

About The District

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

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

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



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Dear Greater Augusta Utility District Ratepayers and Served Municipalities,

As we reflect on 2022, a year marked by a return to sustained normalcy in the wake of the COVID pandemic and the escalating impacts of PFAS, commonly known as “forever chemicals,” it is evident that regulatory issues will continue to shape our discussions and actions in the foreseeable future. Despite the challenges PFAS pose, we take pride in the proactive approach the District has undertaken in testing and monitoring for these persistent contaminants, reaffirming our commitment to the health and well-being of our community.

In 2022, we were fortunate to receive grants totaling \$1,018,414, which not only alleviated the burden on our ratepayers but also facilitated critical initiatives within the District. These funds supported the successful completion of several infrastructure projects as noted in this report.

Above all, I want to express my pride and appreciation for the exceptional dedication of our GAUD employees. Day in and day out, they embrace the District’s unwavering commitment to providing safe, fresh water, and environmentally-conscious waste and stormwater treatment to the communities we serve.

Transparency remains at the core of our operations here at GAUD, with our Board of Trustees conducting monthly meetings that are open to the public. These sessions are broadcast live through CTV7, and comprehensive records, including minutes and recordings of past meetings, are readily accessible on our website under About Us. The website is also where you’ll find all of our publications and reports, including ongoing PFAS test results.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me, any member of our Board of Trustees, or our General Manager, Brian Tarbuck. Additionally, you can contact the office any time at (207) 622-3701 or by visiting www.GAUD.ws/contact-us.

Your ongoing support is truly appreciated, and we look forward to continuing to serve you with dedication and transparency.

—Ken Knight, Chair, Board of Trustees





2022 HIGHLIGHTS + ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Infrastructure/Projects

- Completion of boat landing storage tank to minimize future combined sewer overflows.
- Kennebec River Utility Crossing Project is in progress and will continue in 2023.
- Evergreen Drive project completed.
- Highland Avenue project prep underway as of late 2022.
- 2022 saw record high cost and demand for materials, affecting all projects.

Administrative/Financial

- We were proactive with financial planning and management.
- We monitored and anticipated upcoming regulatory issues that will require financial investment, especially in the area of combined sewer overflows.
- We conducted annual reviews of rates needed to support water, wastewater and stormwater expenses. As of July 1, 2022, The following rate increases were implemented:
 - Water 10%
 - Sewer 30%
 - Stormwater 0%
- We actively pursued grants at all times, including ARPA and SRF to cover infrastructure Investment. In 2022, we received \$1,018,414 in grant funding.
- We were proactive with pipe replacement as budget allowed.

Outreach

- Successfully continued communications with municipalities, MaineDOT and regulatory agencies.
- The GAUD Crisis Communications review is underway but work is not over, as there are several different plans that need to be consolidated and reorganized in 2023.
- We continued outreach to stakeholders and added new pages to the website explaining PFAS and ongoing test results. Newsletter & bill inserts continue to reinforce the importance of infrastructure.
- Explanatory videos were filmed and created in summer/fall to be used on web and social media.

Headwinds

- We sampled for PFAS before and after new regulations were adopted. Testing is ongoing and results are available on our website.
- We continue to monitor arsenic and lead regulation.
- We continue to monitor the changing landscape related to water regulations on the local, state and national level.

STATEMENT OF NET FINANCIAL POSITION

DECEMBER 31, 2022

ASSETS

Current assets:	
Cash & cash equivalents	\$3,883,606
Accounts receivable:	
Customer service	\$463,994
Unbilled	\$1,068,511
Intercommunity trunkline - operations	\$93,026
Other	\$1,023,620
Lease receivable	\$341,670
Inventory	\$415,441
Prepaid expenses	\$129,816
Total current assets	\$7,419,684

Capital assets:	
Work in process	\$4,270,057
Operating property	\$166,540,999
Less accumulated depreciation	(\$67,875,325)
Net capital assets	\$102,935,731
Total noncurrent assets	\$102,935,731
Total assets	\$110,355,415

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	\$460,690
Deferred outflows of resources related to other post employment benefits	\$620,678
Total deferred outflows of resources	\$1,081,368

LIABILITIES

Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable:	
Trade	\$223,283
Construction/retainage	\$847,441
Accrued payroll	\$96,318
Accrued interest	\$115,412
Unearned revenue	\$40,339
Current portion of notes payable	\$2,550,726
Total current liabilities	\$3,873,519

Noncurrent liabilities:	
Accrued compensated absences	\$234,065
OPEB liabilities	\$3,297,217
Net pension liability	\$828,554
Notes payable	\$20,261,617
Total noncurrent liabilities	\$24,621,453
Total liabilities	\$28,484,972

DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred credits	\$358,342
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	\$404,713
Deferred inflows of resources related to other post employment benefits	\$16,834
Deferred inflows of resources related to lease receivable	\$329,778
Total deferred inflows of resources	\$1,109,667

NET POSITION

Net investment in capital assets	\$80,123,388
Unrestricted	\$1,708,756
Total net position	\$81,832,144



KEY 2023 PROJECTS

- Will complete replacement of the wastewater pipe and drinking water pipe beneath the Kennebec River as part of Kennebec River Utility Crossing project.
- Will replace 2,000 feet of water pipe and 1,600 feet of wastewater pipe on Highland Avenue.
- Potential projects on Ballard and Cushing Streets.
- Will replace the pump station on Front Street.
- Survey for Green Street, Drew Street, Water Street for 2024/2025 projects.

