



Merrimack Village District



2024 Annual Report

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SECTION I: ABOUT MERRIMACK VILLAGE DISTRICT

CONTACT INFORMATION

Merrimack Village District Office Location & Hours

2 Greens Pond Rd Merrimack, NH 03054

Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Phone: 603-424-9241 Email: customerservice@mvdwater.org Website: www.mvdwater.org

MVD’s website, www.mvdwater.org, is perpetually updated and provides a vast amount of information such as Water Quality, By-Laws, Rates & Fees, Flushing/Maintenance Schedules, Appointment Requests, Public/Legal Notices, and online account access through the “MyMVD” customer website.

2025 MVD HOLIDAYS

New Year’s Day (observed)	Wednesday, January 1 st
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Monday, January 20 th
President’s Day	Monday, February 17 th
Memorial Day	Monday, May 26 th
Independence Day	Friday, July 4 th
Labor Day	Monday, September 1 st
Veterans Day	Tuesday, November 11 th
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 27 th & Friday, November 28 th
Christmas	Thursday, December 25 th

DATES TO REMEMBER

Annually/Semi-Annually	Backflow Device Testing <i>Commercial and Industrial Businesses.</i>
Monthly	Board of Commissioner Meeting - 3rd Monday of each Month <i>Holidays may affect the date of the meeting - Check MVD Calendar for updates.</i>
Yearly: April - October	Water System Flushing <i>Notices posted on MVD's website and Facebook page.</i>
Yearly: By June 30th	CCR - Water Quality Report <i>Notification mailed and posted on MVD's Facebook page. Report available on MVD's website.</i>
Yearly: February	Public Hearing <i>Check the MVD Calendar for date, time and location.</i>
Yearly: March	Annual Meeting <i>Check the MVD Calendar for date, time and location.</i>
Yearly: May	Hydrant Maintenance <i>Additional information is available on MVD's Maintenance Program webpage.</i>
Year-Round	Odd/Even Watering Restriction <i>Check MVD's website and Facebook page for detailed information and updates.</i>

MERRIMACK VILLAGE DISTRICT

New Hampshire Statutes – RSA 52:

Village Districts – Defined as a Municipal entity within a town that holds a separate budgetary meeting and has a Board of Commissioners as its governing body.

Merrimack Village District Water Works (MVD) was established and is regulated in accordance with the provisions of the State of New Hampshire RSA 52 Law as Amended.

MVD is governed by a five-member Board of Commissioners (BOC). In addition, there are District Officer positions for Clerk and Moderator as well as Administrative Appointed positions for the Treasurer and the Recording Secretary. The registered voters of Merrimack elect MVD's BOC and Officers for their terms at the Annual Meeting held in March.

MVD manages over 7,500 service locations, which is more than 87% of the town. These locations include residential, municipal, commercial and industrial properties.

MVD services and maintains 925,762 feet of water mains, 969 fire hydrants, 6 wells, 3 water storage tanks, an Iron & Manganese Treatment Facility, three Booster Stations, and 3 PFAS Treatment Facilities.

MISSION STATEMENT

“To provide the best Quality, Quantity, and Cost Conscious water that meets or exceeds standards for Merrimack’s consumption and fire protection – from source to tap.”

Revised and Adopted by the Board of Commissioners – September 19, 2022

ELECTED OFFICIALS

MVD is governed by a five-member Board of Commissioners (BOC). In addition, there are District Officer positions for Clerk and Moderator as well as Administrative Appointed positions for the Treasurer and the Recording Secretary. The registered voters of Merrimack elect MVD's BOC and Officers for their terms at the Annual Meeting held in March. Each Commissioner and the District Clerk serve for a 3-year term and the Moderator serves for a 2-year term. Elected Officials meet monthly and/or at the call of the Chair.

COMMISSIONERS

Chairman: Donald (“Don”) Provencher

Don was elected to the Board in 2018. Don holds a master's degree in Civil & Geo-environmental Engineering and is a registered professional civil engineer in NH and MA. Don owns and operates Provencher Engineering, LLC, which is located here in town and specializes in water supply, wastewater and civil engineering projects.

(Current Term Ending 2027)

Vice Chairman: Kenneth (“Ken”) Ayers

Ken was elected to the Board in 2019. Ken holds an associate degree in Criminal Justice, and he is working on a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. Ken works in Tubing Fabrication & Assembly at General Electric in Hooksett, NH.

(Current Term Ending 2025)

Personnel Liaison: Wolf von Schoen

Wolf was elected to the Board in 2018. Wolf holds a master's degree in Mechanical & Automation Engineering. Wolf has served in various executive positions of manufacturing & industrial service companies, running large-scale capital equipment installation & maintenance operations.

(Current Term Ending 2027)

Erin Clement

Erin was appointed in 2023. She holds a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and works as a Municipal Engineer in Manchester, NH

(Appointment Ending 2026)

***John Lyons**

John was elected in 2020. He is the President of Granite State Analytical, LLC, which performs water testing. He is also a Grade I Distribution & Treatment Certified Water Operator.

(Current Term Ending 2026)

***Scott Sabens**

Scott was appointed in 2024. Scott holds a bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Mathematics and Computer Science. He has 19 years in various roles within the information security field, currently as a Product Manager at Fidelity Investments.

(Appointment Ending 2026)

***John Lyons resigned from his position during 2024 at which time Scott Sabens was appointed.**

ELECTED OFFICERS

Moderator:

Marc Nozell

(Current Term Ending 2024)

District Clerk:

Jill Lavoie

(Current Term Ending – 2026)

ADMINISTRATIVE

Treasurer:

Lynn Christensen

(No Term – Not an Elected Position)

Recording Secretary:

Dawn MacMillan

(No Term – Not an Elected Position)

DISTRICT STAFF

ADMINISTRATIVE

Superintendent:	Ron Miner, Jr
Business Manager/Water Quality Specialist:	Jill Lavoie
Finance & Human Resources Director:	Kristen Maher
Customer Service & Billing:	Amy Doucette
Office Assistant:	Michelle (Shelly) Thompson

FIELD STAFF

MVD has two Field Staff Departments, Treatment & Distribution. Both departments perform a variety of duties to maintain and distribute the water supply.

Operations Manager: Brian Hieken

Construction Inspector: Stephen Chase

TREATMENT

Foreman:	Nicholas Baxter
Sr. Utility Treatment Technician:	James (Skip) Colburn
Sr. Utility Treatment Technician:	John Foss

DISTRIBUTION

Foreman:	Nemanja Jankovic
Sr. Utility Field Technician:	Edward Lambert
Sr. Utility Field Technician:	Heinz Smith
Sr. Utility Field Technician:	Jacob Howe
Utility Field Technician:	Curtis Morrow
Utility Field Technician:	Jason Bellemore
Utility Field Technician:	Ronald (Ronnie) Miner, III



2024 EMPLOYEE SERVICE RECOGNITIONS

<i>Stephen Chase</i>	<i>27 Years</i>
<i>Ronald Miner</i>	<i>26 Years</i>
<i>James Colburn</i>	<i>23 Years</i>
<i>Edward Lambert</i>	<i>22 Years</i>
<i>Heinz Smith</i>	<i>18 Years</i>
<i>Jill Lavoie</i>	<i>17 Years</i>
<i>Brian Hieken</i>	<i>17 Years</i>
<i>Amy Doucette</i>	<i>7 Years</i>
<i>Michelle Thompson</i>	<i>6 Years</i>
<i>Amanda McKenna</i>	<i>5 Years</i>
<i>Jacob Howe</i>	<i>4 Years</i>
<i>Daniel Steagald</i>	<i>4 Years</i>
<i>Kristen Maher</i>	<i>4 Years</i>
<i>Curtis Morrow</i>	<i>3 Years</i>
<i>Nicolas Baxter</i>	<i>2 Years</i>
<i>Nemanja Jankovic</i>	<i>2 Years</i>
<i>Jason Bellemore</i>	<i>2 Years</i>
<i>John Foss</i>	<i>1 Year</i>
<i>Dawn MacMillian</i>	<i>< 1 Year</i>
<i>Ronald Miner, III</i>	<i>< 1 Year</i>

~ Thank You for Your Service and Dedication ~





In memory of Lon Woods for his enduring devotion to the Merrimack community, including his endless dedication and steadfast support of Merrimack Village District.



Lon Woods



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SECTION II: WATER INFORMATION

WATER SOURCE

100% of Merrimack water comes from groundwater. Groundwater is precipitation that has soaked through the ground's surface and is stored where there are open spaces between rocks and soil. Water is pumped from wells located in various parts of Merrimack and Hollis. Water from each well is treated on-site at each pumping station and distributed through a network of water mains to homes, businesses and schools.

Many people think of groundwater as underground lakes or rivers. Groundwater, however, is simply water that is stored beneath the earth's surface within the spaces between rocks and sand or between fractures in bedrock. When enough water beneath the surface is present in a usable quantity, we call this an aquifer. Compared to water in rivers and streams, groundwater moves very, very slowly.

Groundwater, like all water on earth, comes from rain and snow which percolate through the soil until it reaches the zone of saturation. At this point, water moves toward sites of groundwater discharge, such as lakes, local springs and oceans.

For more information, please contact:

Merrimack Village District

www.mvdwater.org

603-424-9241

New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services

www.des.state.nh.us

603-271-3503

US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1

www.epa.gov/region1

888-372-7341

EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline

800-426-2791

US Center for Disease Control (CDC)

www.cdc.gov

800-311-3435

WATER SOURCE PROTECTION

A protected drinking water source, combined with proper water quality monitoring, treatment, maintenance and distribution, is necessary to provide clean, safe water.

MVD participates in the NH Department of Environmental Services' (NHDES) Drinking Water Source Protection Program to ensure the water sources remain safe. Each of the wells have an established "Sanitary Protective Radius"; a radius around the well that is required by law to be controlled by MVD through ownership or easements. In addition to the Sanitary Protective Radius, MVD's wells also have an established "Wellhead Protection Area" as delineated by the NHDES. Having the Sanitary Protective Radius and Wellhead Protection Areas allows MVD to monitor, regulate, and prevent any activities that could potentially be harmful to wells and the water they produce.

To assist in protecting water sources please review the information below and visit the United States Environmental Protection Agency's web page, "Preventing Contamination of Drinking Water Resources" at <https://www.epa.gov/privatewells/protect-your-homes-water> and the NHDES Drinking Water Source Protection Program web page at <https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/dwspp>.

Easy steps to help protect drinking water.

- Reduce the amount of trash you create by taking advantage of recycling programs
- Recycle used antifreeze & motor oil
- Don't dump anything into storm drains
- Do not overuse household chemicals
- Check frequently for leaks in any underground fuel storage tanks
- Inspect your septic system for issues yearly
- Properly seal abandoned wells
- Limit the use of lawn fertilizers, be sure to use only phosphorus-free lawn fertilizers and reduce or eliminate pesticide applications
- Keep pollutants away from boat marinas and waterways
- Report any spills or illegal dumping in designated Drinking Water Protection Areas
- Commercial properties – Install a Backflow Protection Device

SODIUM & CHLORIDE REDUCTION PROJECT

MVD participates in the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSPP) to ensure the water sources remain safe. Each of MVD's wells have an established Sanitary Protective Radius (SPR); a radius around the well that is required by law to be controlled by MVD through ownership or easements. In addition to the SPR, MVD's wells also have an established Wellhead Protection Area (WHPA) as delineated by the NHDES. Having the SPR and WHPA allows MVD to monitor, regulate, and prevent any activities that could potentially be harmful to wells and the water they produce.

During 2023 MVD sought and obtained a Watershed Planning Grant through the NHDES which will be used to develop a Sodium and Chloride watershed-based plan for the MVD's Well Head Protection Areas (WHPA). Additionally, MVD put together a list of stakeholders and formed our Salt Mitigation Committee comprised of MVD, Water Industry Engineers, the Town of Merrimack, NHDOT, NHDES, local Contractors, Businesses, and Residents. The Salt Mitigation Committee monitors the amounts of Sodium and Chloride used for winter maintenance and provides public education intended to lower Sodium and Chloride levels in the WHPA's. Part of our Sodium & Chloride Reduction initiative is to bring awareness to Merrimack businesses as well as to its residents, as such in 2023 we were also approved for a Local Source Water Protection Grant through the NHDES which allowed us to install signage in areas of town to delineate the (WHPA). These signs indicate the location of water resources that feed wells providing water to Merrimack and serve as a reminder that precautions are necessary to prevent water source contamination from things such as hazardous waste, toxic substances, construction/roadwork, as well as excessive road salt. These projects, along with on-going operations and maintenance costs, are supported by the voter approved budget as well as grants and loans. MVD continues to pursue additional grants through NHDES.

For additional information please refer to the following:

Water Protection: <https://www.mvdwater.org/protect-your-drinking-water/>

MVD's Sodium & Chloride Reduction Project: <https://www.mvdwater.org/sodium-chloride-reduction-project/>

Questions? Please contact Jill Lavoie, Business Manager/Water Quality Specialist, by phone at [603-424-9241](tel:603-424-9241) x: 103 or via email to jill.lavoie@mvdwater.org.



WATER QUALITY

MVD's water quality and sampling is regulated by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink the EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems.

To comply with the required regulations MVD tests for various contaminants, including inorganic contaminants (salts, metals), organic chemical contaminants (synthetic and volatile chemicals), and radioactive contaminants as well as some additional unregulated contaminants/chemicals.

Water analyses and treatments are performed as required and directed by the United States Environmental Services Agency's Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) and the NHDES Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau (DWGB). All water tests are performed by an independent laboratory that is accredited in accordance with the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (NELAP) & the New Hampshire Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (NHELAP). All testing is reported to and monitored by the NHDES.

Results from these tests are provided on MVD's Annual CCR (Water Quality Report). The most recent CCR is included in this Annual Report and can also be found on MVD's website at www.mvdwater.org.

PFAS Information: Per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), sometimes referred to as PFCs, are a family of man-made compounds that do not naturally occur in the environment. They have a large number of industrial uses and are found in many commercial products because of their properties to resist heat, oil, grease and water. Once released to the environment, PFCs are persistent and do not biodegrade or breakdown. Additional information regarding PFAS, including standards, analysis reports for water sampling test results, historical charts, resources, announcements, media/press releases and contact information can be found on MVD's web page at http://www.mvdwater.org/pfas_info. Construction of the PFAS Treatment Facilities for Wells 7 & 8 has been completed and is operational as of spring 2022. Construction of the Wells 2 & 9 PFAS Treatment Facilities has been completed and is operational as of March 2023. All water is now treated with granular activated carbon (GAC). All water sent to the distribution system is in compliance with all NHDES and EPA PFAS regulations. The cost of these PFAS Treatment Facilities is approximately \$14.5 million. These investments, along with on-going operations and maintenance costs, are supported by the voter approved budget as well as grants and loans. MVD continues to pursue additional grants through NHDES. Additionally, MVD has filed suit in New Hampshire Superior Court against the parties responsible for the PFOA contamination of MVD's wells.

