (5,484)	\$ (5,484)	\$ (4,858)	\$ (626)
Interest earnings	2,000	2,000	2,471	-	-	-	2,000	2,000	2,471	471
Grant revenues	-	-	289	-	390	90	-	390	379	(11)
Grants awarded	-	-	-	-	(390)	(498)	-	(390)	(498)	108
Loss on federal grant			(480)						(480)	480
Fire loss net of insurance proceeds			(382)						(382)	382
Gain (loss) on disposal of assets	-	-	(45)	-	-	1	-	-	(44)	(44)
Total nonoperating expenses	(3,484)	(3,484)	(3,005)	-	-	(407)	(3,484)	(3,484)	(3,412)	72
Change in net assets	4,050	3,010	9,770	(965)	(1,025)	(678)	3,085	1,985	9,092	7,107
Total net assets - beginning	(40,491)	(40,353)	(40,353)	2,119	2,157	2,157	(38,372)	(38,196)	(38,196)	-
Total net assets - ending	<u>\$ (36,441)</u>	<u>\$ (37,343)</u>	<u>\$ (30,583)</u>	<u>\$ 1,154</u>	<u>\$ 1,132</u>	<u>\$ 1,479</u>	<u>\$ (35,287)</u>	<u>\$ (36,211)</u>	<u>\$ (29,104)</u>	<u>\$ 7,107</u>

Totals may not add due to rounding.

Source: SWACO

**SWACO**  
**Solid Waste Received and Landfilled 1999 - 2008 (in tons)**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Solid Waste Received by SWACO										
Jackson Pike Transfer Station	144,768	140,152	139,576	167,211	173,213	197,862	179,016	166,372	170,425	164,326
Morse Road Transfer Station	111,205	128,337	131,837	129,495	149,120	122,836	123,684	121,774	119,305	133,156
Georgesville Rd Transfer Station	72,627	83,471	87,027	62,788	63,860	55,643	69,026	63,611	56,927	64,201
Subtotal Transfer Stations	328,600	351,960	358,440	359,494	386,193	376,341	371,727	351,757	346,657	361,683
Sanitary Landfill	386,191	528,907	523,545	523,899	533,122	569,295	551,659	532,247	524,581	483,675
Total solid waste Received by SWACO	714,791	880,867	881,985	883,393	919,315	945,636	923,386	884,004	871,238	845,358
Removed from Waste Stream <sup>1</sup>	(865)	(453)	(1,335)	(641)	(245)	(234)	(121)	(140)	(280)	(457)
Carryover/(shrinkage) <sup>2</sup>	66	(1,930)	(3,044)	2,712	(698)	921	(4,046)	(3,986)	(2,245)	(6,163)
Total Adjustments	(799)	(2,383)	(4,379)	2,071	(943)	687	(4,167)	(4,126)	(2,525)	(6,620)
Transferred out-of-district <sup>3</sup>	-	(24,811)	-	-	-	-	(14,057)	-	-	-
Solid waste landfilled - Franklin County Sanitary Landfill	713,992	853,673	877,607	885,463	918,372	946,323	905,161	879,878	868,713	838,738

<sup>1</sup> Scrap metal, tires, white goods & other.

<sup>2</sup> Carryover related to end of year inventory at transfer stations and shrinkage due to loss of water.

<sup>3</sup> Waste disposed at an out-of-district landfill pursuant to a contract with the landfill owner.

**SWACO**  
**Top Ten Customers 1999 - 2008**  
**(tons received)**

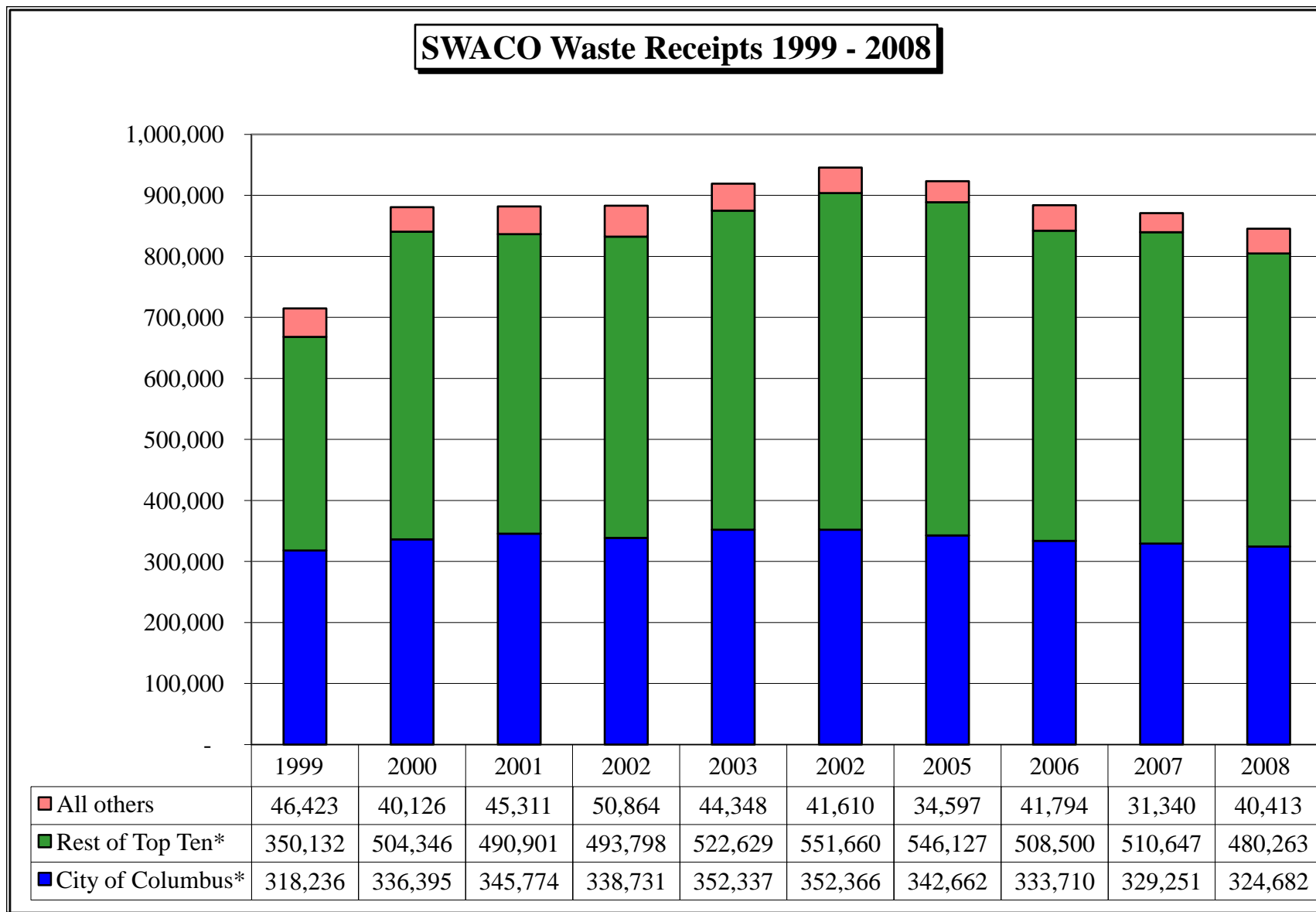
<b>Customer</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
City of Columbus Division of Sanitation	318,236	336,395	345,774	338,731	352,337	352,366	342,662	333,710	329,251	324,682
Republic Waste Systems <sup>1</sup>	122,841	229,357	210,383	183,507	195,283	204,763	205,368	185,991	176,025	162,598
Rumpke Waste/Rumpke Container/Rumpke Transf	105,509	157,769	162,573	155,091	158,657	145,675	155,802	145,153	157,696	159,279
Local Waste Services LLC	*	9,241	17,757	47,922	56,959	69,810	78,862	89,854	88,236	85,130
Waste Management of Ohio	72,354	76,667	71,170	77,684	81,201	91,002	74,931	58,652	59,574	43,927
Flower Garbage	#	#	4,628	5,521	6,211	5,590	#	#	8,861	9,133
City of Upper Arlington	8,780	8,523	7,873	7,643	7,814	7,741	7,386	7,207	6,886	7,175
City of Columbus Street Engineer	8,673	7,380	7,797	7,029	6,177	5,839	5,621	7,497	6,671	5,926
Adept, Inc.	8,262	6,384	4,188	#	#	#	2,654	2,415	3,855	3,806
City/Southerly Waste Water Plant	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	2,843	3,289
City of Grandview Heights	3,485	#	#	3,605	3,591	3,585	3,149	3,025	#	#
BFI of Ohio, Inc.	*	*	*	*	6,737	17,656	12,354	8,706	#	*
Central Ohio Contractors	3,946	3,861	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#
Container Services	#	#	4,531	5,796	#	*	*	*	*	*
B & D Hauling	16,282	5,166	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Total Top Ten Customers</b>	<b>668,368</b>	<b>840,741</b>	<b>836,674</b>	<b>832,529</b>	<b>874,967</b>	<b>904,026</b>	<b>888,789</b>	<b>842,210</b>	<b>839,898</b>	<b>804,945</b>
<b>Total tons received by SWACO</b>	<b>714,791</b>	<b>880,867</b>	<b>881,985</b>	<b>883,393</b>	<b>919,315</b>	<b>945,636</b>	<b>923,386</b>	<b>884,004</b>	<b>871,238</b>	<b>845,358</b>
<b>Top Ten customer % of total received</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>95%</b>
<b>Total tons disposed<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>1,146,993</b>	<b>1,156,019</b>	<b>1,114,223</b>	<b>1,111,953</b>	<b>1,130,721</b>	<b>1,160,226</b>	<b>1,144,048</b>	<b>1,148,471</b>	<b>1,132,663</b>	<b>1,087,688</b>
<b>Top Ten customer % of total waste disposal</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>74%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Republic Waste Services entered the market in 1999 and acquired Superior Services and Southwest Waste in 2000. Superior Services had previously acquired B.F.I. Waste Systems and Ohio Disposal Systems. The above data include waste received from these companies prior to 2001.

