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MatthewsTM
North Carolina

COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010

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North Carolina**

**Comprehensive Annual
Financial Report**

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Prepared By
Department of Finance



**TOWN OF MATTHEWS
NORTH CAROLINA**

**List of Principal Elected Officials
Year Ended June 30, 2010**

James P. Taylor, *Mayor*

Suzanne Gulley, *Mayor Pro Tem*

**Paul Bailey
Nancy LaFond
Jeff Miller
W. Kress Query
John Urban**



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September 29, 2010

The Honorable Mayor
and Members of the Board of Commissioners
Matthews, North Carolina

It is with pleasure that we present to you the 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) of the Town of Matthews, North Carolina for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010. This report is in compliance with North Carolina General Statutes Section 159-34, which requires an annual independent audit and report on the financial activity of the Town. The financial statements and supplemental schedules contained herein have been audited by the independent certified public accounting firm of Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs, P.A., and that firm's unqualified opinion is in the Financial Section of this report. Responsibility for both the accuracy of the presented data and the completeness and fairness of the presentation, including all disclosures, rests with the Town of Matthews Department of Finance. To the best of our knowledge and belief, the enclosed data are accurate in all material respects and are reported in a manner designed to present fairly the financial position and the results of operations of the various funds of the Town. We believe all disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain an understanding of the Town's financial activities have been included.

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report is designed to meet the needs of a wide range of financial statements users. This letter of transmittal is intended to complement the Management Discussion and Analysis and should be read in conjunction with it. The MD&A can be found immediately following the Independent Auditors' Report. The Statistical Section, which is unaudited, includes selected financial, non-financial and demographic information, much of which is presented on a ten-year basis, as well as required supplementary information. Finally, the Compliance Section presents reports and schedules required by the federal and state Single Audit Acts. The Single Audit Act has allowed us to use our existing independent auditing firm to audit all grants, thereby eliminating the need to hire auditors for each separate grant.

For financial reporting purposes, in accordance with the criteria in GASB Statement No. 14, the Town of Matthews includes all funds, agencies, boards, commissions, and authorities that are controlled by or are financially dependent upon the Town. Control by or financial dependence was determined on the basis of obligation of the Town to finance deficits, guarantee debt, select the governing authority, approve the budget, have authority to make a public levy, and to have ownership of assets. At June 30, 2010, the Town has no component units.

Description of the Town

The Town of Matthews was established in 1879 and is located in the Southern Piedmont section of North Carolina. It has land area of approximately seventeen square miles and a population of 29,209. The Town has a Council/Manager form of government. The elected Board consists of six board members plus the Mayor. The seven members of the Governing Body are elected on a non-partisan basis and serve two-year terms. The Board is responsible for adopting an annual budget, passing ordinances, establishing policies, appointing committees, and hiring the Town Manager. The Town Manager is responsible for implementing policies, overseeing daily operation, and appointing department heads. The Town provides its citizens with a wide range of services that include public safety, public works, environmental protection, planning and zoning, cultural and recreational opportunities, general administration, and others. This report includes all the Town's activities in maintaining these services.

Economic Conditions and Outlook

Since 1980 the Town of Matthews has experienced phenomenal growth from a village of 1,648 to a population of over 29,000. Though much of the growth was due to annexation, a significant portion is also attributable to the increased residential development that has occurred within the Town limits. In June 2003, Matthews town limits reached their ultimate expansion, so no further annexation will occur. The town is constrained by the location of the City of Charlotte to the west and south, the Town of Mint Hill to the north and Union County to the east; so future growth will be characterized more by infill development and more intense redevelopment.

Due to the strength of the Matthews economy in prior years, the Town has been able to sustain quality development. The Town benefits from its location in the Charlotte metropolitan region and by the development of a diverse local economy. Corporate offices of several large companies are located in Matthews. Commercial development is a mix of large planned commercial centers and small independent development. The Town has approved the construction of a 200-acre Auto Mall with mixed uses. A public/private partnership, including the Town Hall/Library building (occupied in August/September 2001) and office/retail development along a new public street significantly expanded the Downtown Business District. In 2010, the town sold two properties, one of which was a vacant lot and the developer will construct a new restaurant in the downtown development. The other property consisted of renovation of a historical house and will become home to the Matthews Historical Foundation, provide a satellite office for the Matthews Police Department and open space for local art-and-craft shows. The construction of Interstate 485 has enhanced connectivity of Matthews' businesses to other development in the region.

In 1994, Presbyterian Hospital, located in Charlotte, NC, opened a new facility in Matthews. Presbyterian Hospital Matthews provides a wide range of health services including maternity, surgery, cardiovascular and cancer care. They have expanded the campus to incorporate state of the art equipment and facilities that includes a Chest Pain Center Accreditation, expanded emergency room services, and a Special Care Nursery for premature infants. Presbyterian Hospital Matthews continues to be honored as a 5-star customer satisfaction hospital. They have been recognized as a Magnet Health Care Facility. The facility currently employs approximately 800 people.

In the fall of 1998 a satellite campus of Central Piedmont Community College, the CPCC Levine Campus, opened in Matthews with an enrollment of over 6,000 students. This campus has since expanded its size to an enrollment of over 15,000 students. In 2006, the college dedicated and opened a new automotive technology center that bears the name of Joe Hendrick. This center was made possible by a \$1,000,000 gift from Rick Hendrick of Hendrick Motorsports. Matthews is also home to a regional campus of Wingate University. Currently, the campus rents property in the downtown district. Over 500 students are in the Town five days a week earning, bachelor, master and doctorate degrees. Wingate University as announced plans to build a \$5M campus near I-485. It is expected to open in 2012.

There are five public schools in Matthews (three elementary schools, a middle school, and a high school) and two private schools, each fielding classes from pre-kindergarten to high school.

A new senior citizens center opened in 2005. This 20,000 square feet venue which includes an indoor swimming pool, banquet and meeting rooms, full service kitchen, computer/technology area, craft rooms and exercise area will provide a wonderful gathering place and resource center for seniors throughout the metropolitan area. The funding for construction of this center was a partnership between Mr. Leon Levine, whom the center is named after, and the citizens of Matthews thru donations and fundraisers.

Although growth in the Town and the region has slowed due to economic conditions, residential development should keep pace with nonresidential and service/employment uses through new subdivisions and infill development. Zoning regulations designed to allow varied housing types and styles at higher densities are being utilized. Town homes and cottage homes have been approved and built on multiple sites in the downtown. Bella Sera and The Polo club are two residential communities with 210 duplex and four-plex homes between them. They, along with the Village at St. Andrews, another 114 duplex and four-plex unit development, have been constructed and are promoted to empty nesters. Silver Oaks is another development that received zoning approval for a combination of 38 single-family detached houses and 94 town homes. In September 2008 Plantation Village was approved for 300 units. This retirement facility will be an expansion of their current facility, Plantation Estates. Located close to downtown, this upscale retirement community will provide additional housing options for the aging population in our community.

To best identify the direction for future growth, the Town of Matthews undertook a long-range, Town-wide visioning process during 2005. Over 250 residents participated in an issue-setting session that evolved into a series of 12 Vision Statements that were adopted in December 2005. These vision statements are being used by elected and appointed officials, staff, Chamber of Commerce representatives, local businesses, developers and the general public to mold and shape the future of Matthews. In 2008, the Town began the next step to incorporate those vision statements into an actionable Strategic Plan for the Town government. All Town Departments participated in the process and implementation began in the 2010 budget.

In the fiscal year 2008-2009 budget, the Board approved an economic development program, which included a full-time position. Due to the economic downturn in the fall of 2008, the Assistant Town Manger currently oversees implementation of the program. This program works with the Chamber of Commerce to recruit and attract additional

commercial developers to help strengthen our tax base. With this expansion, the outlook of Matthews continues to be bright. Our favorable tax rate, small town atmosphere, and easy access to major transportation corridors continue to make Matthews an attractive place to live, work and play, as the town strives to provide the protection and quality of life that Matthews has come to enjoy.

Another allocation included in the 2009 budget was the completion of a four-year phase that transferred full responsibility for fire protection from the Matthews-Morningstar Volunteer Fire Department to the Town of Matthews. With this transition the Fire and EMS divisions merged into one unit. There are nine full-time paid staff positions and the town relies heavily on continued volunteerism.

Major Initiatives/Changes

In the past several years the Town has undertaken and completed a number of significant capital projects. These projects include:

- Renovation of the Matthews Community Center completed in October 2000.
- Retrofit of an existing 40,000 square foot building into a Public Safety building for Police and EMS, completed in June 2001.
- Construction of Town Hall/Library facility, completed in August 2001.
- Construction of a new Public Works facility, completed in May 2001.
- Renovation of the old Seaboard Train depot, completed in July 2003. This renovation houses a museum and the Matthews Chamber of Commerce.
- Construction of a 12,000 square feet recreation center, projected completion May 2006.
- Assisted Mecklenburg County with the purchase of 94 acres of open space for future park development in November 2006. The town negotiated a 50-year lease for the use of this property.
- Purchased 1.27 acres of land, with a 4667 square foot building that adjoins a current downtown park in 2007. This will be used for future expansion of cultural and recreation opportunities.
- Joined partnership with Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation to design and construct a \$32 million sportsplex. This complex will be located on 160 acres located within the Town. Eleven sports fields plus a 2,700 seat stadium will host regional and national field sport tournaments (soccer, lacrosse, football, etc.)
- In June 2007 a new Rescue/Pumper Fire Apparatus was purchased. This enabled the department to operate more efficiently and allowed increased coverage capabilities.
- Accepted full responsibility for all fire protection services in November 2008, formerly maintained by a combination of an independent volunteer fire organization and paid town staff.

- Joined partnership with Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation to provide funding for the construction of a 2.3 mile greenway project in July 2009. This joint effort allows the project to be completed ahead of schedule while saving over \$1,000,000 due to current economic impact.
- Acquired historical agricultural facility for future expansion of cultural and recreation opportunities.
- August 2009, secured PARTF Grant in the amount of \$499,895 for renovation of Squirrel Lake Park
- Upgrade / replacement of all 800 MHz public safety radios in 2009 to ensure interoperability with surrounding communities.
- Designed, constructed and dedicated Town's first downtown pocket park – KP Park – in memory of former Assistant Town Manager, Kay Plyler. The park opened in May 2010.
- Spring 2010, the town received \$550,000 in federal stimulus funds from ARRA for road and transportation improvements
- In December 2009, signed a contract for a new 101' Ladder Platform Fire Truck, replacing a 25 year old vehicle. The new truck will be placed in service in Fall 2010.

Matthews has aggressively addressed many of its future capital needs with these projects. In 2007 implemented a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) that focuses on the adoption of a rolling five (5) year plan. The plan anticipates projects and equipment needs on a multi-year basis and explores alternative funding methods, while remaining consistent with its adopted fund balance policy of retaining 34% of undesignated funds to operating expenses. The Governing Body has formally adopted and funded five consecutive years of the CIP beginning April 2007.

With many of the major capital projects completed, the Town's efforts have shifted towards an infrastructure and connectivity focus. The Town's goal is to improve interconnections with the existing road grid system. This includes planned improvements for improved traffic flow through Matthews, and a focus on light rail and/or rapid bus transit from Matthews to Charlotte's center city. Matthews will continue to investigate ways for alternate means of transportation other than car, including bicycle facilities, greenways, and pedestrian walkways. The Matthews Comprehensive Bicycle Plan was adopted in October 2006, and a Parks and Recreation Master Plan, which addressed open space needs, greenways and other recreation needs was adopted in 2007. A 2.3 mile greenway is under construction and our first pocket park was designed, installed and dedicated in May 2010, in downtown. In 2010 the Town has agreed to participate in a Joint Comprehensive Transportation Plan with adjoining communities of Stallings and Indian Trail.

In December 2007 the bi-annual Pavement Condition Assessment was completed. The results showed that while overall our street system was in "good" condition, we needed to start addressing maintenance to prevent and decrease major rehabilitation or

reconstruction cost. The Board appropriated \$500,000 additional funds in 2008 to begin addressing these needs. Additional steps were taken to increase the auto tag fees. This generated an additional \$200,000 per year for street maintenance. Since December 2007, the town has re-constructed and/or repaved over 12.5 miles of town streets. This is equivalent to 15% of the town's street mileage. In spring 2010, the town was able to secure \$550,000 of federal funds thru the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. North Carolina Department of Transportation oversaw the design work and contracted with a local paving contractor to perform the work. Another infrastructure the council has focused on is widening and improving a major artery that brings traffic into downtown. The anticipated redesign and construction of this road would include additional bike lanes and easy access to greenways. Voter approved general obligation bonds will be used to fund this project.

In November 2006, Town Commissioners authorized an Economic Development Strategic Plan to be prepared to guide future land use decisions and to outline effective new marketing strategies the Town can undertake to encourage expansion and retention of all types of business and commercial activities. A focus on creating employment centers was a key component of this plan. The plan was presented in January 2008 and adopted in March 2008. The Board of Commissioners created and appointed an Economic Development Advisory Committee to assist in this plan. They have developed a product inventory (i.e. land, buildings) and are implementing a marketing plan.

Technology will continue being an important avenue for improvement in the Town. In January 2005 a contract was signed to update and install new financial software applications. The financial software gave all town departments and locations access to immediate financial information. The implementation process and startup began in March 2005, went live in July 2005, and continues to be upgraded and enhanced each year with additional applications. With the adoption of fiscal year ending 2010 budget, the board allocated funds to have an information technology assessment performed town-wide. This assessment provided technological advancement opportunities and phased implementation scheduled to begin in fiscal year ending 2011.

Financial Information

The Town of Matthews prepares its annual budget on the modified accrual basis, and maintains its accounting records on that basis in accordance with State law. Under modified accrual accounting, revenues are recorded when they are both measurable and available. Expenditures are recorded when a liability is incurred, except for unmatured principal and interest on general long-term debt and certain compensated absences such as accrued vacation benefits. Governmental Fund types, such as the Town's General Fund, Special Revenue Fund and Capital Projects Funds, are reported on the modified accrual basis.

An annual or project budget ordinance, as adopted by the governing body, creates a legal limit on spending authorizations. For Matthews, an annual budget is adopted for the General Fund and Tourism Fund. Multi-year project budgets are adopted for the Capital Project Funds. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts comprised of assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance related legal and contractual provisions. Appropriations are made at the object level, however, for internal accounting purpose; budgetary control is maintained by object class (line item account). Internal policy requires purchase orders that would create an over

encumbrance at that level not be written until additional appropriations are available through budget amendments or inter departmental transfers approved by the Town Manager. The Town Manager also may authorize transfers of functional appropriations within a fund not to exceed ten percent of the appropriated monies for the department whose allocation is reduced. Encumbered amounts lapse at year-end. However, outstanding encumbrances are generally re-appropriated as part of the following year's budget.

The management of the Town is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. The internal control structure is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance regarding (1) the safeguarding of assets against loss from unauthorized use or disposition; (2) the reliability of financial records for preparing financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and maintaining accountability for assets, and (3) compliance with applicable laws and regulations related to federal and state financial assistance programs. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that (1) the cost of a control should not exceed the benefits likely to be derived, and (2) the evaluation of costs and benefits requires estimates and judgments by management.

As demonstrated by the financial statements and supplemental schedules included in the financial section of this report, we believe that the Town's internal accounting controls adequately protect assets and provide reasonable assurance of the proper recording of financial transactions. The finance department experienced an extraordinary turnover in staff during fiscal year 2008, which attributed to the internal control findings in the audit report. Strict policies and procedures were put in place to prevent this in the future.

General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Town. The General Fund accounts for all financial resources except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund. The primary revenue sources are ad valorem taxes, State Grants, service contracts, and various other taxes and licenses. The primary expenditures are for public safety, public works, environmental protection, cultural and recreational, and general government services.

Other Information

The Town of Matthews is required by state law (G.S. 159-34) to undergo an annual independent financial audit. A compliance audit on federal and state financial assistance programs is also required under the Federal Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and the State Single Audit Implementation Act. The Town's independent auditors, Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs, P.A., were recommended by the Finance Department and approved by the Town Council. The auditor's report on the financial statements is included in the Financial Section of this report. The auditors' reports required as part of a single audit are found in the Compliance Section of this report.

The Town of Matthews intends to submit this report to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for its Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program. This program recognizes governmental units that publish easily read and efficiently organized Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports that conform to program standards. A Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition awarded in the field of governmental financial reporting.

The preparation of this report is a very intensive project, and could not have been accomplished without the assistance and dedication of the Finance and Administration Department staff. The Mayor, Town Board, and Town Manager continue to be very supportive of our efforts to produce the best financial reports possible for our citizens. We appreciate your support in granting us the time and funding to generate this document, and allowing us to submit it to the GFOA for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Surratt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and a long, sweeping tail.

Christine L. Surratt
Finance Director

Certificate of Achievement

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

Presented to

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North Carolina

For its Comprehensive Annual
Financial Report
for the Fiscal Year Ended
June 30, 2009

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



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President

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Executive Director

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Town of Matthews for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009. This was the twelfth consecutive year that the government has achieved this prestigious award. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized comprehensive annual financial report. This report must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

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

APPOINTED AND ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

H. Hazen Blodgett, III
Town Manager

James Justice	Assistant Town Manager
Jill Pleimann	Town Clerk/Executive Assistant/ Assistant Personnel Director
Annette Privette-Keller	Assistant to Manager/ Communications Director
Christine Surratt	Finance Director
Trim Sawtelle	Fire/EMS Director
Lee Tillery	Parks & Recreation and Cultural Resources Director
Kathi Ingrish	Planning & Zoning Director
Rob Hunter	Police Chief
Ralph Messera	Public Works Director

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The Town of Matthews has numerous boards and advisory committees that help make recommendations to the Town Board of Commissioners. These boards and committees are an integral part in helping shape the future of the Town. Citizens are invited and encouraged to participate. Please note that the following boards are presented in summary only.

Appearance / Tree Advisory Committee

Responsibilities: The Matthews Appearance/Tree Advisory Committee makes a study of the visual characteristics and needs of the Town and promotes those activities and programs that enhance the Town character, preserving and beautifying the landscape, in order to make Matthews a cleaner, greener, and more aesthetically pleasing community.

Board of Adjustment

Responsibilities: The Board of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial board that interprets town ordinances and policies for unique situations or special cases related to the town Zoning Ordinance. The Board of Adjustment meets as needed on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Hood Room in the Matthews Town Hall located at 232 Matthews Station Street.

Economic Development Advisory Committee

Responsibilities: The Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) markets the Town to facilitate the economic development process. Major emphasis is placed on the retention and expansion of existing business and industry, the attraction of new business opportunities, and the continued revitalization of the Town's economic base.

Environmental Advisory Committee

Responsibilities: To advise and assist the Matthews Board of Commissioners in resolving air pollution, water pollution, noise pollution, sedimentation control and floodway control problems reported by the residents of Matthews. They also provide input to the Board of Commissioners on solid waste and recycling programs and activities.

Historic Preservation Advisory Committee

Responsibilities: The Matthews Historic Preservation Advisory Committee focuses on the preservation of properties and artifacts, education of the community, and partnerships with municipal and civic organizations, including the Matthews Historical Foundation and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission, to advance the cause of historic preservation.

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resource Advisory Committee

Responsibilities: The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resource Advisory Committee serves as an advisory body in matters affecting recreation and special events including planning, promotion and marketing of same. The Committee provides input for the long-range planning of resources towards park projects, acquisition of land and other indoor/outdoor recreational activities. Additionally, the Committee ensures that Matthews has a current cultural plan which include arts, science and history programs both at the Matthews Community Center and in the community at large.