For more information regarding *water quality*, please contact:

Jill Lavoie, MVD Business Manager/Water Quality Specialist

Phone: [603-424-9241](tel:603-424-9241) x: 103 Email: jill.lavoie@mvdwater.org

For information *specifically regarding PFAS*, please either contact MVD or

The NHDES Public Information Officer, Jim Martin

Phone: [603-271-3710](tel:603-271-3710) Email: james.martin@des.nh.gov.

MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS

MVD has the following maintenance programs in place to maintain the water quality and supply:

Water Flushing Program –

To maintain the water quality throughout the water distribution system, MVD performs a unidirectional flushing of the water mains in the spring and autumn of each year. The program involves opening flushing valves to create increased water flow; this dislodges and cleans out naturally occurring sediment in the water mains. **Flushing occurs on weekdays between the hours of 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM.**

In order to keep customers aware of the progress*, MVD provides notification of the streets scheduled for flushing on a weekly basis to Merrimack TV Online, as well as the two local newspapers. Additionally, the schedule is posted on our website at www.mvdwater.org as well as posted to our Facebook page.

During the water flushing there can be fluctuations of pressure and/or brief interruptions of water service. Additionally, flushing may cause minor flooding of streets, and discolored water.

Discolored water is typically caused by sediment, such as iron. Although discolored water is not aesthetically pleasing it is not unsafe** and can be easily resolved by flushing the water service line to the property. Flushing allows a larger than normal quantity of water to flow through the service line, which helps clear out the sediment. You may notice the discoloration return after the water has sat in the lines for a period, such as overnight or during the day if it is not being used – this is to be expected. When the water is not used for a longer period of time the sediment settles, when water is turned on it is agitated, and the discoloration returns. If this happens, you may repeat the flushing process.

If your water is discolored, we recommend avoiding the use of hot water until the cold water is clear. If you have used hot water prior to/during flushing and are noticing discoloration in the hot water, the water heater may need to be flushed – refer to the manufacturer’s manual for instructions or contact a licensed plumber.

*Residential customers with special water needs required for medical reasons are urged to call MVD so they can be notified in advance of flushing in their area.

**Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. These people should seek advice from their health care providers.

(MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS CONTINUED)

Fire Hydrant Maintenance –

MVD's Hydrant Maintenance Program ensures that the hydrants are operable and available for use by the Merrimack Fire Department in an emergency situation. Hydrants are flushed twice a year (usually in the spring and autumn) and typically after any use by the fire department. During the flushing process MVD's technicians perform an inspection of the hydrant and its parts to ensure the hydrant is operable and readily accessible. Inspection includes a visual examination of the hydrant; including checking valves, checking (and if necessary cleaning/lubricating) caps, checking for leaks, checking the flow of water, and assessing if there are any required repairs to the hydrant or area surrounding it. During the winter hydrants are cleared of snow and ice. Hydrants are also painted as needed which is necessary to ensure the fire department can readily locate a hydrant.

Backflow Prevention Device Program -

Backflow devices are required by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services – Drinking Water & Groundwater Bureau (NHDES DWGB) as part of the Cross-Contamination Control Program. In the event of a decrease or increase in water pressure, the backflow device protects any contaminated water from being siphoned back into the water system; protecting the water system from potential contamination.

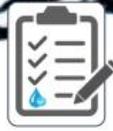
MVD has licensed backflow inspectors who perform annual and semi-annual testing of the backflow devices. Annual tests are required for businesses considered “low” hazard (such as office buildings) and semi-annual tests are required for “high” hazard facilities (such as gas stations and medical facilities).

Questions about this program? Please contact Jill Lavoie by phone at 603-424-9241 x: 103 or via email at jill.lavoie@mvdwater.org

Meter Exchange Program –

Like any mechanical device, water meters are susceptible to wear and deterioration over time which causes the internal mechanics of the meter to slow down. In turn, the slow down causes water usage to be registered inaccurately; typically, lower than what is actually used. This results in unaccounted for or “lost” water. Lost water has a fiscal impact on MVD and its customers. Lost water is not billed and does not generate revenue; however, it still costs MVD to pump, treat, and distribute the water. The potential for revenue loss can be staggering if a large number of meters are under-registering. MVD's water meter exchange program is intended to decrease lost water and thereby, reduce unnecessary costs. To ensure the accuracy of meter readings and billings MVD performs routine meter exchanges. Service locations that are due for a meter exchange will receive notification.

For additional information including Flushing Schedules please visit www.mvdwater.org or refer to the MVD Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MerrimackVillageDistrict/>.



CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

The following is the 2024 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), which contains 2023 data. The 2025 CCR will be published by June 30th. When the report is complete and available, a pdf copy will be posted on the MVD website, www.mvdwater.org, for viewing and printing. Notification of availability will be provided by postcard that will be sent via US Postal Service to the mailing address on file for each service location as well as announced on MVD's website, Facebook, and sent by email to subscribers of MVD's "Announcement & Notices" notifications.

MVD's website, www.mvdwater.org, is perpetually updated and provides a vast amount of information about Water Quality as well as other information such as By-Laws, Rates & Fees, Flushing/Maintenance Schedules, Appointment Requests, and Public/Legal Notices.

Account specific information is available on the customer web portal "MyMVD". Log in to view your account history, check your bill, make payments, and set up your options for communication preferences.

Stay informed - follow us on Facebook and subscribe to email notifications for announcements & notices, watering restriction updates, flushing notices, and more.



2024 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

(2023 Data)

EPA ID #: 1531010



What is a Consumer Confidence Report?

The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) details the quality of your drinking water, where it comes from, and where you can get more information. This annual report documents all detected primary and secondary drinking water parameters, and compares them to their respective standards known as Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs).

Introduction:

The Merrimack Village District's (MVD) Mission is *"To provide the best Quality, Quantity, and Cost-Conscious water that meets or exceeds standards for Merrimack's consumption and fire protection – from source to tap."* MVD achieves this by servicing and maintaining approximately 930,800 feet of Water Mains, 930 Fire Hydrants, 6 Groundwater Wells, 3 Water Storage Tanks, an Iron & Manganese Treatment Facility, three Booster Stations, as well as three PFAS Treatment Facilities. Aging infrastructure presents challenges to drinking water safety. Continuous improvements are necessary in order to maintain the water quality throughout the distribution system. Since the completion of our Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) Treatment Facilities, all water sent to the distribution system is non-detect for PFAS and is compliant with all NHDES and EPA PFAS regulations. In the past year, MVD has continued with improvements to the water system including pursuit of additional water sources, such as Mitchell Woods. We've continued exploring options and feasibility of Artificial Recharge to the aquifer at Wells 4 and 5. MVD sought and obtained a Watershed Planning Grant through the NHDES which will be used to develop a Sodium and Chloride watershed-based plan for the MVD's Well Head Protection Areas (WHPA). We put together a list of stakeholders and formed our Salt Mitigation Committee comprised of the MVD, Water Industry Engineers, the Town of Merrimack, NHDOT, NHDES, local Contractors, Businesses, and Residents. The Salt Mitigation Committee monitors the amounts of Sodium and Chloride used for winter maintenance and also provides public education intended to lower Sodium and Chloride levels in the WHPA's. These projects along with on-going operations and maintenance costs, are supported by the voter approved budget as well as grants and loans. MVD continues to pursue additional grants through NHDES. Additionally, MVD has filed suit in New Hampshire Superior Court against the parties responsible for the PFOA contamination of MVD's wells.

Sources of Drinking Water: Both tap water and bottled water include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

What is the Source of MVD's Drinking Water? 100% of MVD's water comes from groundwater. Groundwater is precipitation that has soaked through the ground's surface and is stored where there are open spaces between rocks and soil. This water is pumped from wells located in various parts of Merrimack and Hollis. Water from each well is filtered and distributed through a network of water mains to residential, municipal, commercial and industrial locations. The water from MVD's wells is distributed through MVD's water mains which are an interconnecting looped system. Depending on the situation, wells may be on or off at any given point in time. The well source for the water provided may vary based on which wells are on and producing water.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Why are there contaminants in my water? Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least a small amount of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791) or online at www.epa.gov/safewater.

Do I need to take special precautions? Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* (found in surface water) and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or online at www.epa.gov/safewater.

Source Water Assessment Summary

In an effort to assess the vulnerability of each New Hampshire’s public water supply sources, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) prepared drinking water Source Water Assessment Reports for all public water systems between 2000 and 2003. The Source Water Assessment Reports include a map of each Source Water Protection Area (SWPA), a list of potential and known contamination sources, as well as a summary of available protection options. The Susceptibility Rating can be viewed on the chart located on this page.

Well #	Date Assessment Completed	Susceptibility Rating		
		High	Medium	Low
001	02/20/2002	1	2	9
003	02/20/2002	1	2	9
004	02/20/2002	3	4	5
005	02/20/2002	4	3	5
007	03/31/2000	1	2	9
008	02/20/2002	1	2	9
009	02/20/2002	1	2	9

Note: As indicated on the chart, the results of MVD’s Source Water Assessment Report are from 2000 and 2002. This information is 22-24 years old and includes information that was current at the time the report was completed. Therefore, some of the ratings might be different if updated to reflect current information. At the present time, DES has no plans to update this data. The complete Source Water Assessment Report is available for review at MVD’s office located at 2 Greens Pond Rd Merrimack, NH. For more information, call MVD’s Business Manager/Water Quality Specialist, Jill Lavoie at 603-424-9241 x: 103 or email jill.lavoie@mvdwater.org, or visit the [NHDES website](http://nhdes.com).

How can I get involved?

For more information about your drinking water please contact MVD’s Business Manager/Water Quality Specialist, Jill Lavoie either by phone at 603-424-9241 x: 103 or by emailing jill.lavoie@mvdwater.org or contact MVD’s Superintendent, Ronald Miner, Jr. by phone at 603-424-9241 x: 107 or by emailing ron.miner@mvdwater.org.

MVD’s Board of Commissioners (BOC) meet the 3rd Monday of each month (except holidays). The BOC Meeting includes a Public Session as listed on the Agenda for “Questions from the Public/Press”. Questions can be submitted in writing to MVD via email at customerservice@mvdwater.org, or by mail to 2 Greens Pond Road, Merrimack, NH 03054. Please refer to MVD’s website www.mvdwater.org for meeting details (including dates, times, full agendas).

Water Quality

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Last year MVD tested for various contaminants, including inorganic contaminants (salts, metals), organic chemical contaminants (synthetic and volatile chemicals), and radioactive contaminants. The following tables only show the substances that were detected in MVD’s water in 2023 or earlier. Please note, during 2023 MVD temporarily obtained water from Pennichuck Water Works; this was necessary in order to supplement MVD’s sources during routine maintenance within our water system. As such, we have included the Pennichuck Water Works testing results from their CCR. Pennichuck Water Works complete CCR can be found on their website at <https://pennichuck.com/water-quality/water-quality-reports/>.

All sources of drinking water contain some naturally occurring contaminants. At low levels, these substances are generally not harmful in our drinking water. Removing all contaminants would be extremely expensive, and in most cases, would not provide increased protection of public health. A few naturally occurring minerals may actually improve the taste of drinking water and have nutritional value at low levels. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing completed in the prior calendar year. The EPA and/or the NHDES requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. As such, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one-year-old. The data tables included in this report may have terms and abbreviations that are not familiar; to help with understanding this information we have provided “IMPORTANT DRINKING WATER DEFINITIONS” on page 10.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS CCR REPORT

If you have any questions regarding this report or would like additional information about the water system please contact MVD’s Business Manager/Water Quality Specialist, Jill Lavoie by phone at [603-424-9241](tel:603-424-9241) x: 103, by emailing jill.lavoie@mvdwater.org or in-person at MVD office located at 2 Greens Pond Rd Merrimack NH, 03054. MVD’s normal business hours are Monday - Friday, from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

Additionally, you may contact any of the offices listed below for information.

Name:	Phone/Website
US EPA	www.epa.gov
US EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline	800-426-4791
NHDES Drinking Water & Groundwater Bureau	603-271-2513
American Water Works Association	www.awwa.org
New England Water Works Association	www.newwa.org
NH Water Works Association	www.nhwwa.org

LEAD AND COPPER

Contaminant (Units)	Action Level	90th Percentile Sample Value	Date	# of Sites Above AL	Violation Yes/No	Likely Source of Contamination	Health Effects of Contaminant
Copper (ppm)	1.3	.17	11/01/2023	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives	Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal doctor.
Lead (ppb)	15	.001	11/01/2023	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits	(15 ppb in more than 5%) Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). (Above 15 ppb) Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

Drinking Water Contaminants: Lead: If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. This water system is responsible for high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in your plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing cold water from your tap for at least 30 seconds before using water for drinking or cooking. Do not use hot water for drinking and cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at [1-800-426-4791](tel:1-800-426-4791) or at [US EPA Basic Information about Lead in Drinking Water \(https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water\)](https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water).

DETECTED WATER QUALITY RESULTS

INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS							
Contaminant (Units)	Level Detected	Date	MCL	MCLG	Violation YES/NO	Likely Source of Contamination	Health Effects of Contaminant
Barium (ppm)	0.04	11/17/2023	2	2	NO	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits	Some people who drink water containing barium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience an increase in their blood pressure.
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (ppm)	3.13	10/19/2023	10	10	NO	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits	(5 ppm through 10ppm) Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, you should ask for advice from your health care provider. (Above 10 ppm) Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome.

SECONDARY CONTAMINANTS							
Secondary MCLs (SMCL)	Level Detected	Date	Treatment Technique (if any)	SMCL	50 % AGQS (Ambient groundwater quality standard)	AGQS (Ambient groundwater quality standard)	Specific contaminant criteria and reason for monitoring
Chloride (ppm)	181.5	2023	N/A	250	N/A	N/A	Wastewater, road salt, water softeners, corrosion. Results from routine monitoring as required by NHDES.
Manganese (ppm)	0.004	2023	N/A	0.05	0.15	0.3	Geological. Results from routine monitoring as required by NHDES.
Nickel (ppm)	0.005	2023	N/A	Not established; reporting is required for detections	0.05	0.1	Geological; electroplating, battery production, ceramics. Results from routine monitoring as required by NHDES.
PH	7.69	2023	N/A	6.5-8.5 (Normal Range)	N/A	N/A	Precipitation and geology. Results from routine monitoring as required by NHDES.
Sodium (ppm)	94.6	2023	N/A	100-250	N/A	N/A	We are required to regularly sample for sodium. Results from routine monitoring as required by NHDES.
Sulfate (ppm)	12.1	2023	N/A	250	250	500	Naturally occurring. Results from routine monitoring as required by NHDES.
Zinc (ppm)	0.031	2023	N/A	5	N/A	N/A	Galvanized pipes. Results from routine monitoring as required by NHDES.

