

BATTLE CREEK BROWNFIELD  
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
(A Component Unit of the  
City of Battle Creek, Michigan)

Year Ended  
June 30, 2018

Financial  
Statements

# BATTLE CREEK BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

December 26, 2018

To the Board of Directors of the  
Battle Creek Brownfield Redevelopment Authority  
City of Battle Creek, Michigan

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the *Battle Creek Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, a component unit of the City of Battle Creek, Michigan* (the "Authority") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority'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.

#### *Independent 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from 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 Authority'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 and the major fund of the Authority, as of June 30, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position thereof and the budgetary comparison for the general fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that management's discussion and analysis listed in the table of contents 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rehmann Johnson LLC". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Rehmann" on the top line and "Johnson LLC" on the bottom line.

## **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

# BATTLE CREEK BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

## Management's Discussion and Analysis

The Battle Creek Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority") was established January 20, 1998, pursuant to Public Act 381 of 1996. The Authority is a component unit of the City of Battle Creek, Michigan and presents this management discussion and analysis of its financial performance as an overview of financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.

### Using this Annual Report

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Authority's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements are comprised of the following:

- The statement of net position and governmental fund balance sheet presents information on all of the Authority's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position/fund balance. Over time, increases or decreases in net position/fund balance may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Authority is improving or deteriorating.
- The statement of activities and governmental fund revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance presents information showing how the Authority's net position/fund balance changed during the most recent fiscal year.
- The statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance - budget and actual - general fund presents information showing the comparison of the Authority's actual revenues and expenditures to what was budgeted.
- The notes to the basic financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements.

### Financial Analysis

The net position of the Authority is summarized for the purpose of determining the overall fiscal position. As shown below, the Authority's liabilities exceeded assets by \$2,776,076 at the end of the current fiscal year.

A comparative analysis of the data is presented below:

Net Position as of June 30,		
	2018	2017
Assets		
Current and other assets	\$ 658,634	\$ 516,237
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	266,795	266,254
Long-term debt - due in more than one year	3,167,915	3,429,670
Total liabilities	3,434,710	3,695,924
Net position		
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>\$ (2,776,076)</u>	<u>\$ (3,179,687)</u>

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## Management's Discussion and Analysis

When comparing the current fiscal year to the previous fiscal year, net position increased by \$403,611 as compared to \$363,853 in the prior year. This change was a result of increased property tax revenues of \$303,488 and a decrease in state aid revenue of \$196,742. While total expenses, as compared to the prior year, increased by \$61,192 due to an increase of interest expense on long-term debt. This net increase in revenues brought the total revenues to \$646,400 as compared to the lesser incremental increase in expenses total of \$242,789. The net of these changes was the primary reason for the increase to the Authority's net position of \$403,611.

Changes in Net Position for the Year Ending June 30,		
	2018	2017
Total revenues	\$ 646,400	\$ 545,450
Total expenses	<u>242,789</u>	<u>181,597</u>
Change in net position	403,611	363,853
Net position (deficit), beginning of year	<u>(3,179,687)</u>	<u>(3,543,540)</u>
Net position (deficit), end of year	<u><u>\$2,776,076</u></u>	<u><u>\$(3,179,687)</u></u>

### General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The general fund original adopted budget reflected revenues in excess of expenditures and an addition to fund balance of \$157,900. Mid-year budget adjustments were made to reflect an increase in the projected community development expenditures for the TODA phase II project, an increase in property tax revenues and the principal payment for the Brownfield loan resulting in a budgeted increase in fund balance of \$138,965. Ultimately actual expenditures were short of the budget in an amount greater than revenues. This results in a fund balance increase for the fiscal year of \$141,856.

### Long-term Debt

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Battle Creek Brownfield Redevelopment Authority had total debt outstanding of \$3,167,915. The Authority has entered into loans with the Battle Creek Tax Increment Finance Authority ("BCTIFA"; a component unit of the City of Battle Creek, Michigan) to borrow up to \$9,030,000 for use with two brownfield projects. No amount is presently reported as due within one year since repayment is based on the future collection of tax increment revenues. The repayment obligations include interest at 5% per annum.

### Economic Factors

The Battle Creek Brownfield Redevelopment Authority's expenses are governed by the laws of the State of Michigan. During 2018, total operating expenses were \$15,566 composed of costs in conjunction with the development of the ongoing brownfield redevelopment projects and total expenses were \$227,223 attributable to interest and fiscal charges for debt service.

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### ■ Management's Discussion and Analysis

#### Contacting the City of Battle Creek Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Battle Creek Brownfield Redevelopment Authority's finances and to show accountability for the money it receives and expends. The financial statements are available on the City's website: [www.battlecreekmi.gov](http://www.battlecreekmi.gov). Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the City Finance Director, P.O. Box 1717, Battle Creek, MI 49016-1717.

## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

# BATTLE CREEK BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

## Statement of Net Position and Governmental Fund

Balance Sheet  
June 30, 2018

	General	Adjustments	Statement of Net Position
<b>Assets</b>			
Pooled cash and investments	<u>\$ 658,634</u>	\$ -	\$ 658,634
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 266,795	-	266,795
Long-term debt - due in more than one year	<u>-</u>	<u>3,167,915</u>	<u>3,167,915</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	266,795	3,167,915	3,434,710
<b>Fund balance</b>			
Unassigned	<u>391,839</u>	<u>(391,839)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balance</b>	<u>\$ 658,634</u>	<u>(658,634)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net position</b>			
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>\$ (2,776,076)</u>	<u>\$ (2,776,076)</u>	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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## Statement of Activities and Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

	General	Adjustments	Statement of Activities
<b>Revenues</b>			
Property taxes	\$ 595,659	\$ -	\$ 595,659
Intergovernmental	55,934	-	55,934
Unrestricted investment earnings (loss)	(5,193)	-	(5,193)
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>646,400</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>646,400</b>
<b>Expenditures / expenses</b>			
Community development	15,566	-	15,566
Debt service:			
Principal	275,000	(275,000)	-
Interest and fiscal charges	227,223	-	227,223
<b>Total expenditures / expenses</b>	<b>517,789</b>	<b>(275,000)</b>	<b>242,789</b>
Revenues over expenditures/expenses	128,611	275,000	403,611
<b>Other financing sources</b>			
Loan proceeds	13,245	(13,245)	-
<b>Change in fund balance / net position</b>	<b>141,856</b>	<b>261,755</b>	<b>403,611</b>
<b>Fund balance / net position (deficit)</b>			
Beginning of year	249,983	(3,429,670)	(3,179,687)
<b>End of year</b>	<b>\$ 391,839</b>	<b>\$ (3,167,915)</b>	<b>\$ (2,776,076)</b>

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# BATTLE CREEK BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

## Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

Budget and Actual - General Fund  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Actual Over (Under) Final Budget
<b>Revenues</b>				
Property taxes	\$ 160,400	\$ 595,400	\$ 595,659	\$ 259
Intergovernmental	150,000	55,934	55,934	-
Unrestricted investment earnings (loss)	5,000	5,000	(5,193)	(10,193)
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>315,400</b>	<b>656,334</b>	<b>646,400</b>	<b>(9,934)</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Community development	13,000	179,000	15,566	(163,434)
Debt service:				
Principal	-	275,000	275,000	-
Interest and fiscal charges	149,500	228,369	227,223	(1,146)
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>162,500</b>	<b>682,369</b>	<b>517,789</b>	<b>(164,580)</b>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	152,900	(26,035)	128,611	154,646
<b>Other financing sources</b>				
Loan proceeds	5,000	165,000	13,245	(151,755)
<b>Net change in fund balance</b>	<b>157,900</b>	<b>138,965</b>	<b>141,856</b>	<b>2,891</b>
Fund balance, beginning of year	249,983	249,983	249,983	-
<b>Fund balance, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 407,883</b>	<b>\$ 388,948</b>	<b>\$ 391,839</b>	<b>\$ 2,891</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

## **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

# BATTLE CREEK BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

## Notes to Financial Statements

### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Reporting Entity

These financial statements present the activities of the Battle Creek Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (the “Authority”). The Authority was established January 20, 1998, pursuant to Public Act 381 of 1996. The primary purpose of the Authority is to revitalize environmentally contaminated properties in the City of Battle Creek. The Authority’s activities are primarily funded through tax increment financing.

The Authority is a component unit of the City of Battle Creek, Michigan (the “City”) because the City appoints the Authority’s Board of Directors, it has the ability to significantly influence the Authority’s operations, and it is financially accountable for the Authority. Accordingly, the Authority is presented as a discrete component unit in the City’s financial statements and is an integral part of that reporting entity.

#### *Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements*

As permitted by generally accepted accounting principles, the Authority uses an alternative approach reserved for single program governments to present combined government-wide and fund financial statements by using a columnar format that reconciles individual line items of fund financial data to government-wide data in a separate column. Accordingly, this is presented in the statement of net position and governmental funds balance sheet and the statement of activities and governmental fund revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the aforementioned financial statements.

#### *Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation*

The government-wide financial information is reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied.

Governmental fund financial information is reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Authority considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

The Authority reports a single major governmental fund - the general fund. The general fund is the Authority’s primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the Authority, except those accounted for and reported in another fund, if any.