<sup>2</sup> Total solid waste subject to Generation Fee and disposed at SWACO facilities and out of county facilities.

# Waste received from these customers is not reported when they are not ranked in the top ten.

\* Indicates the waste hauler was not a SWACO customer in the year indicated.



Source: Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio

\*See notes to Table 5.

**SWACO**  
**Disposal Rates 1991-2009**

Table 6

Effective Date	Franklin County Landfill	Jackson Pike Transfer <sup>2</sup>	Morse Road Transfer	Georgesville Rd. Transfer	Alum Creek Transfer	Compost Facilities	Charge Unit
02/01/1991 <sup>1</sup>	\$4.90	-	-	-	-	-	Cu. Yard
04/01/1991	7.50	-	-	-	-	-	Cu. Yard
04/01/1993	7.50	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.50	-	Cu. Yard
07/01/1993	13.25	13.00	13.50	13.00	13.00	-	Cu. Yard
06/01/1994 <sup>3</sup>	49.00	49.00	49.00	49.00	49.00	-	Ton
09/01/1994	32.00	32.00	32.00	32.00	32.00	-	Ton
11/01/1994 <sup>4</sup>	37.00	37.00	37.00	37.00	Closed	-	Ton
02/07/1996	33.00	37.00	44.00	40.00	-	-	Ton
03/11/1996	30.00	34.00	41.00	37.00	-	-	Ton
05/08/1996	27.00	31.00	38.00	34.00	-	-	Ton
04/08/1998 <sup>5</sup>	20.00	30.00	31.00	31.00	-	-	Ton
04/01/1999 <sup>6</sup>	27.00	37.00	38.00	38.00	-	-	Ton
10/04/1999	27.00	37.00	38.00	38.00	-	\$6.00 <sup>7</sup>	Ton
01/01/2005	29.25	40.25	41.25	41.25	-	\$6.00	Ton
07/01/2005 <sup>8</sup>	30.75	41.75	42.75	42.75	-	\$6.00	Ton
01/01/2006	32.25	44.25	45.25	45.25	-	\$6.00	Ton
01/01/2007	33.50	45.50	46.50	46.50	-	\$6.00	Ton
01/01/2008	33.50	45.50	46.50	46.50	-	\$6.00	Ton
01/01/2009	35.50	47.50	48.50	48.50	-	\$6.00	Ton

<sup>1</sup> Prior to 2/1/91 SWACO operated no facilities and was funded by a \$.40/cubic yard district fee levied at all landfills located in the district (the County landfill and one private landfill).

<sup>2</sup> Prior to November 1, 1994, this was the Waste-to-Energy Facility.

<sup>3</sup> This fee was repealed effective September 1, 1994 and replaced with a fee of \$32 per ton.

<sup>4</sup> Beginning August 2, 1994, all rates include a \$5.00/ton generation fee.

<sup>5</sup> This rate is the rate for customers under contract with SWACO. Beginning 4/8/1998 and ending 12/31/2004 there was a non-contract rate of \$2.25 per ton more than the rate shown.

<sup>6</sup> Rates include Retired Facility fee of \$7 per ton.

<sup>7</sup> Transfer fee for commercial loads delivered to Bill R. Holbrook Compost Facility beginning 10/4/1999. Effective March 1, 2005, a fee of \$6.00 was implemented for commercial loads at all compost facilities.

<sup>8</sup> Rate reflects \$1.50 per ton EPA rate increase.