DETECTED WATER QUALITY RESULTS CONTINUED

ADDITIONAL TEST RESULTS						
Contaminant (Units)	Results	Date	MCL or MRDLG	MCL, SMCL, TT OR MRDL	Violation YES/NO	Specific Contaminant Criteria, Reason for Monitoring, Likely Source of Contamination, and Health Effects of Contaminant
Copper (ppm)	0.047	2023	Action Level = 1.3 mg/L	1.0	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives. Results from routine monitoring as required by NHDES. Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal doctor.
Chloroform (ug/L)	0.700	2023	100	N/A	NO	Results from routine monitoring as required by NHDES. Increased risk of cancer at levels above MCL.

PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES (PFAS) CONTAMINANTS

Contaminant (Units)	Level Detected	Date	MCL	MCLG	Violation YES/NO	Likely Source of Contamination	Health Effects of Contaminant
Perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS) (ppt)	ND	2023	18	0		Discharge from industrial processes, wastewater treatment, residuals from firefighting foam, runoff/leachate from landfills and septic systems	Some people who drink water containing perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS) in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver, endocrine system, or immune system, or may experience increased cholesterol levels. It may also lower a women's chance of getting pregnant.
Perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA) (ppt)	ND	2023	11	0			Some people who drink water containing perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA) in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver, endocrine system, or immune system, or may experience increased cholesterol levels.
Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) (ppt)	ND	2023	15	0			Some people who drink water containing perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver, endocrine system, or immune system, may experience increased cholesterol levels, and may have an increased risk of getting certain types of cancer. It may also lower a women's chance of getting pregnant.
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) (ppt)	ND	2023	12	0			Some people who drink water containing perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver, endocrine system, or immune system, may experience increased cholesterol levels, and may have an increased risk of getting certain types of cancer. It may also lower a women's chance of getting pregnant.

RESOURCE INFORMATION FOR PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES (PFAS)

The most up to date information can be found on the following websites:

NH PFAS Investigation:

<https://www.pfas.des.nh.gov/>

NH Dept Health & Human Services:

<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/environmental-health-and-you/poly-and-fluoroalkyl-substances-pfas>

United States Environmental Protection Agency:

<https://www.epa.gov/pfas>

MVD PFAS Information: Detailed information, including “Frequently Asked Questions”, Notices, Planning/Financial info, Announcements, Media/Press Releases, as well as the analysis reports of water sampling test results, can be found on our website at www.mvdwater.org. Construction of the PFAS Treatment Facility for Wells 7 & 8 has been completed and is operational as of spring 2022. Construction of the Wells 2 & 9 PFAS Treatment Facility has been completed and is operational as of March 2023. The cost of these PFAS Treatment Facilities is approximately \$14.5 million. These investments, along with on-going operations and maintenance costs, are supported by the voter approved budget as well as grants and loans. Additionally, MVD continues to pursue additional grants through NHDES and we have filed suit in New Hampshire Superior Court against the parties responsible for the PFOA contamination of the MVD’s wells.

PENNICHUCK WATER WORKS

Please note, during 2023 MVD temporarily obtained water from Pennichuck Water Works; this was necessary in order to supplement MVD's sources during routine maintenance within MVD's water system. As such, we have included the Pennichuck Water Works testing results from their CCR. Pennichuck Water Works complete CCR can be found on their website at <https://pennichuck.com/water-quality/water-quality-reports/>.



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2023 Results

	Dated	90th Percentile	Action Level	MCLG	# of Sites Sampled	# Sites Above Action Level	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	8/17/2023	0	15	0	63	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	8/17/2023	0.188	1.3	1.3	63	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
DISINFECTION BY-PRODUCTS								
	Dated	Highest Detect	Range Detected	MCL	MCLG	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant	
Chlorine (ppm)	Weekly 2023	AVG 0.67	0.04-1.26	4 - MRDL	4 - MRDLG	No	Water additive used to control microbes	
Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	Quarterly 2023	RAA 7.50	2.6-15	60	0	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination	
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	Monthly 2023	AVG 0.28	ND-0.83		0	No	Naturally present in the environment	
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	Quarterly 2023	RAA 15.67	5.3-41	80	0	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination	
INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS								
	Dated	Highest Detect	Range Detected	MCL	MCLG	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant	
Barium (ppm)	8/28/2023	0.0089	NA	2	2	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits	
Nitrite (as Nitrogen) (ppm)	8/29/2023	0.20	NA	1	1	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits	
Organic Chemical Contaminants								
	Dated	Highest Detect	Range Detected	MCL	MCLG	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant	
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)	Quarterly 2023	RAA 3.20	ND-5.43	12	0	No	Discharge from industrial processes, wastewater treatment, residuals from firefighting foam, runoff/leachate from landfills and	
	TT	Lowest Monthly % of Samples	Highest Detected Daily Value	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant			
Turbidity			0.21 NTU December 31, 2023	No	Soil Off			
Daily Compliance (NTU)	5	-----		No	Soil Off			
Monthly Compliance*	At least 100	100 % - All of the months of 2023	-----	No	Soil Off			
Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of water quality.								
*Monthly turbidity compliance is related to a specific treatment technique (TT). Our system filters the water so at least 95% of our samples each month must be below the turbidity limits specified in								

PENNICHUCK WATER WORKS CONTINUED



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2023 Results

SECONDARY CONTAMINANTS							
	Dated	Level Detected	Treatment Technique	SMCL	50 % AGQS (Ambient groundwater quality standard)	AGQS (Ambient groundwater quality standard)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Chloride (ppm)	8/28/2023	57	N/A	250	N/A	N/A	Wastewater, road salt, water softeners, corrosion
Hardness (ppm)	8/28/2023	10.7	N/A	N/A			Geological
Iron (ppm)	8/28/2023	0.015	Filtration	0.3	N/A	N/A	Geological
Manganese (ppm)	8/28/2023	0.0294	Filtration	0.05	0.15	0.3	Geological
Nickel (ppm)	8/28/2023	0.0038	N/A	N/A	0.005	0.01	Geological; electroplating, battery production, ceramics
pH	1/17/2023	7.38	N/A	6.5-8.5	N/A	N/A	Precipitation and geology
Sodium (ppm)	8/28/2023	34.5	N/A	100-250	N/A	N/A	Road salt, septic systems (salt from water softeners)
Sulfate (ppm)	8/28/2023	4	N/A	250	250	500	Naturally occurring
Zinc (ppm)	8/28/2023	0.22	N/A	5	N/A	N/A	Galvanized pipes
Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level or SMCL: They identify acceptable concentrations of contaminants which cause unpleasant tastes, odors, or colors in the water							
Pennichuck Water Works participated in the 5th stage of the U.S. EPA's Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR5) program by performing additional tests on our drinking water. UCMR5, benefits the environment and public health by providing the EPA with data on the occurrence of contaminants suspected to be in drinking water, in order to determine if the EPA needs to introduce new regulatory standards to improve drinking water quality. Unregulated contaminants monitoring data are available to the public, so please feel free to contact us if you are interested in obtaining that information. If you would like more information on the U.S. EPA's Unregulated Contaminants Monitoring Rule, please call the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800)426-4791.							
Additional Testing	UMCR	Results	Range	Explain federal monitoring requirement			
Lithium	2/13/23	ND	ND	The EPA does not currently have a health advisory for lithium in drinking water. However, the CCL program derived a health reference level (HRL) for screening purposes based on the EPA's provisional peer-reviewed toxicity value (PPRTV) assessment for lithium. The HRL is 10 µg/L.			
Lithium	5/3/23	ND	ND	The EPA does not currently have a health advisory for lithium in drinking water. However, the CCL program derived a health reference level (HRL) for screening purposes based on the EPA's provisional peer-reviewed toxicity value (PPRTV) assessment for lithium. The HRL is 10 µg/L.			
Lithium	8/7/23	ND	ND	The EPA does not currently have a health advisory for lithium in drinking water. However, the CCL program derived a health reference level (HRL) for screening purposes based on the EPA's provisional peer-reviewed toxicity value (PPRTV) assessment for lithium. The HRL is 10 µg/L.			
Lithium	11/15/23	ND	ND	The EPA does not currently have a health advisory for lithium in drinking water. However, the CCL program derived a health reference level (HRL) for screening purposes based on the EPA's provisional peer-reviewed toxicity value (PPRTV) assessment for lithium. The HRL is 10 µg/L.			
Perfluorinated and Polyfluorinated Alkyl (ppt)	2/13/23	ND	ND	The Safe Drinking Water Act was amended by Section 7311 of the Fiscal Year 2020 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) to require that the EPA include all PFAS in UCMR 5 for which a drinking water method has been validated, and that are not subject to a National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR). Therefore, UCMR 5 includes all 29 PFAS that are within the scope of EPA Methods 533 and 627.4.			
Perfluorinated and Polyfluorinated Alkyl (ppt)	5/3/23	ND	ND	The Safe Drinking Water Act was amended by Section 7311 of the Fiscal Year 2020 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) to require that the EPA include all PFAS in UCMR 5 for which a drinking water method has been validated, and that are not subject to a National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR). Therefore, UCMR 5 includes all 29 PFAS that are within the scope of EPA Methods 533 and 627.4.			
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IMPORTANT DRINKING WATER DEFINITIONS

TERM	DEFINITION
AGQS	Ambient Groundwater Quality Standard: An enforceable standard set by NHDES under Chapter 485 of the New Hampshire Safe Drinking water Act.
AL	Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
BDL	Below Detection Limit
LEVEL I ASSESSMENT:	A study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
LEVEL II ASSESSMENT:	A very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
mg/L	Milligrams per Liter
MNR	Monitored Not Regulated
MPL	State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG	Maximum Residual Disinfection Level Goal: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
MRL	Minimum Reporting Level
N/A or NA	Not Applicable
ND	Not Detected
NR	Monitoring not Required but Recommended.
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units: Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.
ppb	Parts per Billion or Micrograms per Liter ($\mu\text{g/L}$)
ppm	Parts per million or Milligrams per Liter (mg/L)
ppt	Parts per Trillion
RAA	Running Annual Average
TTHM	Total Trihalomethanes
TT	Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
UCMR	Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule
ug/L	micrograms per Liter



WATER RESTRICTIONS/BANS

Purpose:

1. To assist in managing the water distribution system – ensuring we maintain adequate supply for residential and commercial usage.
2. Maintain the required level of water in the storage tanks to ensure ample pressure for potential use by the Town of Merrimack’s Fire Department.
3. Comply with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NH DES) Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau (DWGB) rules and regulations which requires that water providers to submit and enforce a “Conservation Plan”. By fulfilling these requirements MVD is able to receive Federal and State grants and/or loans for any type of water system improvements.

Reasoning:

MVD’s water is supplied from groundwater wells, not surface water such as rivers, lakes, and reservoirs. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau (DWGB) permits each of MVD’s wells to withdraw a maximum specified quantity of water from the ground per minute – this limits the amount of water we are permitted to produce at a time. Limiting the production amount allows water withdrawal from the aquifer in a controlled manner, which helps protect against seasonal fluctuations, and aids in maintaining sufficient supply. Irrigation and sprinklers have the highest rate of water consumption and causes substantially increased demands. Increased demand is supplied by three storage tanks; the tanks cannot fill up faster than what we are allowed to produce – having Water Restrictions allows the tanks to replenish and be ready for peak usage demands.

Details:

MVD staff adjusts production rates to match demand and continuously monitors the water distribution system, the weather conditions and forecasts to determine if additional Watering Restrictions are necessary. Information about the current Watering Restriction as well as any changes to the Level of the Watering Restrictions can be found posted on signs/banners located throughout town, through email notification for subscribers, as well as on [MVD’s Facebook page](#) and [website](#). The Watering Restrictions/Bans page of our website also provides a “Frequently Asked Questions” document, an “Irrigation Calculator” which can provide an estimated water bill amount based on the usage, as well as links to the “US Drought Monitor for NH” and to the “Known Water Use Restrictions”.

Please be advised - MVD's Watering Restrictions and Bans are strictly enforced.

Per MVD By-Law 1.D.: “The first violation will result in a warning letter. Further violations will result in termination of water service as well as fees.”



There are FOUR Restriction Levels

YEAR-ROUND
ODD/EVEN

LEVEL 1

LEVEL 2

LEVEL 3

ALL LEVELS ARE BASED ON THE STREET NUMBER & THE CALENDAR DATE.

Street Addresses *ENDING* with *ODD* numbers = *ODD* Calendar Dates.

Street Addresses *ENDING* with *EVEN* numbers = *EVEN* Calendar Days.

Condo Units – Please contact your Property Management Company for details.

Address/Date Examples:

1234 Example St = Water on the 2nd, 4th, 6th, etc...

1235 Example St = Water on the 1st, 3rd, 5th, etc...

YEAR-ROUND
ODD/EVEN

**** YEAR-ROUND ODD/EVEN RESTRICTION ON IRRIGATION & LAWN WATERING ONLY****

ADDRESS/DATE SCHEDULE - “YEAR-ROUND ODD/EVEN” is the minimum restriction.

It is ALWAYS in place.

NOTE: On the 31st of March, May, July, August, and October ALL Address are permitted to water BETWEEN 5:00 AM-8:00AM ONLY.

LEVEL 1

ODD/EVEN – TWICE PER DAY

Mornings: ONLY BETWEEN 5:00 AM-8:00 AM

Evenings: ONLY BETWEEN 5:00 AM-8:00 AM

i. Washing of streets, driveways, sidewalks or other impervious areas is prohibited.

ii. Washing of cars and boats at a non-commercial facility shall be restricted to odd/even dates by address/calendar dates as described above.

LEVEL 2

ODD/EVEN – ONCE PER DAY

ONLY BETWEEN 5:00 AM-8:00 AM

i. Washing of streets, driveways, sidewalks or other impervious areas is prohibited.

ii. Washing of cars and boats at a non-commercial facility shall be restricted to odd/even dates by address/calendar dates as described above.

