

TOWN OF SAWMILLS, NORTH CAROLINA

Financial Statements, Supplemental Schedules,
Independent Auditors' Report and Compliance Report
For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

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Independent Auditors' Report

The Honorable Mayor and
Members of the Town Council
Sawmills, North Carolina

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Sawmills, North Carolina, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. 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 involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Sawmills, North Carolina, as of June 30, 2013, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 through 13 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

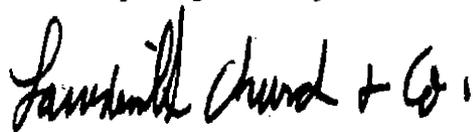
Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Sawmills, North Carolina's basic financial statements. The individual nonmajor fund financial statements, budgetary schedules, and other schedules, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The individual nonmajor fund financial statements, budgetary schedules and, other schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the individual nonmajor fund financial statements, budgetary schedules and other schedules are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated November 11, 2013, on our consideration of the Town of Sawmills, North Carolina'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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering Town of Sawmills, North Carolina's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sawmills Church & Co." in a cursive script.

Morganton, North Carolina
November 11, 2013

Management's Discussion and Analysis

As the management of the Town of Sawmills, we offer readers of the Town's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. We encourage readers to read the information presented here in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in the Town's financial statements, which follow this narrative.

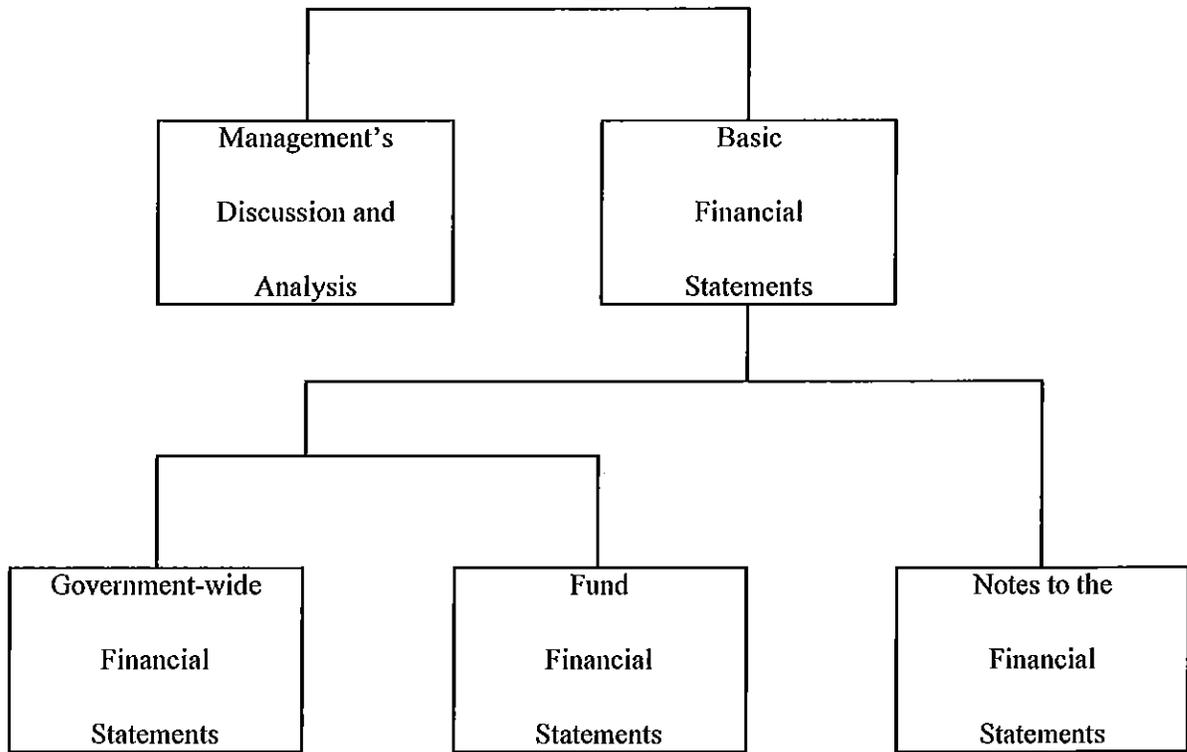
Financial Highlights

- The Town of Sawmills' assets exceeded its liabilities at the close of the fiscal year by \$14,401,262 (net position).
- The government's total net position increased by \$237,003.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Town of Sawmills' governmental funds reported ending fund balance of \$4,195,995, an increase of \$98,378 in comparison with the prior year. Approximately 83 percent of this total amount, or \$3,488,591, is available for spending at the government's discretion (unreserved fund balance).
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance for the General Fund was \$3,488,591, or 185 percent of total general fund expenditures for the fiscal year.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the Town of Sawmills' basic financial statements. The Town's basic financial statements consist of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements (see Figure 1). The basic financial statements present two different views of the Town through the use of government-wide statements and fund financial statements. In addition to the basic financial statements, this report contains other supplemental information that will enhance the reader's understanding of the financial condition of the Town of Sawmills.

Required Components of Annual Financial Report
Figure 1



Summary-----> Detail

Basic Financial Statements

The first two statements (Exhibits 1 and 2) in the basic financial statements are the Government-wide Financial Statements. They provide both short and long-term information about the Town's financial status.

The next statements (Exhibits 3 through 10) are Fund Financial Statements. These statements focus on the activities of the individual parts of the Town government. These statements provide more detail than the government-wide statements. There are three parts to the Fund Financial Statements: 1) the governmental funds statements; 2) the budgetary comparison statements; and 3) the proprietary fund statements.

The next section of the basic financial statements is the notes. The notes to the financial statements explain in detail some of the data contained in those statements. After the notes, supplemental information is provided to show details about the Town of Sawmills individual funds. Budgetary information required by the General Statutes also can be found in this part of the statements.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide the reader with a broad overview of the Town's finances, similar in format to a financial statement of a private-sector business. The government-wide statements provide short and long-term information about the Town of Sawmills' financial status as a whole.

The two government-wide statements report the Town's net position and how they have changed. Net position is the difference between the Town's total assets and deferred outflows of resources and total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Measuring net position is one way to gauge the Town's financial condition.

The government-wide statements are divided into two categories: 1) governmental activities; and 2) business-type activities. The governmental activities include most of the Town's basic services such as planning and community development, parks and recreation, and general administration. Property taxes, state sales tax, and state and federal grant funds finance most of these activities. The business-type activities are those that the Town charges customers to provide. These include the water and sewer services. The government-wide financial statements are on Exhibits 1 and 2 of this report.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements (see Figure 2) provide a more detailed look at the Town of Sawmills' most significant activities. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town of Sawmills, like all other governmental entities in North Carolina, uses fund accounting to ensure and reflect compliance (or non-compliance) with finance-related legal requirements, such as the General Statutes or the Town's budget ordinance. All of the funds of the Town of Sawmills can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and proprietary funds.

Governmental Funds - Governmental funds are used to account for those functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. Most of the Town's basic services are accounted for in governmental funds. These funds focus on how assets can readily be converted into cash flow in and out, and what monies are left at year-end that will be available for spending in the next year. Governmental funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting that provides a short-term spending focus. As a result, the governmental fund financial statements give the reader a detailed short-term view that helps him or her determine if there are more or less financial resources available to finance the Town programs. The relationship between government activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is described in a reconciliation that is a part of the fund financial statements.

The Town of Sawmills adopts an annual budget for its General Fund, as required by the General Statutes. The budget is a legally adopted document that incorporates input from the citizens of the Town, the management of the Town, and the decisions of the Board about which services to provide and how to pay for them. It also authorizes the Town of Sawmills to obtain funds from identified sources to finance these current period activities. The budgetary statement provided for the General Fund demonstrates how well the Town complied with the budget ordinance and whether or not the Town succeeded in providing the services as planned when the budget was adopted. The budgetary comparison statement uses the budgetary basis of accounting and is presented using the same format, language, and classifications as the legal budget document. The statement shows four columns: 1) the original budget as adopted by the board; 2) the final budget as amended by the board; 3) the actual resources, charges to appropriations, and ending balances in the General Fund; and 4) the difference or variance between the final budget and the actual resources and charges. To account for the difference between the budgetary basis of accounting and the modified accrual basis, a reconciliation showing the differences in the reported activities is shown at the end of the budgetary statement.

Proprietary Funds - The Town of Sawmills has the following type of proprietary funds. Enterprise Funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The Town of Sawmills uses enterprise funds to account for its water and sewer activity. These funds are the same as those functions shown in the business-type activities in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities.

Interdependence with Other Entities - The Town depends on financial resources flowing from, or associated with, both the Federal Government and the State of North Carolina. Because of this dependency, the Town is subject to changes in specific flows of intergovernmental revenues based on modifications to Federal and State laws and Federal and State appropriations. It is also subject to changes in investment earnings and asset values associated with U.S. Treasury Securities because of actions by foreign government and other holders of publicly held U.S. Treasury Securities.