**SWACO**  
**Franklin County Sanitary Landfill Airspace Capacity**  
**Constructed, Permitted and Used 1999-2008**  
**(Cubic Yards)**

Year	Constructed <sup>1</sup>	Permitted but not Constructed	Total Permitted and Constructed <sup>2</sup>	Annual Airspace Used <sup>3</sup>
1999	6,941,200	39,275,800	46,217,000	1,673,100
2000	5,841,800	39,275,800	45,117,600	1,099,400
2001	5,056,900	39,275,800	44,332,700	784,900
2002	3,739,700	39,275,800	43,015,500	1,317,200
2003	2,420,000	39,275,800	41,695,800	1,319,700
2004	1,463,800	39,275,800	40,739,600	956,200
2005	1,265,400	37,936,600	39,300,400	1,439,200
2006	2,027,800	35,836,900	37,864,700	1,435,700
2007	2,632,100	34,036,100	36,668,200	1,196,500
2008	2,939,800	36,556,789	35,475,900	1,192,300

At Maximum  
Permitted Receipts<sup>4</sup>    At 2008 Receipts<sup>5</sup>

Remaining landfill life (permitted and constructed):	15.3 years	30.4 years
Remaining landfill life (constructed only):	1.1 years	2.3 years

<sup>1</sup> 2008 constructed capacity includes 1,500,000 cubic yards certified by the OEPA to accept waste on February 18, 2009.

<sup>2</sup> Total permitted and constructed airspace as of 12/31/2008 includes approximately 2.5 million yards additional cubic yards from the anticipated 2009 permit and approximately 1.4 million cubic yards from settlement in inactive areas of the landfill.

<sup>3</sup> Annual airspace used fluctuates due to (1) annual waste receipts, (2) landfill settling (subsidence), (3) soil stockpiling and movement, (4) compaction density, and (5) waste composition.

<sup>4</sup> Maximum 6,000 tons per day or 1,680,000 annual tons per OEPA permit. Assumes a compaction rate of 1,300 pounds per cubic yard.

<sup>5</sup> Approximately 845,000 tons received. Assumes a compaction rate of 1,300 pounds per cubic yard.