Planning Board

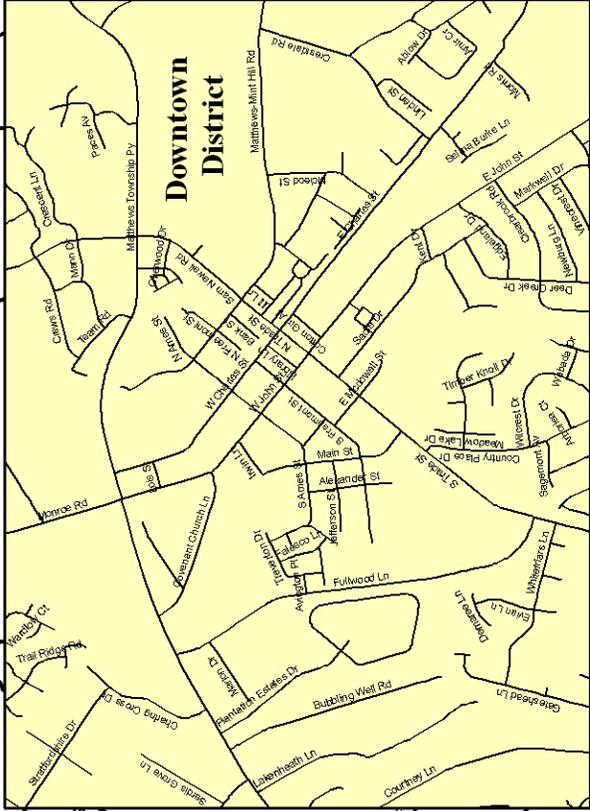
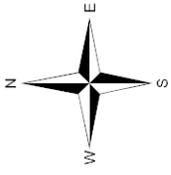
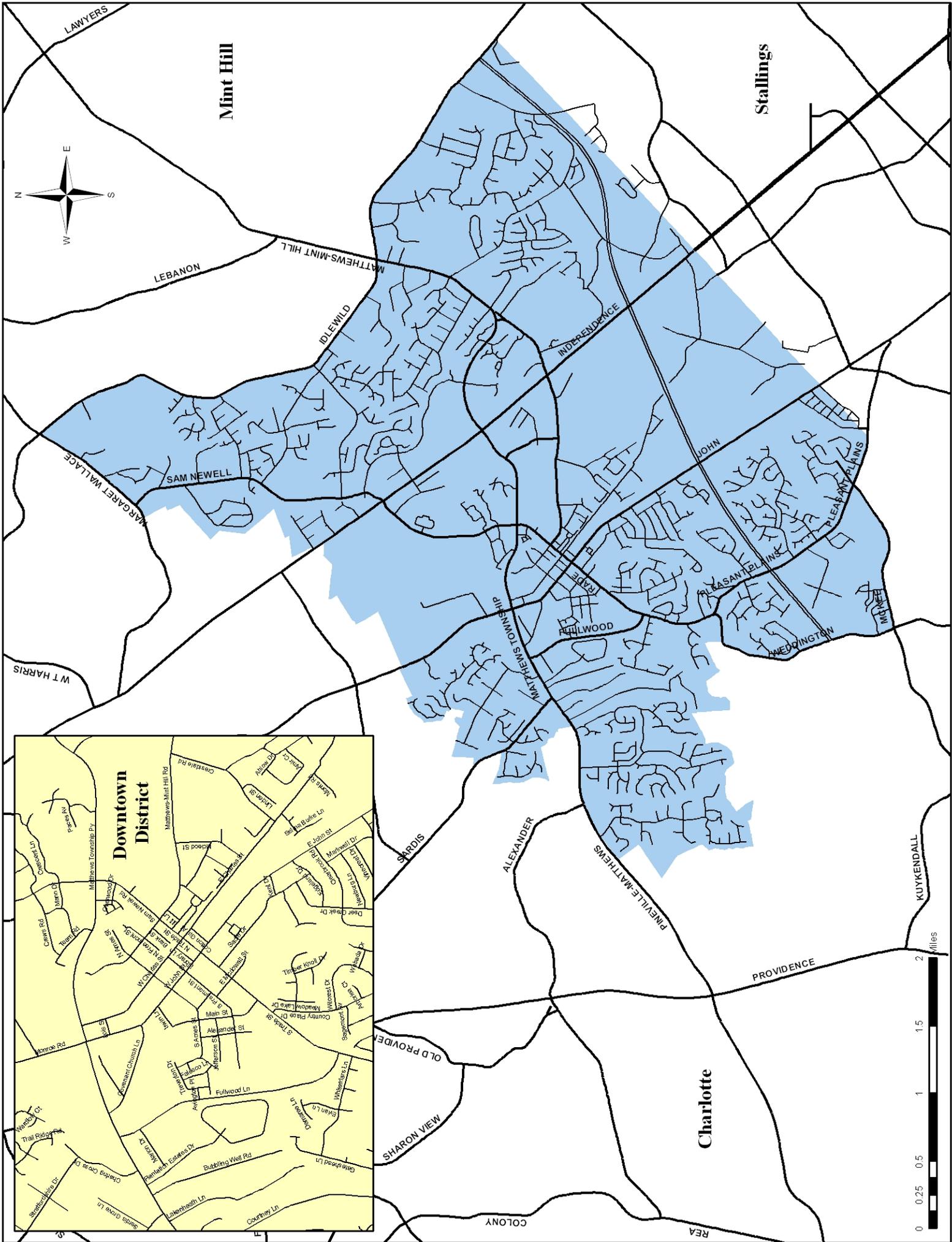
Responsibilities: The Planning Board investigates town plans and growth and makes recommendations to the Board of Commissioners.

Special Needs Advisory Committee

Responsibilities: The Special Needs Advisory Committee (SNAC) assist and aids the Town Board of Commissioners to identify ways to work and serve the Special Needs and Senior Populations living in Matthews. Their efforts are to ensure that the needs of this segment of the town's population are met.

Transportation Advisory Committee

Responsibilities: The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) assists in the development of a master transportation system plan to include, but not be limited to, current and future roads and location of same; mass transit corridors and infrastructure types; car-van-bus pools/park & ride solutions; pedestrian greenways; and bike paths. The TAC also makes recommendations to the Matthews Town Board of Commissioners on issues such as speed hump placement, traffic calming, etc., and provide review input on major projects that may affect transportation such as major area rezonings.



HISTORY & DESCRIPTION OF THE TOWN OF MATTHEWS

Matthews began as a small farming community in the 1800's. Cotton farmers completely cleared the land, leaving tree stumps in every direction; thus, the first name for the community became Stumptown. In 1925, the name changed to Fullwood for John Fullwood who operated the Stagecoach Inn and became the first postmaster for this area. Nearby residents received mail at the inn, and the stagecoach made regular stops on its way from Charlotte to Monroe.

In 1874, the Carolina Central Railway Company built a railroad through the town as a part of the line from Wilmington, North Carolina to Tennessee. The first train rolled into the community on December 15, 1874 and people from miles around came to see the "Iron Horse." The name of the town was changed to Matthews in honor of Watson Matthews, a director of the railroad. The town was incorporated in 1879 and the first census in 1880 showed a population of 191. When originally surveyed, the Town of Matthews was laid out to include a one-mile radius from what is now the town square at the intersection of John and Trade Streets. Election records of 1886 show that 51 people voted for the mayor – Wilson T. Carpenter, 24 years old, a teacher and a registered pharmacist. Mr. (or Doctor as he was sometimes addressed) Carpenter was born March 22, 1855 and is buried in the Matthews Cemetery. T. M. Chambers was the first Marshall of the town and, like his counterparts in the Wild West, dispensed justice with a gun slung on his hip.

As cotton farming covered the South, around the turn of the century, small towns flourished as suppliers for farmers' needs. The railroad became the lifeline of Matthews. Five passenger trains and eight freight trains came through town each day and the Depot did thousands of dollars in business. By 1901 Matthews downtown boated two cotton gins, three general stores, a bank, two doctors, a pharmacy, a gristmill, a blacksmith shop, a livery table and a hotel.

Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches were organized around 1877. The churches at first operated private schools until 1895 when a three-room public school was built in Carpenter's Grove, where Stumptown Park now stands. All too soon, the little wooden schoolhouse was overflowing and in 1906 a modern brick building was erected at the cost of \$14,000. The property was purchased by the Town; in 1994, and is now known as the Matthews Community and Performing Arts Center. It is recognized as a Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Property and renovations to the structure have recently been completed.

Dr. Selma Burk, world-renowned sculptress and creator of the image of President Roosevelt on the dime, has her roots in Matthews. She credits the "good Matthews mud" as the beginning of her artistic endeavors. Dr. Burke donated an outdoor sculpture entitled "Family" to the Fullwood Trace neighborhood, which is proudly displayed in the lobby of the Matthews Town Hall.

Johnny Crowell, the only North Carolinian ever inducted into the aviation hall of fame, was a Matthews native. He was the parade marshal of the Stumptown Festival in 1977.

After World War II, the farming community began to change. As Charlotte's booming growth spread, the Matthews community became filled with businesses, housing developments, and thousands of people. Large corporations founded their headquarters in Matthews. In 1994 a 240,000 square foot hospital facility was built and annexation for further growth spread Matthews' boundaries. Construction of the I-485 outer beltway connects Matthews directly with major interstate highways I-77 and I-85, to Charlotte-Douglas International Airport, and increases its accessibility to regional and national commerce.

As Matthews moves forward into its second century, it continues to be one of the state's most affluent and desirable communities, while at the same time it retains the quaint, small-town atmosphere that has attracted thousands of visitors and families who have chosen to live and work here.

A local town historian published book entitled "Discover Matthews...from Cotton to Corporate" that takes a look back at Matthews from its early days before incorporation to 1999. It is over 100 pages and includes numerous photographs. The Tourism Council has also produced calendars highlighting area homes and historic sites around the Town of Matthews, along with a set of four glasses depicting early streets and sites in Matthews.

In 2009, the Town worked extensively on a branding plan that included a communications plan, a logo and website redevelopment. This plan was part of the economic development initiative that was adopted in 2008. The main emphasis was how to attract businesses to the Town. In October 2009, the Town Board adopted and began implementation which included the Town's first logo. Research showed the Matthews citizens' loved their town. The desire to not forget our historic roots while evolving into a modern Town were important. The new logo incorporated how the town, our citizens, our businesses, and our visitors are all connected. The new logo has a modern look while the red brick color of the logo pays homage to the brick historic structures in our downtown. The logo has a "swoosh" indicating our connectivity to each other and the world at large.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TOWN GOVERNMENT

Legislative

Matthews is governed by the Town Council, which is comprised of the Mayor and six Board of Commissioners. A nonpartisan election for Mayor is held every two years. Commissioner elections are also nonpartisan, and all seats are at-large. Commissioners are elected for two-year terms. Elections are held on odd years.

The mission of the Matthews Board of Commissioners is to represent the public interest, promote quick, courteous response to residents' problems, provide leadership and direction to the Town's future, and to ensure the present and future fiscal integrity of the municipal government.

The Town of Matthews has a Council-Manager form of government. Under this form of government, the elected Board of Commissioners set policies for the operation of the Town.

Administrative

The Administrative Department, under the Council-Manager form of government, supports the role of the Town Manager in implementing the policy decisions of the Council. The Town Manager is appointed by the Town Council and is responsible for the performance of all town departments. The function of the Town Manager is to carry out the policies of the Town Council, the day-to-day management of the Town, the preparation of the Annual Operating Budget, interacting with citizens and local businesses, and involvement with community groups. The Assistant Town Manager, Town Clerk and Communications Director are also a part of the Administrative team. Maintaining and overseeing the town's computer/networking systems, safety and risk management responsibilities and Human Resource functions are part of the Administrative duties.

Finance

Responsibilities of this department are to administer the financial affairs of the Town under the direction of the Finance Director. This encompasses investing all Town funds, maintaining accounting and financial records, billing and collecting all Town moneys; including but not limited to real estate and personal property taxes, privilege license, animal license, etc., preparing biweekly payroll, and weekly accounts payables. They also prepare the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, help with Annual Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Budgets and Plans, and performing special projects such as monthly financial reports, cash flow projections, and providing centralized purchasing services.

Planning and Zoning

The primary functions of the Planning & Zoning Department provide assistance and direction to property owners, residents, and elected and appointed officials regarding the development and use of land. Comprehensive planning is concerned with long-range planning visions, including goals and policies on how the community as whole should grow, land use planning, thoroughfare planning, demographic and population information. The department drafts zoning, subdivision, and various other enforcement regulations for the Board of commissioners' acceptance. This department also operates and maintains the town's Geographical Information Systems (GIS).

Public Safety

The Public Safety consists of three departments; Police, Fire/EMS and Animal Control. The Police Department is divided into six main divisions: Administrative, Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Telecommunications, Support Services and Animal Control. Each division works hand-in-hand to protect our citizens and to deliver the highest level of service possible to our town and community. The Support Services division provides School Resource and D.A.R.E. Officers for the seven public and private schools in our area. The Animal Control Division assists the public with abandoned or dangerous animals, nuisance complaints, etc. and ensures that all dogs and cats have current rabies shots. A town tag is required for each pet.

The Town of Matthews assumed full responsibility for fire protection in November 2008. This was a result of a 48-month transition period that started with a vision and plan by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners. The Fire and EMS Department responds and handles the fire protection, rescue and first responder services for the area. The department is comprised of nine paid staff members and work in conjunction with numerous volunteers. The constant efforts of the Town Manager and Board of Commissioners to recognize and acknowledge the volunteers are very instrumental in the success of the combined department. Volunteers are eligible for up to \$500 per month in incentives, meal and tuition reimbursements. All training (except North Carolina EMT course) is offered in-house. Idlewild Volunteer Department works along the town to ensure adequate and constant coverage.

Public Works

The Public Works Department consists of seven divisions. They are Administrative, Streets/Roads and Sidewalks, Fleet, Landscaping, Facilities Maintenance, Storm Water, and Sanitation. Primary functions include maintenance and construction of sidewalks, road and roadway maintenance (including street rights-of-way), streetlights, parks maintenance, storm drainage structures. They also maintain all Town facilities and properties, which include a garage for maintenance and repairs on all Town vehicles and equipment. Traffic studies, inspections of new streets, subdivisions and commercial construction are performed under the direction of the Town Engineer and Public Works Director.

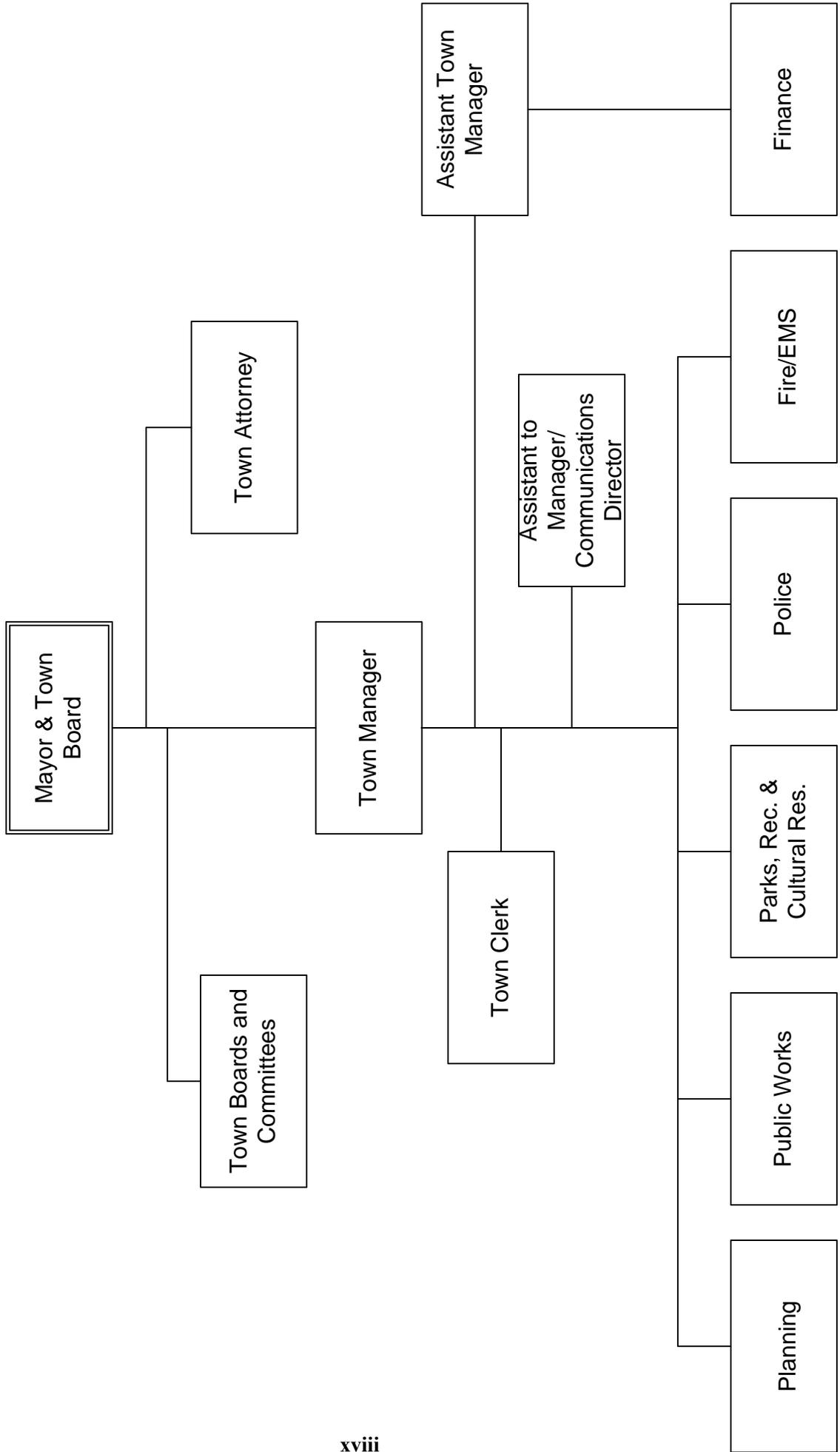
Parks and Recreation/Cultural Arts

The Parks and Recreation Department offers a wide variety of services, programs, activities and opportunities for individuals of all ages and abilities. Five park facilities, greenways and open space also provide recreational opportunities for the citizens and surrounding communities. The purchase of a 90-acre open space, in November 2005, will allow for future park development and opportunities. A 12,000 recreation center was completed in May 2006. They are responsible for comprehensive planning, public relations, park acquisition and development, and policy and procedure implementation.

The Cultural Arts Division maintains the Matthews Community Center. They work with and help promote cultural arts through various theater groups within the town. Numerous instructional programs and day camps are offered for area residents.

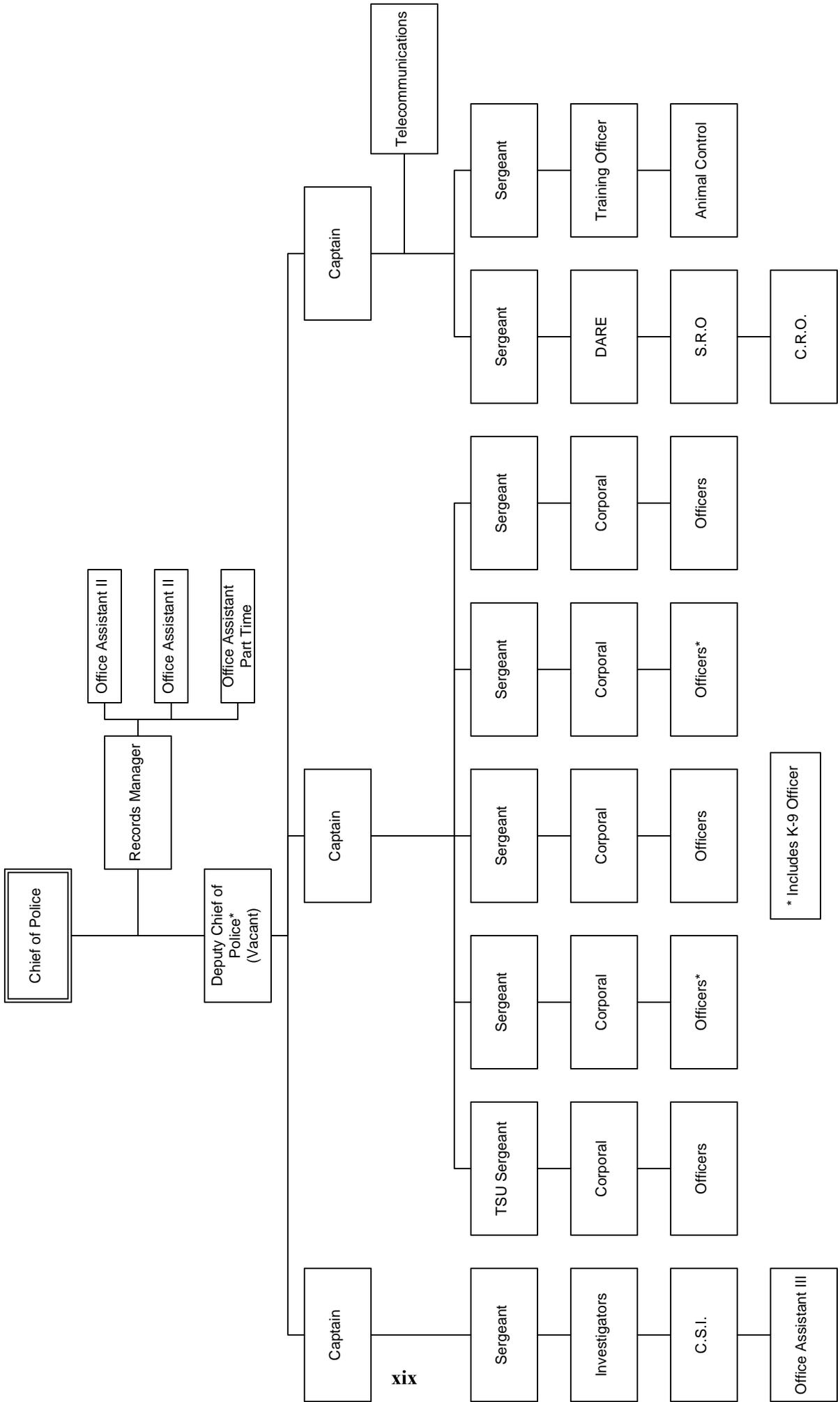
The Special Events Division is responsible for organizing and promoting town sponsored festivals. These include a spring BeachFest, a fall Labor day event, Matthews Alive!, that brings 200,000 plus visitors into our area, and the winter Hometown Holidays festival.