Notes to the Financial Statements - The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements follow Exhibit 10 of this report.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

Town of Sawmills' Net Position						
Figure 2						
	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012
Assets:						
Current and other assets	\$4,340,944	\$4,226,735	\$3,761,303	\$3,643,736	\$ 8,102,248	\$ 7,870,472
Capital assets	<u>2,412,957</u>	<u>2,410,249</u>	<u>4,105,568</u>	<u>4,158,653</u>	<u>6,518,524</u>	<u>6,568,901</u>
Total assets	<u>\$6,753,901</u>	<u>\$6,636,984</u>	<u>\$7,866,871</u>	<u>\$7,802,389</u>	<u>\$14,620,772</u>	<u>\$14,439,373</u>
Liabilities:						
Long term liabilities outstanding	\$ 30,372	\$ 26,425	\$ 105,244	\$ 127,505	\$ 135,616	\$ 153,930
Other liabilities	<u>11,927</u>	<u>15,534</u>	<u>71,967</u>	<u>105,650</u>	<u>83,894</u>	<u>121,184</u>
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 42,299</u>	<u>\$ 41,959</u>	<u>\$ 177,211</u>	<u>\$ 233,155</u>	<u>\$ 219,510</u>	<u>\$ 275,114</u>
Net position:						
Net investment in capital assets	\$2,412,957	\$2,410,249	\$4,005,596	\$4,036,331	\$ 6,418,553	\$ 6,446,580
Restricted	557,404	718,454	-	-	557,404	718,454
Unrestricted	<u>3,741,241</u>	<u>3,466,322</u>	<u>3,684,064</u>	<u>3,532,903</u>	<u>7,425,305</u>	<u>6,999,225</u>
Total net position	<u>\$6,711,602</u>	<u>\$6,595,025</u>	<u>\$7,689,660</u>	<u>\$7,569,234</u>	<u>\$14,401,262</u>	<u>\$14,164,259</u>

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as one useful indicator of a government's financial condition. The assets of the Town of Sawmills exceeded liabilities by \$14,401,262 as of June 30, 2013. The Town's net position increased by \$237,003 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. The largest portion of net position (45%) reflects the Town's investment in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, machinery, and equipment), less any related debt still outstanding that was issued to acquire those items. The Town of Sawmills uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Town's investment in its capital assets is reported net of the outstanding related debt, the resources needed to repay that debt must be provided by other sources, since the capital assets cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities. An additional portion of the Town's net position (4%) represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of \$7,418,735 is unrestricted.

**Town of Sawmills
Changes in Net Position**

	Governmental Activities		Figure 3 Business-type Activities		Total	
	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012
Revenues:						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 194,730	\$ 198,290	\$ 698,414	\$ 643,113	\$ 893,144	\$ 841,403
Operating grants and contributions	166,739	149,072	-	-	166,739	149,072
Capital grants and contributions	-	-	-	43,249	-	43,249
General revenues:						
Property taxes	457,609	461,660	-	-	457,609	461,660
Other taxes	864,710	860,904	-	-	864,710	860,904
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	157,335	279,190	-	-	157,335	279,190
Other	11,229	82,241	3,693	6,707	14,922	88,948
Total revenues	<u>1,852,352</u>	<u>2,031,357</u>	<u>702,107</u>	<u>693,069</u>	<u>2,554,459</u>	<u>2,724,426</u>
Expenses:						
General government	801,408	832,473	-	-	801,408	832,473
Transportation	359,609	466,263	-	-	359,609	466,263
Environmental protection	270,103	254,050	-	-	270,103	254,050
Economic development	20,143	37,084	-	-	20,143	37,084
Culture and recreation	284,512	254,340	-	-	284,512	254,340
Interest	-	2,228	-	-	-	2,228
Water and sewer	-	-	581,682	599,286	581,682	599,286
Total expenses	<u>1,735,775</u>	<u>1,846,438</u>	<u>581,682</u>	<u>599,286</u>	<u>2,317,457</u>	<u>2,445,724</u>
Increase in net position	116,577	184,919	120,426	93,784	237,003	278,703
Net position - July 1	<u>6,595,025</u>	<u>6,410,106</u>	<u>7,569,234</u>	<u>7,475,450</u>	<u>14,164,259</u>	<u>13,885,556</u>
Net position - June 30	<u>\$6,711,602</u>	<u>\$6,595,025</u>	<u>\$7,689,660</u>	<u>\$7,569,234</u>	<u>\$14,401,262</u>	<u>\$14,164,259</u>

Governmental Activities - Governmental activities increased the Town of Sawmills' net position by \$116,571. Key elements of this increase are as follows:

- Public Works employee resigned and the position was not filled during the fiscal year.
- The Town ended the year 10% under budget on expenditures.
- Slight increase in property tax revenue.

Business-type Activities - Business-type activities increased the Town of Sawmills' net position by \$120,426.

Financial Analysis of the Town of Sawmills' Funds

As noted earlier, the Town of Sawmills uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds - The focus of the Town's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of usable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town of Sawmills' financing requirements. Specifically, unreserved fund balance can be a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

The general fund is the chief operating fund of the Town of Sawmills. At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance of the General Fund was \$3,488,591, while total fund balance reached \$4,045,995. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unreserved fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unreserved fund balance represents 185 percent of total General Fund expenditures.

At June 30, 2013, the governmental funds of the Town reported a fund balance of \$4,195,995, a 2 percent increase from last year.

Budgetary Highlights - During the fiscal year, the Town of Sawmills revised the budget on one occasion. Generally, budget amendments fall into one of three categories: 1) amendments made to adjust the estimates that are used to prepare the original budget ordinance once exact information is available; 2) amendments made to recognize new funding amounts from external sources, such as Federal and State grants; and 3) increases in appropriations that become necessary to maintain services.

The budget was amended to create the capital projects fund.

Proprietary Funds - The Town of Sawmills' proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide statements but in more detail. Unrestricted net position of the Water and Sewer Fund at the end of the fiscal year amounted to \$3,684,064. The total growth in net position for Water and Sewer Fund was \$120,426. Other factors concerning the finances of this fund have already been addressed in the discussion of the Town of Sawmills' business-type activities.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets - The Town of Sawmills' investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of June 30, 2013, totals \$6,518,524 (net of accumulated depreciation). These assets include buildings, land, machinery and equipment, park facilities, and vehicles.

Major capital asset transactions during the year include the following items:

- Extension of public works facilities
- Fencing replacement and additions at Sawmills Municipal Park
- Backhoe
- Zero turn mower
- Construction of Disc Golf Course at Veterans Park

Town of Sawmills' Capital Assets

Figure 4

	Governmental		Business-type		Total	
	Activities		Activities			
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Land	\$ 225,239	\$ 225,239	\$ 5,436	\$ 5,436	\$ 230,675	\$ 230,675
Buildings	433,873	346,765	-	-	433,873	346,765
Improvements (other than buildings)	144,487	19,100	-	-	144,487	19,100
Machinery and equipment	166,338	156,411	179,758	103,458	346,096	259,869
Vehicles	758,990	758,990	47,133	47,133	806,123	806,123
Water distribution system	-	-	2,423,431	2,423,431	2,423,431	2,423,431
Sewer lines	-	-	3,212,973	3,212,973	3,212,973	3,212,973
Parks	2,426,881	2,418,136	-	-	2,426,881	2,418,136
Office equipment	<u>38,925</u>	<u>38,925</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,925</u>	<u>38,925</u>
Total	4,194,732	3,963,565	5,868,731	5,792,431	10,063,463	9,755,996
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,781,775)</u>	<u>(1,553,316)</u>	<u>(1,763,164)</u>	<u>(1,633,779)</u>	<u>(3,544,939)</u>	<u>(3,187,095)</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 2,412,957</u>	<u>\$ 2,410,249</u>	<u>\$ 4,105,568</u>	<u>\$ 4,158,652</u>	<u>\$ 6,518,524</u>	<u>\$ 6,568,901</u>

Additional information on the Town's capital assets can be found in note II of this report.

Long-term Debt - As of June 30, 2013, the Town of Sawmills had no bonded debt outstanding. The Town's debt of \$99,971 represents a loan for water line construction. The Town's total debt decreased by \$22,349 during the past year due to payments.

North Carolina general statutes limit the amount of general obligation debt that a unit of government can issue to 8 percent of the total assessed value of taxable property located within that government's boundaries. The legal debt margin for the Town of Sawmills is \$16,514,290. The Town of Sawmills has no bonds authorized but un-issued as of June 30, 2013.

Additional information regarding the Town of Sawmills' long-term debt can be found in note II of this report.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

The following key economic indicators affect operations of the Town of Sawmills.

High Unemployment. Caldwell County's overall unemployment rate is above the State average. Caldwell County is currently designated a Tier One County by the State of North Carolina for the purpose of economic assistance funds.

Budget Highlights for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014

The Town of Sawmills' overall budget for FY 2013-2014 totals \$2,719,735.

The proposed budget includes:

- no tax increases;
- no increases to the water and sewer rates;
- no increases to the sanitation fee;
- reduction in fees associated with planning services and permits;
- no appropriation of General Fund unrestricted reserves will be made for the fiscal year;
- maintains current levels of service;
- maintains current levels of benefits for employees

Below is a brief budgetary summary of the various funds for the Town:

General Fund:

The proposed ad valorem tax rate for FY 2013-2014 is to remain at 20 cents per \$100 valuation with a collection rate of 90.47%. Each penny of the Town's property tax rate generates \$20,767.83.

The general reappraisal of real property for Town of Sawmills occurs once every eight years. State law requires that units of local government, including public authorities, publish a revenue-neutral tax rate in the budget immediately following the completion of the general reappraisal of real property. The purpose of the revenue-neutral tax rate is to provide citizens with comparative information. The last reappraisal was conducted in 2005 by Caldwell County for the Town of Sawmills.

The FY 2013-2014 operating budget follows the general reappraisal of real property for the Town of Sawmills. The revenue-neutral tax rate, as defined by G.S. 159-11(e), is the rate estimated to produce revenue for the next fiscal year equal to the revenue for the current fiscal year if no reappraisal had occurred. The rate is then adjusted by a growth factor equal to the average annual percentage increase in the tax base due to improvements since the last general reappraisal.