# Landfill Capacity Used and Remaining 1997 and 2009 Expansion Permits

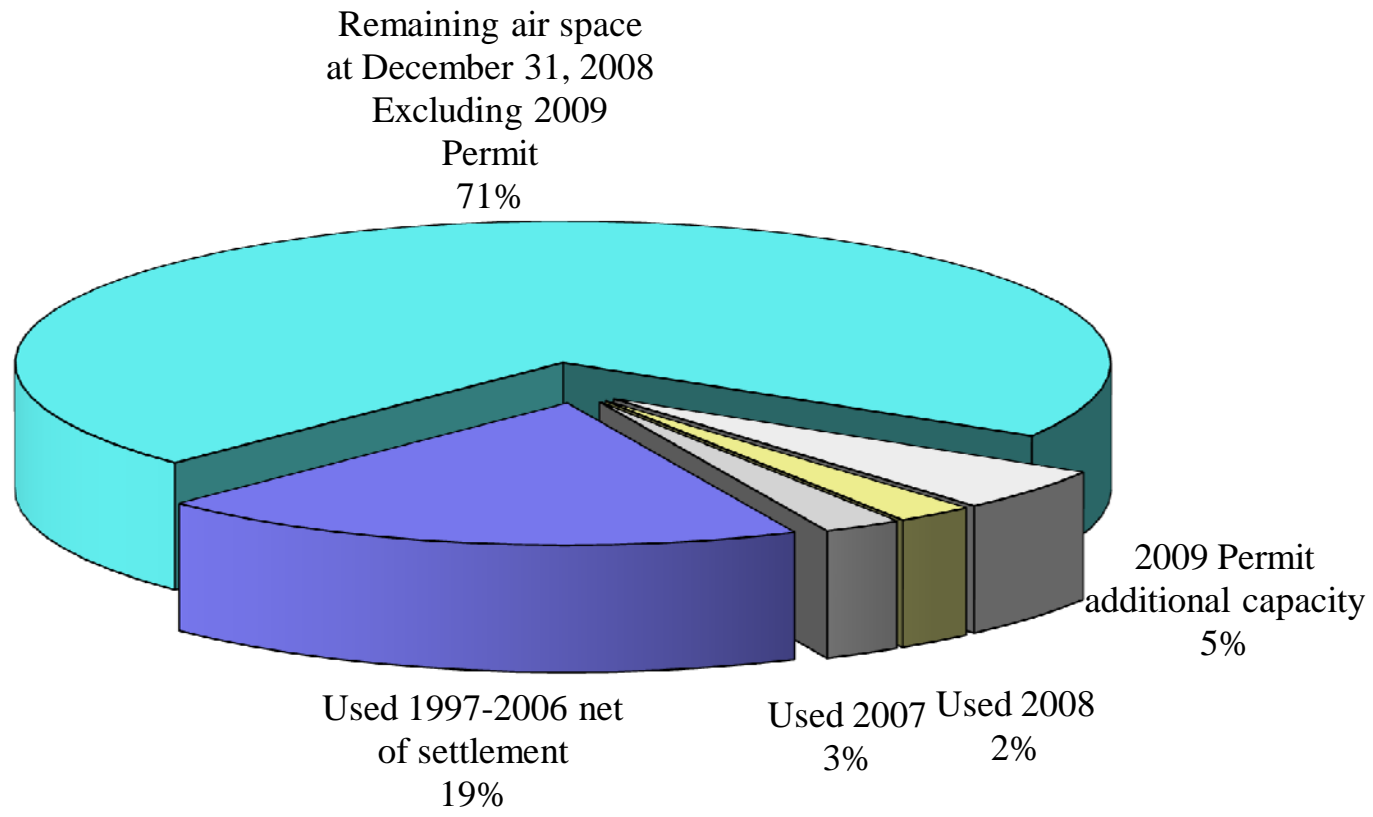




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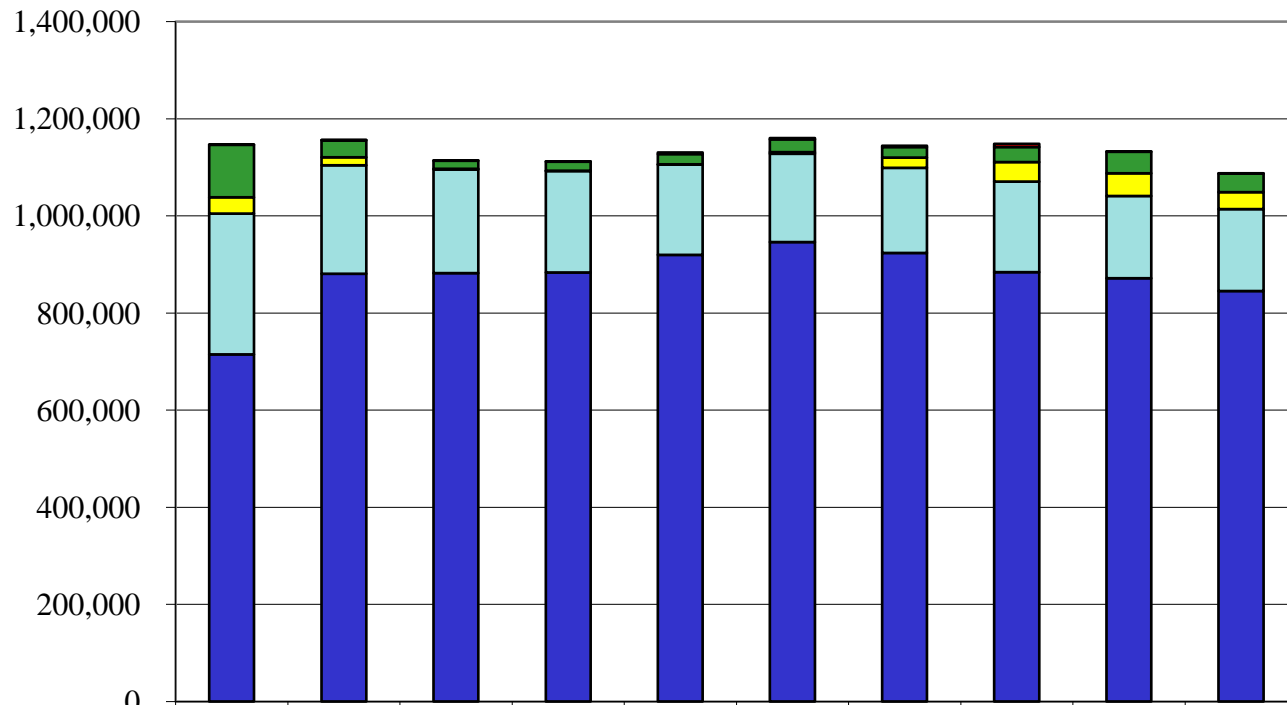
**SWACO**  
**Generation Fee Tonnage Reported 1999 - 2008<sup>1</sup>**

	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Solid Waste Authority (4 facilities)	714,791	880,867	881,985	883,393	919,315	945,636	923,386	884,004	871,238	845,358
Waste Management (2 facilities)	289,587	223,356	213,387	208,885	185,927	182,430	175,423	186,472	169,650	168,767
Rumpke Waste (4 facilities)	33,665	16,098	1,127	395	878	3,184	21,060	40,481	46,477	34,906
Republic Waste Services	108,120	35,594	17,228	19,256	21,102	25,930	21,977	30,665	44,837	37,984
Other (14 facilities)	830	105	496	24	3,498	3,046	2,201	6,848	461	673
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,146,993</b>	<b>1,156,019</b>	<b>1,114,223</b>	<b>1,111,953</b>	<b>1,130,721</b>	<b>1,160,226</b>	<b>1,144,048</b>	<b>1,148,471</b>	<b>1,132,663</b>	<b>1,087,688</b>

<sup>1</sup>The generation fee is charged on all solid waste generated within SWACO's jurisdiction and disposed in a sanitary landfill located in Ohio. Certain solid waste is exempt from the fee. The current \$5 per ton generation fee was enacted effective November 1, 1994.

Source: SWACO

**Generation Fee Tonnage Reported 1999 - 2008**



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Other (14 facilities)	830	105	496	24	3,498	3,046	2,201	6,848	461	674
Republic	108,120	35,594	17,228	19,256	21,102	25,930	21,977	30,665	44,837	37,984
Rumpke (4 facilities)	33,665	16,098	1,127	395	878	3,184	21,060	40,481	46,477	34,906
Waste Management (post-merger)	289,587	223,356	213,387	208,885	185,927	182,430	175,423	186,472	169,650	168,767
SWACO (4 facilities)	714,791	880,867	881,985	883,393	919,315	945,636	923,386	884,004	871,238	845,358

Source: Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio  
See notes to Table 8.

Table 9

**SWACO**  
**SWACO Program Activity - Tons Collected 1999-2008**

	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Total tons of waste recycled										
Yard Waste Composting	74,224	89,589	105,315	113,293	142,860	150,949	145,540	136,768	121,775	148,823
Drop-off Recycling	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	8,449	7,947	8,700	9,593	10,755	12,999
Just-in-Time Recycling	n/a	n/a	248	356	429	602	626	742	815	774
Household Hazardous Waste	142	260	283	321	344	424	443	419	626	641
E-waste Collection	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	70	196	155	n/a	n/a	n/a
Tire Collection	222	112	149	177	176	115	132	89	168	187
Scrap Metal Recycling	634	335	369	262	245	119	71	32	104	246
Other Recycling	6	6	817	0	0	0	57	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>75,228</b>	<b>90,302</b>	<b>107,181</b>	<b>114,408</b>	<b>152,573</b>	<b>160,352</b>	<b>155,724</b>	<b>147,643</b>	<b>134,243</b>	<b>163,670</b>

**Tires and White Goods Received 1999 - 2008<sup>1</sup>**

	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Tires (each)	27,186	22,881	18,715	17,650	17,608	11,497	12,478	13,043	19,726	28,926
White goods (each)	4,957	6,596	6,972	7,249	5,404	4,527	3,622	2,181	2,292	301

<sup>1</sup> Tires and white goods received by SWACO are removed from the waste stream and recycled. White goods are large appliances such as refrigerators, washing machines and clothes dryers.

Source: SWACO

Table 10

**SWACO**  
**Household Hazardous Waste Collection 1999 - 2008**  
**( in pounds)**

Material Classification	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Alkaline Batteries	1,614	5,135	4,066	5,017	n/a	1,322	1,045	244	8,074	12,277
Loosepack Fuels	94,287	171,388	173,899	183,289	148,189	168,226	128,524	64,011	93,805	44,951
Aerosol-Flammable	5,307	9,997	12,160	11,222	15,636	27,202	27,684	17,615	32,716	34,914
Aerosol-Pesticides	2,573	6,268	5,197	7,455	8,078	47,542	45,332	38,815	56,093	63,491
Bulked Flammables	73,021	124,557	129,246	153,965	263,418	349,952	206,132	212,803	201,790	63,702
Latex Paint	65,206	98,629	124,979	147,297	89,184	74,860	369,645	406,077	718,890	901,393
Lab Pack A	1,616	10,715	10,616	11,850	15,211	6,107	6,472	13,881	24,457	23,879
Lab Pack B	21,014	46,397	39,979	37,932	47,757	51,200	776	1,084	4,032	1,222
Propane Cylinders	3,448	8,839	11,226	27,299	35,051	35,070	25,015	14,577	20,004	8,028
Lead/Acid Batteries	1,805	9,845	18,215	23,073	24,272	29,389	20,414	19,316	19,365	33,526
Acids/Bases	4,103	-	-	-	-	18,394	18,975	9,821	14,548	12,734
Freon	60	-	-	-	446	638	608	53	433	-
Used Oil /Antifreeze	9,935	28,606	36,253	33,680	38,596	35,346	33,285	36,994	49,132	65,667
Cylinders	-	-	-	-	605	1,084	1,242	479	747	8,745
Fire Extinguishers	-	-	-	-	1,348	1,872	876	1,039	2,086	794
Flourescent Light Bulbs	-	-	-	-	460	489	664	1,057	3,373	6,875
<b>Total</b>	<b>283,990</b>	<b>520,376</b>	<b>565,836</b>	<b>642,079</b>	<b>688,251</b>	<b>848,693</b>	<b>886,689</b>	<b>837,866</b>	<b>1,249,545</b>	<b>1,282,198</b>