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## Notes to Financial Statements

### Fund Balance

Governmental funds report *nonspendable fund balance* for amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. *Restricted fund balance* is reported when externally imposed constraints are placed on the use of resources by grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments. *Committed fund balance* is reported for amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority, the Board of Directors. A formal resolution of the Board is required to establish, modify, or rescind a fund balance commitment. The Authority currently has no nonspendable, restricted, or committed fund balance. The Authority also has no assigned fund balance as the Board has not yet given authority for the making of such assignments; assigned fund balances are neither restricted nor committed. Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund.

When the government incurs an expenditure for purposes for which various fund balance classifications can be used, it is the government's policy to use restricted fund balance first, then committed, assigned, and finally unassigned fund balance.

### Budgetary Information

The general fund is under formal budgetary control and its budget is prepared on the same modified accrual basis used to reflect actual results. The Authority follows the City budget process in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- The Authority submits a proposed budget to the City Manager. After review and approval, the City Manager submits a recommended operating budget to the City Commission. Public hearings are held to obtain taxpayer comments. The budget is legally adopted through a City Commission resolution prior to the beginning of the budgetary year for the Authority's funds.
- The budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted and amended by the City Commission during the year.

For the year ended June 30, 2018, the Authority's general fund expenditures were within budget.

## 2. POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

At year-end, the carrying amount of the Authority's pooled cash and investments, which were deposited entirely in the City's internal cash management pool, was \$658,634. Because it is infeasible to allocate risk to individual component units or pool participants, aggregate cash and investment categorizations are presented in the City's basic financial statements.

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## Notes to Financial Statements

### 3. LONG-TERM DEBT AND CONSTRUCTION COMMITMENTS

During the year ended June 30, 2008, the Authority entered into a loan with the Battle Creek Tax Increment Finance Authority ("BCTIFA"; a component unit of the City of Battle Creek, Michigan) to borrow up to \$3,530,000 for use with a particular brownfield project. As of June 30, 2018, the Authority had drawn \$2,560,708 on the authorized amount, and the current outstanding balance due is \$694,377. Accordingly, this balance is reported as a long-term debt in the statement of net position; no amount is presently reported as due within one year since repayment is based on the future collection of incremental tax revenues. The repayment obligation includes interest at 5% per annum. No draws were taken on this loan during the year ended June 30, 2018.

During the year ended June 30, 2010, the Authority entered into another loan with BCTIFA to borrow up to \$5,500,000 for use with another particular brownfield project. As of June 30, 2018, the Authority had drawn \$2,473,538 on the authorized amount; this amount is currently outstanding. Accordingly, this balance is reported as a long-term debt in the statement of net position; no amount is presently reported as due within one year since repayment is based on the future collection of incremental tax revenues. The repayment obligation includes interest at 5% per annum. Draws of \$13,245 were taken on this loan during the year ended June 30, 2018.

Each of the GASB 34 adjustments presented in the accompanying financial statements are related to recognizing the aforementioned borrowings and related transactions.

Following is a summary of the changes in the debt obligation and of the remaining amounts on the loan authorizations to the Authority:

	First Loan	Second Loan	Total
Beginning balance, July 1, 2017	\$ 969,377	\$ 2,460,293	\$ 3,429,670
Loan draws	-	13,245	13,245
Repayments	(275,000)	-	(275,000)
Ending balance June 30, 2018	<u>\$ 694,377</u>	<u>\$ 2,473,538</u>	<u>\$ 3,167,915</u>
Total loan authorization	\$ 3,530,000	\$ 5,500,000	\$ 9,030,000
Loan draws:			
Prior years	(2,560,708)	(2,460,293)	(5,021,001)
Current year	-	(13,245)	(13,245)
Remaining authorization	<u>\$ 969,292</u>	<u>\$ 3,026,462</u>	<u>\$ 3,995,754</u>

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## ■ Notes to Financial Statements

### 4. PROPERTY TAXES

Property tax revenue is derived pursuant to a tax increment financing agreement between the Authority and various applicable taxing districts. Real and personal property taxes are levied and attach as an enforceable lien on properties located within the boundaries of the tax increment financing district. The City of Battle Creek bills and collects the taxes on behalf of the Authority. Delinquent taxes on ad valorem real property are purchased by Calhoun County. Property tax revenue is recognized when levied in the government-wide financial statements and in the fund financial statements to the extent that it is available to pay current obligations.

### 5. TAX ABATEMENTS

The Authority received reduced property tax revenues during 2018 as a result of brownfield redevelopment agreements entered into by the Authority.

Brownfield redevelopment agreements are intended to reimburse taxpayers that remediate environmental contamination on their properties. These agreements were entered into based upon the Brownfield Redevelopment Act, PA 381 of 1996, as amended. Under this Act, a government may create a brownfield redevelopment authority to develop and implement brownfield projects. Tax increment financing may be used as a tool for property redevelopment. The abatements amounted to \$172,347 in reduced Authority tax revenues for 2018.

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