Organizational Structure 2010



Police Department

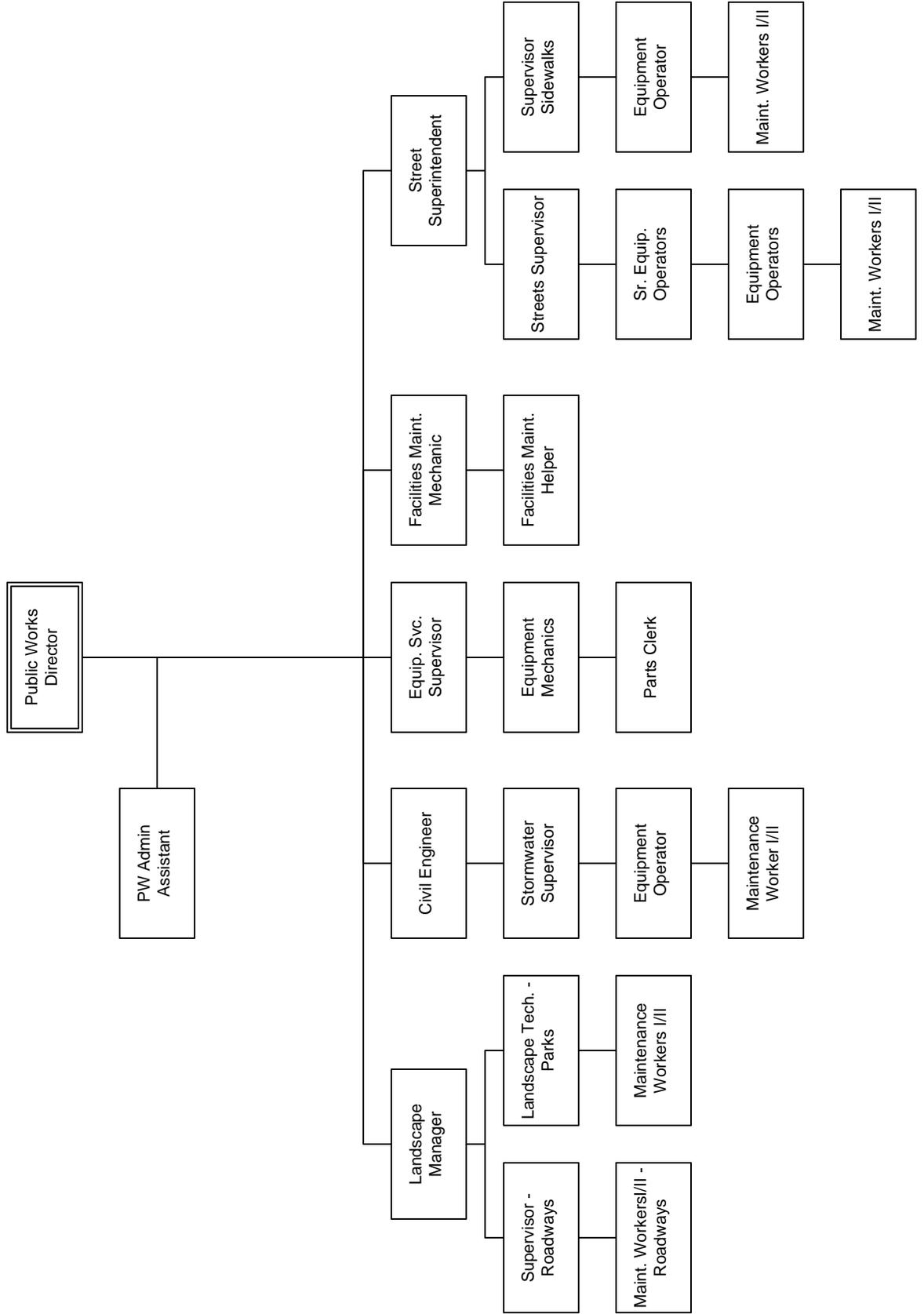
Organizational Structure
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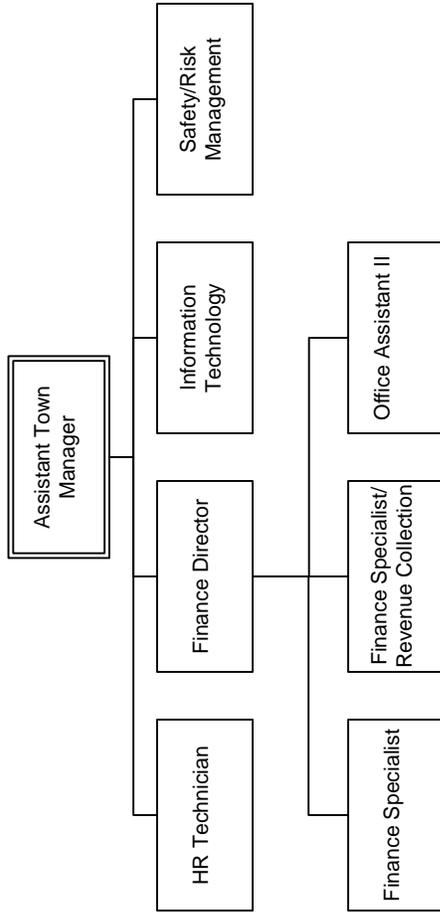
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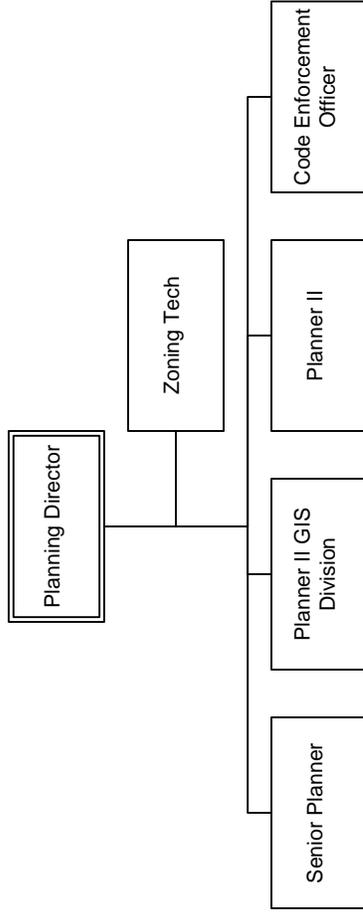
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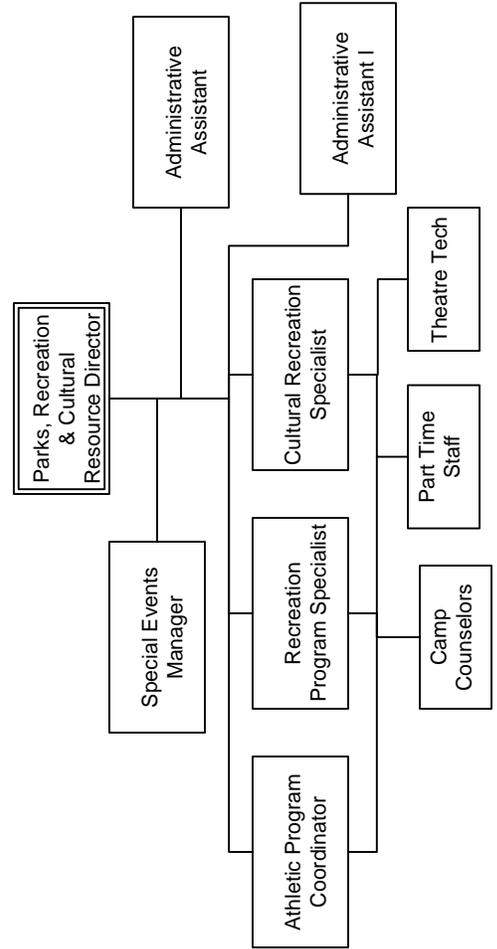
Planning Department

Organizational Structure
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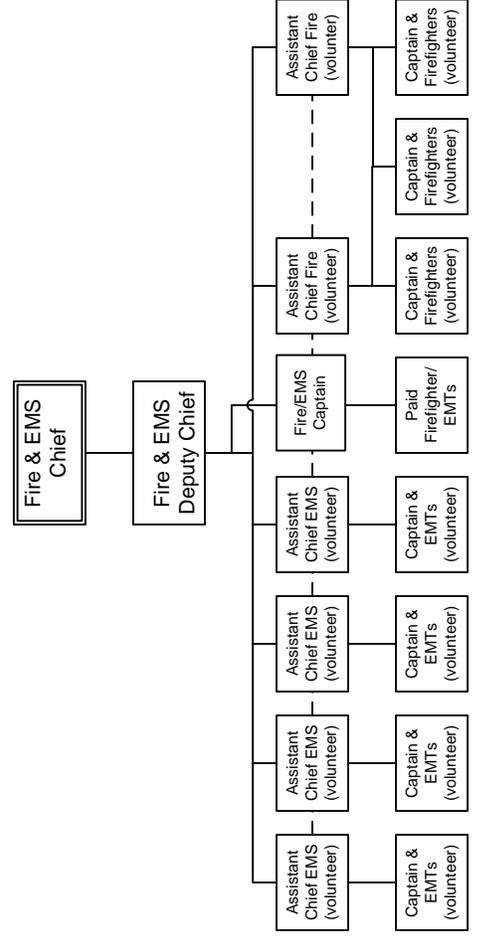
Parks & Recreation/Cultural Resources

Organizational Structure
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Fire & EMS Department

Organizational Structure
2010

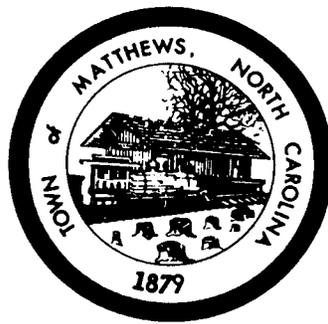




Financial Section

The Financial Section constitutes the formal portion of the report. The Independent Auditor's Report relates only to the combined, combining, and individual fund statements within this section. These schedules are presented with summary statements shown first, followed by more detailed statements.

- ❖ Independent Auditors' Report
 - ❖ Management's Discussion and Analysis
 - ❖ Basic Financial Statements
 - ❖ Required Supplemental Information
 - ❖ Combining and Individual Fund Statements and Schedules
 - ❖ Additional Financial Data
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and
Members of the Town Board
Town of Matthews, North Carolina

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Matthews, North Carolina as of and for the year ended June 30, 2010, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these basic 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 basic financial statements are free of material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, based on our audit, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Matthews, North Carolina as of June 30, 2010, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof, and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 29, 2010 on our consideration of the Town of Matthews' internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance and Other Post-Employment Benefits Schedules of Funding Progress and Employer Contributions are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion thereon.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements of the Town of Matthews, North Carolina taken as a whole. The introductory section, combining and individual major and nonmajor fund financial statements, budget and actual schedules, and other supplementary schedules, and the statistical tables, as well as the accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and the State Single Audit Implementation Act, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The individual major and nonmajor fund financial statements, budget and actual schedules, and other supplementary schedules, as well as the accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards have been subject to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The introductory section and statistical section have not been subject to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs, P.A.

Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs, P.A.
September 29, 2010

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As management of the Town of Matthews, we offer readers of the Town's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town of Matthews for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010. 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

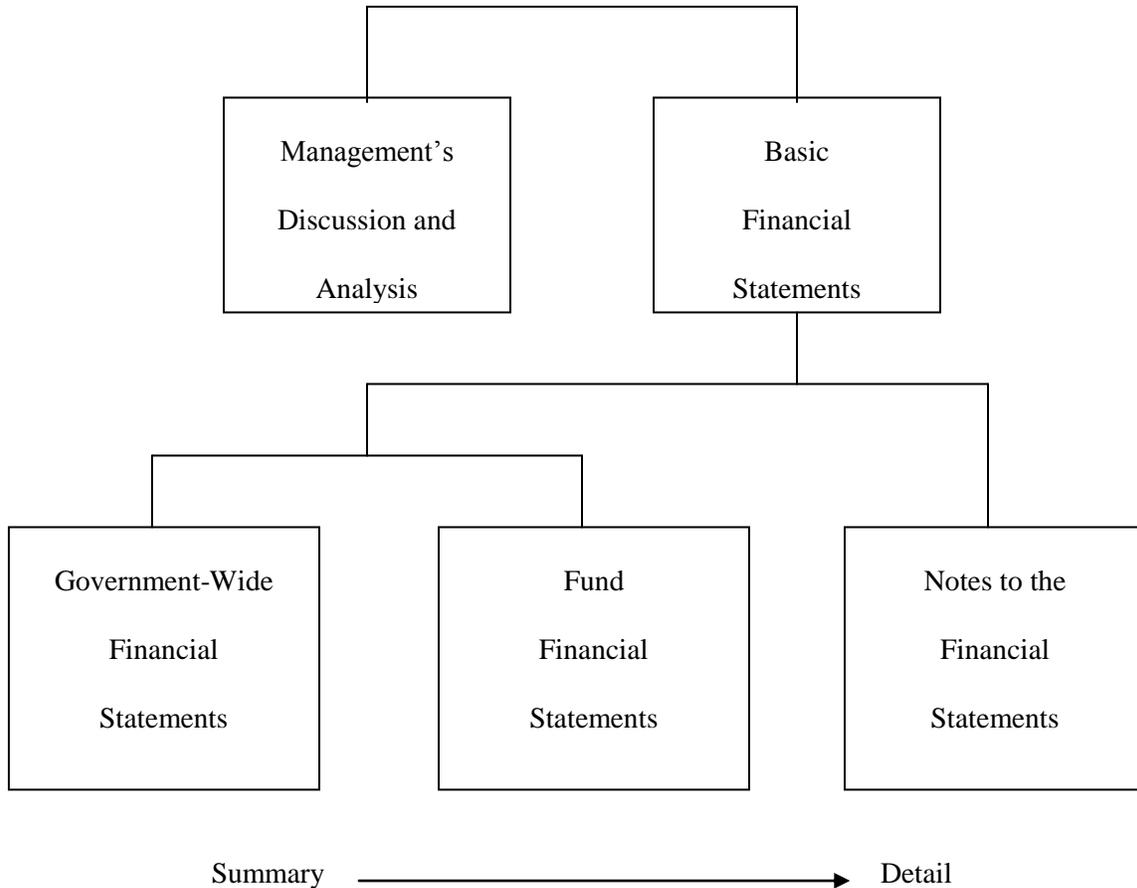
- The assets of the Town of Matthews exceeded its liabilities at the close of the fiscal year by \$265,901,566 (*net assets*).
- The Town's net assets decreased by \$4,841,733 primarily due to funding of capital improvement projects.
- At the close of the current fiscal year, the Town of Matthews' governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$10,286,043, an increase of \$704,501 in comparison with the prior year. Approximately 85% of this total amount, or \$8,785,646, is available for spending at the Town's discretion (*unreserved fund balance*).
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance for the General Fund was \$6,275,337 or 37% of the total General Fund expenditures for the fiscal year.
- The Town of Matthews had a net debt decrease of \$204,454 during the current fiscal year.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Town of Matthews' basic financial statements. The Town's financial statements consist of three components; 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. 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 Matthews.

Required Components of Annual Financial Report

Figure 1



Basic Financial Statements

The first two statements (Exhibits A and B) 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 C through F-1) are **Fund Financial Statements**. These statements focus on the activities of the individual parts of the Town's government. These statements provide more detail than that the government-wide statements. There are two parts to the fund financial statements: 1) the governmental funds statements; and 2) the budgetary comparison 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 the basic statements. After the notes, **Supplemental Information** is provided to show details about the Town's nonmajor governmental funds, which are combined in one column on the basic financial statements. 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's financial status as a whole.

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

The government-wide statements consist only of governmental activities. The governmental activities include all of the Town's basic services such as general administration, public safety, and public works. Property taxes and State and federal grant funds finance most of these activities.

The government-wide financial statements are on Exhibits A and B of this report.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements (see Figure 1) provide a more detailed look at the Town's 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 Matthews, 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 Matthews are governmental funds.

Governmental Funds - Governmental funds are used to account for those functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. All 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's programs. The relationship between government activities (reported in the Statement of Net Assets 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 Matthews 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 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.

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 begin on page 21 of this report.

Other Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report includes certain required supplementary information concerning the Town of Matthews progress in funding its obligation to provide pension benefits to its employees. Required supplementary information can be found beginning on page 42 of this report.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis Town of Matthews' Net Assets Figure 2

	Governmental Activities	
	2010	2009
Assets:		
Current and other assets	\$ 13,774,610	\$ 13,499,933
Capital assets, net	<u>264,315,955</u>	<u>269,581,540</u>
Total assets	<u>278,090,565</u>	<u>283,081,473</u>
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities	2,554,787	2,400,128
Other liabilities	<u>9,634,212</u>	<u>9,938,046</u>
Total liabilities	<u>12,188,999</u>	<u>12,338,174</u>
Net Assets:		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	256,498,533	261,861,998
Unrestricted	<u>9,403,033</u>	<u>8,881,301</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 265,901,566</u>	<u>\$ 270,743,299</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 Matthews exceeded liabilities by \$265,901,566 as of June 30, 2010. The Town's net assets decreased by \$4,841,733 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010. However, the largest portion (96%) 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 Matthews uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Town of Matthews' investments 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. A balance of \$9,403,033 is unrestricted.

Please note the following, which also affect the financial position of the Town:

- Mecklenburg County bills and collects all motor vehicle tax due to the Town of Matthews. The percent of net levy collected for the year ended June 30, 2010 is 97.81%.

Town of Matthews Changes in Net Assets

Figure 3

	Governmental Activities	
	2010	2009
Revenues:		
Program revenues:		
Charges for service	\$ 1,559,632	\$ 1,941,523
Operating grants and contributions	1,393,393	968,564
Capital grants and contributions	546,890	2,514,916
General revenues:		
Property taxes	10,367,847	10,014,657
Other taxes	3,550,057	3,682,046
Unrestricted intergovernmental	1,162,070	1,266,109
Investment earnings	<u>29,258</u>	<u>120,698</u>
Total revenues	<u>18,609,147</u>	<u>20,508,513</u>
Expenses:		
General Government	7,039,748	6,790,343
Public safety	7,620,881	8,175,344
Public works	3,697,289	3,121,238
Environmental protection	2,287,916	2,376,802
Cultural and recreation	1,877,984	1,196,978
Economic and physical development	557,786	473,900
Debt service	<u>369,276</u>	<u>647,687</u>
Total expenses	<u>23,450,880</u>	<u>22,782,292</u>
Increase (decrease) in net assets	<u>(4,841,733)</u>	<u>(2,273,779)</u>
Net assets - July 1	270,743,299	273,241,003
Prior period adjustment	<u>-</u>	<u>(223,925)</u>
Net assets, as restated	<u>270,743,299</u>	<u>273,017,078</u>
Net assets - June 30	<u>\$ 265,901,566</u>	<u>\$ 270,743,299</u>

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Governmental activities decreased the Town's net assets by \$4,841,733. Items relating to governmental activities are listed below.

Revenues – Governmental Activities

- The Town's total revenues were \$18,609,147 at June 30, 2010. Property taxes make up 56% of the Town's total revenues while operating grants and contributions and capital grants and contributions contributed 7% and 3%, respectively.
- Ad valorem taxes make up 56% of the governmental activity revenue and have traditionally been the single most important revenue source for funding local government operations. Matthews' tax base has slowed due to economic conditions, however remains stable. Mecklenburg County has been contracted to collect the Town's taxes. The Town's ad valorem tax collections increased slightly during fiscal year 2010 to 97.81%. The tax rate during fiscal year 2010 was 33.25 cents with an assessed value of \$3,082,600,902.
- Local option sales tax is the Town's governmental activity revenue's second largest revenue source accounting for 11% of total government revenues. The sales tax is a tax on the retail sale or lease of tangible personal property. Although the Town does not levy these taxes, they share in the proceeds collected by Mecklenburg County, in which the Town is located.
- Franchise Utilities Tax (Piped Natural Gas Excise Tax, Utility Franchise Tax, Telecommunications Sales Tax, Solid Waste Tipping Tax and Cablevision Franchise Tax) accounts for the third largest revenue source, 9.8% of revenues.
- Powell Bill funds are generated from the State's gasoline tax. A certain percentage of this tax is returned to municipalities through a formula based on a town's population and street mileage. These funds are limited to maintaining, repairing, construction, reconstruction, or widening of any street or public thoroughfare including bridges, drainage, curb and gutter, and other related needs.