Source: SWACO

Table 11

**SWACO**  
**Number of Employees by Function<sup>1</sup>**

<b>Function</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Administration	14	16	19	20	21	20	19	22	21
Operations	53	50	46	58	69	79	77	77	88
Programs	7	9	9	7	6	6	6	11	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>120</b>

<sup>1</sup>Information not available prior to 2000.

Source: SWACO

**SWACO**  
**Series 2004A Facility Acquisition Bonds**

Table 12

Year	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Total Debt Service
2004	\$ 3,730,000	3.000%	\$ 2,723,100	\$ 6,453,100
2005	2,685,000	3.000%	2,611,200	5,296,200
2006	2,765,000	5.000%	2,530,650	5,295,650
2007	2,905,000	5.000%	2,392,400	5,297,400
2008	3,050,000	5.000%	2,247,150	5,297,150
2009	3,205,000	5.000%	2,094,650	5,299,650
2010	3,365,000	5.000%	1,934,400	5,299,400
2011	3,530,000	5.000%	1,766,150	5,296,150
2012	3,710,000	5.000%	1,589,650	5,299,650
2013	3,895,000	5.000%	1,404,150	5,299,150
2014	4,090,000	5.000%	1,209,400	5,299,400
2015	4,295,000	5.000%	1,004,900	5,299,900
2016	4,505,000	5.000%	790,150	5,295,150
2017	4,735,000	5.000%	564,900	5,299,900
2018	4,970,000	5.000%	328,150	5,298,150
2019	1,770,000	4.500%	79,650	1,849,650
Total	<u>\$ 57,205,000</u>		<u>\$ 25,270,650</u>	<u>\$ 82,475,650</u>
Net interest cost (%)		4.200%		

Source: SWACO; see Note 11 to the financial statements.

**SWACO**  
**Series 2004B Solid Waste Facility Improvements Bonds**

Table 13

Year	Principal			Coupon	Interest	Total Debt Service
	SW Facility Improvements	Landfill Phase H1	Total			
2004	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ 149,786	\$ 149,786
2005	-	-	-	-	1,348,075	1,348,075
2006	75,000	2,355,000	2,430,000	4.000%	1,348,075	3,778,075
2007	80,000	2,445,000	2,525,000	5.000%	1,250,875	3,775,875
2008	85,000	2,570,000	2,655,000	5.000%	1,124,625	3,779,625
2009	95,000	2,695,000	2,790,000	3.500%	991,875	3,781,875
2010	110,000	2,790,000	2,900,000	5.000%	894,225	3,794,225
2011	125,000	2,930,000	3,055,000	4.250%	749,225	3,804,225
2012	710,000	-	710,000	4.000%	619,388	1,329,388
2013	735,000	-	735,000	4.000%	590,988	1,325,988
2014	760,000	-	760,000	4.000%	561,588	1,321,588
2015	790,000	-	790,000	5.000%	531,188	1,321,188
2016	835,000	-	835,000	5.000%	491,688	1,326,688
2017	875,000	-	875,000	4.000%	449,938	1,324,938
2018	910,000	-	910,000	4.125%	414,938	1,324,938
2019	950,000	-	950,000	4.200%	377,400	1,327,400
2020	995,000	-	995,000	5.000%	337,500	1,332,500
2021	1,040,000	-	1,040,000	5.000%	287,750	1,327,750
2022	1,095,000	-	1,095,000	5.000%	235,750	1,330,750
2023	1,150,000	-	1,150,000	5.000%	181,000	1,331,000
2024	1,205,000	-	1,205,000	5.000%	123,500	1,328,500
2025	1,265,000	-	1,265,000	5.000%	63,250	1,328,250
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,885,000</b>	<b>\$ 15,785,000</b>	<b>\$ 29,670,000</b>		<b>\$ 13,122,624</b>	<b>\$ 42,792,624</b>

Net interest cost (%)

4.170%

Source: SWACO; see Note 11 to the financial statements.

**SWACO**  
**Series 2005 Refunding Bonds**

Year	Original Debt Service (Series 1997)				Refunded Debt Service							Savings
	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Total Debt Service	Non-callable 1997 Bonds		Series 2005 Refunding Bonds			Total Debt Service		
					Principal	Interest	Principal	Coupon	Interest			
2005	\$ 835,000	5.500%	\$ 753,665	\$ 1,588,665	\$ 835,000	\$ 449,570	\$ -	-	\$ 59,889	\$ 1,344,459	244,206	
2006	880,000	5.500%	707,740	1,587,740	880,000	99,550	-	-	616,000	1,595,550	(7,810)	
2007	930,000	5.500%	659,340	1,589,340	930,000	51,150	-	-	616,000	1,597,150	(7,810)	
2008	980,000	4.500%	608,190	1,588,190	-	-	945,000	5.000%	616,000	1,561,000	27,190	
2009	1,035,000	4.600%	564,090	1,599,090	-	-	1,000,000	5.000%	568,750	1,568,750	30,340	
2010	1,090,000	4.700%	516,480	1,606,480	-	-	1,060,000	5.000%	518,750	1,578,750	27,730	
2011	1,150,000	4.750%	465,250	1,615,250	-	-	1,125,000	5.000%	465,750	1,590,750	24,500	
2012	1,215,000	4.800%	410,625	1,625,625	-	-	1,190,000	5.000%	409,500	1,599,500	26,125	
2013	1,280,000	4.850%	352,305	1,632,305	-	-	1,250,000	5.000%	350,000	1,600,000	32,305	
2014	1,350,000	4.900%	290,225	1,640,225	-	-	1,325,000	5.000%	287,500	1,612,500	27,725	
2015	1,425,000	4.900%	224,075	1,649,075	-	-	1,395,000	5.000%	221,250	1,616,250	32,825	
2016	1,500,000	5.000%	154,250	1,654,250	-	-	1,475,000	5.000%	151,500	1,626,500	27,750	
2017	1,585,000	5.000%	79,250	1,664,250	-	-	1,555,000	5.000%	77,750	1,632,750	31,500	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 15,255,000</b>		<b>\$ 5,785,485</b>	<b>\$ 21,040,485</b>	<b>\$ 2,645,000</b>	<b>\$ 600,270</b>	<b>\$ 12,320,000</b>		<b>\$ 4,958,639</b>	<b>\$ 20,523,909</b>	<b>\$ 516,576</b>	

Source: SWACO; see Note 11 to the financial statements.