LEVEL 3

NO OUTSIDE WATERING USE

Exceptions to Restrictions:

- i. Hand irrigation of crops used for food by residents at a residential property shall not be restricted.
- ii. Water to sustain animal life shall not be restricted.
- iii. Commercial Pressure Washing businesses that are registered and in good standing with the State of NH as listed in the records on file with the NH Secretary of State shall not be restricted unless deemed necessary by either the MVD Board of Commissioners, the Superintendent, the Business Manager, or their designee(s).
- iv. Despite the authority granted by RSA 41:11-d. water use restrictions shall not apply to uses that obtain water from sources other than the public water supply, unless it can be clearly demonstrated that the use of such water directly affects the public water supply. Note: Municipalities or village districts have the authority to implement lawn watering restrictions in accordance with RSA 41:11-d applicable to all water users (including those using private wells) under state declared drought conditions.



Merrimack Village District

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Visit MVD's website www.mvdwater.org

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Visit MVD's online customer web portal for all-in-one access!

View your bill, account history, make payments, and MORE... Log into MyMVD to view/update your options for:

- **E-bill**
- **AutoPay**

(no fee for ACH bank payment)

• **Communication Options**

Receive emails, automated calls, and/or texts for the following:

- Billing Statements
- Late Fee/Disconnect Notices
- Payment Receipts
- AutoPay Notifications
- Returned Payments
- High Usage Notifications

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NOTE: There is a Payment Services Fee (PSF) to process Credit/Debit Card & E-check payments. The PSF is the greater of \$2.50 or 2.5%. The PSF is charged by the payment processing company. The PSF is non-refundable. Per "NH RSA 80:52c Electronic Payment" MVD cannot absorb any processing fees; all fees must be paid by the customer. The PSF will appear on your statement as "MERRIMACK VILLAGE". By processing payment you agree to MVD's Terms & Conditions.

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SECTION III: CUSTOMER INFORMATION

BILLING & SCHEDULE OF RATES

As of 07/01/2023 bills are sent monthly. The “Due Date” listed on the bill is the 10th of the following month. NOTE: Per MVD By-Law 2. B. bills are “*due upon presentation*’. *Should any MVD bill remain unpaid after 30 days from the date of the invoice, the District may discontinue service as well as apply a carrying charge on the overdue account, if proper payment or arrangements have not been made.*” MVD’s rates and fees are based upon the type of service for each location. Below are the types and explanation of the charges as well as a partial list of the Schedule of Rates.

Domestic (Residential) water bills consist of the following:

- Meter Charge – Cost is determined by the meter size for the water service location. Water service locations with multiple units served by on meter are charged per unit (refer to MVD By-Laws: Section 9).
- Water Usage Charge – Cost for all water passing through the meter; whether used, wasted, or lost by leakage.
- *Hydrant Charge – For structures, buildings, or units within a six hundred (600) foot radius of a hydrant. This charge applies regardless of whether the property is provided water service by MVD.

Mercantile & Industrial water bills consist of the following:

- Meter, Usage, & *Hydrant charges as listed above.
- Fire Sprinkler Charge – For structures, buildings, or units that are connected to a fire sprinkler water service line. Cost determined by the size of the water line.

Water Consumption/Usage Charge	
0 - 1,000 cubic feet = \$3.69 per 100 cubic feet	
Over 1000 cubic feet = \$4.61 per 100 cubic feet	
Meter Size	*Monthly Amount
3/8"	\$8.48
1"	\$15.11
1-1/2"	\$23.37
2"	\$34.45
3"	\$52.39
4"	\$81.19
6"	\$151.73
8"	\$235.53
10"	\$332.15
12"	\$590.83
Hydrant Type	*Monthly Amount
Domestic (Residential)	\$10.33
Mercantile	\$20.66
Industrial	\$51.41
Fire Protection	*Monthly Amount
2"	\$29.67
4"	\$59.46
6"	\$133.14
8"	\$236.97
10"	\$411.06
12"	\$533.54

Note: Rates Effective as of 10/1/2023. The above chart is a partial list of the Schedule of Rates. The complete Schedule of Rates information is available online at <http://www.mvdwater.org/billing>. Hardcopies are available at the MVD Office.

ACCOUNT ACCESS & PAYMENT INFORMATION

ONLINE ACCOUNT ACCESS

Log into **MyMVD** for all-in-one access to view your account, check you're your balance, make payments, and more! Visit www.mvdwater.org and click on the MyMVD logo.



PAYMENT OPTIONS



MVD accepts cash, checks, money orders, Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and e-checks, Apple Pay, Google Pay, and ACH payments from a checking/savings account.

AUTOPAY - RECURRING PAYMENTS:

Have payment automatically deducted from a checking/savings account or a credit/debit card. Contact MVD's by phone or email, or enroll on the MyMVD customer website.

CREDIT/DEBIT CARD AND ACH CHECKING OR SAVINGS:

Online: Log into your account on the MyMVD customer website. Visit www.mvdwater.org and click on the "MyMVD" logo.

Phone: 603-424-9241 Option 7

NOTE: There is a "Payment Services Fee" for processing payments with a credit/debit card as well as for one-time ACH banking payments. Per "NH RSA 80:52c Electronic Payment", MVD cannot absorb any processing fees; all fees must be paid by the customer. The "Payment Services Fee" is charged by the processing company. The "Payment Services Fee" will appear on your statement as "MERRIMACK VILLAGE". The "Payment Services Fee" is non-refundable. Payment Services Fees are as follows:

Credit Cards Payment Fees:

AutoPay – the greater of \$2.50 or 2.5%.
One-time – the greater of \$2.50 or 2.5%.

Banking (ACH) Payment Fees:

AutoPay – No fees for recurring payment processing.
One-time – the greater of \$2.50 or 2.5%.

Credit Card & Banking payments can ONLY be processed online on the customer web portal "MyMVD" or through the automated phone system.

(PAYMENT OPTIONS CONTINUED)

CHECK/MONEY ORDER/CASH

(NOTE: Cash payments are accepted in-person during normal business hours at MVD office only.)

Mail: 2 Greens Pond Rd Merrimack, NH 03054

Important Info Regarding US Postal Service (USPS) Mail Delivery: Please be advised, the USPS has been experiencing and continues to experience delivery delays. Additionally, according to the Merrimack Post Office ALL mail regardless of whether it's "In Town" or "Out of Town", is sent to a central sorting facility in Manchester before it is delivered; this seems to have been increasing delivery delays. MVD cannot control when payment will be received from the USPS; late fees and service disconnections will be processed according to MVD's By-Laws.

Click the following link to view the FAQ/Customer Information regarding Delivery Standards:
<https://faq.usps.com/s/article/Delayed-Mail-and-Packages>

Click the following link to view the USPS Service Alerts for Residential Service Disruptions:
<https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/residential/welcome.htm>

Drop-off: Payments can be dropped off at the above address; either walk-in or use the "drop-box" located to the left of the front door.

NOTE: All payments received, either by mail or drop-off, prior to 1:00 pm are processed on the same business day. Payments after 1:00 pm may be processed the following business day.

ADDITIONAL PAYMENT INFORMATION

IMPORTANT NOTICE Regarding Non-Affiliated 3rd-Party Bill Payment Services:

Please be advised, some 3rd party bill payment services are made to APPEAR they are affiliated with Merrimack Village District. "Doxo.com" and "ChargeSmart.com" are examples of third-party companies that allow payment of utility bills via their website and mobile applications. These companies, and any other 3rd-party bill payment service companies, are ***NOT*** affiliated with Merrimack Village District and therefore payment is ***NOT*** received electronically (a paper check will be mailed to MVD via US Postal Service). Due to this delivery procedure MVD cannot control when, or, possibly, if, payment will be received - which may result in late payments/fees or potentially water service disconnection for non-payment.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

If you are experiencing financial difficulties please contact MVD Customer Service to discuss possible options for your account such as a payment arrangement. Other option may be available through the Town of Merrimack and other programs. The links below are to some options that may be available as well as links to the Town of Merrimack's website containing additional information for assistance:

- **2-1-1: New Hampshire's No Cost Information & Referral Service**
 - Call: [211](tel:211)
 - Text your zip code to "898-211"
 - Web: www.211.org
- [New Hampshire Homeowner Assistance Fund – NHHAFF](#)
- [Town of Merrimack Assistance Information](#)
- [Town of Merrimack Info for Other Area Resources](#)

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SECTION IV: FINANCIAL REPORTS

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Commissioners
Merrimack Village District
Merrimack, New Hampshire

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities and enterprise fund of the Merrimack Village District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Merrimack Village District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities and enterprise fund of the Merrimack Village District, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Merrimack Village District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Emphasis of Matter – Change in Accounting Principle

As discussed in Note 2-A to the financial statements, in the year ending June 30, 2024, the District adopted new accounting guidance, GASB Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections – an Amendment to GASB Statement No. 62*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

The Merrimack Village District's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Merrimack Village District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with

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GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Merrimack Village District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Merrimack Village District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the following be presented to supplement the basic financial statements:

- Management's Discussion and Analysis,
- Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability,
- Schedule of District Contributions – Pensions,
- Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of Net Other Postemployment Benefits Liability,
- Schedule of District Contributions – Other Postemployment Benefits,
- Schedule of Changes in the District's Total Other Postemployment Benefits Liability and Related Ratios, and
- Notes to the Required Supplementary Information

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

March 3, 2025
Concord, New Hampshire

***PLODZIK & SANDERSON
Professional Association***



MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The Merrimack Village District (the District) offers readers this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the year ended **June 30, 2024**.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the financial statements presented herein. The financial statements are comprised of two components: (1) proprietary fund financial statements, and (2) notes to financial statements.

Proprietary fund financial statements: The District's operations are accounted for as a single proprietary fund using the accrual basis of accounting. In this regard, the District's operations are accounted for in a manner similar to a private business enterprise.

Notes to financial statements: The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements.

Other information: In addition to the financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain supplementary information required to be disclosed by Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) as defined by the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in the United States of America.

NET POSITION

As of the close of the current year, the total of assets and deferred outflows or resources, exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$33,186,298, a change of \$1,217,297 in comparison to the prior year. Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of overall financial standing.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

The total investment in capital assets, less depreciation, at year-end was \$36,074,021, a change of \$128,139 from the prior year. This investment in capital assets includes buildings and improvements (e.g. water treatment plants, land and improvements, machinery, equipment, vehicles, infrastructure assets and intangible assets).

The total debt outstanding at year-end was \$4,869,570, a change of (\$432,052), due to the routine debt service retirements and bond & loan payments.

Additional information on capital assets and debt can be found in the Notes to Financial Statements.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances for all those with an interest in the District's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be directed to:

Merrimack Village District – 2 Greens Pond Road – Merrimack, NH 03054 / 603-424-9241

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

EXHIBIT A
MERRIMACK VILLAGE DISTRICT
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2024

ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,160,894
Investments	1,096
Accounts receivable	1,092,042
Intergovernmental receivable	7,746,688
Inventory	269,292
Prepaid items	51,582
Capital assets:	
Land and construction in progress	1,649,066
Other capital assets, net of depreciation	34,424,955
Total assets	<u>48,395,615</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Amounts related to pensions	383,898
Amounts related to other postemployment benefits	11,042
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>394,940</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	77,990
Accrued salaries and benefits	31,718
Accrued interest payable	36,177
Intergovernmental payable	8,551,681
Long-term liabilities:	
Due within one year	458,453
Due in more than one year	6,342,248
Total liabilities	<u>15,498,267</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Unavailable revenue - security deposits	9,260
Amounts related to pensions	39,344
Amounts related to other postemployment benefits	57,386
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>105,990</u>
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	22,751,742
Restricted	2,434,717
Unrestricted	7,999,839
Total net position	<u>\$ 33,186,298</u>

The Notes to the Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

EXHIBIT B
MERRIMACK VILLAGE DISTRICT
Proprietary Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Operating revenues:	
User charges	\$ 6,198,554
Miscellaneous	320,552
Total operating revenues	6,519,106
Operating expenses:	
Salaries and wages	2,163,928
Operation and maintenance	2,423,031
Depreciation	1,106,107
Total operating expenses	5,693,066
Operating gain	826,040
Nonoperating revenue (expense):	
Interest income	385,236
Management fees	(15,687)
Intergovernmental revenues	75,712
Change in fair market value of investments	63,454
Interest expense	(117,458)
Total nonoperating revenues	391,257
Change in net position	1,217,297
Net position, beginning, as restated (see Note 14)	31,969,001
Net position, ending	\$ 33,186,298

The Notes to the Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

EXHIBIT C
MERRIMACK VILLAGE DISTRICT
Proprietary Fund
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Cash flows from operating activities:	
Receipts from customers and users	\$ 6,655,676
Payments to employees	(2,080,347)
Payments to suppliers	<u>(2,724,724)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>1,850,605</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:	
Principal paid on bonds	(432,052)
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(1,234,246)
Proceeds from State of NH PFAS Remediation Loan	62,565
Proceeds from State of NH DES Mainline grant	3,327
Proceeds from State of NH State Revolving Loan - Lead Service	16,610
Proceeds from State of NH DES Cybersecurity grant	30,775
Interest paid	<u>(127,235)</u>
Net cash used for capital and related financing activities	<u>(1,680,256)</u>
Cash flows from non-capital financing activities:	
Cash paid to capital reserves	(1,099,943)
Cash received from capital reserves	389,192
Net cash used for non-capital financing activities	<u>(710,751)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Interest received	<u>111,225</u>
Net decrease in cash	(429,177)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning	<u>3,590,071</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, ending	<u>\$ 3,160,894</u>
<i>Reconciliation of Operating Gain to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</i>	
Operating gain	<u>\$ 826,040</u>
Adjustments to reconcile operating gain to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation expense	1,106,107
Change in other receivables	138,967
Change in prepaid items	(16,493)
Change in inventory	(119,969)
Change in accounts payable	330
Change in intergovernmental payable	(1,759)
Change in accrued salaries and benefits	4,098
Change in retainage payable	(163,802)
Change in deferred inflows of resources	(2,397)
Change in compensated absences	6,031
Change in net pension liability and deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions	67,660
Change in other postemployment benefits and deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to OPEB	5,792
Total adjustments	<u>1,024,565</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 1,850,605</u>

The Notes to the Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Merrimack Village District, of Merrimack, New Hampshire (the District), have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to government units (hereafter referred to as generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and other authoritative sources. The Merrimack Village District’s significant accounting policies are described below.