Expenses – Governmental Activities

- The primary expenses are divided into seven different categories: General Government, Public Safety, Public Works, Environmental Protection, Economic and Physical Development, Cultural and Recreational, and Interest on long-term debt.
- The Town's expenses cover a range of services. As illustrated, General Government expenses account for 30%. General Government consists of the Legislative Department, Administrative Department, Finance Department, Information Technology Department, Safety and Risk Management Department, Planning Department, and Special Appropriations. This category represents increase of less than 1% this year.
- Public Safety accounts for 32.50% of the total expenses for the Town. Public Safety consists of the Police Department, Animal Control, and Fire/EMS. Expenses decreased 3.38% over the prior year.

- Public Works is responsible for Street Maintenance, Streetlights, Sidewalks, and Storm Drainage and the Sanitation Contract. Public Works expenses increased 18.45% over the prior year. The increase is contributed to receiving ARRA Federal Stimulus Funds.
- Environmental Protection decreased by 3.74%. Oversight of the sanitation contract is handled by Public Works.
- Economic and Physical Development increased by 17.70%.
- Cultural and Recreational expenses increased by 57.72% as a result of capital project expenditures. There are five divisions that comprise the Cultural and Recreational category: Matthews Parks & Recreation, Matthews Cultural Arts and Community Center, Crews Road Recreation Center, Special Events, and our Depot Station, which houses a train museum and the Chamber of Commerce.
- Debt Service decreased 42.98% this fiscal year as a result of refinancing debt and paying off several financial obligations.

Financial Analysis of the Town's Funds

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

Governmental Funds

The focus of the Town of Matthews' 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 Matthews' 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.

At June 30, 2010, the governmental funds of the Town of Matthews reported a combined fund balance of \$10,286,043, an increase of 7.35% in comparison with the prior year. Funds that are available for spending at the government's discretion (unreserved and undesignated) represent 61% of the Town's ending fund balance. The remaining fund balance is reserved to indicate that it is not available for new spending because it has already been committed: 1) to liquidate purchase orders of the prior period (\$29,739), 2) to fund reserve the amount required by state statute (\$1,470,658) and 3) for a variety of other restricted purposes (\$2,510,309). Included in this change in fund balance are decreases in both the General and Capital Projects funds, while the Special Revenue showed an increase.

The General Fund is the principal operating fund of the Town of Matthews. At the end of the current fiscal year, the unreserved fund balance of the General Fund was \$6,275,337, while total fund balance for the General Fund reached \$7,680,688; representing an increase of \$392,639. 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 37.02% of total General Fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 45.31% of that same amount. Key factors in the fund balance increase are as follows:

- Increase in Health Insurance Savings due to changing plan to a hybrid partial funding
- Paving contracts that were liquidated on June 30, 2010, to be re-issued in July 2011
- Sale of property and fixed assets

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

During fiscal year 2010, the Town revised the budget on several occasions. 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) increase in appropriations that become necessary to maintain services.

Total amendments to the General Fund increased revenues and expenditures by \$381,274 or 2.13%. This does not represent a significant budgetary variance between original and final amended budget for the Town. A few differences between original and amended budgets are as follows:

- Total Ad Valorem Property Taxes was amended to (\$31,400) to reflect collections over original budget projections.
- Fixed Assets/Surplus Property was amended to (\$65,000) to reflect sale of property
- Special Events was amended to (\$19,000) to reflect actual collections over original budget projections
- Police Grants was amended to (\$37,167) to reflect funds grant funds received through City of Charlotte from Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant
- Other revenues original budget was amended \$228,707 to reflect actual or anticipated increases over original budget.

At year-end, actual revenues exceeded final amended budget numbers by less than 1%. Actual expenditures were less than final budgetary figures by 5.37%, thus eliminating a reduction in fund balance.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets. The Town of Matthews' investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2010 totals \$264,315,955 (net of accumulated depreciation). These assets include land, buildings, machinery, equipment, vehicles, and park facilities.

Major capital transactions during the year are detailed below.

- Police cars and equipment purchases - \$282,054
- Land purchases - \$116,805
- Disposal of assets - \$789,576
- Additions to Capital project fund – \$2,334,588

Town of Matthews' Capital Assets
(net of depreciation)

Figure 4

	Governmental	
	Activities	
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Land	\$ 226,251,219	\$ 226,380,711
Construction in progress	1,023,934	604,517
Buildings	25,663,843	24,698,842
Infrastructure	94,460,230	95,425,231
Equipment	1,971,267	2,015,522
Vehicles and motorized equipment	4,992,387	4,592,777
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(90,046,925)</u>	<u>(84,136,060)</u>
Total capital assets, net	<u>\$ 264,315,955</u>	<u>\$ 269,581,540</u>

Additional information on the Town's capital assets can be found in the notes to basic financial statements on page 30.

Long-Term Debt. As of June 30, 2010, the Town of Matthews had total bonded debt outstanding of \$3,045,000, all completely backed by the full faith and credit of the Town.

Town of Matthews' Outstanding Debt
General Obligation Bonds and Notes Payable

Figure 5

	Governmental	
	Activities	
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
General obligation bonds	\$ 3,045,000	\$ 3,475,000
Notes payable	<u>7,817,422</u>	<u>7,719,542</u>
Total	<u>\$ 10,862,422</u>	<u>\$ 11,194,542</u>

The Town of Matthews' total General Obligation Bond and Notes Payable debt decreased by \$332,120 (3%) during the past fiscal year.

North Carolina General Statutes limit the amount of general obligation debt that a unit of government can issue to 8% of the total assessed value of taxable property located within that government's boundaries. The legal debt margin for the Town of Matthews is \$238,790,650.

Additional information regarding the Town of Matthews' long-term debt can be found in the notes to the basic financial statements on page 39.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

The following key economic indicators reflect the economic condition of the Town.

- Our close proximity to the Charlotte metropolitan region provided us a slower decline in unemployment rates (10.6%) compared to other areas across our state, which averaged from 9.0 to 12.0%. The average state unemployment rate for June 2010 was 11.2%.
- The overall economic downturn will continue to impact the town in various ways. A decline in building permits has negatively affect fees and sales taxes. The closing of major banking financial institutions in the Charlotte area has also impact local economy. The withdrawal of Erickson Continuing Care Retirement Community from our community continues to impact services and fees as property sits undeveloped.
- An increase of approximately two percent was noted last fiscal year in our population growth. While the growth rate remained the same as prior fiscal year, it still shows significant decreases from two years ago. Matthews continues to be an attractive and vibrant place to live. Our favorable tax rate, small town atmosphere, and easy access to major transportation corridors continue to make Matthews a destination for residents.
- With the expansion of an existing retirement community facility and the promise of a second facility, various service, recreational, medical and food services will positively affect our local area within the next three to five years.
- The Town has authorized, but un-issued bonds totaling \$10.5 million for the addition of parks, "greenways" and roadway improvements within Matthews that were approved by the citizens in November 2004.
- An anticipated joint interlocal effort between Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation and Matthews will help bring recreational activities and regional tournaments to our area with the construction of an outdoor field sportsplex complex located on 160 acres within our town boundaries. The construction of greenway has provided enhanced recreational activities for residents.

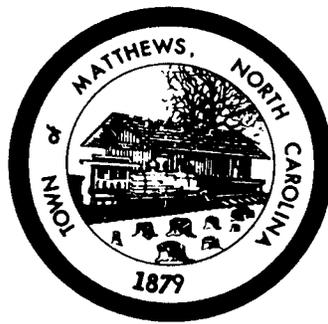
Budget Highlights for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2011

Governmental Activities The Town of Matthews has approved a \$17,752,896 General Fund budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011. This represents less than a 1% decrease over fiscal year ended June 30, 2010. A significant portion of this decrease is attributed to continued reductions in state collected sales taxes and substantially reduced investment earnings.

Budget expenditures in the General Fund decreased to reflect the anticipated reduced revenues. With the second consecutive fiscal year of reduced expenditures, prior year current service levels will only be slightly affected for the upcoming fiscal year. Undesignated fund balance dollars above our 34% council adopted policy provide additional security during the continued economic depression. They may be used to fund needed vehicle purchases for public safety and other capital items.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This report is designed to provide an overview of the Town of Matthews' 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 Director of Finance, Town of Matthews, 232 Matthews Station Street, Matthews, North Carolina 28105.



Basic Financial Statements

The Basic Financial Statements provide a summary overview of the financial position of all funds as well as the operating results of all funds. They also serve as a condensed introduction to the more detailed statements and schedules that follow.



TOWN OF MATTHEWS, NORTH CAROLINA

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2010

	Governmental Activities
Assets:	
Current assets:	
Cash and investments	\$ 9,614,152
Taxes receivable, net	400,996
Accounts receivable, net	60,221
Due from other governments	1,150,902
Notes receivable	2,518,600
Prepaid items	29,739
Total current assets	<u>13,774,610</u>
Non-current assets:	
Capital assets :	
Non-depreciable	227,275,153
Depreciable, net	<u>37,040,802</u>
Total non-current assets	<u>264,315,955</u>
Total assets	<u>278,090,565</u>
Liabilities:	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	558,558
Current portion of compensated absences	318,059
Current portion of long-term liabilities	<u>1,678,170</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>2,554,787</u>
Non-current liabilities:	
Non-current portion of compensated absences	106,019
Non-current portion of long-term liabilities	<u>9,528,193</u>
Total non-current liabilities	<u>9,634,212</u>
Total liabilities	<u>12,188,999</u>
Net Assets:	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	256,498,533
Unrestricted	<u>9,403,033</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 265,901,566</u>

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

TOWN OF MATTHEWS, NORTH CAROLINA

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

Functions/Programs:	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net Revenue (Expense) and Changes in Net Assets
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Governmental Activities
Primary Government:					
Governmental Activities:					
General government	\$ 7,039,748	\$ 51,256	\$ -	\$ 545,375	\$ (6,443,117)
Public safety	7,620,881	262,123	95,811	1,515	(7,261,432)
Public works	3,697,289	588,411	1,277,582	-	(1,831,296)
Environmental protection	2,287,916	-	-	-	(2,287,916)
Economic and physical development	557,786	8,908	-	-	(548,878)
Cultural and recreation	1,877,984	648,934	20,000	-	(1,209,050)
Interest on long-term debt	369,276	-	-	-	(369,276)
Total primary government	<u>\$ 23,450,880</u>	<u>\$ 1,559,632</u>	<u>\$ 1,393,393</u>	<u>\$ 546,890</u>	<u>(19,950,965)</u>
General Revenues:					
Taxes:					
Ad valorem taxes					10,367,847
Local options sales tax					1,889,903
Utility franchise and excise tax					1,660,154
Occupancy tax					327,633
Prepared food tax					528,535
Rental car tax					67,757
Privilege licenses					170,800
Other taxes and licenses					67,345
Investment earnings					<u>29,258</u>
Total general revenues					<u>15,109,232</u>
Change in net assets					(4,841,733)
Net Assets:					
Beginning of year - July 1					<u>270,743,299</u>
End of year - June 30					<u>\$ 265,901,566</u>

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TOWN OF MATTHEWS, NORTH CAROLINA

**BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2010**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Tourism Fund</u>	<u>Capital Project Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Assets:					
Cash and investments	\$ 6,709,843	\$ 2,467,390	\$ -	\$ 436,919	\$ 9,614,152
Taxes receivable, net	400,996	-	-	-	400,996
Notes receivable	2,518,600	-	-	-	2,518,600
Accounts receivable	12,802	-	47,419	-	60,221
Due from other funds	269,948	-	-	-	269,948
Due from other governments	1,103,275	47,627	-	-	1,150,902
Prepaid items	29,739	-	-	-	29,739
Total assets	<u>\$ 11,045,203</u>	<u>\$ 2,515,017</u>	<u>\$ 47,419</u>	<u>\$ 436,919</u>	<u>\$ 14,044,558</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balances:					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 434,506	\$ 2,213	\$ 121,839	\$ -	\$ 558,558
Due to other funds	-	-	269,948	-	269,948
Deferred revenues	2,930,009	-	-	-	2,930,009
Total liabilities	<u>3,364,515</u>	<u>2,213</u>	<u>391,787</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,758,515</u>
Fund Balances:					
Reserved for:					
Prepays	29,739	-	-	-	29,739
State statute	1,375,612	47,627	47,419	-	1,470,658
Unreserved:					
General Fund	6,275,337	-	-	-	6,275,337
Special Revenue Fund	-	2,465,177	-	436,919	2,902,096
Capital Project Fund	-	-	(391,787)	-	(391,787)
Total fund balances	<u>7,680,688</u>	<u>2,512,804</u>	<u>(344,368)</u>	<u>436,919</u>	<u>10,286,043</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 11,045,203</u>	<u>\$ 2,515,017</u>	<u>\$ 47,419</u>	<u>\$ 436,919</u>	

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Assets (Exhibit A) are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	264,315,955
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.	2,930,009
Some liabilities, including bonds payable, accrued interest, and compensated absences, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	<u>(11,630,441)</u>
Net assets of governmental activities	<u>\$ 265,901,566</u>

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

TOWN OF MATTHEWS, NORTH CAROLINA

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Tourism Fund</u>	<u>Capital Project Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Revenues:					
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 10,317,990	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,317,990
Other taxes and licenses	3,776,660	925,052	-	-	4,701,712
Unrestricted intergovernmental	93,472	-	-	-	93,472
Restricted intergovernmental	1,259,707	-	550,000	-	1,809,707
Permits and fees	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
Sales and services	1,495,590	-	-	-	1,495,590
Investment earnings	15,205	-	8,002	6,051	29,258
Miscellaneous	78,746	-	2,400	-	81,146
Total revenues	<u>17,057,370</u>	<u>925,052</u>	<u>560,402</u>	<u>6,051</u>	<u>18,548,875</u>
Expenditures:					
Current:					
General government	1,841,775	-	-	-	1,841,775
Public safety	6,692,123	-	385,493	-	7,077,616
Public works	2,416,149	-	1,357,385	-	3,773,534
Environmental protection	2,287,916	-	-	-	2,287,916
Economic and physical development	487,631	-	52,795	-	540,426
Cultural and recreational	1,171,303	217,275	538,915	-	1,927,493
Debt service:					
Principal retirement	1,682,352	-	-	-	1,682,352
Interest and other charges	369,276	-	-	-	369,276
Total expenditures	<u>16,948,525</u>	<u>217,275</u>	<u>2,334,588</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,500,388</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>108,845</u>	<u>707,777</u>	<u>(1,774,186)</u>	<u>6,051</u>	<u>(951,513)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Long-term debt issued	-	-	1,350,232	-	1,350,232
Transfers to other funds	(676,363)	(676,363)	-	-	(1,352,726)
Transfers from other funds	708,875	676,363	-	(32,512)	1,352,726
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	251,282	-	54,500	-	305,782
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>283,794</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,404,732</u>	<u>(32,512)</u>	<u>1,656,014</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>392,639</u>	<u>707,777</u>	<u>(369,454)</u>	<u>(26,461)</u>	<u>704,501</u>
Fund Balances:					
Beginning of year - July 1	<u>7,288,049</u>	<u>1,805,027</u>	<u>25,086</u>	<u>463,380</u>	<u>9,581,542</u>
End of year - June 30	<u>\$ 7,680,688</u>	<u>\$ 2,512,804</u>	<u>\$ (344,368)</u>	<u>\$ 436,919</u>	<u>\$ 10,286,043</u>

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

TOWN OF MATTHEWS, NORTH CAROLINA

**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities (Exhibit B) are different due to the following items:

Net change in fund balances - governmental funds (Exhibit D)	\$ 704,501
Governmental funds statement report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, capital outlay is not an expense, rather it is an increase to capital assets.	871,148
Depreciation is recognized as an expense in the Statement of Activities; however, it is not reported in the governmental funds.	(5,758,625)
In the Statement of Activities, only the loss on the sale of capital assets is reported. However, in the governmental funds statement, the proceeds from the sale increase financial resources. Thus, the change in net assets differs from the change in fund balance by the net book value of capital assets sold.	(378,108)
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the governmental funds statement. This adjustment represents the amount of change related to revenues subject to the "availability" criteria.	(485,103)
The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to the governmental funds statement, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction has any effect on net assets. Also, governmental funds statement report the effect of issuance costs, premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the Statement of Activities. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.	321,190
Expenses related to the increase in vacation and sick pay and the increase in the net OPEB and pension obligations in the Statement of Activities that do not pay for current financial obligations are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds statement. This adjustment is the amount of net change in these balances in the current year.	<u>(116,736)</u>
Changes in net assets of governmental activities per Exhibit B	<u>\$ (4,841,733)</u>

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TOWN OF MATTHEWS, NORTH CAROLINA

GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance With Final Budget Over/Under
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 10,012,033	\$ 10,043,432	\$ 10,317,990	\$ 274,558
Other taxes and licenses	3,868,240	3,868,240	3,776,660	(91,580)
Unrestricted intergovernmental	166,558	166,558	93,472	(73,086)
Restricted intergovernmental	1,212,195	1,214,616	1,259,707	45,091
Permits and fees	-	-	20,000	20,000
Sales and services	1,455,255	1,519,557	1,495,590	(23,967)
Investment earnings	150,000	150,000	15,205	(134,795)
Miscellaneous	58,500	80,390	78,746	(1,644)
Total revenues	<u>16,922,781</u>	<u>17,042,793</u>	<u>17,057,370</u>	<u>14,577</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	1,803,065	2,298,903	1,841,775	457,128
Public safety	7,020,513	6,800,030	6,692,123	107,907
Public works	2,689,380	2,638,789	2,416,149	222,640
Environmental protection	2,431,412	2,416,462	2,287,916	128,546
Economic and physical development	553,540	539,697	487,631	52,066
Cultural and recreation	1,085,738	1,171,140	1,171,303	(163)
Contingency	50,000	32,250	-	32,250
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	1,724,899	1,748,149	1,682,352	65,797
Interest and other charges	255,958	263,358	369,276	(105,918)
Total expenditures	<u>17,614,505</u>	<u>17,908,778</u>	<u>16,948,525</u>	<u>960,253</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(691,724)</u>	<u>(865,985)</u>	<u>108,845</u>	<u>974,830</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Appropriated fund balance	330,361	474,110	-	(474,110)
Sale of capital assets	5,000	70,000	251,282	181,282
Transfers to other funds	(300,000)	(387,000)	(676,363)	(289,363)
Transfers from other funds	656,363	708,875	708,875	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>691,724</u>	<u>865,985</u>	<u>283,794</u>	<u>(582,191)</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>392,639</u>	<u>\$ 392,639</u>
Fund Balance:				
Beginning of year - July 1			<u>7,288,049</u>	
End of year - June 30			<u>\$ 7,680,688</u>	

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

TOWN OF MATTHEWS, NORTH CAROLINA

**TOURISM FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance With Final Budget Over/Under</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Revenues:				
Other taxes and licenses:				
Occupancy tax	\$ 339,300	\$ 339,300	\$ 327,633	\$ (11,667)
Prepared food tax	534,422	534,422	528,535	(5,887)
Rental car tax	86,998	86,998	67,757	(19,241)
Sales and services	500	500	1,127	627
Total revenues	<u>961,220</u>	<u>961,220</u>	<u>925,052</u>	<u>(36,168)</u>
Expenditures:				
Cultural and recreational:				
Tourism	<u>304,857</u>	<u>284,857</u>	<u>217,275</u>	<u>67,582</u>
Total expenditures	<u>304,857</u>	<u>284,857</u>	<u>217,275</u>	<u>67,582</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>656,363</u>	<u>676,363</u>	<u>707,777</u>	<u>31,414</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfer from other funds	-	-	676,363	676,363
Transfer to other funds	<u>(656,363)</u>	<u>(676,363)</u>	<u>(676,363)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(656,363)</u>	<u>(676,363)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>676,363</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>707,777</u>	<u>\$ 707,777</u>
Fund Balance:				
Beginning of year - July 1			<u>1,805,027</u>	
End of year - June 30			<u>\$ 2,512,804</u>	

The accompanying notes are an itegral part of the financial statements.

TOWN OF MATTHEWS, NORTH CAROLINA

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of the Town of Matthews 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 Matthews, North Carolina (the "Town"), is a municipal corporation that is governed by an elected mayor and a six-member town council. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the Town, which has no component units.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-Wide Statements. The Statement of Net Assets 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 except for services provided and used which were not eliminated in the process of consolidation. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange transactions.

The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues 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. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

The Town reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund. The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Town. The General Fund accounts for all financial resources except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund. The primary revenue sources are ad valorem taxes, State grants, and various other taxes and licenses. The primary expenditures are for public safety, public works, and general governmental services.

TOWN OF MATTHEWS, NORTH CAROLINA

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

Prepaid Items

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.

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 as follows: land, \$10,000; buildings, improvements, substations, lines and other plant and distribution systems, \$15,000; infrastructure, \$20,000; furniture and equipment, \$5,000; and vehicles, \$10,000. 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 prior to July 1, 2003, consist of the road network and storm water system assets that were acquired or that received substantial improvements subsequent to July 1, 1980, and are reported at estimated historical cost using deflated replacement 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 method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Asset</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Lives</u>
Infrastructure	15-25 years
Buildings	40 years
Improvements	25 years
Vehicles	5 years
Furniture and equipment	5-10 years
Computer equipment	5 years

Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt, and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable activities fund type in the 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 of discount. Bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt.