The reappraisal produced a tax base of \$207,678,259 for the Town of Sawmills. The tax levy for the current fiscal year is \$207,582,000, and the growth factor since the last reappraisal is less than 1 percent. Using the formula mandated by state law, the revenue-neutral tax rate for the Town of Sawmills is 19.999 cents. The proposed property tax rate for FY 2013-2014 is 20 cents.

The General Fund currently remains debt free. The Town of Sawmills attempts to pay for capital outlay items from actual revenue sources and/or reserves rather than issuing bonds or borrowing funds and paying interest on debt. As has been the case in the previous two budgets the Town will not need an appropriation of General Fund unrestricted reserves in order to balance the budget. However; the Town will use an estimated \$67,000 in the Capital Reserve Fund to help pay for the new refuse truck in lieu of borrowing money for such a large expenditure.

The Town has also been awarded a \$250,000 Small Business Entrepreneurial Assistance Community Development Block Grant by the North Carolina Department of Commerce. This is a pass through performance based economic incentive grant that has been awarded to Haystation LLC, to be used for the purchase of new equipment.

Anticipated State collected local revenues have been calculated utilizing data supplied by the North Carolina League of Municipalities and local economic data. The Town is anticipating extremely small increases in most of these revenue sources as a result of the slowly improving local, state and national economy.

Some highlights in the General Fund Departmental budgets include:

- contracting with the City of Lenoir for state mandated Phase II Storm Water regulatory enforcement service;
- maintaining employee benefits at current levels which entail a 19.6% increase in health insurance premiums;
- monies allocated to recognize the Town's 25th Anniversary during Town sponsored events;
- purchase of a new refuse truck to ensure the quality of our sanitation service remains high;
- creation of a beautification fund to be used in conjunction with the Town's new beautification program;
- improvements to the concession facilities at Sawmills Municipal Park to ensure food safety;
- up to a 5% merit pay increase for all full time employees based on employee performance reviews;
- significant investment in the repair and maintenance of critical road infrastructure;
- increases in the cost of fuel;
- continued participation in the Caldwell County Sales Tax Reinvestment Program in the amount of \$280,000.

General fund revenues and expenditures are balanced at \$1,978,625. This amount represents a reduction of \$127,011, or a decrease of 6%, from the previous 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Budget.

Enterprise Fund:

Due to a continued down economy, the Town Council and Staff recommended water and sewer rates remain at the FY 2012-2013 levels.

The results of a system wide water and sewer capital improvement plan study will be presented to the Town Council early in fiscal year 2013-2014. It is the obligation of the Town to make necessary system repairs, upgrades and improvements to not only to meet State and Federal quality control standards, but to ensure our citizens that the service provided is performed at the highest quality possible.

In light of the need to build Enterprise Fund reserves to address anticipated system improvements, maintain solvency and meet unanticipated emergencies, both staff and the Town Council are urged to maintain adequate financial planning for the future. This may require adjusting water and sewer rates in the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year's Budget.

The Enterprise Fund, specifically the Water Distribution System Department, reflects a \$106,000 line item expense in Repair and Maintenance. This expense reflects an anticipated cost to perform needed waterline replacement on Stamey Road. The Water Department also anticipates replacing the flat bed dump truck and light duty pickup truck this fiscal year as well.

Staff is also anticipating a decision by the North Carolina Department of Commerce regarding a \$750,000 Community Development Block Grant for sewer infrastructure expansion in the Duff Drive neighborhood and surrounding area. This grant, if awarded, would grant sewer access and taps for sixty-six new homes to the Town's sewer collection system.

Revenues for the Enterprise Fund for FY 2013-2014 are approximately 2% higher than FY 2012-2013. This includes the need for the appropriation of net assets in the amount of \$47,585 to balance this year's water and sewer budget for one time capital expenses.

Water Rates:

Water Base Rate: \$14.25

Water Volumetric Rate: \$4.50 per 1,000 gallons after the first 2,000 gallons

Sewer Rates:

Sewer Base Rate: \$16.25

Sewer Volumetric Rate: \$4.50 per 1,000 gallons after the first 2,000 gallons

Conclusion:

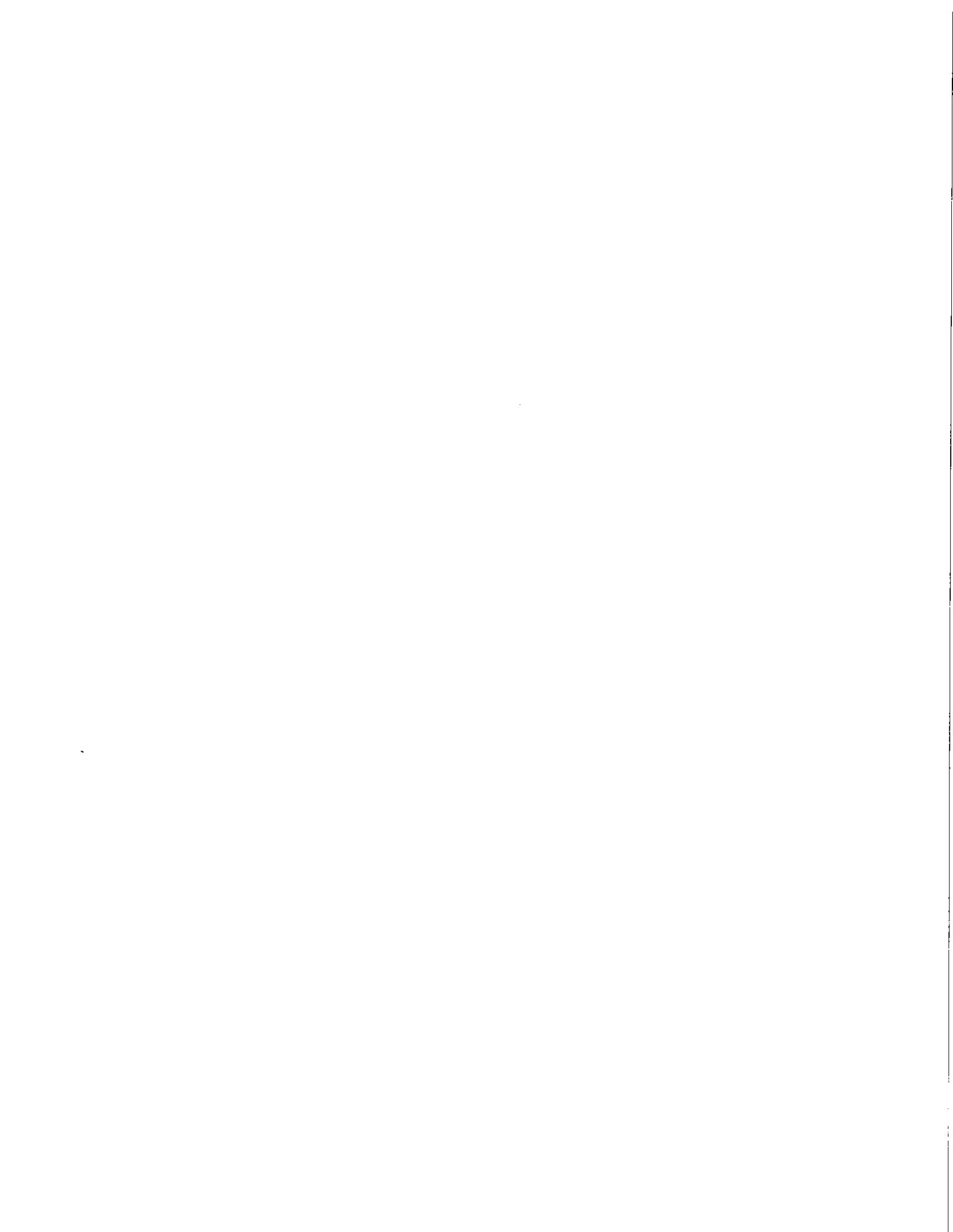
It is with great pride, and a lot of hard work, that we present the proposed budget for FY 2013-2014. The total budget estimates for FY 2012-2013 (across all funds) totals \$2,719,735 versus \$2,829,936 for FY 2012-2013. Staff did a great job in realizing the Town's monetary parameters and making adjustments accordingly. General Fund balance percentage is anticipated to improve this year based on the revamping of budget amendment and capital project policies and practices.

I would like to thank the dedicated employees of the Town for their hard work and good stewardship of the Town's resources. These people work hard and take pride in carrying out their duties. I would like to thank the Mayor and Council for their dedication in carrying out their responsibilities in providing leadership and guidance in these times of extreme budgetary stress and economic uncertainty.