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Table 15

### Series 2005 Landfill Equipment Bonds

Year	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Total Debt Service
2005	\$ -	-	\$ 93,987	\$ 93,987
2006	890,000	3.000%	199,450	1,089,450
2007	905,000	3.000%	172,525	1,077,525
2008	930,000	3.000%	145,000	1,075,000
2009	960,000	3.000%	116,650	1,076,650
2010	990,000	3.250%	86,163	1,076,163
2011	1,020,000	3.250%	53,500	1,073,500
2012	1,055,000	3.500%	18,463	1,073,463
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,750,000</b>		<b>\$ 885,737</b>	<b>\$ 7,635,737</b>
Net interest cost (%)		3.234%		

Table 16

### Series 2007 Variable Rate Taxable Notes

Year	Principal	Interest	Total Debt Service
2008	\$ 22,000	\$ 284,401	\$ 306,401
2009	170,000	278,895	448,895
2010	588,000	256,939	844,939
2011	588,000	222,898	810,898
2012	588,000	189,681	777,681
2013	588,000	157,858	745,858
2014	588,000	123,148	711,148
2015	588,000	88,438	676,438
2016	588,000	53,903	641,903
2017	592,000	19,018	611,018
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,900,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,675,179</b>	<b>\$ 6,575,179</b>

Interest for 2008-2012 reflects an interest rate swap (cap) entered into at the time the notes were issued. The swap expires in 2012 and interest for 2013-2017 is estimated.

Source: SWACO; See Note 11 to the financial statements.

**SWACO**  
**Series 2008 Solid Waste Facility Improvements Bonds**

Table 17

Year	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Total Debt Service
2009	\$ -	-	\$ 715,328	\$ 715,328
2010	5,000	4.000%	964,488	969,488
2011	5,000	4.000%	964,288	969,288
2012	800,000	4.0%/5.0%	964,088	1,764,088
2013	830,000	4.000%	929,588	1,759,588
2014	870,000	4.0%/5.0%	896,388	1,766,388
2015	925,000	4.0%/5.0%	856,588	1,781,588
2016	945,000	4.000%	815,338	1,760,338
2017	1,000,000	5.000%	777,538	1,777,538
2018	1,030,000	5.000%	727,538	1,757,538
2019	1,095,000	4.375%/5.0%	676,038	1,771,038
2020	1,135,000	4.600%	622,538	1,757,538
2021	1,195,000	4.7%/5.0%	570,328	1,765,328
2022	1,250,000	4.8%/5.0%	512,078	1,762,078
2023	1,310,000	4.875%	450,078	1,760,078
2024	1,370,000	5.000%	386,215	1,756,215
2025	1,440,000	5.000%	317,715	1,757,715
2026	1,510,000	5.125%	245,715	1,755,715
2027	1,590,000	5.125%	168,328	1,758,328
2028	1,670,000	5.200%	86,840	1,756,840
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 19,975,000</b>		<b>\$ 12,647,043</b>	<b>\$ 32,622,043</b>

Net interest cost (%) 4.898%

Source: SWACO; see Note 11 to the financial statements.

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Table 18

**Waste-to-Energy Facility Lease Payment Schedule (in thousands)<sup>1</sup>**

Year	Principal	Interest <sup>2</sup>	Total Lease Obligation	Amount Paid or Credited	Interest on Deferred Balance <sup>3</sup>	Deferred Balance <sup>4</sup>
1993	\$ 4,991	\$ 8,099	\$ 13,090	\$ 13,090	\$ -	\$ -
1994	7,881	9,042	16,923	16,923	-	-
1995	5,579	5,853	11,432	6,000	153	5,585
1996	6,229	5,341	11,570	8,000	402	9,557
1997	6,299	4,991	11,290	4,055	746	17,538
1998	7,258	4,664	11,922	2,002	1,178	28,636
1999	7,904	4,220	12,124	6,764	1,670	35,666
2000	7,932	3,969	11,901	9,938	1,841	39,470
2001	8,373	3,374	11,747	13,083	1,968	40,102
2002	7,807	3,034	10,841	8,637	1,991	44,297
2003	8,370	2,323	10,693	10,826	2,151	46,314
2004	8,158	1,954	10,112	61,881 <sup>5</sup>	125	(5,330)
2005	8,097	1,551	9,647	2,776	14	1,555
2006	8,203	1,147	9,350	12,458	(114)	(1,667)
2007	8,316	738	9,054	2,375	142	5,153
2008	4,830	354	5,184	8,561	172	1,947
<b>Subtotal 1993-2008</b>	<b>116,227</b>	<b>60,654</b>	<b>176,880</b>	<b>187,369</b>	<b>12,439</b>	<b>1,947</b>
2009	2,215	159	2,374			
2010	2,063	52	2,115			
<b>Subtotal 2009-10</b>	<b>4,278</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>4,489</b>			
<b>Total 1993-2010</b>	<b>\$ 120,505</b>	<b>\$ 60,865</b>	<b>181,369</b>			

1. WTEF lease obligation as modified. Excludes unamortized bond premiums. Includes a 35 percent reduction in the lease. See Note 12 to financial statements.