TOWN OF MATTHEWS, NORTH CAROLINA

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

Tourism Special Revenue Fund. This fund is used to account for tourism funds received for the exclusive purpose of promoting the Town's activities and events.

Capital Improvement Program Capital Project Fund. This fund is used to account for money set aside by the Town to build and construct various projects within the Town.

The Town reports the following nonmajor governmental fund:

Recreation and Stormwater Capital Reserve Special Revenue Fund. This fund is used to account for money collected from land developers to comply with zoning requirements. This money will be used to subsidize the purchase of land and development of parks within the Town. This fund is also used to account for money collected strictly for the purpose of upgrading and maintaining the Town's storm water system.

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 Financial Statements. The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. The government-wide 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 are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

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.

TOWN OF MATTHEWS, NORTH CAROLINA

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

The Town considers all revenues available if they are collected within 90 days after year-end, except for property taxes. Ad valorem taxes are not accrued as 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, Mecklenburg 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 Matthews. For motor vehicles registered, 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 Mecklenburg County from March 2009 through February 2010 apply to the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010. Uncollected taxes that were billed during this period are shown as a receivable in these financial statements and offset by deferred revenues.

Sales taxes and certain intergovernmental revenues, such as the utilities 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.

All governmental activities of the Town follow FASB Statements and Interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, Accounting Principles Board Opinions, and Accounting Research Bulletins, unless those pronouncements conflict with GASB pronouncements.

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 Tourism Special Revenue Fund. All annual appropriations lapse at the fiscal year-end. Project ordinances are adopted for the Recreation and Stormwater Capital Reserve Special Revenue Fund and the Capital Improvement Program Capital Projects Fund. 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 object level for the multi-year funds. The Town's Manager may make transfers of appropriations between departments not to exceed ten percent of the appropriated monies for the department whose allocation is reduced without seeking approval from the Town Council. During the year, several amendments to the original budgets were necessary. 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.

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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, an 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. Money market investments that have a remaining maturity at the time of purchase of one year or less are reported at amortized cost. Non-participating interest earnings and investment contracts are reported at cost.

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.

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 1st, the beginning of the fiscal year. The taxes are due on September 1st (lien date); however, penalties and interest do not accrue until the following January 6th. The taxes levied are based on the assessed values as of January 1st, 2009.

Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts

Allowances for doubtful accounts are maintained on all types of receivables which historically experience uncollectible accounts. This amount is estimated by analyzing the percentage of receivables that were written off in prior years.

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In the 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 for the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

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 financial statements, 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 the 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 has no obligation for the accumulated sick leave until it is actually taken, no accrual for sick leave has been made.

In lieu of such payment, the employee is entitled to additional time off for such holiday hours worked. In lieu of payment for overtime hours worked, an employee may take additional hours off. For the Town's government-wide financial statements, 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 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.

Net Assets/Fund Balances

Net assets in government-wide financial statements are classified as invested in capital assets, net of related debt; restricted; and unrestricted. Restricted net assets represent 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.

In the governmental fund financial statements, reservations of fund balance represent amounts that cannot be appropriated or are legally segregated for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

State law [G.S. 159-13 (b) (16)] restricts appropriation of fund balance for the subsequent year's budget to an amount not to exceed the sum of cash and investments minus the sum of liabilities, encumbrances, and deferred revenues arising from cash receipts as those amounts stand at the close of the fiscal year preceding the budget year.

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The governmental fund types classify fund balances as follows:

Reserved

Reserved by State Statute - portion of fund balance, in addition to reserves for encumbrances, which is not available for appropriation under State law [G.S. 159-8(a)]. This amount is usually comprised of accounts receivable and interfund receivables, which have not been offset by deferred revenues.

Reserved for Prepaid Items - portion of fund balance that is not available for appropriation because it represents the year-end balance of prepaid expenses, which are not expendable, available resources.

Unreserved

Undesignated - portion of total fund balance available for appropriation that is uncommitted at year-end.

F. Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

2. Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability

Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations:

The Town has overextended its budget authority at the legal level of control as of June 30, 2010, as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Reason</u>
General Fund:				
Debt service expenditures	\$ 2,011,507	\$ 2,051,628	\$ (40,121)	Add'l debt payment made
Transfer to other funds	387,000	676,363	(289,363)	Timing of Grants
Capital Reserve Fund:				
Transfer to other funds	967,010	1,169,624	(202,614)	budget ordinance not revised

Deficit Fund Balance

The Capital Project Fund reported a negative fund balance of \$344,368. Management will eliminate the deficit with future transfers to the fund.

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3. Detail Notes on All Funds

A. Assets

Deposits

All of the Town's deposits 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 agent in their 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 agent in their 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 with the escrow agent. Because of the inability to measure the exact amount 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 formal 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, 2010, the Town's deposits had a carrying amount of \$2,705,316 and a bank balance of \$2,754,872. Of the bank balance, \$542,011 was covered by federal depository insurance, and \$2,212,861 was covered by collateral held under the Pooling Method.

Investments

At June 30, 2010, the Town had \$6,908,836 invested with the North Carolina Capital Management Trust's Cash Portfolio which carried a credit rating of AAAM by Standard and Poor's.

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As a means of limiting the Town's exposure to fair value losses arising from interest rate fluctuations, the Town's investment policy allows the maximum amount to be invested in an instrument as follows: US Treasury obligations, US Government agencies, and certificates of deposit, 100% of total portfolio; North Carolina Management Trust, 90% of total portfolio; bankers acceptances/commercial paper, 40% of total portfolio; and repurchase agreements, 25% of total portfolio. In addition, the Town limits the maximum amount of each instrument that can be invested in a given financial institution to the following: banker's acceptances/commercial paper, 25%; repurchase agreements, 15%; certificates of deposits, 75%; and North Carolina Management Trust, 90%.

Receivables - Allowances for Doubtful Accounts

The receivables shown in Exhibit A at June 30, 2010 were as follows:

	Taxes	Due from Other Governments	Accounts Receivable	Notes Receivable	Total
Governmental Activities:					
Governmental	\$ 515,996	\$ 1,150,902	\$ 60,221	\$ 2,518,600	\$ 4,245,719
Allowance for doubtful accounts	<u>(115,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(115,000)</u>
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 400,996</u>	<u>\$ 1,150,902</u>	<u>\$ 60,221</u>	<u>\$ 2,518,600</u>	<u>\$ 4,130,719</u>

Due from other governments consisted of the following:

Local option sales tax	\$ 677,023
Franchise tax	415,038
Sales tax refund receivable	<u>58,841</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,150,902</u>

The Town has entered into an agreement with Charlotte Mecklenburg Utility Department (CMUD), whereby CMUD pays the Town the principal and interest due on the bonds issued by the Town to finance the construction of water and sewer projects. Title to the assets has been transferred to CMUD who operates the facilities. The note receivable balance as of June 30, 2010, was \$2,518,600.

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Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2010, were as follows:

	<u>July 1, 2009</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>June 30, 2010</u>
Governmental Activities:				
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 226,380,711	\$ 116,805	\$ (246,297)	\$ 226,251,219
Construction in progress	604,517	454,609	(35,192)	1,023,934
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>226,985,228</u>	<u>571,414</u>	<u>(281,489)</u>	<u>227,275,153</u>
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Buildings	25,663,843	-	-	25,663,843
Equipment	2,015,522	17,680	(61,935)	1,971,267
Vehicles and motorized equipment	5,191,677	282,054	(481,344)	4,992,387
Infrastructure	94,460,230	-	-	94,460,230
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>127,331,272</u>	<u>299,734</u>	<u>(543,279)</u>	<u>127,087,727</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Buildings	4,769,540	648,355	-	5,417,895
Equipment	1,366,855	166,856	(41,217)	1,492,494
Vehicles and motorized equipment	3,926,682	440,254	(405,443)	3,961,493
Infrastructure	74,671,883	4,503,160	-	79,175,043
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>84,734,960</u>	<u>\$ 5,758,625</u>	<u>\$ (446,660)</u>	<u>90,046,925</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>42,596,312</u>			<u>37,040,802</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 269,581,540</u>			<u>\$ 264,315,955</u>

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

General government	\$ 4,569,342
Public safety	859,202
Public works	276,406
Economic and physical development	17,360
Cultural and recreational	36,315
Total depreciation	<u>\$ 5,758,625</u>

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Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Debt

The total invested in capital assets, net of related debt at June 30, 2010 is composed of the following elements:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Capital assets	\$ 264,315,955
Long-term debt	<u>(7,817,422)</u>
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	<u>\$ 256,498,533</u>

B. Liabilities

Pension Plan Obligations

Local Government Employees' Retirement System

Plan Description

The Town contributes to the statewide Local Governmental 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 not engaged in law enforcement and for law enforcement officers is 7.42% and 7.32%, respectively, of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of members and of the Town are established and may be amended by the North Carolina General Assembly. The Town's contributions to LGERS for the years ended June 30, 2010, 2009, and 2008 were \$417,533, \$363,888, and \$328,413, respectively. The contributions made by the Town equaled the required contributions for the year.

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Supplemental Retirement Income Plan

Law Enforcement Officers

Plan Description

The Town contributes to the Supplemental Retirement Income Plan (Plan), a defined contribution pension plan administered by the Department of State Treasurer and a Board of Trustees. The Plan provides retirement benefits to law enforcement officers employed by the Town. Article 5 of G.S. Chapter 135 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly. The Plan 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 the Plan. 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

Article 12 E of G.S. Chapter 143 requires the Town to contribute each month an amount equal to five percent of each officer's salary, and all amounts contributed are vested immediately. Also, the law enforcement officers may make voluntary contributions to the plan. Contributions for the year ended June 30, 2010, were \$181,403, which consisted of \$138,297 from the Town and \$43,106 from the law enforcement officers.

General Employees

The Town has elected to contribute to the Supplemental Retirement Income Plan for general employees as well as for law enforcement officers. Participation begins at the date of employment. The Town has elected to contribute each month an amount equal to five percent of each employee's salary, and all amounts contributed are vested immediately. Also, the employees may make voluntary contributions to the plan. Contributions for the year ended June 30, 2010, were \$273,686 which consisted of \$166,302 from the Town and \$107,384 from the employees.

Law Enforcement Officers Special Separation Allowance

Plan Description

The Town administers a public employee retirement system (the "Separation Allowance"), a single-employer defined benefit pension plan that provides retirement benefits to the Town's qualified sworn law enforcement officers. The Separation Allowance is equal to 0.85 percent of the annual equivalent of the base rate of compensation most recently applicable to the officer for each year of creditable service. The retirement benefits are not subject to any increases in salary or retirement allowances that may be authorized by the General Assembly. Article 12D of G.S. Chapter 143 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly.

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All full-time law enforcement officers of the Town are covered by the Separation Allowance. At December 31, 2009, the Separation Allowance's membership consisted of:

Retirees receiving benefits	2
Active plan members	<u>56</u>
Total	<u><u>58</u></u>

A separate report was not issued for the Plan.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The Town has chosen to fund the Separation Allowance on a pay-as-you-go basis. Pension expenditures are made from the General Fund, which is maintained on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Method Used to Value Investments

No funds are set aside to pay benefits and administration costs. These expenditures are paid as they come due.

Contributions

The Town is required by Article 12D of G.S. Chapter 143 to provide these retirement benefits and has chosen to fund the benefit payments on a pay-as-you-go basis through appropriations made in the General Fund operating budget. The Town's obligation to contribute to this plan is established and may be amended by the North Carolina General Assembly. There were no contributions made by employees.

The annual required contribution for the current year was determined as part of the December 31, 2008 actuarial valuation using the projected unit credit actuarial cost method. The actuarial assumptions included (a) 7.25% investment rate of return (net of administrative expenses) and (b) projected salary increases of 4.5% to 12.3% per year. Both (a) and (b) included an inflation component of 3.75%. The assumptions did not include post-retirement benefit increases. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability is being amortized as a level percentage pay on a closed basis. The remaining amortization period at December 31, 2008 was 23 years.

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Annual Pension Cost and Net Pension Obligation

The Town's annual pension cost and net pension obligation to the Separation Allowance for the current year were as follows:

Annual required contribution	\$	78,725
Interest on net pension obligation		25,020
Adjustment to annual required contribution		<u>(21,739)</u>
Annual pension cost		82,006
Contributions made		<u>20,665</u>
Increase in net pension obligation		61,341
Net pension obligation, beginning of year		<u>345,097</u>
Net pension obligation, end of year	\$	<u>406,438</u>

Three-Year Trend Information

Year Ended June 30	Annual Pension Cost (APC)	Percentage of APC Contributed	Net Pension Obligation
2008	\$ 56,439	97.04%	\$ 296,885
2009	64,373	25.11%	345,097
2010	82,006	25.20%	406,438

Funded Status and Funding Progress

As of December 31, 2008, the most recent actuarial valuation date, the plan was not funded. The actuarial accrued liability for benefits and the unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) was \$728,727. The covered payroll (annual payroll of active employees covered by the plan) was \$2,686,047, and the ratio of the UAAL to the covered payroll was 27.13 percent. The Schedule of Funding Progress, presented as required supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements, presents multi-year trend information about whether the actuarial value of plan assets are increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liability for benefits.

Other Post-Employment Benefits

Plan Description

Under the terms of a Town resolution, the Town administers a single-employer defined benefit Healthcare Benefits Plan (the HCB Plan). In 1992, the Town adopted a resolution whereby the Town provided post-employment healthcare benefits to retirees of the Town, provided they met certain qualifications. Under this resolution, the Town agreed to pay for the cost of the

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Medicare supplement for retirees over age 65 with twenty-five years of continuous service with the Town. Shortly thereafter, the Town amended this resolution to no longer include this post-employment benefit, therefore, currently; only one retiree is eligible for post-employment benefits. The Town obtains health care coverage through private insurers. In 1994, the Town amended the personnel policy to allow for employees with 20 years of service to maintain health coverage as part of the Town's health insurance policy at the employee's expense. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010, there were no post-employment employees on the revised Town policy. A separate report was not issued for the plan.

Membership of the HCB plan consisted of the following at December 31, 2008, the date of the latest actuarial valuation:

Retirees and dependents receiving benefits	1
Active members	<u>140</u>
Total	<u>141</u>

Funding Policy

The Town agrees to provide medical insurance to certain retired employees as an extended benefit. Eligible retirees who elect this coverage will be enrolled in the group health plan. Members that retire with at least 20 years of service are allowed to purchase health insurance at their own expense.

The current annual required contribution rate (ARC) is 0.27% of annual covered payroll. For fiscal year 2010, the Town contributed \$4,361, or 0.07% of annual covered payroll. There were no contributions by employees for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010. The Town's obligation to contribute to the HCB plan is established and may be amended by the Town.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Benefit expenditures are made from the proprietary funds, which are reported on the full accrual basis of accounting. No funds are set aside to pay benefits and administration costs. These expenditures are paid as they come due.

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Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation

The Town's annual OPEB cost (expense) is calculated based on the *annual required contribution of the employer (ARC)*, an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement 45. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) over a period not to exceed thirty years. The following table shows the components of the Town's annual OPEB cost for the year, the amount actually contributed to the plan, and changes in the Town's net OPEB obligation for the post-retirement benefits:

Annual required contribution	\$	16,734
Contributions made		<u>(4,361)</u>
Increase (decrease) in net OPEB obligation		12,373
Net OPEB obligation:		
Beginning of year - July 1		<u>12,564</u>
End of year - June 30	\$	<u><u>24,937</u></u>

The Town's annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed to the plan, and the net OPEB obligation for 2010 were as follows:

Year Ended June 30	Annual Required Contribution (ARC)	Percentage of ARC Contributed	Net OPEB Obligation
2010	\$ 16,734	26.06%	\$ 24,937
2009	16,734	24.92%	12,564

As of December 31, 2008, the most recent actuarial valuation date, the plan was not funded. The actuarial accrued liability for benefits and, thus, the unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) was \$166,478. The covered payroll (annual payroll of active employees covered by the plan) was \$6,176,736, and the ratio of the UAAL to the covered payroll was 2.7%. Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and healthcare trends. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The Schedule of Funding Progress, presented as required supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements, presents multi-year trend information about whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

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Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and the plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members at that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

The annual required contribution for the current year was determined as part of the December 31, 2008 actuarial valuation using the projected unit credit actuarial cost method. The actuarial assumptions included (a) 4.00% investment rate of return, which included an inflation component of 3.75% and (b) a 10.5% - 5.00% medical cost trend rate with 2016 the year of ultimate trend rate. The actuarial value of assets was determined using the market value of assets. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability is being amortized as level percentage of pay on an open basis. The remaining amortization period at December 31, 2008 was 30 years.

Other Employment Benefits

The Town has also 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. Contributions are determined as a percentage of monthly payroll, based upon rates established annually by the State. Separate rates are set for employees not engaged in law enforcement and for law enforcement officers. Because the benefit payments are made by the Death Benefit Plan and not by the Town, the Town does not determine the number of eligible participants. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010, the Town made contributions to the State for death benefits of \$8,236. The Town's required contributions for employees not engaged in law enforcement and for law enforcement officers represented 0.15% and 0.14% of covered payroll, respectively. The contributions to the Death Benefit Plan cannot be separated between the post-employment benefit amount and the other benefit amount.

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Deferred Revenues

The balance in deferred revenues at year-end is composed of the following elements:

	<u>Deferred Revenues</u>
Taxes receivable (General Fund)	\$ 400,996
Privilege License receivable	10,413
Notes receivable	<u>2,518,600</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,930,009</u>

Commitments

Sanitation - The Town of Matthews has entered into contracts with Browning-Ferris Industries of South Atlantic, Inc. for the curbside pick-up and disposal of rubbish, yard waste and recyclable materials, and the use of a sanitary landfill. The contracts have various dates and terms and have renewal options of like terms. The costs of such contracts are dependent upon usage and consumer price index adjustments.

Risk Management

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Town participates in three self-funded risk financing pools administered by the North Carolina League of Municipalities. Through these pools, the Town obtains general liability and auto liability coverage of \$1,000,000 per occurrence, property coverage up to the total insurance values of the property policy, workers' compensation coverage up to the statutory limits, and employee health coverage up to a \$2,000,000 lifetime limit. The pools are reinsured through commercial companies for single occurrence claims against general liability, auto liability, and property liability in excess of \$500,000 and \$300,000 up to statutory limits for workers' compensation. The pools are reinsured for annual employee health claims in excess of \$150,000. The property liability pool has an aggregate limit for the total property losses in a single year, with the reinsurance limit based upon a percentage of the total insurance values. The Town does not carry flood insurance due to the fact that it is not located in a flood plain. But, the Town's general liability policy does cover acts of nature.

The Town carries commercial flood insurance through the Interlocal Risk Financing Fund of North Carolina for \$5,000,000 of coverage per structure.

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 \$100,000 each. The remaining employees that have access to funds are bonded under a blanket bond for \$100,000.

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The Town carries commercial coverage for all other risks of loss. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the prior year and settled claims have not exceeded coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Claims and Judgments

At June 30, 2010, the Town was a defendant to various lawsuits. In the opinion of the Town's management and the Town attorney, the ultimate effect of these legal matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Town's financial position.

Long-Term Obligations

General Obligation Indebtedness

The Town's general obligation bonds serviced by the governmental funds were issued for the water and sewer lines. All general obligation bonds are collateralized by the full faith, credit and taxing power of the Town. Principal and interest requirements are appropriated when due.

Bonds payable at June 30, 2010, are comprised of the following:

General Obligation Bonds - Serviced by the General Fund:

\$5,930,000 Water and Sewer Refunding Bonds dated April 1, 2004 and due in increasing annual principal installments through June 1, 2018; interest at variable rates from 2.0% to 4.0%.

\$ 3,045,000

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

Notes Payable

As of June 30, 2010, the Town was obligated under the following notes payable to banks used to renovate buildings and acquire equipment. The notes payable were as follows:

Note payable requiring monthly payments of \$6,926 including principal and interest at the rate of 3.580% per annum; secured by various equipment	\$ 639,864
Note payable requiring monthly payments of \$5,000 to \$70,000 including principal and interest at the rate of 3.52% per annum through June 2017; secured by real estate and equipment	4,108,054
Note payable requiring monthly payments of \$14,000 to \$40,000 including principal and interest at the rate of 3.52% per annum through January 2015; secured by real estate and equipment	1,719,272
Note payable requiring monthly interest payments of 3% to no more than 8% per annum on outstanding principal balance; Principal payoff is due in one lump sum in November 2011; secured by real estate and equipment	488,986
Note payable requiring annual payments of \$113,603 including interest at the rate of 5.38% per annum; secured by equipment.	<u>861,246</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 7,817,422</u></u>

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for governmental activities long-term obligations are as follows:

Year Ended	General Obligation		Notes Payable		Total Debt Due	
	Bonds					
June 30	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2011	\$ 420,000	\$ 102,476	\$ 1,258,170	\$ 272,975	\$ 1,678,170	\$ 375,451
2012	410,000	89,876	1,776,145	217,246	2,186,145	307,122
2013	410,000	76,550	1,321,806	165,121	1,731,806	241,671
2014	405,000	63,388	1,235,752	117,336	1,640,752	180,724
2015	400,000	50,062	851,253	77,778	1,251,253	127,840
2016-2019	1,000,000	69,100	1,374,296	114,464	2,374,296	183,564
Total	\$ 3,045,000	\$ 451,452	\$ 7,817,422	\$ 850,456	\$ 10,862,422	\$ 1,416,372

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

At June 30, 2010, the Town of Matthews had a legal debt margin of \$238,790,650.

Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

The following is a summary of changes in the Town's long-term obligations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.

	<u>July 1, 2009</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>June 30, 2010</u>	<u>Current Portion</u>
Governmental Activities:					
General obligation bonds	\$ 3,475,000	\$ -	\$ (430,000)	\$ 3,045,000	\$ 420,000
Less deferred amount for loss on defeasance	98,364	-	(10,930)	87,434	-
Total general obligation bonds	<u>3,376,636</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(419,070)</u>	<u>2,957,566</u>	<u>420,000</u>
Notes payable	7,719,542	1,350,232	(1,252,352)	7,817,422	1,258,170
Compensated absences	381,056	89,772	(46,750)	424,078	318,059
OPEB liability	12,564	16,734	(4,361)	24,937	-
Net pension obligation	<u>345,097</u>	<u>82,006</u>	<u>(20,665)</u>	<u>406,438</u>	<u>-</u>
Governmental activity long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 11,834,895</u>	<u>\$ 1,538,744</u>	<u>\$ (1,743,198)</u>	<u>\$ 11,630,441</u>	<u>\$ 1,996,229</u>

Compensated absences for governmental activities have typically been liquidated in the General Fund.

C. Interfund Balances and Activities

Transfers To/From Other Funds

<u>From Fund</u>	<u>To Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Capital Reserve Fund	General Fund	\$ 32,512	to offset cost of CIP

4. Summary Disclosure of Significant Commitments and Contingencies

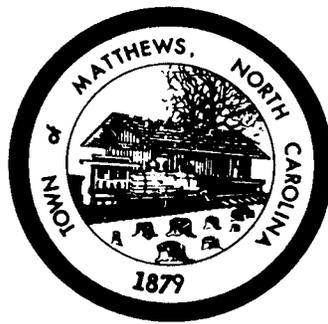
Federal and State Assisted Programs

The Town has received proceeds from 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 monies 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 monies.

Required Supplemental Financial Data

This section contains additional information required by generally accepted accounting principles.

- ❖ Schedule of Funding Progress for ***Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance***
 - ❖ Schedule of Employer Contributions for the ***Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance***
 - ❖ Notes to the Required Schedules for the ***Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance***
 - ❖ Schedule of Funding Progress for ***Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)***
 - ❖ Schedule of Employer Contributions for the ***Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)***
 - ❖ Notes to the Required Schedules for the ***Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)***
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LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' SPECIAL SEPARATION ALLOWANCE
 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
 SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) Projected Unit Credit (b)	Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (b-a)	Funded Ratio (a/b)	Covered Payroll (c)	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll ((b-a)/c)
12/31/2003	\$ -	\$ 353,330	\$ 353,330	0.00%	\$ 2,136,249	16.54%
12/31/2004	-	406,148	406,148	0.00%	2,044,552	19.86%
12/31/2005	-	357,202	357,202	0.00%	2,226,099	16.05%
12/31/2006	-	403,306	403,306	0.00%	2,486,737	13.60%
12/31/2007	-	496,452	496,452	0.00%	2,640,727	18.80%
12/31/2008	-	728,727	728,727	0.00%	2,686,047	27.13%
12/31/2009	-	1,136,609	1,022,909	0.00%	2,954,932	34.62%

NOTE: Prior to 1996, the Town chose not to have an annual actuarial study performed because the unfunded net pension obligation was considered to be immaterial.

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**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' SPECIAL SEPARATION ALLOWANCE
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

<u>Year Ended June 30</u>	<u>Annual Required Contribution (ARC)</u>	<u>Percentage of ARC Contributed</u>
2003	\$ 37,745	0.00%
2004	49,163	8.81%
2005	53,365	8.12%
2006	55,496	10.54%
2007	58,496	17.65%
2008	55,855	133.70%
2009	61,000	26.49%
2010	78,725	33.87%

Notes to the Required Schedules:

The information presented in the required supplementary schedules was determined as part of the actuarial valuations at the dates indicated. Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation follows:

Valuation date	12/31/08
Actuarial cost method	Projected unit credit
Amortization method	Level percent of pay closed
Remaining amortization period	23 years
Asset valuation method	Market value
Actuarial assumptions:	
Investment rate of return*	7.25%
Projected salary increases*	4.5% - 12.3%
Cost-of-living adjustments	None

*Includes inflation at 3.75 %

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OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

Schedule of Funding Progress

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) - Projected Unit Credit		Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (b-a)	Funded Ratio (a/b)	Covered Payroll (c)	UAAL as a Percentage Covered Payroll (b - a) / c
		(b)	(b)				
12/31/2008	\$ -	\$ 166,478	\$ 166,478		0.00%	\$ 6,176,736	2.70%

Schedule of Employer Contributions

Year Ended June 30	Annual Required Contribution (ARC)		Percentage of ARC Contributed
	(ARC)	(ARC)	
2010	\$ 16,734		0.00%
2009	16,734		0.00%

Notes to the Required Schedules:

The information presented above was determined as part of the actuarial valuation at the dates indicated. Additional information as of the latest valuation follows:

Valuation date	12/31/2008
Actuarial cost method	Projected unit credit
Amortization method	Level percent of pay closed
Remaining amortization period	30 years
Asset valuation method	Market value
Actuarial assumptions:	
Investment rate of return *	4.00%
Medical cost trend rate	10.5% - 5.0%
Year of ultimate trend rate	2016

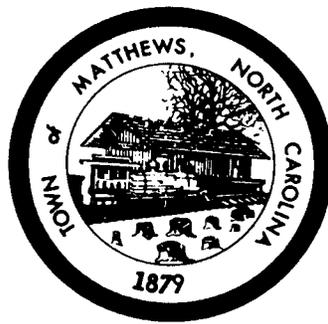
* Includes inflation at 3.75%



Supplementary Information

Combining and Individual Fund Financial Statements

- ❖ Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual – General Fund
 - ❖ Tourism - Special Revenue Fund
 - ❖ Capital Improvement Program Fund
 - ❖ Recreation and Stormwater Capital Reserve Fund
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TOWN OF MATTHEWS, NORTH CAROLINA

GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010
WITH COMPARATIVE ACTUAL AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

	2010		Variance Over/Under	2009
	Budget	Actual		Actual
Revenues:				
Ad Valorem Taxes:				
Taxes	\$ 9,987,647	\$ 10,245,803	\$ 258,156	\$ 9,921,928
Motor vehicle tax	31,926	18,980	(12,946)	36,085
Penalties and interest	23,859	53,207	29,348	38,404
Total	<u>10,043,432</u>	<u>10,317,990</u>	<u>274,558</u>	<u>9,996,417</u>
Other Taxes and Licenses:				
Local option sales tax	1,968,861	1,889,903	(78,958)	1,695,401
Piped natural gas excise tax	188,621	222,312	33,691	229,897
Utility franchise tax	781,893	766,636	(15,257)	881,990
Telecommunications sales tax	418,800	429,849	11,049	561,028
Tipping tax	19,500	15,161	(4,339)	13,065
Tax refunds	5,000	9,590	4,590	8,806
Animal control license	34,000	31,052	(2,948)	34,076
Cablevision franchise fees	251,565	241,357	(10,208)	313,730
Privilege licenses	200,000	170,800	(29,200)	212,701
Total	<u>3,868,240</u>	<u>3,776,660</u>	<u>(91,580)</u>	<u>3,950,694</u>
Unrestricted Intergovernmental:				
Beer and wine tax	121,933	40,840	(81,093)	126,071
ABC profit distribution	44,625	52,632	8,007	81,906
Total	<u>166,558</u>	<u>93,472</u>	<u>(73,086)</u>	<u>207,977</u>
Restricted Intergovernmental:				
Powell Bill allocation	656,820	705,182	48,362	785,619
CMUD bond payment reimbursement	545,375	545,375	-	566,375
Police grant - D. A. R. E.	10,000	7,635	(2,365)	2,233
Miscellaneous grants	2,421	1,515	(906)	19,934
Total	<u>1,214,616</u>	<u>1,259,707</u>	<u>45,091</u>	<u>1,374,161</u>
Permits and Fees:				
Planning revenue	-	20,000	20,000	-
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>-</u>

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IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010
WITH COMPARATIVE ACTUAL AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

	2010		Variance Over/Under	2009
	Budget	Actual		Actual
Sales and Services:				
Stormwater fees	612,789	569,441	(43,348)	614,231
Rental fees	220,908	220,892	(16)	210,692
Recreation program revenues	184,750	197,532	12,782	176,341
Community center revenues	250,000	238,990	(11,010)	236,099
Zoning ordinance sales	8,000	8,908	908	12,561
Rescue/EMS assistance	56,485	69,294	12,809	73,640
Police services	10,000	7,240	(2,760)	23,400
Other police contracts	176,625	174,755	(1,870)	133,853
Police agreement	-	8,538	8,538	6,570
Total	<u>1,519,557</u>	<u>1,495,590</u>	<u>(23,967)</u>	<u>1,487,387</u>
Investment Earnings	<u>150,000</u>	<u>15,205</u>	<u>(134,795)</u>	<u>114,282</u>
Miscellaneous:				
Other	80,390	78,746	(1,644)	138,357
Contribution from Morning Star Fire Department	-	-	-	268,391
Total	<u>80,390</u>	<u>78,746</u>	<u>(1,644)</u>	<u>406,748</u>
Total revenues	<u>17,042,793</u>	<u>17,057,370</u>	<u>14,577</u>	<u>17,537,666</u>
Expenditures:				
General Government:				
Salaries and employee benefits	19,456	19,449	7	38,132
Expenses allowance	40,500	35,659	4,841	33,925
Operating expenses	132,200	100,592	31,608	118,648
Total	<u>192,156</u>	<u>155,700</u>	<u>36,456</u>	<u>190,705</u>
Administration:				
Salaries and employee benefits	1,467,092	1,151,098	315,994	955,593
Operating expenditures	626,155	521,751	104,404	451,951
Capital outlay	13,500	13,226	274	30,339
Total	<u>2,106,747</u>	<u>1,686,075</u>	<u>420,672</u>	<u>1,437,883</u>
Total general government	<u>2,298,903</u>	<u>1,841,775</u>	<u>457,128</u>	<u>1,628,588</u>

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GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010
WITH COMPARATIVE ACTUAL AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

	2010		Variance Over/Under	2009
	Budget	Actual		Actual
Public Safety:				
Police:				
Salaries and employee benefits	4,555,015	4,550,765	4,250	4,561,435
Operating expenditures	734,010	699,468	34,542	742,294
Capital outlay	184,463	168,722	15,741	241,569
Total	5,473,488	5,418,955	54,533	5,545,298
Fire:				
Salaries and employee benefits	750,665	736,551	14,114	731,942
Operating expenditures	353,497	328,987	24,510	231,984
Donation to volunteer fire departments	126,840	126,840	-	208,007
Capital outlay	14,000	-	14,000	35,600
Total	1,245,002	1,192,378	52,624	1,207,533
Animal Control:				
Salaries and employee benefits	51,456	48,934	2,522	37,915
Other operating expenses	30,084	31,856	(1,772)	38,630
Total	81,540	80,790	750	76,545
Total public safety	6,800,030	6,692,123	107,907	6,829,376
Public Works:				
Street Department:				
Salaries and employee benefits	1,476,003	1,460,459	15,544	1,579,108
Operating expenses	855,992	824,306	31,686	707,225
Capital outlay	306,794	131,384	175,410	563,718
Total	2,638,789	2,416,149	222,640	2,850,051

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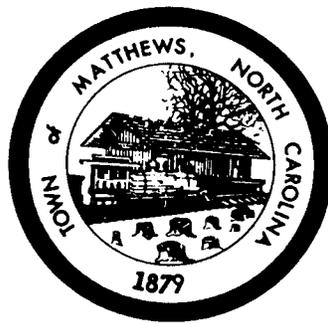
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010
WITH COMPARATIVE ACTUAL AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

	2010		Variance Over/Under	2009
	Budget	Actual		Actual
Environmental Protection:				
Sanitation:				
Contracted services	1,824,108	1,747,388	76,720	1,790,141
Storm Water:				
Salaries and employee benefits	385,644	383,462	2,182	397,395
Operating expenses	206,710	157,066	49,644	189,266
Total	592,354	540,528	51,826	586,661
Total environmental protection	2,416,462	2,287,916	128,546	2,376,802
Economic and Physical Development:				
Planning and Zoning:				
Salaries and employee benefits	408,213	403,839	4,374	397,003
Operating expenses	91,484	83,792	7,692	59,536
Capital outlay	40,000	-	40,000	-
Total	539,697	487,631	52,066	456,539
Cultural and Recreational:				
Parks:				
Salaries and employee benefits	606,730	604,440	2,290	561,655
Operating expenses	561,410	564,763	(3,353)	540,955
Capital outlay	3,000	2,100	900	28,461
Total	1,171,140	1,171,303	(163)	1,131,071
Debt Service:				
Principal retirement	1,748,149	1,682,352	65,797	8,836,434
Interest and other charges	263,358	369,276	(105,918)	618,553
Total	2,011,507	2,051,628	(40,121)	9,454,987
Contingency	32,250	-	32,250	-
Total expenditures	17,908,778	16,948,525	960,253	24,727,414

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GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010
WITH COMPARATIVE ACTUAL AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

	2010		Variance Over/Under	2009
	Budget	Actual		Actual
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(865,985)</u>	<u>108,845</u>	<u>974,830</u>	<u>(7,189,748)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Appropriated fund balance	474,110	-	(474,110)	-
Long-term debt issued	-	-	-	7,673,204
Sale of capital assets	70,000	251,282	181,282	698
Transfer to other funds	(387,000)	(676,363)	(289,363)	(809,198)
Transfer from other funds	<u>708,875</u>	<u>708,875</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>408,112</u>
Total other financing sources (uses):	<u>865,985</u>	<u>283,794</u>	<u>(582,191)</u>	<u>7,272,816</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>392,639</u>	<u>\$ 392,639</u>	<u>83,068</u>
Fund Balance:				
Beginning of year - July 1		<u>7,288,049</u>		<u>7,204,981</u>
End of year - June 30		<u>\$ 7,680,688</u>		<u>\$ 7,288,049</u>



Special Revenue Funds

A Special Revenue Fund is used to account for specific revenues that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

- ❖ ***Tourism*** – this Fund is used to account for the occupancy and prepared food taxes received and expended exclusively for the purpose of promoting the Town’s activities and events.
 - ❖ ***Recreation and Stormwater Projects Capital Reserve Fund*** – this Fund is used to account for funds exclusively for the purpose of funding recreation and stormwater projects.
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TOWN OF MATTHEWS, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - TOURISM FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Over/Under</u>
Revenues:			
Other taxes and licenses:			
Occupancy tax	\$ 339,300	\$ 327,633	\$ (11,667)
Prepared food tax	534,422	528,535	(5,887)
Rental car tax	86,998	67,757	(19,241)
Sales and services	500	1,127	627
Total revenues	<u>961,220</u>	<u>925,052</u>	<u>(36,168)</u>
Expenditures:			
Cultural and recreational:			
Tourism	<u>284,857</u>	<u>217,275</u>	<u>67,582</u>
Total expenditures	<u>284,857</u>	<u>217,275</u>	<u>67,582</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>676,363</u>	<u>707,777</u>	<u>31,414</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Transfer from other funds	-	676,363	676,363
Transfer to other funds	<u>(676,363)</u>	<u>(676,363)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(676,363)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>676,363</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>707,777</u>	<u>\$ 707,777</u>
Fund Balance:			
Beginning of year - July 1		<u>1,805,027</u>	
End of year - June 30		<u>\$ 2,512,804</u>	

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NONMAJOR CAPITAL RESERVE FUND - RECREATION AND STORMWATER PROJECTS
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FROM INCEPTION AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

	Project Authorization	Actual			Variance Over/Under
		Prior Years	Current Year	Total to Date	
Revenues:					
Investment earnings	\$ -	\$ 177,150	\$ 6,051	\$ 183,201	\$ 183,201
Miscellaneous:					
Land dedication ordinance fees	<u>1,170,079</u>	<u>1,451,924</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,451,924</u>	<u>281,845</u>
Total revenues	<u>1,170,079</u>	<u>1,629,074</u>	<u>6,051</u>	<u>1,635,125</u>	<u>465,046</u>
Expenditures:					
Cultural and recreational:					
Recreation Center	1,297,929	1,234,882	-	1,234,882	63,047
Public works:					
Stormwater	<u>148,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>148,000</u>
Total expenditures	<u>1,445,929</u>	<u>1,234,882</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,234,882</u>	<u>211,047</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(275,850)</u>	<u>394,192</u>	<u>6,051</u>	<u>400,243</u>	<u>676,093</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Transfer to other funds	(967,010)	(1,137,112)	(32,512)	(1,169,624)	(202,614)
Transfer from other funds	284,360	247,800	-	247,800	(36,560)
Proceeds from Depot land sale	<u>958,500</u>	<u>958,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>958,500</u>	<u>-</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>275,850</u>	<u>69,188</u>	<u>(32,512)</u>	<u>36,676</u>	<u>(239,174)</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 463,380</u>	<u>(26,461)</u>	<u>\$ 436,919</u>	<u>\$ 436,919</u>
Fund Balance:					
Beginning of year - July 1			<u>463,380</u>		
End of year - June 30			<u>\$ 436,919</u>		

Capital Projects Funds

- ❖ **Capital Improvement Program** – this Fund is a multi-year plan used to account for funds that have been earmarked for anticipated capital projects. It addresses both repair and replacement of existing infrastructure; acquisition, construction or development of facilities; equipment purchases or upgrades and vehicle replacements
 - ❖ **Capital Project Funds** – this Fund is used to account for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities other than those financed by Proprietary Funds and Trust Funds.
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TOWN OF MATTHEWS, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT FUND - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FROM INCEPTION AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

	Project Authorization	Actual		Total to Date	Variance Over/Under
		Prior Years	Current Year		
Revenues:					
Investment earnings	\$ 5,205	\$ -	\$ 8,002	\$ 8,002	\$ 2,797
Restricted Intergovernmental	550,000	-	550,000	550,000	-
Donations	2,400	-	2,400	2,400	-
Total revenues	<u>557,605</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>560,402</u>	<u>560,402</u>	<u>2,797</u>
Expenditures:					
Cultural and Recreational:					
Greenway-Old P/W Building	8,410	1,422	2,581	4,003	4,407
KP Pocket Park	20,000	-	45,205	45,205	(25,205)
4 Mile Greenway	1,600,000	-	454,513	454,513	1,145,487
Stumptown Park restrooms	82,500	-	4,575	4,575	77,925
PARTF expenses	-	-	28,766	28,766	(28,766)
AG Building renovations	900,000	-	3,275	3,275	896,725
Total cultural and recreational	<u>2,610,910</u>	<u>1,422</u>	<u>538,915</u>	<u>540,337</u>	<u>2,070,573</u>
Public Safety:					
Police Radio System Upgrade	62,000	35,998	26,600	62,598	(598)
Fire/EMS Command Vehicle	25,000	-	24,958	24,958	42
Volunteer fire truck	30,000	-	30,000	30,000	-
Ladder fire truck	861,246	-	259,991	259,991	601,255
Police Mobile CAD	120,000	119,922	-	119,922	78
Fire station improvements	148,606	2,950	43,944	46,894	101,712
Total public safety	<u>1,246,852</u>	<u>158,870</u>	<u>385,493</u>	<u>544,363</u>	<u>702,489</u>
Public Works:					
W. Charles Street Connector Project	207,000	163,258	-	163,258	43,742
N. Trade Street Project	225,000	35,192	5,000	40,192	184,808
S. Trade Street Project	80,000	-	276,522	276,522	(196,522)
ARRA Projects	637,000	-	698,314	698,314	(61,314)
Weddington Road Sidewalk Project	100,000	-	96,498	96,498	3,502
4x4 Pick-up truck	28,000	7,739	-	7,739	20,261
Right-of-way tractor	60,000	684	-	684	59,316
McKee Road Project Segment A	40,000	259,191	106,155	365,346	(325,346)
McKee Road Project Segment B	-	27,000	1,800	28,800	(28,800)
McKee Road Project Segment C	66,000	56,200	2,100	58,300	7,700
Crack sealer trailer	55,000	42,525	-	42,525	12,475
Tandem dump truck	85,000	-	88,344	88,344	(3,344)
Utility service truck	28,000	-	22,305	22,305	5,695
F-450 Class 1 1/2 ton truck	20,000	-	16,830	16,830	3,170
Small pick-up truck	18,000	-	511	511	17,489
Public works vehicle	22,000	-	13,545	13,545	8,455
Salt/Plow Spreader	30,000	-	29,461	29,461	539
Crew cab landscape truck	43,000	-	-	-	43,000
Total public works	<u>1,744,000</u>	<u>591,789</u>	<u>1,357,385</u>	<u>1,949,174</u>	<u>(205,174)</u>