Requests for Information

This report is designed to provide an overview of the Town of Sawmills' finances for those with an interest in this area. Questions concerning any of the information found in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to the following:

Town Administrator
Town of Sawmills
Highway 321-A
Sawmills, N.C. 28630
(828) 396-7903



TOWN OF SAWMILLS, NORTH CAROLINA

Exhibit 1

**Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2013**

	Governmental Activities	Business- type Activities	Total
<u>Assets</u>			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,650,518	\$ 3,532,053	\$ 7,182,571
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	398,148	67,495	465,643
Taxes receivable, net	133,023	-	133,023
Accounts receivable, water (net)	-	69,767	69,767
Accounts receivable, other (net)	26,515	-	26,515
Due from other governmental agencies	132,740	-	132,740
Inventories	-	91,989	91,989
Total current assets	<u>4,340,944</u>	<u>3,761,303</u>	<u>8,102,248</u>
Capital assets:			
Land, non-depreciable assets and construction in progress	225,239	5,436	230,675
Other capital assets, net of depreciation	2,187,718	4,100,131	6,287,849
Total capital assets	<u>2,412,957</u>	<u>4,105,568</u>	<u>6,518,524</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 6,753,901</u>	<u>\$ 7,866,871</u>	<u>\$ 14,620,772</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 11,927	\$ 4,472	\$ 16,399
Utility deposits	-	67,495	67,495
Long-term liabilities:			
Due within one year	-	5,881	5,881
Due in more than one year	30,372	99,363	129,735
Total liabilities	<u>42,299</u>	<u>177,211</u>	<u>219,510</u>
<u>Net Position</u>			
Net investment in capital assets	2,412,957	4,005,596	6,418,553
Restricted for stabilization by state statute	159,256	-	159,256
Restricted for streets	398,148	-	398,148
Unrestricted	<u>3,741,241</u>	<u>3,684,064</u>	<u>7,425,305</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 6,711,602</u>	<u>\$ 7,689,660</u>	<u>\$ 14,401,262</u>

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

TOWN OF SAWMILLS, NORTH CAROLINA

Exhibit 2

**Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2013**

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contribution	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Governmental activities:							
General government	\$ 801,408	\$ -	\$ 16,000	\$ -	\$ (785,408)	\$ -	\$ (785,408)
Transportation	359,609	-	150,739	-	(208,870)	-	(208,870)
Environmental protection	270,103	191,324	-	-	(78,779)	-	(78,779)
Cultural and recreational	284,512	720	-	-	(283,792)	-	(283,792)
Economic and physical development	20,143	2,686	-	-	(17,457)	-	(17,457)
Total governmental activities	1,735,775	194,730	166,739	-	(1,374,306)	-	(1,374,306)
Business-type activities:							
Water and sewer	581,682	698,414	-	-	-	116,732	116,732
Total business-type activities	581,682	698,414	-	-	-	116,732	116,732
Total	\$ 2,317,457	\$ 893,144	\$ 166,739	\$ -	(1,374,306)	116,732	(1,257,574)
General revenues:							
Ad valorem taxes					457,609	-	457,609
Local option sales tax					864,710	-	864,710
Unrestricted intergovernmental revenues					157,335	-	157,335
Unrestricted investment earnings					4,871	3,693	8,564
Miscellaneous					6,358	-	6,358
Total general revenues and transfers					1,490,883	3,693	1,494,576
Change in net position					116,577	120,426	237,003
Net position - beginning					6,595,025	7,569,234	14,164,259
Net position - ending					\$ 6,711,602	\$ 7,689,660	\$ 14,401,262

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TOWN OF SAWMILLS, NORTH CAROLINA

Exhibit 3

**Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2013**

	Major Fund	Non-Major Fund	Total
	General Fund	Capital Project Fund	Governmental Funds
<u>Assets</u>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,500,518	\$ 150,000	\$ 3,650,518
Restricted cash	398,148	-	398,148
Taxes receivable, net	133,023	-	133,023
Accounts receivable, other	26,515	-	26,515
Due from other governmental agencies	132,740	-	132,740
Total assets	\$ 4,190,945	\$ 150,000	\$ 4,340,945
<u>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Fund Balances</u>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 11,927	\$ -	\$ 11,927
Total liabilities	11,927	-	11,927
Deferred inflows of resources:			
Property taxes receivable	133,023	-	133,023
Total deferred inflows of resources	133,023	-	133,023
Fund balances:			
Restricted:			
Stabilization by state statute	159,256	-	159,256
Streets	398,148	-	398,148
Assigned:			
Environmental protection	-	150,000	150,000
Unassigned	3,488,591	-	3,488,591
Total fund balances	4,045,995	150,000	4,195,995
Total liabilities, deferred inflows and fund balances	\$ 4,190,945	\$ 150,000	\$ 4,340,945

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

TOWN OF SAWMILLS, NORTH CAROLINA

Exhibit 4

Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds
Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2013

Total governmental fund balances	\$4,195,995
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	2,412,957
Long-term liabilities and compensated absences are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore are not reported in the funds	(30,373)
Liabilities for earned revenues considered deferred inflows of resources in fund statements	<u>133,023</u>
Net position of governmental activities	<u>\$6,711,602</u>

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TOWN OF SAWMILLS, NORTH CAROLINA

Exhibit 5

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2013**

	<u>Major Fund</u>	<u>Non-Major Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Capital Project Fund</u>	
Revenues:			
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 438,170	\$ -	\$ 438,170
Local option sales taxes	864,710	-	864,710
Unrestricted intergovernmental revenues	157,335	-	157,335
Restricted intergovernmental revenues	166,739	-	166,739
Permits and fees	2,686	-	2,686
Sales and services	191,324	-	191,324
Investment earnings	4,871	-	4,871
Miscellaneous	7,080	-	7,080
Total revenues	<u>1,832,915</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,832,915</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General government	794,036	-	794,036
Transportation	543,334	-	543,334
Environmental protection	227,137	-	227,137
Cultural and recreational	149,887	-	149,887
Economic and physical development	20,143	-	20,143
Total expenditures	<u>1,734,537</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,734,537</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>98,378</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>98,378</u>
Operating transfers - in	-	150,000	150,000
Operating transfers - out	<u>(150,000)</u>	-	<u>(150,000)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(150,000)</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	(51,622)	150,000	98,378
Fund balances, beginning of year	<u>4,097,617</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,097,617</u>
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 4,045,995</u>	<u>\$ 150,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,195,995</u>

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TOWN OF SAWMILLS, NORTH CAROLINA

Exhibit 6

**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balances of the Governmental Funds to the
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2013**

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 98,378
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlay exceeded depreciation in the current period.	2,710
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. Change in deferred revenue for tax revenues	19,436
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Compensated absences	<u>(3,947)</u>
Total changes in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 116,577</u>

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TOWN OF SAWMILLS, NORTH CAROLINA

Exhibit 7

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
General Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2013**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)</u>
Revenues:				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 420,624	\$ 421,074	\$ 438,170	\$ 17,096
Local option sales taxes	766,000	801,000	864,710	63,710
Unrestricted intergovernmental revenues	160,200	122,450	157,335	34,885
Restricted intergovernmental revenues	142,000	142,000	166,739	24,739
Permits and fees	-	500	2,686	2,186
Sales and services	170,462	173,212	191,324	18,112
Investment earnings	7,500	7,500	4,871	(2,629)
Miscellaneous	<u>14,250</u>	<u>13,300</u>	<u>7,080</u>	<u>(6,220)</u>
Total revenues	<u>1,681,036</u>	<u>1,681,036</u>	<u>1,832,914</u>	<u>151,879</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	856,682	856,682	794,036	62,646
Transportation	738,200	738,200	543,334	194,866
Environmental protection	284,400	241,400	227,137	14,263
Cultural and recreational	202,254	202,254	149,887	52,367
Economic and physical development	<u>24,100</u>	<u>24,100</u>	<u>20,143</u>	<u>3,957</u>
Total expenditures	<u>2,105,636</u>	<u>2,062,636</u>	<u>1,734,537</u>	<u>328,099</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(424,600)</u>	<u>(381,600)</u>	<u>98,378</u>	<u>479,978</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Appropriated fund balance	424,600	574,600	-	(574,600)
Operating transfers - in (out)	<u>-</u>	<u>(193,000)</u>	<u>(150,000)</u>	<u>43,000</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>424,600</u>	<u>381,600</u>	<u>(150,000)</u>	<u>(531,600)</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(51,622)</u>	<u>\$ (51,622)</u>
Fund balances, beginning of year			<u>4,097,617</u>	
Fund balances, end of year			<u>\$ 4,045,995</u>	

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

TOWN OF SAWMILLS, NORTH CAROLINA

Exhibit 8

**Statement of Net Position
Proprietary Fund
June 30, 2013**

	<u>Enterprise Fund</u> <u>Water and</u> <u>Sewer Fund</u>
<u>Assets</u>	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,532,053
Accounts receivable - water, net	69,767
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	67,495
Inventories	91,989
Total current assets	<u>3,761,305</u>
Capital assets:	
Land and other non-depreciable assets	5,436
Other capital assets, net of depreciation	4,100,131
Capital assets (net)	<u>4,105,567</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 7,866,871</u>
<u>Liabilities and Net Position</u>	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 4,472
Current portion of long-term obligations	5,881
Liabilities payable out of restricted assets:	
Utility deposits	67,495
Total current liabilities	<u>77,848</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Compensated absences payable	5,273
General obligation notes payable - noncurrent	94,090
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>99,363</u>
Total liabilities	<u>177,211</u>
Net position:	
Net investment in capital assets	4,005,596
Unrestricted	3,684,064
Total net position	<u>\$ 7,689,660</u>

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

TOWN OF SAWMILLS, NORTH CAROLINA**Exhibit 9****Statement of Revenues, Expenses and
Changes in Net Position
Proprietary Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2013**

	<u>Enterprise Fund</u> <u>Water and</u> <u>Sewer Fund</u>
Operating Revenues:	
Charges for services	\$ 679,838
Taps and connections	2,000
Other operating revenues	16,577
Total operating revenues	<u>698,414</u>
Operating Expenses:	
Water distribution	371,445
Sewer collection	80,851
Depreciation	129,385
Total operating expenses	<u>581,682</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>116,733</u>
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):	
Interest on investments	<u>3,693</u>
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>3,693</u>
Changes in net position	120,426
Net position - beginning of year	<u>7,569,234</u>
Net position - end of year	<u>\$ 7,689,660</u>

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Exhibit 10

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**Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2013**

	<u>Enterprise Fund</u> Water and Sewer Fund
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:	
Cash received from customers	\$ 697,239
Cash paid for goods and services	(404,941)
Cash paid to employees for services	(79,783)
Customer deposits received	<u>607</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>213,122</u>
Cash Flows From Capital Related Financing Activities:	
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(76,300)
Principal paid on general obligation notes payable	<u>(22,350)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	<u>(98,650)</u>
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:	
Interest on investments	<u>3,693</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	118,165
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year	<u>3,481,383</u>
Cash and cash equivalents - end of year	<u>\$ 3,599,548</u>