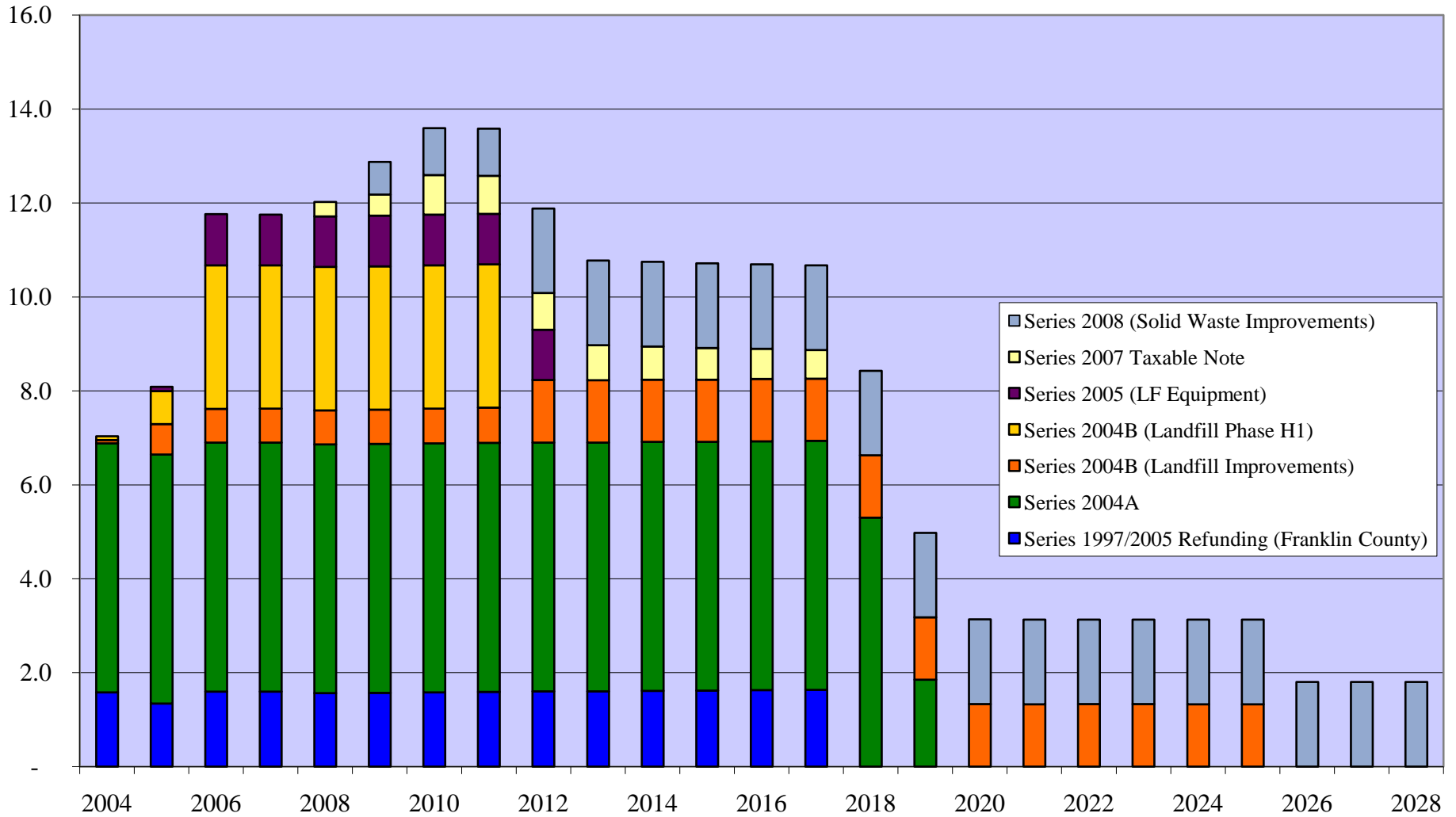
2. Includes letter of credit, remarketing and trustee fees on variable rate bonds issued by the City. The variable rate bonds were refinanced with fixed rate bonds in 2001.

3. Interest accrued at an annual rate of 4.5% on the deferred balance for the years 1995-2003 and at the STAR Ohio rate beginning in 2004 pursuant to modified lease.

4. Deferred balance plus interest payable to the City; excludes accrued interest on bonds maturing after December 31.

5. 2004 payments include \$55 million from the proceeds of the Series 2004A bonds.

**SWACO Debt Service 2004-2028**



**SWACO**  
**Total and General Obligation Debt Ratios 1999 - 2008**

<b>Tax Year</b>		<b>Total SWACO Debt<sup>1</sup></b> <b>(thousands)</b>	<b>SWACO District Population<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Total SWACO Debt PerCapita</b>	<b>SWACO General Obligation Debt<sup>3</sup></b> <b>(thousands)</b>	<b>District Assessed Property Valuation (AV)<sup>2</sup></b> <b>(thousands)</b>	<b>SWACO G.O. Debt as a Percent of AV</b>	<b>Annual Debt Service Paid from Tipping Fees<sup>4</sup></b> <b>(thousands)</b>	<b>Solid Waste Received by SWACO</b> <b>(tons)</b>	<b>Annual Debt Service Paid from Tipping Fees Per Ton Received</b>
1999	2000	159,210	1,073,000	148	18,935	\$21,628,087	0.09%	1,558	714,791	2.18
2000	2001	154,848	1,093,500	142	18,295	22,502,290	0.08%	1,563	880,867	1.77
2001	2002	144,948	1,109,800	131	17,505	22,892,656	0.08%	1,566	881,985	1.78
2002	2003	135,251	1,119,000	121	16,795	25,653,020	0.07%	1,567	883,393	1.77
2003	2004	124,097	1,132,000	110	16,045	25,790,945	0.06%	1,571	919,315	1.71
2004	2005	125,725	1,140,000	110	96,974	26,298,304	0.37%	1,578	945,636	1.67
2005	2006	128,553	1,159,000	111	99,639	29,868,345	0.33%	2,693	923,386	2.92
2006	2007	113,924	1,179,700	97	96,548	30,102,825	0.32%	5,680	884,004	6.43
2007	2008	116,970	1,189,600	98	97,810	29,912,050	0.33%	5,822	871,238	6.68
2008	2009	112,716	1,197,200	94	101,613	30,400,811	0.33%	6,186	845,358	7.32

<sup>1</sup> Includes the WTEF lease, General Obligation Bonds, and taxable notes; net of reserve accounts, unamortized premiums and unamortized cost of issuance. (See Notes 11 and 12 to the financial statements).

<sup>2</sup> See Table 22.

<sup>3</sup> Total General obligation bonds. Excludes WTEF lease, taxable notes and reserve accounts.

<sup>4</sup> General obligation bonds excluding Series 2004A bonds (paid from Retired Facility and Waiver Fees). Also excludes the Series 2005 and 2007 taxable notes (paid from lease income).

Source: SWACO

**SWACO**  
**Indirect Debt and Property Tax Limitations, November 20, 2008<sup>1</sup>**

SWACO's debt is not subject to direct debt limits, but its unvoted general obligation debt (debt authorized by the Board of Trustees but not by a vote of the electors) is subject to overlapping restrictions with each respective county and school district. Limitations apply to each county total and should not be considered cumulatively. Total debt service charges for any one year of all overlapping debt must not exceed ten mills (1%) of the assessed property value. This determination is made by the respective county auditors each time a subdivision proposes to issue unvoted debt. The most recent data prepared by the county auditors for this purpose is as of November 20, 2008.

<b>Overlapping Jurisdictions</b>	<b>Millage required</b>	<b>Unallocated Millage</b>
SWACO, Franklin County, the Village of Obetz, Groveport Madison Local School District, Madison Township	7.96	2.04
SWACO, Licking County, the City of Reynoldsburg, Reynoldsburg City School District	5.22	4.78
SWACO, Union County, the City of Dublin, Washington Township & Dublin City School District	3.93	6.07
SWACO, Delaware County, the City of Westerville, Westerville City School District	6.36	3.64

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<sup>1</sup> Data is current as of SWACO's last debt issue.