TOWN OF MATTHEWS, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT FUND - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FROM INCEPTION AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

	Project Authorization	Actual		Total to Date	Variance Over/Under
		Prior Years	Current Year		
Economic and Physical Development:					
Large document scanner/printer	24,565	18,543	-	18,543	6,022
Vehicle replacement	22,000	15,766	-	15,766	6,234
Planning and zoning update	113,550	52,303	52,795	105,098	8,452
Total economic and physical development	<u>160,115</u>	<u>86,612</u>	<u>52,795</u>	<u>139,407</u>	<u>20,708</u>
Debt Service:					
Principal	64,493	68,312	-	68,312	(3,819)
Interest	-	9,712	-	9,712	(9,712)
Total debt service	<u>64,493</u>	<u>78,024</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>78,024</u>	<u>(13,531)</u>
Total expenditures	<u>5,826,370</u>	<u>916,717</u>	<u>2,334,588</u>	<u>3,251,305</u>	<u>2,575,065</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(5,268,765)</u>	<u>(916,717)</u>	<u>(1,774,186)</u>	<u>(2,690,903)</u>	<u>2,577,862</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Transfer from other funds	2,761,019	895,978	-	895,978	(1,865,041)
Long-term debt issued	2,461,246	-	1,350,232	1,350,232	(1,111,014)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	46,500	45,825	54,500	100,325	53,825
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>5,268,765</u>	<u>941,803</u>	<u>1,404,732</u>	<u>2,346,535</u>	<u>(2,922,230)</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 25,086</u>	<u>(369,454)</u>	<u>\$ (344,368)</u>	<u>\$ (344,368)</u>
Fund Balance:					
Beginning of year - July 1			<u>25,086</u>		
End of year - June 30			<u>\$ (344,368)</u>		

Additional Financial Data

This section contains additional information on property taxes

- ❖ General Fund – Schedule of Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable
 - ❖ Analysis of Current Tax Levy
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TOWN OF MATTHEWS, NORTH CAROLINA

SCHEDULE OF AD VALOREM TAXES RECEIVABLE

JUNE 30, 2010

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Uncollected Balance July 1, 2009</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Collections and Credits</u>	<u>Uncollected Balance June 30, 2010</u>
2009-2010	\$ -	\$ 10,249,648	\$ 10,024,741	\$ 224,907
2008-2009	230,563	-	148,479	82,084
2007-2008	77,165	-	14,600	62,565
2006-2007	46,454	-	5,744	40,710
2005-2006	25,028	-	4,260	20,768
2004-2005	14,342	-	1,543	12,799
2003-2004	19,887	-	1,754	18,133
2002-2003	21,624	-	(131)	21,755
2001-2002	15,970	-	(519)	16,489
2000-2001	15,106	-	(680)	15,786
1999-2000	-	-	-	-
	<u>\$ 466,139</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 10,199,791</u>	<u>515,996</u>
Less: Allowance for uncollectible accounts				<u>(115,000)</u>
Ad valorem taxes receivable, net				<u>\$ 400,996</u>
Reconciliation with Revenues:				
Ad valorem taxes - General Fund				\$ 10,317,990
Reconciling items:				
Penalties and interest collected				(53,207)
Prior year releases and other adjustments				<u>(64,992)</u>
Total collections and credits				<u>\$ 10,199,791</u>

TOWN OF MATTHEWS, NORTH CAROLINA

ANALYSIS OF CURRENT YEAR LEVY

JUNE 30, 2010

	Town-Wide			Total Levy	
	Property Valuation	Rate	Total Levy	Property Excluding Registered Motor Vehicles	Registered Motor Vehicles
Original Levy:					
Property taxed at current year's rate	\$ 2,769,940,150	0.3325	\$ 9,210,051	\$ 9,210,051	\$ -
Registered motor vehicles taxed at current year's rate	318,285,113	0.3325	1,058,298	-	1,058,298
Total	<u>3,088,225,263</u>		<u>10,268,349</u>	<u>9,210,051</u>	<u>1,058,298</u>
Discoveries:					
Prior years' taxes	9,474,887	0.3325	31,504	31,504	-
Abatement:					
	<u>(15,099,248)</u>	0.3325	<u>(50,205)</u>	<u>(37,834)</u>	<u>(12,371)</u>
Total property valuation	<u>\$ 3,082,600,902</u>				
Net Levy			10,249,648	9,203,721	1,045,927
Uncollected taxes at June 30, 2010			<u>(224,907)</u>	<u>(121,078)</u>	<u>(103,829)</u>
Current Year's Taxes Collected			<u>\$ 10,024,741</u>	<u>\$ 9,082,643</u>	<u>\$ 942,098</u>
Current Levy Collection Percentage			<u>97.81%</u>	<u>98.68%</u>	<u>90.07%</u>

Secondary Market Disclosures:**Assessed Valuation:**

Assessment Ratio ¹	100%
Real property	\$ 2,769,940,150
Personal property	318,285,113
Public Service Companies ²	<u>52,876,218</u>
Total assessed valuation	3,082,600,902
Tax Rate per \$100	0.3325
Levy (includes discoveries, releases and abatements) ³	<u>\$ 10,249,648</u>

¹ Percentage of appraised value has been established by statute.² Valuation of railroads, telephone companies and other utilities as determined by North Carolina Property Tax Commission.³ The levy includes interest and penalties.

TOWN OF MATTHEWS, NORTH CAROLINA

STATISTICAL SECTION (UNAUDITED)

This part of the Town of Matthew's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report presents detailed information as a context for understanding what the information in the finance statements, note disclosures and required supplementary information says about the government's overall financial health.

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Town of Matthews, North Carolina
 Net Assets by Component
 Last Nine Fiscal Years
 (accrual basis of accounting)

	Fiscal Year								
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Primary government									
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 282,719,342	\$ 277,554,317	\$ 279,214,110	\$ 276,619,246	\$ 279,681,491	\$ 262,511,988	\$ 264,648,341	\$ 261,861,998	\$ 256,498,533
Restricted	-	-	149,170	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted	832,676	1,956,742	3,727,032	5,317,891	806,782	14,792,951	8,592,662	8,881,301	9,403,033
Total primary government net assets	\$ 283,552,018	\$ 279,511,059	\$ 283,090,312	\$ 281,937,137	\$ 280,488,273	\$ 277,304,939	\$ 273,241,003	\$ 270,743,299	\$ 265,901,566

Note: The Town began to report accrual information when it implemented GASB Statement 34 in fiscal year 2002.

Town of Matthews, North Carolina
Changes in Net Assets
Last Nine Fiscal Years
(accrual basis of accounting)

	Fiscal Year								
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Expenses									
Governmental activities:									
General government	\$ 816,206	\$ 7,233,067	\$ 7,145,993	\$ 6,775,329	\$ 6,625,826	\$ 6,644,807	\$ 6,864,191	\$ 6,790,343	\$ 7,039,748
Public safety	4,229,343	4,768,850	5,037,676	5,342,724	6,263,505	6,646,928	7,221,272	8,175,344	7,620,881
Public works	2,231,337	2,323,334	2,191,912	2,450,443	2,609,510	1,566,573	3,340,233	3,121,238	3,697,289
Environmental protection	1,432,162	1,482,411	1,629,912	1,626,580	1,880,068	2,016,101	2,131,562	2,376,802	2,287,916
Economic and physical development	288,387	311,016	311,475	388,296	419,433	408,458	529,283	473,900	557,786
Cultural and recreation	459,028	690,188	737,063	794,203	946,996	2,547,098	1,276,386	1,196,978	1,877,984
Unallocated depreciation expense	5,910,522	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest on long term debt	1,051,946	996,622	856,137	878,086	660,906	619,269	544,632	647,687	369,276
Total primary government expenses	16,418,931	17,805,488	17,910,168	18,255,661	19,406,244	20,449,234	21,907,559	22,782,292	23,450,880
Program Revenues									
Governmental activities:									
Charges for services:									
General government	311,236	299,274	523,745	459,313	461,468	-	50,336	94,455	51,256
Public safety	32,874	35,265	98,645	86,628	120,015	325,893	245,145	561,619	262,123
Public works	440,359	446,046	487,160	485,875	511,389	579,683	424,249	657,850	588,411
Economic and physical development	16,560	23,149	27,941	25,539	23,864	1,675	15,531	12,561	8,908
Cultural and recreation	139,736	166,231	213,776	241,870	303,100	595,730	683,272	615,038	648,934
Operating grants and contributions:									
General government	62,727	42,200	9,000	9,000	9,000	-	4,747	1,000	-
Public safety	158,927	170,468	230,650	183,234	166,759	12,426	144,107	151,945	95,811
Public works	710,343	687,293	645,620	720,418	728,654	727,130	843,663	785,619	1,277,582
Economic and physical development	29,370	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	-	-	-	-
Cultural and recreation	104,577	28,347	672,348	658,975	636,625	22,113	10,000	30,000	20,000
Interest on long term debt	765,575	743,975	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital grants and contributions:									
General government	-	-	6,285,349	1,993,240	1,568,015	617,025	497,237	566,375	545,375
Cultural and recreation	-	-	586,145	236,206	217,820	-	-	-	-
Public works	-	-	-	-	-	85,000	9,317	1,948,541	-
Public safety	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,515
Total governmental activities program revenues	2,772,284	2,667,248	9,805,379	5,125,298	4,771,709	2,966,675	2,927,604	5,425,003	3,499,915
Net (expense)/revenue	(13,646,647)	(15,138,240)	(8,104,789)	(13,130,363)	(14,634,535)	(17,482,559)	(18,979,955)	(17,357,289)	(19,950,965)
Total governmental activities net (expense)/revenue									

Town of Matthews, North Carolina
Changes in Net Assets
Last Nine Fiscal Years
(accrual basis of accounting)

	Fiscal Year								
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
General Revenues and Other Changes in Net Assets									
Governmental activities:									
Taxes									
Property taxes	5,705,083	7,005,810	7,473,501	7,636,559	8,186,383	8,542,509	9,093,839	10,014,657	10,367,847
Local option sales tax	-	-	-	-	-	2,237,330	2,487,413	1,695,401	1,889,903
Utility franchise and excise tax	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,565,435	1,986,645	1,660,154
Other taxes and licenses	2,212,205	2,524,881	955,663	1,002,510	1,044,201	1,407,414	1,357,727	1,266,109	1,162,070
Unrestricted intergovernmental revenues	1,096,997	76,827	-	-	-	1,415,445	-	-	-
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	-	1,188,651	3,014,718	3,082,783	3,637,353	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted investment earnings	198,466	77,168	86,088	235,220	220,660	484,637	411,605	120,698	29,258
Miscellaneous	279,914	285,347	154,072	20,116	97,074	211,890	-	-	-
Loss on sale of capital assets	-	(61,403)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total governmental activities general revenues	9,492,665	11,097,281	11,684,042	11,977,188	13,185,671	14,299,225	14,916,019	15,083,510	15,109,232
Change in Net Assets									
Governmental activities	(4,153,982)	(4,040,959)	3,579,253	(1,153,175)	(1,448,864)	(3,183,334)	(4,063,936)	(2,273,779)	(4,841,733)
Net assets-beginning	287,706,000	283,552,018	279,511,059	283,090,312	281,937,137	280,488,273	277,304,939	273,241,003	270,743,299
Prior period adjustment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(223,925)	-
Net assets-ending	\$ 283,552,018	\$ 279,511,059	\$ 283,090,312	\$ 281,937,137	\$ 280,488,273	\$ 277,304,939	\$ 273,241,003	\$ 270,743,299	\$ 265,901,566

Note: Accrual-basis financial information for the Town as a whole is available back to 2002 only, the year GASB Statement 34 was implemented.

Town of Matthews, North Carolina
Fund Balances of Governmental Funds
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(modified accrual basis of accounting)

	Fiscal Year									
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
General Fund										
Reserved for:										
Public works	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 84,478	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Tourism	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cultural & recreational	-	-	56,233	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encumbrances	-	-	-	-	-	52,298	71,908	-	-	-
Prepays	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,000	107,803	18,397	29,739
Storm water-appropriated	105,633	131,636	222,718	182,779	172,358	37,000	-	-	-	-
Storm water-unappropriated	215,871	202,278	182,574	191,914	275,978	159,933	-	-	-	-
State Statute	478,843	685,387	606,915	922,692	606,287	725,471	833,747	899,183	915,136	1,375,612
Streets - Powell Bill - appropriated	168,293	316,045	342,000	141,450	-	-	-	-	-	-
Streets - Powell Bill - unappropriated	152,165	62,459	73,833	7,720	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total reserved	1,120,805	1,397,805	1,568,751	1,506,555	1,114,623	974,702	920,655	1,006,986	933,533	1,405,351
Unreserved										
Designated for										
subsequent year's expenditures	-	-	228,000	191,012	139,234	190,146	-	-	-	-
Undesignated	3,660,147	4,028,035	4,464,325	6,268,824	7,430,219	3,378,208	7,697,243	6,421,920	6,354,516	6,275,337
Total General Fund	\$ 4,780,952	\$ 5,425,840	\$ 6,261,076	\$ 7,966,391	\$ 8,684,076	\$ 4,543,056	\$ 8,617,898	\$ 7,428,906	\$ 7,288,049	\$ 7,680,688
All Other Governmental Funds										
Reserved for:										
Tourism	\$ 24,207	\$ 185,466	\$ 25,493	\$ 51,923	\$ 298,173	\$ 458,058	\$ 705,041	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Storm water	197,950	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Revenue Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,615,240	2,238,072	2,902,096
State Statute	63,872	26,138	19,790	22,822	22,893	43,430	28,043	42,683	30,335	95,046
Unreserved	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Designated for subsequent year's expenditures:										
Capital projects	3,402,299	1,465,703	1,276,544	1,562,136	1,834,855	886,199	1,284,797	28,623	25,086	(391,787)
Total all other governmental funds	\$ 3,688,328	\$ 1,677,307	\$ 1,321,827	\$ 1,636,881	\$ 2,155,921	\$ 1,387,687	\$ 2,017,881	\$ 1,686,546	\$ 2,293,493	\$ 2,605,355

Town of Matthews, North Carolina
Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(modified accrual basis of accounting)

	Fiscal Year									
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Revenues										
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 5,169,327	\$ 5,699,336	\$ 6,962,368	\$ 7,518,410	\$ 7,698,073	\$ 8,239,209	\$ 8,584,246	\$ 9,065,438	\$ 9,996,417	\$ 10,317,990
Other taxes and licenses	1,651,130	2,212,205	2,453,162	1,146,777	1,151,078	1,220,819	3,644,744	5,410,575	3,950,694	3,776,660
Unrestricted intergovernmental	1,485,358	1,096,997	983,839	3,007,608	3,083,903	3,637,353	1,415,445	166,412	207,977	93,472
Restricted intergovernmental	2,677,126	1,701,940	1,747,028	2,080,983	2,083,590	2,096,540	1,463,694	1,456,790	1,374,161	1,259,707
Permits and fees	59,187	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	-	-	20,000
Sales and services	-	1,026,606	942,642	1,207,859	813,638	859,423	1,477,981	1,332,389	1,487,387	1,495,590
Unrestricted investment earnings	588,014	198,467	77,167	86,089	235,220	220,660	456,481	411,605	114,282	15,205
Miscellaneous	846,169	279,914	294,349	181,025	38,817	94,027	211,890	62,401	407,446	78,746
Total revenues	12,476,311	12,240,465	13,485,555	15,253,751	15,129,319	16,393,031	17,279,481	17,905,610	17,538,364	17,057,370
Expenditures										
General government	817,604	938,333	942,972	1,111,014	1,219,375	1,219,626	1,353,264	1,621,076	1,628,588	1,841,775
Public safety	3,679,024	4,164,147	4,395,790	4,697,971	5,175,966	6,082,993	6,666,572	7,196,965	6,829,376	6,692,123
Public works	1,792,167	2,111,342	2,119,784	2,007,193	2,291,389	2,960,024	2,885,327	3,714,121	2,850,051	2,416,149
Environmental Prot.	1,470,326	1,552,415	1,482,411	1,629,912	1,641,674	2,052,783	2,016,101	2,131,562	2,376,802	2,287,916
Economic and physical development	303,805	283,047	302,385	302,283	385,263	409,860	402,341	519,465	456,539	487,631
Culture and recreation	309,816	439,213	560,860	606,028	657,598	6,164,219	2,661,894	2,241,339	1,131,071	1,171,303
Debt service:										
Principal	939,213	1,254,931	1,630,099	1,744,780	1,795,204	1,752,196	3,080,497	1,501,151	8,836,434	1,682,352
Interest	1,013,815	1,120,737	996,622	704,253	726,125	660,584	619,269	544,632	618,553	369,276
Construction in progress	-	1,876,386	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	10,338,466	-	652,407	706,207	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	20,664,236	13,740,551	13,083,330	13,509,641	13,892,594	21,302,285	19,685,265	19,470,311	24,727,414	16,948,525
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(8,187,925)	(1,500,086)	402,225	1,744,110	1,236,725	(4,909,254)	(2,405,784)	(1,564,701)	(7,189,050)	108,845
Other financing sources (uses)										
Debt issued, note payable	7,400,000	127,267	77,531	-	-	-	2,071,000	-	-	-
Debt issued, refunding bonds	-	-	-	5,926,124	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sale of capital assets	1,950	6,685	-	-	-	-	5,039,820	44,374	7,673,204	251,282
Payment to refunded bond escrow agent	-	-	-	(5,919,848)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	7,401,950	133,952	77,531	6,276	-	-	7,110,820	44,374	7,673,204	251,282
Net change in fund balances	\$ (785,975)	\$ (1,366,134)	\$ 479,756	\$ 1,750,366	\$ 1,236,725	\$ (4,909,254)	\$ 4,705,036	\$ (1,520,327)	\$ 484,154	\$ 360,127
Debt services as a percentage of noncapital expenditures	18.9%	17.3%	21.1%	19.1%	18.1%	11.3%	21.0%	11.9%	42.1%	14.0%

Town of Matthews, North Carolina
Assessed Value and Estimated Actual Value of Taxable Property
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year Ended December 31	Real Property	Personal Property	Public Service Companies (2)	Total Taxable Assessed Value	Total Direct Tax Rate
2001	1,813,266,454	175,368,326	40,732,824	2,029,367,604	0.2560
2002	1,946,671,252	140,028,171	41,015,519	2,127,714,942	0.2700
2003	2,013,093,111	158,819,340	48,161,693	2,220,074,144	0.3200
2004	2,288,179,714	219,178,553	45,098,110	2,552,456,377	0.2950
2005	2,179,101,470	371,057,627	44,313,296	2,594,472,393	0.3075
2006	2,246,838,340	382,616,174	44,313,296	2,673,767,810	0.3075
2007	2,404,749,326	433,590,128	81,127,418	2,919,466,872	0.3075
2008	2,623,673,106	288,189,269	51,681,690	2,963,544,065	0.3075
2009	2,652,308,962	293,588,873	52,876,218	2,998,774,053	0.3325
2010	2,769,940,150	318,285,113	52,876,218	3,141,101,481	0.3325

Town of Matthews, North Carolina
 Property Tax Rates
 Direct and Overlapping Governments
 Last Ten Fiscal Years

	Year Taxes Are Payable									
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mecklenburg County	\$ 0.7300	\$ 0.8397	\$ 0.8397	\$ 0.7364	\$ 0.7567	\$ 0.8638	\$ 0.8387	\$ 0.8387	\$ 0.8387	\$ 0.8387
Municipality Rates:										
Town of Matthews	0.2560	0.2700	0.3200	0.2950	0.3075	0.3075	0.3075	0.3075	0.3325	0.3325