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Exhibit 10, cont.
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Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

	<u>Enterprise Fund</u> Water and Sewer <u>Fund</u>
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:	
Operating income (loss)	\$ <u>116,733</u>
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:	
Depreciation	129,385
Change in assets and liabilities:	
(Increase) decrease in receivables	(1,175)
Increase (decrease) in inventory	1,773
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses	(34,290)
Increase (decrease) in customer deposits	607
Increase (decrease) in compensated absences payable	<u>89</u>
Total adjustments	<u>96,389</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>\$ 213,122</u>

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



TOWN OF SAWMILLS, NORTH CAROLINA

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of the Town of Sawmills conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies:

A. Reporting Entity

The Town of Sawmills is a municipal corporation which is governed by an elected mayor and a five member council.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Statements: The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the primary government. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities. These statements distinguish between the governmental and business-type activities of the Town. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expense and program revenues for the different business-type activities of the Town and for each function of the Town's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expense allocations that have been made in the funds have been reversed for the statement of activities. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements: The fund financial statements provide information about the Town's funds. Separate statements for each fund category - governmental and proprietary - are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental and enterprise funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

Proprietary fund operating revenues, such as charges for services, result from exchange transactions associated with the principal activity of the fund. Exchange transactions are those in which each party receives and gives up essentially equal values. Nonoperating revenues, such as subsidies result from non-exchange transactions. Other non-operating revenues are ancillary activities such as investment earnings.

TOWN OF SAWMILLS, NORTH CAROLINA

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

The Town reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Town. It is used to account for all financial resources except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund. The primary revenue sources are ad valorem taxes and State-shared revenues. The primary expenditures are for street maintenance and construction, and sanitation services, and general governmental services.

The Town reports the following major enterprise fund:

Water and Sewer Fund - This fund is used to account for the Town's water and sewer operations.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

In accordance with North Carolina General Statutes, all funds of the Town are maintained during the year using the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Government-wide and Proprietary Fund Financial Statements - The government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. The government-wide and fund financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Non-exchange transactions, in which the Town gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include property taxes, grants, and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

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 the Town's enterprise funds are charges to customers for sales and services. The Town also recognizes as operating revenue the portion of tap fees intended to recover the cost of connecting new customers to the water and sewer system. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

TOWN OF SAWMILLS, NORTH CAROLINA

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

Governmental Fund Financial Statements - Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

The Town considers all revenues available if they are collected within 90 days after year-end, except for property taxes. Ad valorem taxes receivable are not accrued as a revenue because the amount is not susceptible to accrual. At June 30, taxes receivable are materially past due and are not considered to be an available resource to finance the operations of the current year. Also, as of January 1, 1993, State law altered the procedures for the assessment and collection of property taxes on registered motor vehicles in North Carolina. Effective with this change in the law, Caldwell County is responsible for billing and collecting the property taxes on all registered motor vehicles on behalf of all municipalities and special tax districts in the County including the Town of Sawmills. For those motor vehicles registered under the staggered system and for vehicles newly registered under the annual system, property taxes are due the first day of the fourth month after the vehicles are registered. The billed taxes are applicable to the fiscal year in which they become due. Therefore, the Town's vehicle taxes for vehicles registered in Caldwell County from March 2012 through February 2013 apply to the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. Uncollected taxes that were billed during this period are shown as a receivable in these financial statements and are offset by deferred revenues.

Sales taxes and certain intergovernmental revenues, such as utilizes franchise tax, collected and held by the State at year-end on behalf of the Town are recognized as revenue. Intergovernmental revenues and sales and services are not susceptible to accrual because generally they are not measurable until received in cash. Grant revenues which are unearned at year-end are recorded as unearned revenues. Under the terms of grant agreements, the Town funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants, categorical block grants, and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there are both restricted and unrestricted net assets available to finance the program. It is the Town's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs, followed by categorical block grants, and then by general revenues.

D. Budgetary Data

The Town's budgets are adopted as required by the North Carolina General Statutes. An annual budget is adopted for the General Fund and the Enterprise Fund. All annual appropriations lapse at the fiscal-year end. Project ordinances are adopted for the Capital Projects Funds. The enterprise fund projects are consolidated with their respective operating fund for reporting purposes. All budgets are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the functional level for all annually budgeted funds and at the project level for the multi-year funds. During the year, several amendments to the original budget were necessary, the effects of which were not material. The budget ordinance must be adopted by July 1 of the fiscal year or the governing board must adopt an interim budget that covers that time until the annual ordinance can be adopted.

TOWN OF SAWMILLS, NORTH CAROLINA

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

E. Assets, Liabilities and Fund Equity

Deposits and Investments

All deposits of the Town are made in board-designated official depositories and are secured as required by State law [G.S. 159-31]. The Town may designate, as an official depository, any bank or savings association whose principal office is located in North Carolina. Also, the Town may establish time deposit accounts such as NOW and SuperNOW accounts, money market accounts, and certificates of deposit.

State law [G.S. 159-30(c)] authorizes the Town to invest in obligations of the United States or obligations fully guaranteed both as to principal and interest by the United States, obligations of the State of North Carolina, bonds and notes of any North Carolina local government or public authority, obligations of certain non-guaranteed federal agencies, certain high quality issues of commercial paper and bankers' acceptances, and the North Carolina Capital Management Trust (NCCMT). The Town's investments are reported at fair value as determined by quoted market prices. The securities of the NCCMT - Cash Portfolio, a SEC-registered (2a-7) money market mutual fund, are valued at fair value, which is the NCCMT's share price. The NCCMT-Term Portfolio's securities are valued at fair value.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Town pools money from several funds to facilitate disbursement and investment and to maximize investment income. Therefore, all cash and investments are essentially demand deposits and are considered cash and cash equivalents. The Town considers all highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash and cash equivalents.

Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable

In accordance with State law [G.S. 105-347 and G.S. 159-13(a)], the Town levies ad valorem taxes on property other than motor vehicles on July 1, the beginning of the fiscal year. The taxes are due on September 1 (lien date); however, interest does not accrue until the following January 6. These taxes are based on the assessed values as of January 1, 2012. As allowed by State law, the Town has established a schedule of discounts that apply to taxes which are paid prior to the due date. In the Town's General Fund, ad valorem tax revenues are reported net of such discounts.

Allowances for Doubtful Accounts

All receivables that historically experience uncollectible accounts are shown net of an allowance for doubtful accounts. This amount is estimated by analyzing the percentage of receivables that were written off in prior years.

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Inventory and Prepaid Items

The inventories of the Town are maintained for all enterprise fund (Water and Sewer Fund) supplies. They are valued at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out) or market. The cost of these inventories is expensed when consumed rather than when purchased.

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements and expensed as the items are used.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than a certain cost and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Minimum capitalization costs are \$5,000. Purchased or constructed capital assets are reported at cost or estimated historical cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. General infrastructure assets acquired after July 1, 2003, consist of the road network and water and sewer system assets and are reported at cost. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized.

Capital assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the following useful lives to the cost of the assets:

	<u>Years</u>
General governmental infrastructure - roads	45
Water and sewer infrastructure	30-45
Buildings	45
Furniture and office equipment	7
Equipment and vehicles	5-7
Computers/software	3

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, Deferred Outflows of Resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an expense or expenditure until then. The Town has no items that meet this criterion. In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, Deferred Inflows of Resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as revenue until then. The Town has one item that meets the criterion for this category - property taxes receivable.

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Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net assets. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method that approximates the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premiums or discounts. Bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt.

In fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

The Town's long-term debt for water and sewer system improvements is carried within the Enterprise Fund. The debt service requirements for that debt are being met by service revenues, but the taxing power of the Town is pledged to make these payments if water and sewer revenues should ever be insufficient.

Compensated Absences

The vacation policy of the Town provides for the accumulation of up to thirty days earned vacation leave with such leave being fully vested when earned. For the Town's government-wide and proprietary funds, an expense and a liability for compensated absences and the salary-related payments are recorded as the leave is earned. The Town has assumed a first-in, first out method of using accumulated compensated time. The portion of that time that is estimated to be used in the next fiscal year has been designated as a current liability in the government-wide financial statements.

The Town's sick leave policy provides for an unlimited accumulation of earned sick leave. Sick leave does not vest, but any unused sick leave accumulated at the time of retirement may be used in the determination of length of service for retirement benefit purposes. Since the Town does not have any obligation for the accumulated sick leave until it is actually taken, no accrual for sick leave has been made.

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Net Position/Fund Balances

Net Position

Net position in government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements is classified as net investment in capital assets, restricted; and unrestricted. Restricted net position represents constraints on resources that are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law through state statute.

Fund Balances

In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balance is composed of five classifications designed to disclose the hierarchy of constraints placed on how fund balance can be spent.

The governmental fund types classify fund balances as follows:

Nonspendable Fund Balance - This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Inventories - portion of fund balance that is not an available resource because it represents the year-end balance of ending inventories, which are not spendable resources.

Restricted Fund Balance - This classification includes amounts that are restricted to specific purposes externally imposed by creditors or imposed by law.

Restricted for Stabilization by State Statute - portion of fund balance that is restricted by State Statute [G.S. 159-8(a)].

Restricted for Streets - Powell Bill portion of fund balance that is restricted by revenue source for street construction and maintenance expenditures. This amount represents the balance of the total unexpended Powell Bill funds.