Source: SWACO

**SWACO**  
**Ten Largest Employers 2008 and 1999**  
**Franklin County, Ohio**

Employer	Principal Business	2008 <sup>1</sup>		Employer	1999 <sup>2</sup>	
		Number of Employees	% of Total Employment		Number of Employees	% of Total Employment
State of Ohio	Government	24,492	4.2%	State of Ohio	27,755	4.7%
The Ohio State University	Education	21,107	3.6%	The Ohio State University	21,369	3.6%
JP Morgan Chase (formerly Bank One)	Finance	14,689	2.5%	Bank One (currently JP Morgan Chase)	10,900	1.8%
Nationwide	Insurance	11,441	1.9%	United States Government	10,113	1.7%
United States Government	Government	10,762	1.8%	Columbus Public Schools	9,451	1.6%
OhioHealth (formerly Grant/Riverside)	Health Care	10,592	1.8%	Nationwide	9,311	1.6%
Columbus Public Schools	Education	8,276	1.4%	City of Columbus	8,256	1.4%
City of Columbus	Government	8,227	1.4%	Grant/Riverside (currently OhioHealth)	7,492	1.3%
Franklin County	Government	6,310	1.1%	Limited Inc.	7,200	1.2%
Limited Brands Inc.	Retail	6,250	1.1%	Big Bear Stores Inc.	6,500	1.1%
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>122,146</b>	<b>20.8%</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>118,347</b>	<b>20.0%</b>
Total Estimated Franklin County Employment <sup>3</sup>				Total Estimated Franklin County Employment <sup>3</sup>		
		<b>586,400</b>	<b>100.0%</b>			<b>590,200</b>

<sup>1</sup> Business First of Columbus, December 12, 2008 issue for Largest Employers.

<sup>2</sup> Business First of Columbus, December 3, 1999 issue for Largest Employers.

<sup>3</sup> Franklin County Auditor.

### District and Franklin County Demographic Statistics 1999 - 2008<sup>1</sup>

Tax Year	District Population <sup>2</sup>	Total Assessed Value Taxable District Property <sup>3</sup> (in thousands)	Franklin County Only			Total Assessed Value Taxable County Property <sup>5</sup> (in thousands) <sup>5</sup>
			Population <sup>2</sup>	Per Capita Income <sup>4</sup>	Median Age <sup>4</sup>	
1999	1,073,000	21,628,087	1,067,993	29,321	33	20,968,548
2000	1,093,500	22,502,290	1,068,978	31,527	33	21,696,739
2001	1,109,800	22,892,656	1,079,404	32,036	33	22,110,678
2002	1,119,000	25,653,020	1,088,445	33,465	33	24,741,567
2003	1,132,000	25,790,945	1,101,226	34,152	33	24,872,526
2004	1,140,000	26,298,304	1,114,159	33,725	33	25,294,765
2005	1,159,000	29,868,345	1,131,895	34,960	34	28,743,005
2006	1,179,700	30,102,825	1,144,820	36,335 <sup>6</sup>	33	28,903,096
2007	1,189,600	29,912,050	1,153,867	39,083 <sup>7</sup>	34 <sup>7</sup>	28,695,371
2008	1,197,200	30,400,811	1,160,300 <sup>7</sup>	40,009 <sup>7</sup>	34 <sup>7</sup>	27,999,978 <sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The SWACO solid waste district is principally within Franklin County but also includes parts of five adjacent counties.

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission.

<sup>3</sup> Assessed valuation reflects tax year. Source is Ohio Municipal Advisory Council.

<sup>4</sup> U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

<sup>5</sup> Ohio Municipal Advisory Council.

<sup>6</sup> U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

<sup>7</sup> Franklin County Auditor.

Sources: SWACO except as noted above.



Table 23

### Average Unemployment Rates 1999 - 2008<sup>1</sup>

Year	Franklin County	State of Ohio	United States
1999	2.5%	4.3%	4.2%
2000	2.4%	4.1%	4.0%
2001	2.8%	4.3%	4.8%
2002	4.4%	5.7%	5.8%
2003	4.7%	6.0%	6.0%
2004	4.8%	6.3%	6.5%
2005	4.9%	5.4%	5.0%
2006	4.5% <sup>2</sup>	5.6% <sup>3</sup>	4.5% <sup>3</sup>
2007	4.7% <sup>4</sup>	5.6% <sup>4</sup>	4.6% <sup>4</sup>
2008	5.5% <sup>5</sup>	6.6% <sup>5</sup>	5.8% <sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup>1997 - 2005 Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, Division of Research and Statistics.

<sup>2</sup>Estimates by the Mid-Ohio Planning Regional Planning Commission.

<sup>3</sup>State of Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation Labor Force Employment & Unemployment.

<sup>4</sup>Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Bureau of Labor Market Information.

<sup>5</sup>Franklin County Auditor.

Source: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

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Table 24

Capital Assets as of December 31, 2008

Sanitary Landfill

See Note 7, page 2-27 and Table 7, page 3-12 for additional information on the landfill

<u>Transfer Stations</u>	<u>Capacity (tons per day)</u>	<u>Year Constructed</u>
Jackson Pike	1,750	1983
Morse Road	650	1974
Georgesville Road	350	1974

<u>Facilities</u>	<u>Square Footage</u>	<u>Year Constructed</u>
Administrative Office Building	8,500	2002
Fleet Maintenance Garage	11,120	2000
Landfill Operations Facility	12,800	2005
Green Energy Center	4,280	2008

Landfill Equipment

Landfill Compactors	4
Landfill dozers	3
Excavator/Grader/Track Loader (1 each)	3
Articulated Dump Trucks	3
Trailer Tippers	2
Water Trucks	2
Other Landfill Vehicles and Equipment	9

Transfer Station Equipment

Transfer Tractors	28
Transfer Trailers	24
Front-end Loaders	10
Trackhoes	5
Service Vehicles and Other	5

Other vehicles and equipment

Roll-off Trucks	3
Pickup Trucks	25
Cars and Passenger Vans	6
Street Sweepers	3
Large Mowers	7
Cargo Trailers	3

Recycling Programs

Recycled Materials Packer Trucks	6
Drop-box Containers	345

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# **COMPLIANCE SECTION**



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND  
ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio  
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To the Audit and Finance Committee and the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities and each major fund of the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, which collectively comprise SWACO's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated July 31, 2009. 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered SWACO's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of SWACO's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of SWACO's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects SWACO's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of SWACO's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by SWACO's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by SWACO's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

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Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the SWACO's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of SWACO in a separate letter dated July 31, 2009.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Trustees, the Audit and Finance Committee, Auditor of State and others within the entity, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

SCHNEIDER DOWNS & CO., INC.

Columbus, Ohio  
July 31, 2009



**Mary Taylor, CPA**  
Auditor of State

**SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY OF CENTRAL OHIO**

**FRANKLIN COUNTY**

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

**This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.**

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
OCTOBER 6, 2009**