1-A Reporting Entity

The Merrimack Village District is a municipal corporation governed by an elected five-member Board of Commissioners. In evaluating how to define the District for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include a potential component unit in the reporting entity is made by applying the criteria set forth by GASB Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, (as amended). The District has no component units to include in its reporting entity.

1-B Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The District prepares its financial statements as a proprietary fund type (enterprise fund) on an accrual basis of accounting. Enterprise funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (including depreciation) to provide certain goods and services to the general public are to be financed or recovered primarily through user charges or where the governing body has deemed that periodic determination of net income is appropriate for purpose of monitoring capital maintenance, accountability, or other purposes.

The proprietary fund is reported using the “economic resources” measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, all assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities (whether current or noncurrent), and deferred inflows of resources are included on the Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position presents increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in total net position. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the period in which they are earned while expenses are recognized in the period in which the liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Operating revenues in the proprietary funds are those revenues that are generated from the primary operations of the fund. All other revenues are reported as non-operating revenues. Operating expenses are those expenses that are essential to the primary operations of the fund. All other expenses are reported as non-operating expenses.

1-C Cash and Cash Equivalents

The District considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Deposits with financial institutions consist primarily of demand deposits and savings accounts.

New Hampshire statutes require that the District treasurer have custody of all money belonging to the District and pay out the same only upon orders of the Board of Commissioners. The treasurer shall deposit all such monies in participation units in the public deposit investment pool established pursuant to NH RSA 383:22 or in solvent banks in the State. Funds may be deposited in banks outside the State if such banks pledge and deliver to a third-party custodial bank or the Federal Reserve Bank, collateral security for such deposits, United States government or government agency obligations or obligations of the State of New Hampshire in value at least equal to the amount of the deposit in each case.

1-D Statement of Cash Flows

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, the District considers all highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with a maturity when purchased of three months or less and all local government investment pools to be cash equivalents.

1-E Investments

State statutes place certain limitations on the nature of deposits and investments available as follows:

New Hampshire law authorizes the District to invest in the following type of obligations:

- Obligations of the United States government;

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- The public deposit investment pool established pursuant to RSA 383:22;
- Savings bank deposits; and
- Certificates of deposit and repurchase agreements of banks incorporated under the laws of the State of New Hampshire or in banks recognized by the State treasurer.

Any person who directly or indirectly receives any such funds or monies for deposit or for investment in securities of any kind shall, prior to acceptance of such funds, make available at the time of such deposit or investment an option to have such funds secured by collateral having a value at least equal to the amount of such funds. Such collateral shall be segregated for the exclusive benefit of the District. Only securities defined by the bank commissioner as provided by rules adopted pursuant to RSA 386:57 shall be eligible to be pledged as collateral.

Fair Value Measurement of Investments – In accordance with GASB Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*, except for investments measured using the net asset value (NAV) as a practical expedient to estimate fair value, the District categorizes the fair value measurements of its investments within the fair value hierarchy established by US GAAP. The fair value hierarchy categorizes the inputs to valuation techniques used for fair value measurement into three levels as follows:

Level 1 – Quoted prices for identical investments in active markets;

Level 2 – Observable inputs other than those in Level 1; and

Level 3 – Unobservable inputs.

The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to Level 1 inputs and the lowest priority to Level 3 inputs. In certain instances where the determination of the fair value measurement is based on inputs from different levels of the fair value hierarchy, the level of the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Investments are reported at fair value. If an investment is held directly by the District and an active market with quoted prices exists, such as for domestic equity securities, the market price of an identical security is used to report fair value and is classified as Level 1. Corporate fixed income securities and certain government securities utilize pricing that may involve estimation using similar securities or trade dates and are classified in Level 2. Fair value for shares in registered mutual funds and exchange traded funds are based on published share prices and classified in Level 1.

Investments in Certain External Investment Pools – In accordance with GASB Statement No. 79, *Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants*, the District held investments with the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool (NHPDIP). The NHPDIP measures all of its investments at amortized cost. There are no redemption restrictions and shares may be redeemed by the District in accordance with the NHPDIP's information statement.

1-F Receivables

Receivables recorded in the financial statements represent amounts due to the District at June 30. They consist primarily of user charges and trust funds held in the custody of the Town of Merrimack Trustees of Trust Funds.

1-G Inventory

Inventories are valued at cost using first-in, first-out, which approximates market. The District's inventories include various items consisting of water system materials and supplies. Inventorial items are recorded as expenditures/expenses when consumed rather than when purchased.

1-H Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items and expended/expensed as the items are used.

1-I Capital Assets

Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year for water main improvements and operating equipment or \$50,000 or more for infrastructure. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation.

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Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. The costs 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 of the District are depreciated (except for land and construction in progress which are not depreciated) using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Capital Asset Classes:	<u>Years</u>
Land improvements	20 - 50
Buildings and building improvements	15 - 100
Machinery, equipment, and vehicles	5 - 50
Infrastructure	5 - 50

1-J Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

Deferred outflows of resources, a separate financial statement element, represents a consumption of net position or fund balance that applies to a future period(s) and thus will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expenses) until that time. The District has two items that qualify for reporting in this category. Deferred outflows related to pensions and deferred outflows related to OPEB are reported in the government-wide Statement of Net Position for various estimate differences that will be amortized and recognized over future years.

Deferred inflows of resources, a separate financial statement element, represents an acquisition of net position or fund balance that applies to a future period(s) which will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. Although certain revenues are measurable, they are not available. Available means collected within the current year or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current year. The District has three types of items which qualify for reporting in this category. Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and OPEB are reported in the Statement of Net Position for various estimate differences that will be amortized and recognized over future years. In addition, unavailable revenues from security deposits arises when the related eligible expenditures will not be made until the subsequent period.

1-K Long-term Obligations

Long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the business-type activities Statement of Net Position. Bond premiums are deferred and amortized over the life of the bond using the straight-line method.

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 88, *Certain Disclosures Related to Debt, Including Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements*, the District utilizes the following classifications to categorize the financial transactions:

Direct Borrowings – financial transactions for a note or a loan where the District negotiates certain terms with a single lender and are not offered for public sale.

Direct Placements – financial transactions for the sale of bonds where the District engages with a single buyer or limited number of buyers without a public offering.

1-L Compensated Absences

General leave for the District includes vacation, sick, and personal time pay. General leave is based on an employee’s length of employment and is earned ratably during the span of employment. Upon retirement or termination, employees are paid full value for any accrued general leave earned as set forth by the District’s personnel policy. The liability for such leave is reported as incurred in the proprietary fund financial statements.

1-M Defined Benefit Pension Plan

GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*, and as amended by GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date* requires participating employers to recognize their proportionate share of collective net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and pension expense, and schedules have been prepared to provide employers with their calculated

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proportionate share of these amounts. The collective amounts have been allocated based on employer contributions during the respective fiscal years. Contributions from employers are recognized when legally due, based on statutory requirements.

The schedules prepared by New Hampshire Retirement System, and audited by the plan's independent auditors, require management to make a number of estimates and assumptions related to the reported amounts. Due to the inherent nature and uncertainty of these estimates, actual results could differ, and the differences may be material.

1-N Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB)

The District maintains two separate other postemployment benefit plans, as follows:

New Hampshire Retirement System Plan – For the purposes of measuring the total other postemployment benefit (OPEB) liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the New Hampshire Retirement System OPEB Plan (the plan) and additions to/deductions from the plan's fiduciary net position has been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the New Hampshire Retirement System. For this purpose, the plan recognizes benefit payments when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value, except money market investments and participating interest earning investment contracts that have a maturity at the time of purchase of one year or less, which are reported at cost.

Single Employer Plan – For purposes of measuring the total OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information has been determined based on the District's actuarial report. For this purpose, benefit payments are recognized when due and payable in accordance with benefit terms.

1-O Net Position

In the Government-wide Financial Statements, net position is reported in the following categories:

Net Investment in Capital Assets – Consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds or other borrowings attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

Restricted Net Position – Results when constraints placed on net position use are either externally imposed by a third party (statutory, bond covenant, or granting agency) or are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The District typically uses restricted assets first, as appropriate opportunities arise, but reserves the right to selectively defer the use until a future period.

Unrestricted Net Position – Consists of net position not meeting the definition of the preceding categories. Unrestricted net position is often subject to constraints imposed by management which can be removed or modified.

1-P Use of Estimates

The preparation of the accompanying basic financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2 – STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

2-A Change in Accounting Principle

During the fiscal year, the District adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections – an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 62*. This statement will improve the clarity and consistency of the accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections.

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NOTE 3 – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The District’s deposits are entirely covered by Federal Depository Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or by collateral held by the District’s agent in the District’s name. The FDIC currently insures the first \$250,000 of the District’s deposits at each financial institution, per case custodian. Deposit balances over \$250,000 are insured by collateral. As of year-end, the carrying amount of the District’s deposits was \$3,160,894 and the bank balances totaled \$3,422,852. Petty cash totaled \$350.

NOTE 4 – INVESTMENTS

Note 1-E describes statutory requirements covering the investment of the District funds. The District holds investments that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis. Because investing is not a core part of the District’s mission, the District determines that the disclosures related to these investments only need to be disaggregated by major type. The District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The District has the following recurring measurements as of June 30, 2024:

Investments carried at amortized cost:	
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	<u>\$ 1,096</u>

Interest Rate Risk – This is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. The District does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value loss arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk – The District has no formal policy on managing credit risk; however, state law limits investments as explained in Note 1-E.

Custodial Credit Risk – This is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty (e.g., broker/dealer) to honor a transaction, the District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The District does not have custodial risk policies for investments.

Concentration of Credit Risk – The District places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer.

NOTE 5 – RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2024, consisted of billings for water and other user charges. Receivables are recorded on the District’s financial statements to the extent that the amounts are determined to be material and substantiated not only by supporting documentation, but also by a reasonable, systematic method of determining their existence, completeness, valuation, and collectability.

NOTE 6 – DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

Amounts due from other governments at June 30, 2024, consisted of amounts held in custody of the Town of Merrimack Trustees of Trust Funds and due from the State of New Hampshire:

Due from New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services:		
PFAS Remediation Loan	\$	162,513
Watershed Assistance Planning		25,000
Due from the Town of Merrimack Trustees of Trust Funds:		
<i>Capital Reserve Funds:</i>		
Acquisition of Land	\$	1,558,895
Equipment and Facilities		4,030,279
System Development Charge		1,289,658
Legal Fees		110,297
Emergency water and O&M of GAC treatment facilities		<u>570,046</u>
Total due from the Town of Merrimack Trustees of Trust Funds		<u>7,559,175</u>
Total due from other governments	\$	<u><u>7,746,688</u></u>

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NOTE 7 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2024 consisted of the following:

	As restated Balance, beginning	Reclassifications	Additions	Deletions	Balance, ending
At cost:					
Not being depreciated:					
Land	\$ 363,584	\$ -	\$ 153,125	\$ -	\$ 516,709
Construction in progress	14,745,070	-	1,024,974	(14,637,687)	1,132,357
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>15,108,654</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,178,099</u>	<u>(14,637,687)</u>	<u>1,649,066</u>
Being depreciated:					
Land improvements	118,605	-	-	-	118,605
Buildings and building improvements	2,111,817	3,100	3,100	-	2,118,017
Machinery, equipment, and vehicles	2,683,002	30,124	203,079	(127,284)	2,788,921
Infrastructure	33,802,068	(33,224)	14,487,655	-	48,256,499
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>38,715,492</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,693,834</u>	<u>(127,284)</u>	<u>53,282,042</u>
Total all capital assets	<u>53,824,146</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,871,933</u>	<u>(14,764,971)</u>	<u>54,931,108</u>
Less accumulated depreciation:					
Land improvements	(115,128)	-	(994)	-	(116,122)
Buildings and building improvements	(1,316,977)	(150)	(49,460)	-	(1,366,587)
Machinery, equipment, and vehicles	(2,316,202)	(14,161)	(123,448)	127,284	(2,326,527)
Infrastructure	(14,129,957)	14,311	(932,205)	-	(15,047,851)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(17,878,264)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,106,107)</u>	<u>127,284</u>	<u>(18,857,087)</u>
Net book value, capital assets being depreciated	<u>20,837,228</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,587,727</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,424,955</u>
Net book value, all capital assets	<u>\$ 35,945,882</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 14,765,826</u>	<u>\$ (14,637,687)</u>	<u>\$ 36,074,021</u>

NOTE 8 – INTERGOVERNMENTAL PAYABLES

Amounts due to other governments of \$8,551,681 at June 30, 2024 consist of \$20,846 due to other governments and \$8,530,835 relating to drawdowns of a loan from the State of New Hampshire:

	PFAS Remediation Loan
Authorized	\$ 9,219,024
Amount drawn to date	(8,530,835)
Available to draw down	<u>\$ 688,189</u>

Activity on the PFAS remediation loan for fiscal year 2024 was:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance
PFAS Remediation Loan	<u>\$ 8,356,387</u>	<u>\$ 174,448</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 8,530,835</u>

NOTE 9 DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred outflows of resources at June 30, 2024 consist of the following:

	Business-type Activities
Amounts related to pensions, see Note 11	\$ 383,898
Amounts related to OPEB, see Note 12	11,042
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>\$ 394,940</u>

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Deferred inflows of resources at June 30, 2024 consist of the following:

	Business-type Activities
Security deposits collected in advance of eligible expenditures being made	\$ 9,260
Amounts related to pensions, see Note 11	39,344
Amounts related to OPEB, see Note 12	57,386
Total deferred inflows of resources	\$ 105,990

NOTE 10 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Changes in the District’s long-term liabilities consisted of the following for the year ended June 30, 2024:

	Balance July 1, 2023	Additions	Reductions	Balance June 30, 2024	Due Within One Year	Due Within One Year
Bonds/loans payable:						
General obligation bonds - direct placement	\$ 1,190,000	\$ -	\$ (180,000)	\$ 1,010,000	\$ 180,000	\$ 830,000
State revolving loans - direct borrowings	4,111,622	-	(252,052)	3,859,570	257,220	3,602,350
Bond premium	29,777	-	(7,274)	22,503	6,190	16,313
Total bonds/loans payable	5,331,399	-	(439,326)	4,892,073	443,410	4,448,663
Compensated absences	172,130	6,031	-	178,161	15,043	163,118
Net pension liability	1,497,458	34,546	-	1,532,004	-	1,532,004
Net other postemployment benefits	249,828	-	(51,365)	198,463	-	198,463
Total long-term liabilities	\$ 7,250,815	\$ 40,577	\$ (490,691)	\$ 6,800,701	\$ 458,453	\$ 6,342,248