Source: Tax Association for respective entities (1) Net of bankruptcies

Town of Matthews
Principal Property Taxpayers
Current Year And Ten Years Ago

Taxpayer	Type of Business	Fiscal Year 2010			Fiscal Year 2000		
		Taxable Assessed Value	Rank	Percentage of Total Taxable Assessed Value	Taxable Assessed Value	Rank	Percentage of Total Taxable Assessed Value
Family Dollar, Inc	Corporate headquarters	\$ 50,503,289	1	1.68%	\$ 34,950,844	1	1.78%
Adult Communities Total Services, Inc.	Retirement Village	38,473,421	2	1.28%	34,338,460	2	1.75%
SC Windsor Associates, LP	Retail/shopping center	38,164,800	3	1.27%	21,956,008	5	1.12%
CIP Inc - (formally PCA National, Inc.)	Office/Photo Lab/Warehouse	25,282,338	4	0.84%	26,383,387	4	1.34%
Sycamore Commons, LLC	Retail/shopping center	25,264,000	5	0.84%	-	-	0.00%
Martin Marietta	Aggregate complex	19,521,680	6	0.65%	-	-	0.00%
HEP Investment Company, LLC	Hendrick Automotive Group	17,835,000	7	0.59%	-	-	0.00%
BBR/Paces Commons, LLC	Apartment complex	16,749,300	8	0.56%	-	-	0.00%
WMCI Charlotte VIII, LLC	Apartment complex	15,268,900	9	0.51%	-	-	0.00%
1450 Matthews Township Parkway LP	Medical office complex	14,902,100	10	0.50%	-	-	0.00%
Rexham Corp	Corporate headquarters	-	-	0.00%	28,429,524	3	1.45%
Boddie-Noell Restaurant Property, Inc. (BNP Realty, LLC)	Apartment complex	-	-	0.0	14,801,430	6	0.75%
Harris Teeter, Inc.	Corporate headquarters	-	-	0.0	14,056,892	7	0.71%
Pic 'n Pay	Corporate headquarters	-	-	0.0	-	-	0.00%
Matthews CB Village, Inc.	Apartment complex	-	-	0.0	12,399,670	9	0.63%
Matthews Center Associates	Commercial land developers	-	-	0.0	12,775,410	8	0.65%
Lendoff Windsor Square Assoc	Retail/shopping center	-	-	0.0	11,346,890	10	0.58%
Sterling Apartments, LLC	Apartment complex	-	-	0.0	-	-	-
Totals		\$ 261,964,828.00		8.7%	\$ 211,438,515		10.8%

Source: Mecklenburg County Office of the Tax Collector

Town of Matthews, North Carolina
Property Tax levies and Collections
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year Ended December 31	Total Levy for Fiscal Year (Original Year)	Collected within the Fiscal Year of the Levy		Collections in Subsequent Years		Total Collections to Date	
		Amount	Percentage of Original Levy	Amount	Percentage of Adjusted Levy	Amount	Percentage of Adjusted Levy
2001	5,157,876	5,053,935	97.98%	90,455	99.74%	5,144,390	99.74%
2002	5,715,095	5,573,944	97.53%	106,660	99.40%	5,680,604	99.40%
2003	6,986,358	6,812,492	97.51%	123,589	99.28%	6,936,081	99.28%
2004	7,548,412	7,412,699	98.20%	136,355	100.01%	7,549,054	100.01%
2005	7,965,121	7,851,929	98.58%	118,555	100.07%	7,970,484	100.07%
2006	8,226,868	8,072,994	98.13%	157,540	100.04%	8,230,534	100.04%
2007	8,619,553	8,459,957	98.15%	121,813	99.56%	8,581,770	99.56%
2008	9,112,898	8,920,159	97.88%	147,487	99.50%	9,067,646	99.50%
2009	9,970,924	9,740,361	97.69%	193,693	99.63%	9,934,054	99.63%
2010	10,249,648	10,024,741	97.81%	175,050	99.51%	10,199,791	99.51%

Town of Matthews, North Carolina
Ratios of General Bonded Debt Outstanding
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year	General Obligation Bonds	Percentage of Estimated Actual Taxable Value of Property (2)	Per Capita (-1.00)	Percentage of Personal Income
2001	6,650,000	0.33%	294	0.00%
2002	6,250,000	0.29%	270	0.98%
2003	5,850,000	0.26%	243	0.88%
2004	5,800,000	0.23%	238	0.00%
2005	5,315,000	0.20%	214	0.78%
2006	4,835,000	0.18%	190	0.00%
2007	4,365,000	0.15%	164	0.00%
2008	3,915,000	0.13%	139	0.50%
2009	3,475,000	0.12%	121	0.38%
2010	3,045,000	0.10%	104	0.31%

Note: Details regarding the Town's outstanding debt can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

(1) See Table of Demographic and Economic Statistics for personal income and population data

**Town of Matthews, North Carolina
Ratio of Outstanding Debt by Type
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Fiscal Year	Governmental Activities			Total Primary Government	Per Capita	Percentage of Per Capita Income
	General Obligation Bonds	Notes Payable				
2001	6,650,000	15,164,368		21,814,368	965	0.00%
2002	6,250,000	14,426,311		20,676,311	893	3.25%
2003	5,850,000	13,273,743		19,123,743	793	2.87%
2004	5,800,000	12,067,763		17,867,763	734	0.00%
2005	5,315,000	10,757,559		16,072,559	646	2.35%
2006	4,835,000	9,434,268		14,269,268	561	0.00%
2007	4,365,000	8,894,771		13,259,771	499	0.00%
2008	3,915,000	7,843,619		11,758,619	419	1.52%
2009	3,475,000	7,719,542		11,194,542	391	1.23%
2010	3,045,000	7,817,422		10,862,422	372	1.11%

Note: Details regarding the Town's outstanding debt can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

Town of Matthews, North Carolina
Direct and Overlapping Governmental Activities Debt
As of June 30, 2010

<u>Governmental Unit</u>	<u>Debt Outstanding</u>	<u>Estimated Percentage Applicable</u>	<u>Estimated Share of Overlapping Debt</u>
<i>Towns:</i> Matthews (1)	\$ 3,045,000	100.00%	\$ 3,045,000
<i>Counties:</i> Mecklenburg County (2)	<u>2,974,880,532</u>	2.99%	<u>88,948,928</u>
Total direct and overlapping debt	<u>\$ 2,977,925,532</u>		<u>\$ 91,993,928</u>

Sources:

- (1) Audited annual financial reports
- (2) Mecklenburg County finance department

Note: Overlapping governments are those that coincide, at least in part, with the geographic boundaries of the city. This schedule estimates the portion of the outstanding debt of those overlapping governments that is borne by the residents and businesses of the Name of Government. This process recognizes that, when considering the government's ability to issue and repay long-term debt, the entire debt burden borne by the residents and businesses should be taken into account. However, this does not imply that every taxpayer is a resident, and therefore responsible for repaying the debt, of each overlapping government.

Town of Matthews, North Carolina
Legal Debt Margin Information
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(amounts expressed in thousands)

	Fiscal Year									
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Assessed Value of Property	\$ 2,029,367,604	\$ 2,127,714,942	\$ 2,220,074,144	\$ 2,552,456,377	\$ 2,594,502,401	\$ 2,673,767,810	\$ 2,803,106,667	\$ 2,963,544,064	\$ 2,998,774,053	\$ 3,082,600,902
Debt Limit, 8% of Assessed value (Statutory Limitation)	162,349,408	170,217,195	177,605,932	204,196,510	207,560,192	213,901,425	224,248,533	237,083,525	239,901,924	246,608,072
Debt applicable to debt limitations: Total bonded debt	6,650,000	6,250,000	5,850,000	5,800,000	5,315,000	4,835,000	4,365,000	3,915,000	3,475,000	3,045,000
Debt not evidenced by bonds	15,164,368	14,426,311	13,273,743	12,067,763	10,757,559	9,434,268	8,894,771	7,843,619	7,719,542	7,817,422
Statutory Deductions	(6,650,000)	(6,250,000)	(5,850,000)	(5,800,000)	(5,315,000)	(4,835,000)	(4,365,000)	3,915,000	3,475,000	3,045,000
Total debt applicable to limitations	15,164,368	14,426,311	13,273,743	12,067,763	10,757,559	9,434,268	8,894,771	7,843,619	7,719,542	7,817,422
Legal debt limit	147,185,040	155,790,884	164,332,189	192,128,747	196,802,633	204,467,157	215,353,762	229,239,906	232,182,382	238,790,650
Total net debt applicable to the limit as a percentage of debt limit	<u>9.34%</u>	<u>8.48%</u>	<u>7.47%</u>	<u>5.91%</u>	<u>5.18%</u>	<u>4.41%</u>	<u>4.13%</u>	<u>3.42%</u>	<u>3.32%</u>	<u>3.27%</u>

Note: NC Statute GS159-55 limits the Town's outstanding debt to 8% of the appraised value of property subject to taxation. The following deductions are made from gross debt to arrive at net debt applicable to the limit: money held for payment of principal; debt incurred for water, sewer, gas, or electric power purposes; uncollected special assessments, funding and refunding bonds not yet issued; and revenue bonds. The legal debt margin is the difference between the debt limit and the Town's net debt outstanding applicable to the limit, and represents the Town's legal borrowing authority.

Town of Matthews, North Carolina
Demographic and Economic Statistics
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year	Population	Total Personal Income	Per Capita Personal Income	Public School Enrollment	Unemployment Rate	Town Median Family Income	Median Age
2001	22,613	-	-	6,102	4.40%	70,100	-
2002	23,144	44,526,614	27,471	5,950	5.60%	67,034	-
2003	24,121	46,147,836	27,546	5,893	6.40%	73,728	-
2004	24,357	48,202,578	-	5,816	5.60%	-	-
2005	24,879	49,562,395	27,471	6,581	5.00%	75,791	-
2006	25,437	53,145,420	-	6,295	4.10%	-	-
2007	26,554	57,214,443	-	6,380	3.50%	81,841	-
2008	28,072	62,571,847	27,546	6,307	4.70%	67,034	-
2009	28,634	66,217,625	31,881	6,175	7.70%	74,073	35.1
2010	29,209	67,712,169	33,391	6,144	7.80%	75,588	36.4

Note: Data provided by the North Carolina Office of State Planning; Centralina Council of Government; U.S. Census Bureau; Charlotte Mecklenburg School System website; Employment Security Commission; City-Data.com; and Bureau of Economic Analysis: Regional Economic Accounts>Local Area Personal Income www.bea.gov

**Town of Matthews, North Carolina
Principal Employers
Current Year and Ten Years Ago**

	<u>2010</u>			<u>2000</u>		
	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Employment</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Employment</u>
Family Dollar Stores	1700	1	0.39%	900	1	0.23%
Presbyterian Hospital	950	2	0.22%	250	6	0.07%
Harris Teeter	667	3	0.15%	680	2	0.18%
Town of Matthews	135	4	0.03%	125	10	0.03%
Plantation Estates	119	5	0.03%	200	7	0.05%
Sam's Club	115	6	0.03%	135	9	0.04%
Stronghaven Container, Inc	89	7	0.02%	-	-	-
Costco Wholesale Inc.	75	8	0.02%	-	-	-
Home Depot	70	9	0.02%	140	8	0.04%
Lowe's	60	10	0.01%	-	-	-
PCA	-	-	-	625	3	0.16%
Pic-n-Pay	-	-	-	300		0.08%
Conbraco	-	-	-	300	4	0.08%
Rexham	-	-	-	260	5	0.07%

Note: Total employment was not available for municipality only.

Town of Matthews, North Carolina
Full-time Equivalent City Government Employees by Function
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	Full-Time Equivalent Employees as of December 31									
Function	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
General government	8	8	8	8	10	10	11	10	10	10
Public safety	57	62	62	68	69	74	77	81	81	81
Public works	35	36	36	39	38	37	38	33	31	31
Economic & phy. development	5	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	6
Cultural and recreation	2	4	4	5	4	6	7	7	7	7
Total	107	115	115	125	126	133	139	137	135	135

Note: This schedule represents number of persons employed as of March 31 of each year. Vacant positions are included in the above numbers. Full time personnel work 2,080 hours per year (less vacation and sick leave).

Source: Town Finance Department

Town of Matthews, North Carolina
Operating Indicators by Function
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	Fiscal Year									
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Functional Area										
General Government										
Tax collection rate	97.98%	97.53%	97.51%	98.20%	98.58%	98.13%	98.15%	98.15%	97.69%	97.81%
Culture and Recreation										
Attendance at all events/programs/classes	-	-	-	-	-	-	110,214	110,810	143,147	149,530
Circulation of library materials-Matthews branch	45,000	62,000	62,000	62,000	62,000	409,388	496,298	540,717	588,765	-
Children's program attendance	-	-	-	-	-	-	21,987	20,921	22,596	-
Public Safety										
Calls for service	-	-	-	-	-	-	27,175	33,144	38,776	42,704
Arrests	977	991	1,141	1,141	1,141	1,112	1,239	1,220	1,318	1,177
Traffic violations	4,336	5,395	5,770	5,770	5,770	10,693	13,297	13,954	8,065	7,223
EMS calls	929	929	1,564	1,564	1,640	1,700	1,867	1,844	1,957	1,867
EMS response time	5.5 min	5.5 min	4.2 min	4.2 min	4.3 min	4.0 min	4.75 min	5.04 min	5.35 min	4.07 min
Miles of Streets/Sidewalks	75.56	75.56	85.00	87.15	88.65	89.78	93.65	94.09	95.14	95.97
Town-maintained	Over 63	Over 63	Over 63	Over 63	Over 63	Over 63	Over 64	Over 66	Over 66	Over 66
Sidewalks										
Economic and Physical Development										
Building Permit Activity	-	-	-	-	-	-	538	471	295	250

Note: Data not kept prior to year ended June 30, 2001
2007-additional functions to track were added

**Town of Matthews, North Carolina
Capital Asset Statistics by Function
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

<u>Function/Program</u>	Fiscal Year									
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Parks and recreation										
Community centers	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Park facility	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	6
Park acreage	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	44	44	44
Libraries	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Recreation center	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1
Fire protection										
Stations	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Volunteer Fire/EMS	-	-	-	-	-	24	20	23	71	65
*Paid personnel	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	9	9	9
Police										
Stations	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sworn officers	43	49	50	50	54	54	55	57	57	59
Civilians - Full-time	11	11	12	12	12	12	17	14	14	12
Civilians - Part-time	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	13	10
Patrol vehicles - marked	40	51	43	43	43	48	46	49	49	49
Patrol vehicles - unmarked	-	-	11	11	12	12	16	15	17	17
Public Works										
Town - maintained streets	75.56	75.56	85.00	87.15	88.65	89.78	93.65	94.09	95.14	95.97
Sidewalks	Over 63	Over 63	Over 63	Over 63	Over 63	Over 63	Over 64	Over 66	66	66

Compliance Section

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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*

To the Honorable Mayor and
Members of the Town Board
Town of Matthews, North Carolina

We have audited the basic financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Matthews, North Carolina, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2010, which collectively comprise the Town of Matthews' basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 29, 2010. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and therefore, there can be no assurance that all deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses have been identified. However, as described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is reasonable possibility that material misstatement will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses as items 2010-01 and 2010-02 material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Matthews' financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, non-compliance 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 non-compliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

The Town of Matthews' responses to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses. We did not audit the Town of Matthews' response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Town's Board of Commissioners and management of the Town of Matthews, federal and State awarding agencies, and pass-through entities and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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September 29, 2010

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Report On Compliance With Requirements That Could Have A Direct And Material Effect On Each Major Federal Program And On Internal Control Over Compliance In Accordance With OMB Circular A-133 And The State Single Audit Implementation Act

To the Honorable Mayor and
Member of the Town Board
Town of Matthews, North Carolina

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of Town of Matthews with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB *Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2010. Town of Matthews' major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of Town of Matthews' management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Town of Matthews' compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards, and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether non-compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Town of Matthews' compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Town of Matthews' compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the Town of Matthews' complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2010.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of Town of Matthews is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered Town of Matthews' internal control over compliance with the requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Town of Matthews' internal control over compliance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and, therefore, there can be no assurance that all deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses have been identified. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is reasonable possibility that material non-compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses as items 2010-02 to be material weaknesses.

The Town of Matthews' responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses. We did not audit Town of Matthews' responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Town's Board of Commissioners and management of the Town of Matthews, federal and State awarding agencies, and pass-through entities, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Report On Compliance With Requirements That Could Have A Direct And Material Effect On Each Major State Program And On Internal Control Over Compliance In Accordance With Applicable Sections Of OMB Circular A-133 And The State Single Audit Implementation Act

To the Honorable Mayor and
Members of the Town Board
Town of Matthews, North Carolina

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the Town of Matthews, North Carolina, with the types of compliance requirements described in applicable sections of U. S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement and the Audit Manual for Governmental Auditors in North Carolina, issued by the Local Government Commission, that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major State programs for the year ended June 30, 2010. The Town of Matthews' major State programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to each of its major State programs is the responsibility of the Town of Matthews' management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Town of Matthews' compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and the State Single Audit Implementation Act. Those standards, OMB Circular A-133, and the State Single Audit Implementation Act require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether non-compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major State program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Town of Matthews' compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures, as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Town of Matthews' compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the Town of Matthews' complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major State programs for the year ended June 30, 2010.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of the Town of Matthews' is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to State programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Town of Matthews' internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major State program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with applicable sections of OMB Circular A-133 and the State Single Audit Implementation Act, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control over compliance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and therefore, there can be no assurance that all deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses have been identified. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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The Town of Matthews' responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses. We did not audit Town of Matthews' responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Town's Board of Commissioners and management, of the Town of Matthews, federal and State awarding agencies, and pass-through entities and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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September 29, 2010

TOWN OF MATTHEWS, NORTH CAROLINA

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

Section I. Summary of Auditors' Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditors' report issued: Unqualified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weaknesses identified? X Yes No
- Significant deficiencies identified? Yes X No

Non-compliance material to financial statements noted? Yes X No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major federal programs:

- Material weaknesses identified? X Yes No
- Significant deficiencies identified? Yes X No

Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major federal programs: Unqualified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Section 510(a) of Circular A-133? Yes X No

Identification of major federal programs:

<u>Federal Program/Cluster Name</u>	<u>CFDA#</u>
Highway Planning and Construction - ARRA	20.205

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B Programs: \$300,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? Yes X No

TOWN OF MATTHEWS, NORTH CAROLINA

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

Section II - Financial Statements Findings

Finding 2010-01

Criteria: Management should have a system in place to reduce the likelihood of errors in financial reporting.

Condition: Financial reporting under the accounting standards promulgated by the Financial Accounting Standards Board and the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) requires a level of technical expertise not possessed by the Town's personnel with regards to drafting full accrual, full disclosure GAAP financial statements.

Context: The external auditor prepared a draft of the basic financial statements, all required note disclosures, and supplemental schedules.

Effect: Errors in full accrual, full disclosure, financial reporting could occur.

Cause: Limited Town resources as it relates to the preparation of full accrual, full disclosure, year-end financial statements.

Recommendation: The cost of acquiring the technical expertise to comply with the financial reporting requirements discussed above appears prohibitive. Therefore, the Town should exercise due care in reviewing the financial statements drafted by the external auditor as the Town is responsible for the accuracy of the audited financial statements.

Name of Contact Person: Christine Surratt

Corrective Action/Management Response: Management in the future will exercise due care in reviewing the financial statements drafted by the external auditor, as the Town is responsible for the accuracy of the audited financial statements.

TOWN OF MATTHEWS, NORTH CAROLINA

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

Finding 2010-02

Criteria: Management should have a system in place to reduce the likelihood of errors in financial reporting.

Condition: A significant audit adjustment is a proposed correction of the basic financial statements that, in our judgment, may not have been detected except through our auditing procedures. The existence of such material adjustments indicates that the Town's system of controls did not detect and prevent such errors. We have provided management with a report of these adjustments.

Context: The external auditor identified significant audit adjustments as defined above.

Effect: Errors in financial reporting could occur.

Cause: There are limited Town resources as it relates to the preparation of all necessary year end adjustments for financial reporting purposes.

Recommendation: Management should examine the adjustments required as a result of our audit and assess the cost/benefit of improving the internal control system to prevent the adjustments in the future, given the units available financial and intellectual resources. Management should acknowledge inherent limitations in the internal control system caused by limited resources, and modify their oversight function accordingly.

Name of Contact Person: Christine Surratt

Corrective Action: Management is aware that year-end audit adjustments are typically required. Management will examine controls in place to see if they can be strengthened, given available resources, thus reducing the number of audit adjustments required at year-end. In the areas where the cost/benefit does not justify improving the control system, management will exercise due caution in performing their oversight function.

Section III - State Award Findings and Questioned Costs

None reported.

TOWN OF MATTHEWS, NORTH CAROLINA
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

Finding: 2009-01

Status: Repeated as Finding 2010-01

Finding: 2009-02

Status: Corrected

TOWN OF MATTHEWS, NORTH CAROLINA

**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

<u>Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>State/ Pass-Through Grantor's Number</u>	<u>Federal Expenditures</u>	<u>State Expenditures</u>
Federal Programs:				
U.S. Department of Transportation Passed through the North Carolina Department of Transportation (Construction and Maintenance)				
Highway Planning & Construction Grant - ARRA	20.205-1		\$ 503,575	\$ -
Total Federal expenditures			<u>\$ 503,575</u>	
State Programs:				
N.C. Department of Transportation:				
Powell Bill		DOT-4	\$ -	\$ 705,182
Total State expenditures				<u>\$ 705,182</u>

Basis of Presentation:

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards includes the federal and State grant activity of the Town of Matthews and is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and the State Single Audit Implementation Act. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in, the preparation of the basic financial statements.