Committed Fund Balance - portion of fund balance that can only be used for specific purposes imposed by majority vote by quorum of Town of Sawmills' governing body (highest level of decision-making authority). Any changes or removal of specific purpose requires majority action by the governing body.

Assigned Fund Balance - portion of fund balance that Town of Sawmills intends to use for specific purposes.

Subsequent Year's Expenditures - portion of fund balance that is appropriated in the next year's budget that is not already classified in restricted or committed. The governing body approves the appropriation; however the budget ordinance authorizes the manager to modify the appropriations by resource or appropriation within funds up to \$100,000.

Unassigned Fund Balance - the portion of fund balance that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes or other funds.

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The Town of Sawmills has a revenue spending policy that provides guidance for programs with multiple revenue sources. The Finance Officer will use resources in the following hierarchy: bond proceeds, federal funds, State funds, local non-city funds, city funds. For purposes of fund balance classification expenditures are to be spent from restricted fund balance first, followed in-order by committed fund balance, assigned fund balance and lastly unassigned fund balance. The finance officer has the authority to deviate from this policy if it is in the best interest of the Town.

II. Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability

None.

III. Detail Notes on All Funds

A. Assets

Deposits

All the deposits of the Town are either insured or collateralized by using one of two methods. Under the Dedicated Method, all deposits that exceed the federal depository insurance coverage level are collateralized with securities held by the Town's agents in the unit's name. Under the Pooling Method, which is a collateral pool, all uninsured deposits are collateralized with securities held by the State Treasurer's agent in the name of the State Treasurer. Since the State Treasurer is acting in a fiduciary capacity for the Town, these deposits are considered to be held by the Town's agents in its name. The amount of the pledged collateral is based on an approved averaging method for non-interest bearing deposits and the actual current balance for interest-bearing deposits. Depositories using the Pooling Method report to the State Treasurer the adequacy of their pooled collateral covering uninsured deposits. The State Treasurer does not confirm this information with the Town or the escrow agent. Because of the inability to measure the exact amounts of collateral pledged for the Town under the Pooling Method, the potential exists for under-collateralization, and this risk may increase in periods of high cash flows. However, the State Treasurer of North Carolina enforces strict standards of financial stability for each depository that collateralizes public deposits under the Pooling Method. The Town has no policy regarding custodial credit risk for deposits, but relies on the State Treasurer to enforce standards of minimum capitalization for all pooling method financial institutions and to monitor them for compliance. The Town complies with the provisions of G.S. 159-31 when designating official depositories and verifying that deposits are properly secured.

At June 30, 2013, the Town's deposits had a carrying amount of \$7,578,033 and a bank balance of \$7,513,405. Of the bank balance, \$500,000 was covered by federal depository insurance and \$7,013,405 was covered by collateral held under the pooling method.

Investments

At June 30, 2013, the Town of Sawmills had \$70,181 invested with the North Carolina Capital Management Trust's Cash Portfolio which carried a credit rating of AAAM by Standard and Poor's. The Town has no formal policy regarding credit risk.

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Receivables - Allowances for Doubtful Accounts

The receivables shown in Exhibit 1 at June 30, 2013 were as follows:

	<u>Accounts</u>	<u>Taxes</u>	<u>Due from Other Governments</u>	<u>Total</u>
Governmental Activities:				
General	\$ 26,515	\$141,023	\$132,740	\$300,278
Allowance for doubtful accounts	<u>-</u>	<u>(8,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(8,000)</u>
Total - governmental activities	<u>\$ 26,515</u>	<u>\$133,023</u>	<u>\$132,740</u>	<u>\$292,278</u>
Business-type Activities:				
Water and sewer	\$ 72,267	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 72,267
Allowance for doubtful accounts	<u>(2,500)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,500)</u>
Total - business-type activities	<u>\$ 69,767</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 69,767</u>

Due from other governments consists of the following:

Local option sales tax	\$ 72,500
Utility franchise tax	44,517
Other	<u>15,723</u>
	<u>\$132,740</u>

Capital Assets

A summary of changes in the Town's governmental capital assets follows:

	<u>June 30, 2012</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>June 30, 2013</u>
Governmental Activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	<u>\$ 225,239</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 225,239</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	\$ 346,765	\$ 87,108	\$ -	\$ 433,873
Improvements (other than buildings)	19,100	125,387	-	144,487
Machinery and equipment	156,411	9,927	-	166,338
Office equipment	38,925	-	-	38,925
Parks	2,418,136	8,745	-	2,426,881
Vehicles	<u>758,990</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>758,990</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>3,738,326</u>	<u>231,167</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,969,493</u>

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	<u>June 30, 2012</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>June 30, 2013</u>
Governmental Activities - continued:				
Less accumulated depreciated for:				
Buildings	\$ 136,495	\$ 7,706	\$ -	\$ 144,201
Other improvements	9,265	1,934	-	11,199
Machinery and equipment	186,317	15,356	-	201,673
Office equipment	38,925	-	-	38,925
Parks	643,214	147,841	-	791,055
Vehicles	<u>539,100</u>	<u>55,622</u>	-	<u>594,722</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>1,553,316</u>	<u>\$228,459</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>1,781,775</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>2,185,010</u>			<u>2,187,718</u>
Governmental activity capital assets, net	<u>\$2,410,249</u>			<u>\$2,412,957</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental Activities:	
General government	\$ 3,425
Environmental protection	42,966
Cultural and recreational	153,298
Transportation	<u>28,770</u>
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$228,459</u>

Proprietary Capital Assets

The capital assets of the Proprietary Fund of the Town at June 30, 2013 are as follows:

	<u>June 30, 2012</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>June 30, 2013</u>
Business-type Activities:				
Water and Sewer Fund:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 5,436	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,436
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>5,436</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,436</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Water distribution system	2,423,431	-	-	2,423,431
Sewer lines	3,212,973	-	-	3,212,973
Equipment	103,458	76,300	-	179,758
Vehicles	<u>47,133</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,133</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>5,786,995</u>	<u>76,300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,863,295</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Water distribution system	815,532	47,745	-	863,277
Sewer lines	710,521	64,259	-	774,780
Equipment	75,555	12,695	-	88,250
Vehicles	<u>32,171</u>	<u>4,686</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,857</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>1,633,779</u>	<u>\$129,385</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>1,763,164</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>4,153,216</u>			<u>4,100,131</u>
Water and Sewer fund capital assets, net	<u>\$4,158,652</u>			<u>\$4,105,568</u>

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B. Liabilities

Payables

Payables at the government-wide level at June 30, 2013 were as follows:

	<u>Vendors</u>	<u>Salaries and Benefits</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Governmental activities:				
General	<u>\$11,301</u>	<u>\$626</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$11,927</u>
Business-type activities:				
Water and sewer	<u>\$ 4,472</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,472</u>

Pension Plan and Postemployment Obligations

Local Government Employees' Retirement System

Plan Description - The Town of Sawmills contributes to the statewide Local Government Employees' Retirement System (LGERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of North Carolina. LGERS provides retirement and disability benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Article 3 of G.S. Chapter 128 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly. The Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System is included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the State of North Carolina. The State's CAFR includes financial statements and required supplementary information for LGERS. That report may be obtained by writing to the Office of the State Controller, 1410 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1410, or by calling (919) 981-5454.

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute six percent of their annual covered salary. The Town is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. For the Town, the current rate for employees is 6.74% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of members and of the Town of Sawmills are established and may be amended by the North Carolina General Assembly. The Town's contributions to LGERS for the years ended June 30, 2013, 2012, and 2011 were \$30,324, \$42,209, and \$35,712, respectively. The contributions made by the Town equaled the required contributions for each year.

Other Post-Employment Benefits

The Town has not elected to provide other post-employment benefits to employees.

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Other Employment Benefits

The Town has elected to provide death benefits to employees through the Death Benefit Plan for members of the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (Death Benefit Plan), a multiple-employer, State-administered, cost-sharing plan funded on a one-year term cost basis. The beneficiaries of those employees who die in active service after one year of contributing membership in the System, or who die within 180 days after retirement or termination of service and have at least one year of contributing membership service in the System at the time of death are eligible for death benefits. Lump sum death benefit payments to beneficiaries are equal to the employee's 12 highest months salary in a row during the 24 months prior to the employee's death, but the benefit may not exceed \$50,000 or be less than \$25,000. All death benefit payments are made from the Death Benefit Plan. The Town has no liability beyond the payment of monthly contributions. The contributions to the Death Benefit Plan cannot be separated between the post employment benefit amount and the other benefit amount. The Town considers these contributions to be immaterial.

Deferred Revenues

The balance in deferred revenues on the fund statements at June 30, 2013 is composed of the following elements:

	<u>Deferred Revenue</u>
Taxes receivables (net)	<u>\$133,023</u>

Risk Management

The Town of Sawmills is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; error and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Town carries commercial insurance coverage for risks of loss including property insurance of up to \$1,786,278; liability coverage of up to \$2,000,000; and worker's compensation up to the statutory limits. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the previous year and settled claims resulting from risks have not exceeded coverage commercial insurance coverage in the last five fiscal years.

The Town does not carry flood insurance.

In accordance with G.S. 159-29, the Town's employees that have access to \$100 or more at any given time of the Town's funds are performance bonded through a commercial surety bond. The finance officer and tax collector are each individually bonded for \$50,000 each. The remaining employees that have access to funds are bonded under a blanket bond for \$100,000.