Long-term bonds are comprised of the following:

	Original Amount	Maturity Date	Interest Rate %	Outstanding at June 30, 2024	Current Portion
Bonds payable:					
Direct placements:					
2010 Series B issue	\$ 835,000	2026	3.00-5.00%	\$ 100,000	\$ 50,000
2010 Series D issue	\$ 2,800,000	2031	3.00-5.00%	910,000	130,000
Total direct placements				1,010,000	180,000
State revolving loans:					
Direct borrowings:					
Drinking Water SRF	\$ 4,300,000	2036	1.96%	2,811,963	206,845
Drinking Water GT Booster	\$ 1,189,695	2041	2.42%	1,047,607	50,375
Total direct borrowings				3,859,570	257,220
Bond premium				22,503	6,190
Total				\$ 4,892,073	\$ 443,410

The annual requirements to amortize all general obligation bonds outstanding as of June 30, 2024, including interest payments, are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Bonds - Direct Placements			State Revolving Loans - Direct Borrowings		
	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 180,000	\$ 34,221	\$ 214,221	\$ 257,220	\$ 80,508	\$ 337,728
2026	180,000	26,634	206,634	262,495	75,233	337,728
2027	130,000	20,209	150,209	267,880	69,849	337,729
2028	130,000	14,034	144,034	273,375	64,353	337,728
2029	130,000	7,696	137,696	278,985	58,744	337,729
2030-2034	260,000	4,442	264,442	1,483,210	205,433	1,688,643
2035-2039	-	-	-	887,134	59,595	946,729
2040-2041	-	-	-	149,271	5,488	154,759
Totals	\$ 1,010,000	\$ 107,236	\$ 1,117,236	\$ 3,859,570	\$ 619,203	\$ 4,478,773

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NOTE 11 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

Plan Description – The New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS or the System) is a public employee retirement system that administers one cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan (Pension Plan), a component unit of the State of New Hampshire, as defined in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans* – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 25. The Pension Plan was established in 1967 by RSA 100-A:2 and is qualified as a tax-exempt organization under Sections 401(a) and 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Pension Plan is a contributory, defined benefit plan providing service, disability, death and vested retirement benefits to members and their beneficiaries. Substantially all full-time state employees, public school teachers and administrators, permanent firefighters and permanent police officers within the State are eligible and required to participate in the Pension Plan. The System issues a publicly available financial report that may be obtained by writing the New Hampshire Retirement System, 54 Regional Drive, Concord, NH 03301.

Benefits Provided – Benefit formulas and eligibility requirements for the Pension Plan are set by state law (RSA 100-A). The Pension Plan is divided into two membership groups. State and local employees and teachers belong to Group I. Police and firefighters belong to Group II.

Group I benefits are provided based on creditable service and average final salary for the highest of either three or five years, depending on when service commenced.

Group II benefits are provided based on age, years of creditable service and benefit multiplier depending on vesting status as of 1/1/12. The maximum retirement allowance for Group II members vested by 1/1/12 (45 years of age with 20 years of service or age 60 regardless of years of creditable service) is the average final compensation multiplied by 2.5% multiplied by creditable service. For Group II members not vested by 1/1/12 the benefit is calculated the same way but the multiplier used in the calculation will change depending on age and years of creditable service as follows:

Years of Creditable Service as of 1/1/12	Minimum Age	Minimum Service	Benefit Multiplier
At least 8 but less than 10 years	46	21	2.4%
At least 6 but less than 8 years	47	22	2.3%
At least 4 but less than 6 years	48	23	2.2%
Less than 4 years	49	24	2.1%

Members of both groups may qualify for vested deferred allowances, disability allowances and death benefit allowances, subject to meeting various eligibility requirements. Benefits are based on AFC or earnable compensation and/or service.

Contributions: The System is financed by contributions from both the employees and the District. Member contribution rates are established and may be amended by the State legislature while employer contribution rates are set by the System trustees based on an actuarial valuation. Group I members are required to contribute 7% of earnable compensation and group II members (police and fire) are required to contribute 11.55% and 11.80% respectively. For fiscal year 2024, the District contributed 28.68% for police, 27.75% for fire and 13.27% for other employees. The contribution requirement for the fiscal year 2024 was \$169,903, which was paid in full.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions – At June 30, 2024 the District reported a liability of \$1,532,004 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District’s proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the District’s long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating Districts and school districts, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2023, the District’s proportion was 0.03% which was the same as its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022.

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For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized pension expense of \$237,561. At June 30, 2024 the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Changes in proportion	\$ 112,372	\$ 38,728
Changes in assumptions	40,322	-
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments	22,155	
Differences between expected and actual experience	39,146	616
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	169,903	-
Total	\$ 383,898	\$ 39,344

The \$169,903 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions results from the District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	
2025	\$ 88,383
2026	(4,008)
2027	82,998
2028	7,278
Thereafter	
Totals	\$ 174,651 -

Actuarial Assumptions – The collective total pension liability was determined by a roll forward of the actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022, using the following actuarial assumptions which, accordingly, apply to 2023 measurements:

Inflation:	2.00%
Salary increases:	5.40% average, including inflation
Wage inflation:	2.75% (2.25% for teachers)
Investment rate of return:	6.75% net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Health Retiree Mortality Tables with credibility adjustments for each group (Police and Fire combined) and projected fully generational mortality improvements using Scale MP-2019.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2022 valuation were based on the results of the most recent actuarial experience study, which was for the period July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2019.

Long-term Rates of Return – The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investment was selected from a best estimate range determined using the building block approach. Under this method, an expected future real return range is calculated separately for each asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rate of return net of investment expenses by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

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Following is a table presenting target allocations and long-term rates of return for 2023:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	30 Year Geometric Return
Broad US Equity (1)	30.00%	5.40%
Global Ex-US Equity (2)	20.00%	5.65%
Total public equity	50.00%	
Real Estate Equity	10.00%	4.40%
Private Equity	10.00%	6.65%
Total private market equity	20.00%	
Private Debt	5.00%	5.05%
Core U.S. Fixed Income (3)	25.00%	2.15%
Total	100.00%	

Discount Rate – The discount rate used to measure the collective total pension liability was 6.75%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. For purposes of the projection, member contributions and employer service cost contributions are projected based on the expected payroll of current members only. Employer contributions are determined based on the Pension Plan’s actuarial funding policy as required by RSA 100-A:16. Based on those assumptions, the Pension Plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on Pension Plan investment was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the collective total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the District’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate – The following table presents the District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.75% as well as what the District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (5.75%) or 1-percentage point higher (7.75%) than the current rate:

Measurement Date	1% Decrease 5.75%	Current Single Rate Assumption 6.75%	1% Increase 7.75%
June 30, 2023	\$ 2,078,744	\$ 1,532,004	\$ 1,064,848

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position – Detailed information about the pension plan’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued New Hampshire Retirement System Cost-Sharing Multiple Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plan financial report.

NOTE 12 – POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB)

12-A New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS)

Plan Description – The New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS or the System) administers a cost-sharing multiple-employer other postemployment benefit plan medical subsidy healthcare plan (OPEB Plan). For additional system information, please refer to the 2023 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, which can be found on the system’s website at www.nhrs.org.

Benefits Provided - Benefit amounts and eligibility requirements for the OPEB Plan are set by state law (RSA 100-A:52, RSA 100-A:52-a and RSA 100-A:52-b), and members are designated in statute by type. The four membership types are Group II, Police Officers and Firefighters; Group I, Teachers; Group I, Political Subdivision Employees; and Group I, State Employees. The OPEB Plan provides a medical insurance subsidy to qualified retired members. The medical insurance subsidy is a payment made by NHRS to the former employer or its insurance administrator toward the cost of health insurance for a qualified retiree, his/her qualified spouse, and his/her certified dependent children with a disability who are living in the household and being cared for by the retiree. If the health insurance premium amount is less than the medical subsidy amount, then only the health insurance premium amount will be paid. If the health insurance premium amount exceeds the medical subsidy amount, then the retiree or other qualified person is responsible for paying any portion that the employer does not pay.

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Group I benefits are based on creditable service, age and retirement date. Group II benefits are based on hire date, age and creditable service. The OPEB plan is closed to new entrants.

Maximum medical subsidy rates paid during fiscal year 2024 were as follows:

For qualified retirees not eligible for Medicare, the amounts were \$375.56 for a single-person plan and \$751.12 for a two-person plan.

For those qualified retirees eligible for Medicare, the amounts were \$236.84 for a single-person plan and \$473.68 for a two-person plan.

Contributions – The OPEB Plan is funded by allocating to the 401(h) subtrust the lesser of: 25% of all employer contributions made in accordance with RSA 100-A:16 or the percentage of employer contributions determined by the actuary to be the minimum rate necessary to maintain the benefits provided under RSA 100-A:53-b, RSA 100-A:53-c, and RSA 100-A:53-d. For fiscal year 2023, the minimum rates determined by the actuary to maintain benefits were the lesser of the two options and were used to determine the employer contributions due to the 401(h) subtrust. The State Legislature has the authority to establish, amend and discontinue the contribution requirements of the OPEB Plan. Administrative costs are allocated to the OPEB Plan based on fund balances. For fiscal year 2024, the District contributed 2.60% for police and fire, and 0.26% for other employees. The contribution requirement for the fiscal year 2024 was \$3,329, which was paid in full.

OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB – At June 30, 2024, the District reported a liability of \$28,967 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022. The District’s proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on a projection of the District’s long-term share of contributions to the OPEB plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating Districts and school districts, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2023, the District’s proportion was 0.008% which was the same as its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$2,142. At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings on OPEB plan investments	\$ 35	\$
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	3,329	-
Total	\$ 3,364	\$

The \$3,329 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB results from the District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	
2025	\$ (6)
2026	(44)
2027	94
2028	(9)
Thereafter	
Totals	\$ 35

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Actuarial Assumptions – The total OPEB liability in this report is based on an actuarial valuation performed as of June 30, 2022 and a measurement date of June 30, 2023. The total OPEB liability was determined using the following actuarial assumptions applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Price inflation:	2.00% per year
Wage inflation:	2.75% (2.25% for teachers)
Salary increases:	5.40% average, including inflation
Investment rate of return:	6.75% net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation

Mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Health Retiree Mortality Tables with credibility adjustments for each group (Police and Fire combined) and projected fully generational mortality improvements using Scale MP-2019.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2022 valuation were based on the results of the most recent actuarial experience study, which was for the period July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2019.

Long-term Rates of Return – The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investment was selected from a best estimate range determined using the building block approach. Under this method, an expected future real return range is calculated separately for each asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rate of return net of investment expenses by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Following is a table presenting target allocations and long-term rates of return for 2023:

Asset Class	Target	
	Allocation	30 Year Geometric Return
Broad US Equity (1)	30.00%	5.40%
Global Ex-US Equity (2)	20.00%	5.65%
Total public equity	50.00%	
Real Estate Equity	10.00%	4.40%
Private Equity	10.00%	6.65%
Total private market equity	20.00%	
Private Debt	5.00%	5.05%
Core U.S. Fixed Income (3)	25.00%	2.15%
Total	100.00%	

Discount Rate – The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2023 was 6.75%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employer contributions will be made under the current statute RSA 100-A:16 and that plan member contributions will be made under RSA 100-A:16. Based on those assumptions, the OPEB Plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on OPEB Plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the collective total OPEB liability.

Sensitivity of the District’s Proportionate Share of the OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate – The following table presents the District’s proportionate share of the OPEB liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.75% as well as what the District’s proportionate share of the OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (5.75%) or 1-percentage point higher (7.75%) than the current rate:

Measurement Date	1% Decrease 5.75%	Current Single Rate Assumption		1% Increase 7.75%
		6.75%	6.75%	
June 30, 2023	\$ 31,461	\$ 28,967	\$ 26,791	

OPEB Plan Fiduciary Net Position – Detailed information about the OPEB plan’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued New Hampshire Retirement System Cost-Sharing Multiple Employer Defined Benefit OPEB Plan financial report.

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12-B Retiree Health Benefit Program

Plan Description – GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, requires governments to account for other postemployment benefits (OPEB) on an accrual basis, rather than on a pay-as-you-go basis. The effect is the recognition of an actuarially determined expense on the Statement of Activities when a future retiree earns their postemployment benefits, rather than when they use their postemployment benefit. The postemployment benefit liability is recognized on the Statement of Net Position over time. The District OPEB plan is not administered through a trust that meets the criteria of paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75.

The total OPEB liability is based on the District offering retirees postemployment healthcare insurance governed by RSA 100-A:50. The retirees pay 100% of the premium cost to participate and are included in the same pool as the active members. The inclusion of the retirees in the same pool effects the insurance rates of the active employees as the rates for the retirees are assumed to be higher due to the age consideration, thereby creating an implicit rate subsidy.

Funding Policy – The District’s funding policy for the implicit rate subsidy is a pay-as-you-go basis.

Benefits Provided – The District provides postemployment healthcare benefits for certain eligible retirees. The District provides medical benefits to its eligible retirees.

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms – At July 1, 2023, 17 active employees were covered by the benefit terms.

Total OPEB Liability – The District’s total OPEB liability of \$169,496 was measured as of June 30, 2024, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2023. The District contracts with an outside actuary to complete the actuarial valuation and schedule of changes in the total OPEB liability. Detailed information can be found in the separately issued report through request of the District’s business office.

Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs – The total OPEB liability was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Discount Rate:	3.93%
Healthcare Cost Trend Rates:	
Current Year Trend	14.60%
Second Year Trend	7.50%
Ultimate Trend	4.54%
Year Ultimate Trend is Reached	2090
Salary Increases:	3.50%

The discount rate was based on the index provided by *Bond Buyer 20-Bond General Obligation Index* based on the 20-year AA municipal bond rate as of June 30, 2024.

Mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Employees Headcount-Weighted Mortality fully generational using Scale MP-2021 and Pub-2010 General Retirees Headcount-Weighted Mortality fully generational using Scale MP-2021.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

	June 30,	
	2023	2024
OPEB liability beginning of year	\$ 212,861	\$ 219,244
Changes for the year:		
Service cost	12,124	9,193
Interest	7,304	6,470
Assumption changes and difference between actual and expected experience	-	(62,225)
Benefit payments	(13,045)	(3,186)
OPEB liability end of year	<u>\$ 219,244</u>	<u>\$ 169,496</u>

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Sensitivity of the District's OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate – The July 1, 2023 actuarial valuation was prepared using a discount rate of 3.93%. If the discount rate were 1% higher than what was used the OPEB liability would decrease to \$160,512 or by 5.30%. If the discount rate were 1% lower than what was used the OPEB liability would increase to \$178,766 or by 5.70%.

	Discount Rate		
	1% Decrease	Baseline 3.93%	1% Increase
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 178,766	\$ 169,496	\$ 160,512

Sensitivity of the District's OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates – The July 1, 2023 actuarial valuation was prepared using an initial trend rate of 14.60%. If the trend rate were 1% higher than what was used the OPEB liability would increase to \$187,805 or by 10.80%. If the trend rate were 1% lower than what was used the OPEB liability would decrease to \$153,606 or by 9.37%.

	Healthcare Cost Trend Rates		
	1% Decrease	Baseline 14.60%	1% Increase
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 153,606	\$ 169,496	\$ 187,805

OPEB Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB – For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$10,165. At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Changes in assumptions	\$ 7,103	\$ 12,465
Differences between expected and actual experience	575	44,921
Total	\$ 7,678	\$ 57,386

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	
2025	\$ (6,512)
2026	(13,953)
2027	(11,546)
2028	(11,132)
2029	(6,565)
Totals	\$ (49,708)

NOTE 13 – BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES NET POSITION

Net position reported on the Statement of Net Position at June 30, 2024 include the following:

Net investment in capital assets:	
Net book value, all capital assets	\$ 36,074,021
Less:	
General obligation bonds payable	(4,869,570)
Unamortized bond premiums	(22,503)
State revolving loan program	(8,530,835)
Non-capital related debt	100,000
Non-capital related premiums	629
Total net investment in capital assets	22,751,742

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Business-type activities net position continued:

Restricted net position:	
Inventory	269,292
Encumbered	24,087
System development	68,490
Restricted for specific uses	2,072,848
Total restricted net position	2,434,717
Unrestricted	7,999,839
Total net position	\$ 33,186,298

NOTE 14 – ADJUSTMENTS TO AND RESTATEMENTS OF BEGINNING BALANCES

During fiscal year 2024, changes to or within the District’s financial statements resulted in an error correction which caused adjustments to and restatements of beginning net position. During review of the District’s capital asset listing, the District identified an asset, valued at \$17,606, that the District does not own. The District removed the asset from the District’s financial statements.

NOTE 15 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, or destruction of assets; errors or omissions; injuries to employees; or natural disasters. During fiscal year 2024, the District was a member of the New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange (Primex³) Workers’ Compensation and Property/Liability Programs.

The New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange (Primex³) Workers’ Compensation and Property/Liability Programs are pooled risk management programs under RSAs 5-B and 281-A. Coverage was provided from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 by Primex³, which retained \$2,000,000 of each workers’ compensation loss, \$500,000 of each liability loss, and for each property loss it is based upon the District’s property schedule on file with Primex³. The Board has decided to self-insure the aggregate exposure and has allocated funds based on actuarial analysis for that purpose. The workers’ compensation section of the self-insurance membership agreement permits Primex³ to make additional assessments to members should there be a deficiency in contributions for any member year, not to exceed the member’s annual contribution. GASB Statement No. 10 requires members of a pool with a sharing risk to disclose if such an assessment is probable, and a reasonable estimate of the amount, if any. In fiscal year 2024 the District paid \$12,755 and \$42,133, respectively, to Primex³ for Workers’ Compensation and Property/Liability coverage. At this time, Primex³ foresees no likelihood of any additional assessment for this or any prior year.

The District continues to carry commercial insurance for all other risks of loss. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 16 – CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There are various claims and suits pending against the District which arose in the normal course of the District’s activities. Although the outcome of these lawsuits is not presently determinable, in the opinion of the District’s legal counsel, the resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the Merrimack Village District.

The District has received federal and state grants for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies or their designee. These audits could result in a request for reimbursement from the grantor agency for costs disallowed under terms of the grant. Based on prior experience, the District believes such disallowances, if any, will be immaterial.

Environmental Remediation - Low concentrations of certain perfluorinated chemicals (PFC's) have been detected in the Merrimack Village District water system. The Merrimack Village District is served by groundwater pumped from six wells in sand and gravel deposits. The source of these PFC's is most likely airborne contamination originating from an industry in the northeast portion of the Merrimack Village District. The contaminants were then carried by precipitation or runoff into the aquifers. The primary contaminant is perfluorooctanoic acid or PFOA.

New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) has an ongoing investigation into the presence of perfluorochemicals (PFCs) in drinking water in the Districts of Merrimack and Litchfield, New Hampshire. The investigation was initiated in 2016, when Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics (SGPP) notified NHDES that perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) was detected at low levels [0.03 micrograms per liter (ug/L) or 30 parts per trillion] in samples taken from four water faucets within their Merrimack facility, which is served by the Merrimack Village District.

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To provide Americans, including the most sensitive populations, with a margin of protection from a lifetime of exposure to PFOA and PFOS from drinking water, EPA has established the health advisory levels at 70 parts per trillion (ppt). After a review and comment period, NHDES has set an Ambient Groundwater Quality Standard for PFOA and PFOS at 70 ppt combined making it enforceable not just advisory. Merrimack Village District signed a settlement agreement with SGPP on May 1, 2018, for \$4,323,001 to cover design, construction, and operations expenses through the first five years online for the water treatment plant at Wells numbers 4 and 5 and expenses incurred to the date of the settlement.

See breakdown of settlement agreement payouts from SGPP:

Wells #4 & #5 Treatment Plant - Design and Construction	\$ 3,350,000
Wells #4 & #5 Treatment Plant - Year 1 Operating Costs	106,900
Wells #4 & #5 Treatment Plant - Year 2 Operating Costs	106,900
Wells #4 & #5 Treatment Plant - Year 3 Operating Costs	106,900
Wells #4 & #5 Treatment Plant - Year 4 Operating Costs	106,900
Wells #4 & #5 Treatment Plant - Year 5 Operating Costs	106,900
Reimburse Costs Related to PFOA Investigation 3/2016 - 8/2017	438,501
	<u>\$ 4,323,001</u>

In 2021, Merrimack Village District (MVD) filed a lawsuit against St. Gobain Performance Plastics and Textiles Coated International (TCI) for PFAS contamination of MVD's drinking water wells and supply and seeking millions in damages. On March 31, 2022 TCI filed counterclaims against MVD for negligence trespass, nuisance and contributions seeking undisclosed damages alleging that even if TCI contaminated the groundwater, MVD is liable to TCI for pumping and pulling contaminated water through TCI's location and into MVD wells. MVD moved to dismiss all the counterclaims, which the court granted by order dated November 29, 2022. TCI then moved to amend and to refile its negligence counterclaim against MVD on January 3, 2023. MVD objected on February 7, 2023.

Over MVD's objection, the Trial Court permitted TCI to amend its counterclaim against MVD. MVD then filed a Motion to Dismiss the amendment counterclaim. On February 16, 2024, the Court denied MVD's Motion to Dismiss, noting that the counterclaim issues were factual. MVD intends to file a Motion for Summary Judgement in the next few months to dismiss the counterclaim. TCI has not asserted damages amount as part of its counterclaim; therefore, it is premature at the current time to evaluate the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome in this matter or to estimate the amount or range of potential loss without the benefit of discovery and disclosures.

TCI has otherwise made it clear that if MVD prevails in its suit against TCI and obtains an award of damages, TI will seek to offset those damages through contribution (see their claims above). As of June 30, 2024, the case is still active.

NOTE 17 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events are events or transactions that occur after the balance sheet date, but before the financial statements are issued. Recognized subsequent events are events or transactions that provided additional evidence about conditions that existed at the balance sheet date, including the estimates inherent in the process of preparing the financial statements. Nonrecognized subsequent events are events that provide evidence about conditions that did not exist at the balance sheet date, but arose after the date. Management has evaluated subsequent events through March 3, 2025, the date the June 30, 2024 financial statements were available to be issued, and noted no events occurred that require recognition or disclosure.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

EXHIBIT D
MERRIMACK VILLAGE DISTRICT
Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
New Hampshire Retirement System Cost Sharing Multiple Employer Defined Benefit Plan
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Fiscal year-end	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2024
Measurement date	June 30, 2014	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2023
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 854,919	\$ 935,021	\$ 1,259,145	\$ 1,120,802	\$ 1,097,969	\$ 1,149,550	\$ 1,580,602	\$ 1,213,933	\$ 1,497,458	\$ 1,532,004
District's covered payroll	\$ 707,766	\$ 758,465	\$ 777,827	\$ 715,450	\$ 869,812	\$ 938,353	\$ 1,009,009	\$ 1,156,614	\$ 1,099,318	\$ 1,196,825
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	120.79%	123.28%	161.88%	156.66%	126.23%	122.51%	156.65%	104.96%	136.22%	128.01%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	66.32%	65.47%	58.30%	62.66%	64.73%	65.59%	58.72%	72.22%	65.12%	67.18%

The Note to the Required Supplementary Information – Pension Liability is an integral part of this schedule.
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EXHIBIT E
MERRIMACK VILLAGE DISTRICT
Schedule of District Contributions - Pensions
New Hampshire Retirement System Cost Sharing Multiple Employer Defined Benefit Plan
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Fiscal year-end	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2024
Measurement date	June 30, 2014	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2023
Contractually required contribution	\$ 73,891	\$ 79,184	\$ 84,789	\$ 83,489	\$ 96,375	\$ 103,969	\$ 125,840	\$ 151,156	\$ 164,563	\$ 169,903
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contributions	(73,891)	(79,184)	(84,789)	(83,489)	(96,375)	(103,969)	(125,840)	(151,156)	(164,563)	(169,903)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
District's covered payroll	\$ 758,465	\$ 777,827	\$ 715,450	\$ 869,812	\$ 938,353	\$ 938,353	\$1,156,614	\$1,099,318	\$1,196,825	\$1,280,357
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	9.74%	10.18%	11.85%	9.60%	10.27%	11.08%	10.88%	13.75%	13.75%	13.27%

The Note to the Required Supplementary Information – Pension Liability is an integral part of this schedule.
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MERRIMACK VILLAGE DISTRICT
NOTE TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION –
PENSION LIABILITY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2024

***Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability and
Schedule of District Contributions – Pensions***

Changes in Benefit Terms – There were no changes in benefit terms for the current period.

Changes in Assumptions – There were no changes in assumptions for the current period.

Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine Contribution Rates – A full list of the methods and assumptions used to determine the contribution rates can be found in the most recent actuarial valuation report. This report can be located at www.nhrs.org.

As required by GASB Statement No. 68, and as amended by GASB Statement No. 71, Exhibits D and E represent the actuarial determined costs associated with the District's pension plan at June 30, 2024. These schedules are presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, information is presented for those years for which information is available.

EXHIBIT F
MERRIMACK VILLAGE DISTRICT
Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Other Postemployment Benefits Liability
New Hampshire Retirement System Cost Sharing Multiple Employer Defined Benefit Plan
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Fiscal year-end	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2024
Measurement date	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2023
District's proportion of the net OPEB liability	0.004%	0.004%	0.006%	0.006%	0.006%	0.007%	0.008%	0.008%
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ 20,145	\$ 18,391	\$ 27,005	\$ 27,043	\$ 27,592	\$ 27,950	\$ 30,584	\$ 28,967
District's covered payroll	\$ 777,827	\$ 715,450	\$ 869,812	\$ 938,353	\$ 1,009,009	\$ 1,156,614	\$ 1,099,318	\$ 1,196,825
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	2.59%	2.57%	3.10%	2.88%	2.73%	2.42%	2.78%	2.42%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	5.21%	7.91%	7.53%	7.75%	7.74%	11.06%	10.64%	12.80%

The Notes to the Required Supplementary Information – Other Postemployment Benefits Liability is an integral part of this schedule.

EXHIBIT G
MERRIMACK VILLAGE DISTRICT
Schedule of District Contributions - Other Postemployment Benefits
New Hampshire Retirement System Cost Sharing Multiple Employer Defined Benefit Plan
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Fiscal year-end	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2024
Measurement date	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2023
Contractually required contribution	\$ 2,418	\$ 2,384	\$ 2,609	\$ 2,815	\$ 3,354	\$ 3,408	\$ 3,710	\$ 3,329
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(2,418)	(2,384)	(2,609)	(2,815)	(3,354)	(3,408)	(3,710)	(3,329)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
District's covered payroll	\$ 715,450	\$ 869,812	\$ 938,353	\$ 1,009,009	\$ 1,156,614	\$ 1,099,318	\$ 1,196,825	\$ 1,280,357
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	0.34%	0.27%	0.28%	0.28%	0.29%	0.31%	0.31%	0.26%

The Notes to the Required Supplementary Information – Other Postemployment Benefits Liability is an integral part of this schedule.

EXHIBIT H
MERRIMACK VILLAGE DISTRICT
Schedule of Changes in the District's Total Other Postemployment Benefits Liability and Related Ratios
Retiree Health Benefit Program
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	June 30,							
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
OPEB liability, beginning of year	\$ -	\$ 122,595	\$ 129,080	\$ 134,514	\$ 198,001	\$ 212,290	\$ 212,861	\$ 219,244
Changes for the year:								
Service cost	-	6,967	7,176	12,440	12,715	11,709	12,124	9,193
Interest	-	4,375	4,600	4,042	4,345	7,093	7,304	6,470
Assumption changes and difference between actual and expected experience	-	(4,065)	(5,171)	49,716		(5,632)	-	(62,225)
Benefit payments	-	(792)	(1,171)	(2,711)	(2,771)	(12,599)	(13,045)	(3,186)
OPEB liability, end of year	<u>\$ 122,595</u>	<u>\$ 129,080</u>	<u>\$ 134,514</u>	<u>\$ 198,001</u>	<u>\$ 212,290</u>	<u>\$ 212,861</u>	<u>\$ 219,244</u>	<u>\$ 169,496</u>
Covered payroll	<u>\$ 847,510</u>	<u>\$ 872,935</u>	<u>\$ 872,935</u>	<u>\$ 982,750</u>	<u>\$ 1,012,233</u>	<u>\$ 1,082,276</u>	<u>\$ 1,136,390</u>	<u>\$ 1,273,515</u>
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered payroll	14.47%	14.79%	15.41%	20.15%	20.97%	19.67%	19.29%	13.31%

The Notes to the Required Supplementary Information Other Postemployment Benefits Liability is an integral part of this schedule.

MERRIMACK VILLAGE DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION –
OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS LIABILITY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2024

Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of Net Other Postemployment Benefits Liability and Schedule of District Contributions – Other Postemployment Benefits

Changes in Benefit Terms – There were no changes in benefit terms for the current period.