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Long-Term Obligations

Notes Payable

Notes payable at June 30, 2013 are comprised of the following individual agreements:

Federal revolving loan for waterline capital project, annual payments of \$5,881, with no interest through May 2030	\$99,971
Less current maturities	<u>5,881</u>
Long term portion	<u>\$94,090</u>

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for the Town's notes payable are as follows:

	<u>Business-type Activities</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2014	\$ 5,881	\$ -
2015	5,881	-
2016	5,881	-
2017	5,881	-
2018	5,881	-
Thereafter	<u>70,566</u>	-
Total proprietary funds	<u>\$99,971</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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A summary of changes in long-term obligations follows:

	<u>July 1, 2012</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>June 30, 2013</u>	<u>Current Portion</u>
Governmental activities:					
Accrued vacation pay	\$ 26,425	\$3,947	\$ -	\$ 30,372	\$ -
Total	<u>\$ 26,425</u>	<u>\$3,947</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 30,372</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Business-type activities:					
Notes payable	\$122,320	\$ -	\$22,349	\$ 99,971	\$16,381
Accrued vacation pay	5,184	89	-	5,273	-
Total	<u>\$127,504</u>	<u>\$ 89</u>	<u>\$22,349</u>	<u>\$105,244</u>	<u>\$16,381</u>

Compensated absences typically have been liquidated in the General Fund and are accounted for on a LIFO basis, assuming that employees are taking leave time as it is earned.

At June 30, 2013, Town of Sawmills had a legal debt margin of \$16,514,290.

Interfund Balances and Activity

Transfer to/from other funds at June 30, 2013, consist of the following:

From the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund	<u>\$150,000</u>
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Transfers are used to move unrestricted revenues to finance various programs that the government must account for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

Fund Balance

The following schedule provides management and citizens with information on the portion of General Fund balance that is available for appropriation:

Total fund balance-General Fund	\$4,045,995
Less:	
Stabilization by State Statute	159,256
Streets-Powell Bill	398,148
Remaining Fund Balance	3,488,591

The Town of Sawmills has adopted a minimum fund balance policy for the General Fund which instructs management to conduct the business of the Town in such a manner that available fund balance is at least equal to or greater than 33% of budgeted expenditures.

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III. Jointly Governed Organization

The Town, in conjunction with four counties and twenty-three other municipalities established the Western Piedmont Council of Governments (Council). The participating governments established the Council to coordinate various funding received from federal and State agencies. Each participating government appoints one member to the Council's governing board. The Town paid \$2,625 for membership fees during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013.

IV. Summary Disclosure of Significant Contingencies

Federal and State Assisted Programs

The Town has received proceeds from several federal and State grants. Periodic audits of these grants are required and certain costs may be questioned as not being appropriate expenditures under the grant agreements. Such audits could result in the refund of grant moneys to the grantor agencies. Management believes that any required refunds will be immaterial. No provision has been made in the accompanying financial statements for the refund of grant moneys.

V. Change in Accounting Principles/Restatement

The Town implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 63, Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position, and Statement 65, Items Previously reported as Assets and Liabilities, in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013. In accordance with GASB Statement 63, the Statement of Net Assets has been replaced with the Statement of Net Position. Items on the Statement of Net Position are now classified into Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position. Additionally, GASB Statement 65 requires that deferred costs from the refunding of debt, which were previously deferred and amortized, be presented as deferred outflows of resources.

VI. Subsequent Event

Management has evaluated subsequent events through November 11, 2013, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued. During the period from the end of the year and through this date, no circumstances occurred that require recognition or disclosure in these financial statements.



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**General Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in
Fund Balance - Budget and Actual
For the Year Ended June 30, 2013
With Comparative Actual Amounts For the Year Ended June 30, 2012**

	<u>2013</u>			
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Positive (Negative)</u>	<u>2012 Actual</u>
Revenues:				
Ad valorem taxes:				
Taxes	\$ 417,674	\$ 433,013		\$ 439,375
Penalties and interest	3,400	5,157		5,255
	<u>421,074</u>	<u>438,170</u>	\$ 17,096	<u>444,630</u>
Other taxes and licenses:				
Local option sales tax	<u>801,000</u>	<u>864,710</u>	63,710	<u>860,904</u>
Unrestricted intergovernmental revenues:				
Franchise tax	<u>122,450</u>	<u>157,335</u>	34,885	<u>279,190</u>
Restricted intergovernmental revenues:				
"State Street-Aid" allocation and other grants	<u>142,000</u>	<u>166,739</u>	24,739	<u>149,122</u>
Permits and fees:				
Zoning permits	<u>500</u>	<u>2,686</u>	2,186	<u>1,675</u>
Sales and services:				
Refuse collections	<u>173,212</u>	<u>191,324</u>	18,112	<u>193,575</u>
Investment earnings	<u>7,500</u>	<u>4,871</u>	(2,629)	<u>8,902</u>
Miscellaneous revenues	<u>13,300</u>	<u>7,080</u>	(6,220)	<u>76,380</u>
Total revenues	<u>1,681,036</u>	<u>1,832,915</u>	151,879	<u>2,014,377</u>
Expenditures:				
General government:				
Governing body:				
Salaries and employee benefits	13,800	14,964		13,833
Election cost	4,000	-		3,392
Other operating expenditures	<u>13,500</u>	<u>7,465</u>		<u>6,865</u>
Total governing body	<u>31,300</u>	<u>22,429</u>	8,871	<u>24,090</u>

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**General Fund
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	<u>2013</u>			
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Positive (Negative)</u>	<u>2012 Actual</u>
Expenditures (continued):				
Administrative:				
Salaries and employee benefits	\$ 184,500	\$ 176,103		\$ 172,715
Other operating expenditures	178,257	136,173		170,937
Interlocal agreement	400,000	400,000		400,000
Total administrative	<u>762,757</u>	<u>712,275</u>	\$ 50,482	<u>743,652</u>
Finance:				
Salaries and employee benefits	59,000	55,821		54,110
Other operating expenditures	3,625	3,510		2,679
Total finance	<u>62,625</u>	<u>59,332</u>	3,293	<u>56,789</u>
Total general government	<u>856,682</u>	<u>794,036</u>	62,646	<u>824,531</u>
Transportation:				
Salaries and employee benefits	159,000	144,411		148,379
Other operating expenditures	429,200	311,815		283,491
Capital outlay	150,000	87,108		97,090
Total transportation	<u>738,200</u>	<u>543,334</u>	194,866	<u>528,960</u>
Environmental protection:				
Sanitation:				
Salaries and employee benefits	93,100	88,802		88,259
Other operating expenditures	83,300	76,436		134,522
Total sanitation	<u>176,400</u>	<u>165,237</u>	11,163	<u>222,780</u>
Recycling:				
Contracted services	65,000	61,900	3,100	60,272
Total environmental protection	<u>241,400</u>	<u>227,137</u>	14,263	<u>283,052</u>

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**General Fund
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With Comparative Actual Amounts For the Year Ended June 30, 2012**

	<u>2013</u>		<u>Variance</u>	<u>2012</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Positive</u> <u>(Negative)</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Expenditures (continued):				
Economic and physical development:				
Planning and zoning:				
Other operating expenditures	\$ 24,100	\$ 20,143	\$ 3,957	\$ 37,084
Cultural and recreational:				
Parks and recreation:				
Salaries and employee benefits	64,300	44,586		49,804
Other operating expenditures	137,954	105,301		70,259
Total cultural and recreational	<u>202,254</u>	<u>149,887</u>	<u>52,367</u>	<u>120,063</u>
Total expenditures	<u>2,062,636</u>	<u>1,734,537</u>	<u>328,099</u>	<u>1,793,690</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(381,600)</u>	<u>98,378</u>	<u>479,978</u>	<u>220,687</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Operating transfers in (out):				
Capital reserve fund	(193,000)	(150,000)	43,000	-
Fund balance appropriated	<u>574,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(574,600)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>381,600</u>	<u>(150,000)</u>	<u>(531,600)</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess of revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(51,622)</u>	<u>\$ (51,622)</u>	<u>220,687</u>
Fund balance, beginning of year		<u>4,097,617</u>		<u>3,876,930</u>
Fund balance, end of year		<u>\$4,045,995</u>		<u>\$ 4,097,617</u>

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Schedule 2

**Capital Project Fund
 Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Other Financing Sources (Uses) -
 Budget and Actual
 From Inception and For the Year Ended June 30, 2013**

	<u>Project Authorization</u>	<u>Prior Year</u>	<u>Actual Current Year</u>	<u>Total to Date</u>
Revenues:				
Expenditures:				
Vehicle	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total expenditures	<u>150,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(150,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers	<u>150,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>150,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 150,000</u>	<u>\$ 150,000</u>

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**Water and Sewer Fund
Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP)
For the Year Ended June 30, 2013
With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended June 30, 2012**

	2013		Variance	2012
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Positive (Negative)</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Revenues:				
Operating revenues:				
Charges for services		\$ 679,838		\$ 625,304
Taps and connections		2,000		2,000
Other operating revenues		16,577		15,810
Total operating revenues	\$ 673,600	698,414	\$ 24,814	643,113
Non-operating revenues:				
Interest on investments		3,693		6,708
Total non-operating revenues	50,700	3,693	(47,007)	6,708
Total revenues	724,300	702,108	(22,192)	649,822
Expenditures:				
Water distribution:				
Water purchases		203,868		209,644
Salaries and employee benefits		109,586		75,215
Other operating expenditures		58,079		87,899
Principal retirement		16,381		16,381
Total water distribution	575,100	387,915	187,185	389,139
Sewer collection:				
Sewer charges		12,012		12,338
Salaries and employee benefits		35,507		64,689
Other operating expenditures		33,332		28,073
Total sewer collection	149,200	80,851	68,349	105,100
Total expenditures	724,300	468,766	255,534	494,238
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Water and Sewer Fund
Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP)
For the Year Ended June 30, 2013
With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended June 30, 2012

	2013		Variance Positive (Negative)	2012 Actual
	Budget	Actual		
Revenues and over (under) expenditures	\$ -	\$ 233,341	\$ 233,341	\$ 155,583
Reconciliation From Budgetary Basis (Modified Accrual) to Full Accrual:				
Revenues over (under) expenditures		\$ 233,341		\$ 155,583
Reconciling items:				
Payment on debt principal		16,381		16,381
Increase (decrease) in accrued compensated absences		89		(245)
Capital projects		-		43,249
Depreciation		(129,385)		(121,183)
Net income (loss)		\$ 120,426		\$ 93,784

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Schedule 4

**Commerce Grant Capital Project Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Other Financing Sources (Uses) -
Budget and Actual
From Inception and For the Year Ended June 30, 2013**

	<u>Project Authorization</u>	<u>Prior Year</u>	<u>Actual Current Year</u>	<u>Total to Date</u>
Revenues:				
Grants	\$ 189,218	\$ 362,436	\$ 8,444	\$ 370,880
Total revenues	<u>189,218</u>	<u>362,436</u>	<u>8,444</u>	<u>370,880</u>
Expenditures:				
Professional fees - legal	-	2,151	-	2,151
Professional fees - engineer	-	23,445	-	23,445
Grants	-	173,218	8,444	181,662
Construction	<u>217,625</u>	<u>187,623</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>187,623</u>
Total expenditures	<u>217,625</u>	<u>386,437</u>	<u>8,444</u>	<u>394,881</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(28,407)</u>	<u>(24,001)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(24,001)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers	<u>28,407</u>	<u>24,001</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,001</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>28,407</u>	<u>24,001</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,001</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

TOWN OF SAWMILLS, NORTH CAROLINA

Schedule 5

**Schedule of Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable
June 30, 2013**

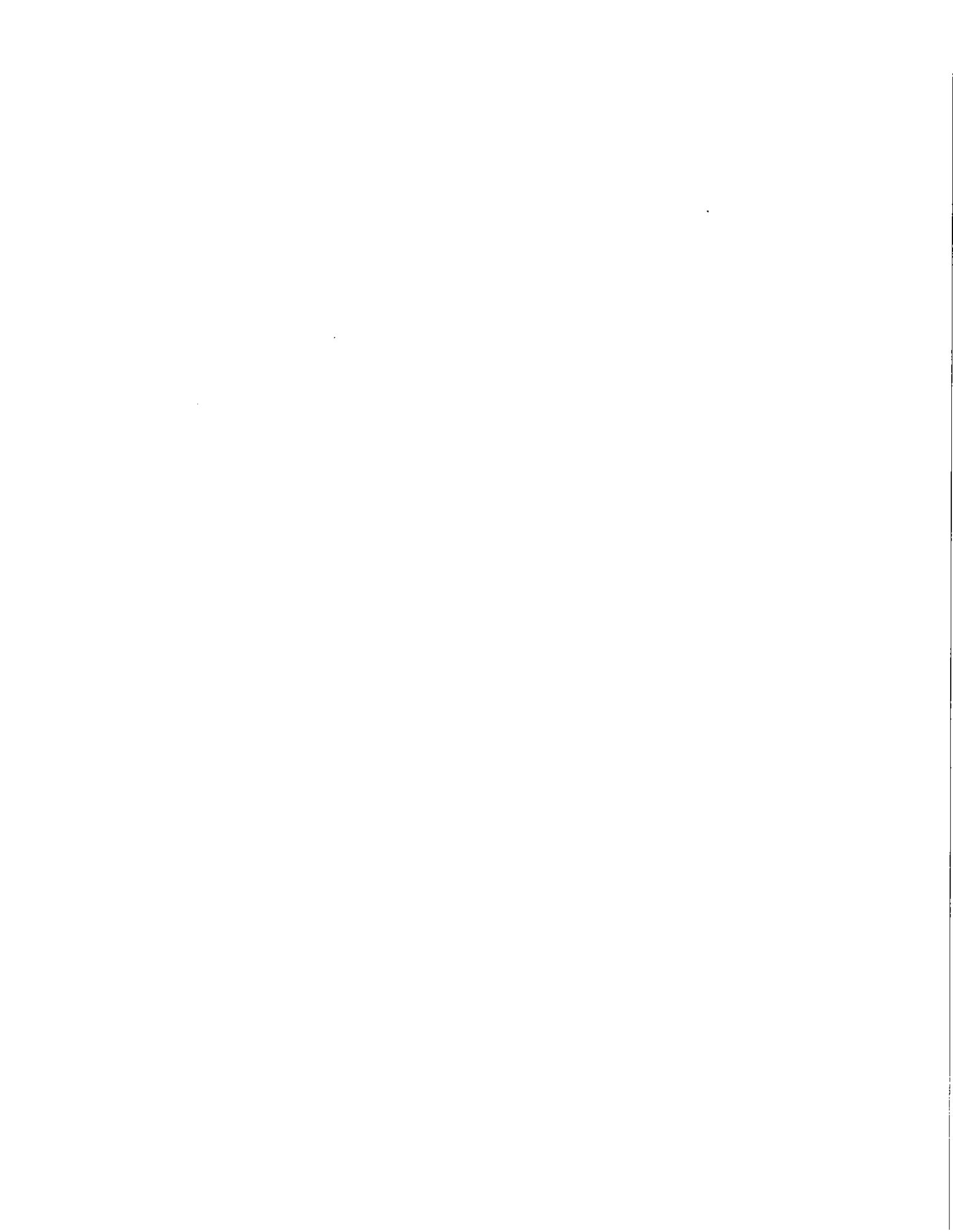
<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Uncollected Balance July 1, 2012</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Collections And Credits</u>	<u>Uncollected Balance June 30, 2013</u>
2011 - 2012	\$ -	\$ 475,168	\$ 424,421	\$ 50,747
2011 - 2012	45,112	-	14,937	30,175
2010 - 2011	28,964	-	3,908	25,056
2009 - 2010	14,982	-	1,975	13,007
2008 - 2009	7,649	-	1,430	6,219
2007 - 2008	5,768	-	1,047	4,721
2006 - 2007	4,431	-	587	3,844
2005 - 2006	3,530	-	394	3,136
2004 - 2005	2,010	-	190	1,820
2003 - 2004	2,463	-	165	2,298
2002 - 2003	5,627	-	5,627	-
2001 - 2002	1,048	-	1,048	-
	<u>\$ 121,584</u>	<u>\$ 475,168</u>	<u>\$ 455,729</u>	141,023
Less allowance for uncollectible accounts:				
General fund				<u>8,000</u>
Ad valorem taxes receivable - net				<u>\$ 133,023</u>
Reconcilement with revenues:				
Taxes - Ad Valorem, General				\$ 438,399
Penalties and interest collected				(5,157)
Collection fees				10,651
Discounts and miscellaneous adjustments				10,720
Amount written off				<u>7,686</u>
				<u>\$ 462,299</u>

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Schedule 6

**Analysis of Current Tax Levy
Town - Wide Levy
For the Year Ended June 30, 2013**

	<u>Town Wide</u>			<u>Total Levy</u>	
	<u>Property Valuation</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Total Levy</u>	<u>Property Excluding Registered Motor Vehicles</u>	<u>Registered Motor Vehicles</u>
Original levy:					
Property taxes at current year rate	\$ 237,425,500	0.20	\$ 474,851	\$ 415,330	\$ 59,521
Penalties	-		317	317	-
Total	<u>237,425,500</u>		<u>475,168</u>	<u>415,647</u>	<u>59,521</u>
Discoveries	-		-	-	-
Abatements	-		-	-	-
Total property valuation	<u>\$ 237,425,500</u>				
Net levy			475,168	415,647	59,521
Uncollected taxes at June 30, 2013			<u>50,747</u>	<u>37,805</u>	<u>12,942</u>
Current year's tax collected			<u>\$ 424,421</u>	<u>\$ 377,842</u>	<u>\$ 46,579</u>
Current levy collection percentage			<u>89.32%</u>	<u>90.90%</u>	<u>78.26%</u>



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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**

Independent Auditors' Report

To the Honorable Mayor and
Members of the Town Council
Town of Sawmills, North Carolina

We have audited in accordance with the 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Town of Sawmills, North Carolina, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Sawmills, North Carolina's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 11, 2013.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Town of Sawmills, North Carolina's, internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Town of Sawmills, North Carolina's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Town of Sawmills, North Carolina's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control 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 and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described below that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

Inadequate Segregation of Duties

The size of the Town's accounting and administrative staff precludes certain internal controls that would be preferred if the office staff were large enough to provide optimum segregation of duties. The Mayor and Town Council should remain involved in the financial affairs of the Town to provide oversight.

Inadequate Design of Internal Control Over the Preparation of the Financial Statements Being Audited

Lowdermilk Church & Co., LLP (independent auditors) prepared the draft financial statements for the Town of Sawmills, North Carolina. As with most smaller governmental units, this becomes necessary due to the cost benefit of either out-sourcing or hiring personnel with the expertise to prepare financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The Mayor and Town Council feel that the cost benefit of having the financial statements prepared by the independent auditor precludes the cost of hiring additional personnel.

Compliance and Other Matters

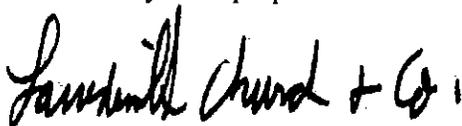
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Town of Sawmills, North Carolina's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct 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.

Town of Sawmills, North Carolina Response to Findings

Town of Sawmills, North Carolina's response to the findings identified in our audit is described previously. Town of Sawmills, North Carolina's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Morganton, North Carolina
November 11, 2013