Changes in Assumptions – There were no changes in assumptions for the current period.

Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine Contribution Rates – A full list of the methods and assumptions used to determine the contribution rates can be found in the most recent actuarial valuation report. This report can be located at www.nhrs.org.

As required by GASB Statement No. 75, Exhibits F and G represent the actuarial determined costs associated with the District's other postemployment benefits at June 30, 2024. These schedules are presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, information is presented for those years for which information is available.

Schedule of Changes in District's Total Other Postemployment Benefits Liability and Related Ratios

Changes in Benefit Terms – There were no changes in benefit terms for the current period.

Changes in Assumptions – The following changes in assumptions occurred from the previous actuarial valuation:

- The discount rate increased from 3.54% to 3.93%.
- The payroll growth rate was increased from 3.00% to 3.50%.
- The marital assumption was changed to 55% based on future expectations.

As required by GASB Statement No. 75, Exhibit H represents the actuarial determined costs associated with the District's other postemployment benefits at June 30, 2024. The schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, information is presented for those years for which information is available.



BUDGET MEMO

FY 2025-2026

PREPARED: January 23, 2025

TO: Merrimack Village District (MVD) Customers and Town of Merrimack Voters

FROM: MVD Board of Commissioners (BOD)

RE: Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Budget Information

The purpose of this memo is to assist in reviewing MVD's proposed Budget as recommended by the BOC.
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BUDGET SUMMARY COMPARISON

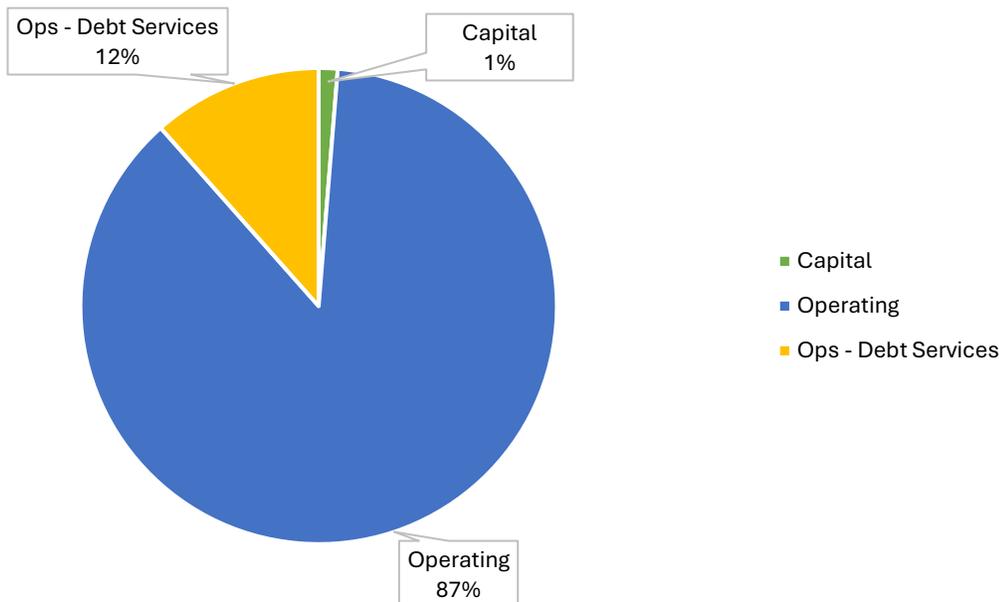
	Approved <u>2024-2025</u>	Proposed <u>2025-2026</u>	2025 vs. 2026 <u>Increase/(Decrease)</u>
Operating Budget	\$6,266,356	\$6,470,953	\$204,597
Capital Budget	<u>\$15,000</u>	<u>\$68,000</u>	<u>\$53,000</u>
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$6,281,356	\$6,538,953	\$257,597

The MVD Board of Commissioners recommendation for the 2025-2026 Total Budget (NOT including any Financial Warrant Articles) is \$6,538,953. This is equal to a 4.1% increase over the 2024–2025 Total Budget. The Total Budget being recommended will NOT require a rate increase for 2025-2026.

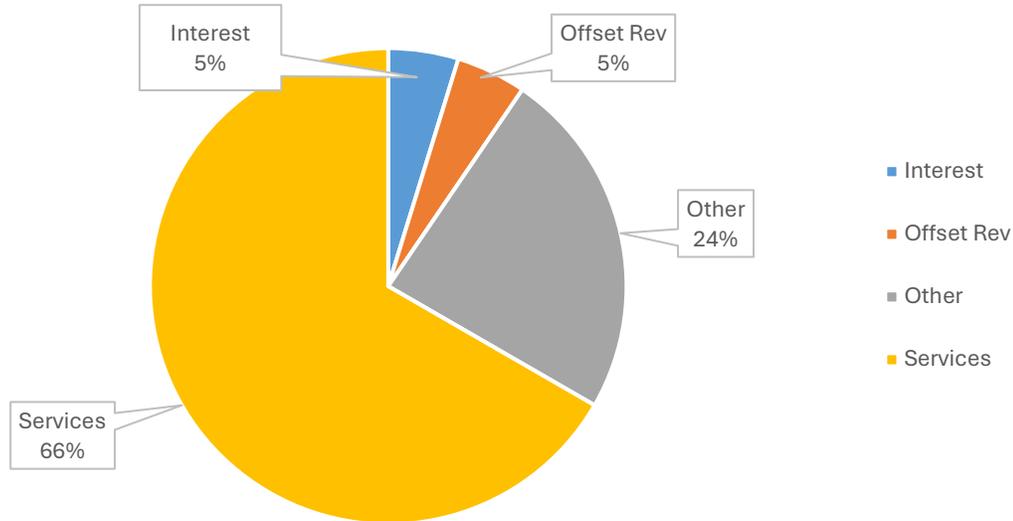
The 2025–2026 Total Budget includes \$68,000 in Capital Budget costs, \$15,000 of that is required each year as part of the Town Ordinance deductible. If the town does not do any work, this will NOT be spent. Refer to “Capital Budget Detail” Section for further details.

The graphic breakdown of proposed expenditures and appropriations are shown below:

PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS 2025-2026



PROPOSED REVENUE 2025-2026



The Revenues to support this Budget are projected to balance the Proposed Budget of \$6,538,953. The BOC and staff have made considerable adjustments (both increases and decreases) in the proposed budget to match the proposed revenue projections.

To assist in the review of the budget document, details are provided for the following areas:

OPERATING BUDGET DETAIL

GENERAL:

Items such as Electricity (60000), Heating Fuel (60400), Gasoline/Diesel Fuel (60450/60), and Chemicals (60600) are estimates based on past usage and estimated future usage costs.

PERSONNEL:

Administrative Wages (50100) - The overtime estimate is for staff in Finance/HR and Administration. During the audit, budget process and through the course of the year additional hours are necessary to complete regular duties on schedule, particularly in the Finance department.

OPERATIONAL ACCOUNTS:

Motor Vehicle Maintenance (60500)

Actual 2020-2021	Actual 2021-2022	Actual 2022-2023	Actual 2023-2024	Approved 2024-2025	Proposed 2025-2026
\$22,000	\$22,000	\$35,129	\$33,915	\$15,000	\$14,000

Budget has been lowered based on the proposed purchase of new trucks for the fleet out of the Budget Capital and Capital Reserves.

(OPERATIONAL ACCOUNTS CONTINUED)

Chemicals (60600) - Chemicals are purchased for all 3 Treatment Facilities. Chemical costs can vary due to weather conditions. Hot temperatures and dry conditions can lead to increased water usage, subsequently requiring an increase in the amount of chemicals required for effective water treatment. For these reasons, cost projections are difficult, therefore it's essential to budget for worst-case scenarios.

	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
Approved	\$228,507	\$488,900	\$758,098	\$701,000	\$747,600
Actual	\$166,541	\$333,301	\$279,475*		

*Third Treatment Facility delayed in opening and a very wet summer.

Property Taxes (60850) - MVD budgets for taxes on wells 7 and 8. These wells are located in the town of Hollis. By law, a water district is required to pay taxes on the land if the water source is in a different town. MVD is not taxed on the buildings on this land. The valuation of that land is currently set at \$227,700. Depending on the Town of Hollis' tax rate, each year's tax bill may vary. MVD has budgeted \$7,000 for 2025-2026.

Actual	Actual	Actual	Approved	Proposed
<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
\$6,500	\$5,123	\$5,910	\$7,020	\$7,000

New Meters & Entrances and Enhancements to Water System (70040/70045) - MVD will continue upgrades to our existing main lines that are old, problematic and those that may need to be looped. MVD has budgeted that 50 new dwellings will have finished construction and need meters to be added to the water system in 2025-2026. MVD is also diligently monitoring hydrants and mainlines for upgrades. This budget includes \$26,000 for these purposes. Entrance Fees offset these costs; they are not part of the Water Rate Appropriations.

R&M Treatment Plants (70675) - This account is for MVD's 3 Treatment Facilities and the repair and maintenance throughout the year. The amount of \$176,260 is proposed for both the structure and equipment associated with and around all the Treatment Facilities.

Engineering (81900) - The proposed budget for the engineering account is \$180,000 for 2025-2026. MVD's outside Engineers will continue to monitor sodium and chloride levels as well as track and plot quarterly sample data along with PFAS data. MVD has also designated funds within this account for additional Engineering costs for PFAS including investigation into PFAS polluters. Additional projects needed in this account are related to Design of Sewer Ejection from MVD's Distribution Warehouse and Salt Mitigation.

CAPITAL BUDGET DETAIL

CAPITAL BUDGET EXPENSE (90000)

The Capital Budget Expenses being proposed for 2025-2026 are:

New Vault Room for Archive Storage (at Well 3)	\$3,000
Town CIP Projects - Waterline Relocation	\$15,000*
Replacement Truck - W-44 (2015)	\$50,000

*The \$15,000 in this account is due to the Town Ordinance change which requires that MVD pay the first \$15,000 of a Town Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) project that involves water line relocation.

DEBT SERVICES

	Actual <u>2021-2022</u>	Actual <u>2022-2023</u>	Actual <u>2023-2024</u>	Approved <u>2024-2025</u>	Proposed <u>2025-2026</u>
Principal (90200/03/04)	\$500,032	\$683,091	\$432,052	\$898,171	\$838,438*
Interest (90300/03/04)	<u>\$163,111</u>	<u>\$143,705</u>	<u>\$127,235</u>	<u>\$252,231</u>	<u>\$278,507</u>
	\$663,143	\$826,796	\$559,287	\$1,150,402	\$1,116,945

*New Loan for the PFAS Remediation for wells 2, 7, 8 & 9, started 2024-2025, construction was delayed, therefore pushed out initial loan payments.

REVENUE

Actual revenues for 2023-2024 were \$6,576,309. This was \$556,642.62 over the projected \$6,019,666 for that fiscal year. The sources of the revenues are summarized below.

	Actual <u>2021-2022</u>	Actual <u>2022-2023</u>	Actual <u>2023-2024</u>	BOC Projected <u>2024-2025</u>	BOC Projected <u>2025-2026</u>
Water Sales & Service Charges	\$4,763,500	\$5,404,964	\$6,207,525	\$5,815,312	\$6,356,953
Budgeted Grants	\$20,000	\$22,500	\$22,410	\$178,344	\$0
*Miscellaneous	\$278,161	\$213,359	\$235,093	\$242,700	\$132,000
Interest	<u>\$1,286</u>	<u>\$69,628</u>	<u>\$111,281</u>	<u>\$45,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>
	\$5,062,946	\$5,710,451	\$6,576,309	\$6,281,356	\$6,538,953

*This includes MVD's Operations & Maintenance payment for the Treatment Facility 4&5 from St. Gobain as part of the PFAS Settlement. As Merrimack grows and new residents join the water system, along with existing residents moving from private wells to our system, revenues will increase.

GLOSSARY

(In Alphabetical Order)

<u>TERM</u>	<u>DEFINITION</u>
Account(s):	Defines a Financial Category within the Budget for Tracking
Appropriations:	The expenditure side of the budget. It is the legal authority for the governing body to provide a given level of service granted by the legislative body.
Capital Budget:	Funds that are used to acquire, repair, update, or improve MVD's Fixed Assets. Funds from the Capital Expense Budget are specific and may not be used for operating costs.
Capital Improvements Plan (CIP)	A document that outlines a community's long-term infrastructure needs and how to pay for them. It's a key tool for local governments to manage their finances and build community trust
Encumbered:	A commitment to spend money for a particular purpose at some point in the future.
Fixed Asset(s):	Items that have a long-term use, such as buildings, vehicles, equipment, and the like.
Fund Balance	In government accounting, fund balance is the difference between assets and liabilities resulting in a surplus or a deficit. A common misconception is that fund balance is a cash account, associated with or correlated to a government's bank account balance. But unlike a personal bank account, a general fund balance is not a "cash-account;" it is a measure of equity between revenues and expenditures. Government fund accounting is unique to the public sector (i.e. cities, towns, schools) and requires separate self-balancing accounting entries to track each fund's revenues and expenditures. In the private sector it would be defined as a company's working capital, but in the public sector, it is referred to as fund balance. In government finance, the retention and use of unassigned fund balance assists in measuring the financial health of an individual fund, such as the general fund.
Fund Types = Assets <i>LESS</i> Liabilities	The following are examples of MVD's Fund Types
Assigned:	Assets reserved for an intended purpose, e.g. Encumbered prior year purchases
Committed:	Assets constrained for specific purposes as approved by the Board of Commissioners, e.g. Capital Trust Accounts
General Fund:	Assets used for operational purposes, e.g. Operating Checking account
Non-Spendable:	Assets that are NOT in a spendable format, e.g. Inventory
Restricted:	Assets that can ONLY be spent on a designated specific purpose, e.g. System Development Fees collected
Unassigned:	This amount has not been categorized into a category, e.g. Net Income
Offset Revenue	Money received from Grants or Specialized Fees
Operating Budget:	Expenses needed for MVD to operate, such as payment of taxes, utility costs, office supplies, postage, payroll, maintenance and repairs. Also known as the General Fund.
R&M	Repair and Maintenance
Total Budget:	Total of both the Operating Budget and the Capital Budget.
Warrant Articles:	Items to be voted on during MVD's Annual Meeting. There are multiple types of Warrant Articles such as Election, Financial, and Petitioned.



BUDGET SUMMARY TOTALS

FY 2025-2026

**MERRIMACK VILLAGE DISTRICT
2025/2026 BUDGET SUMMARY TOTALS**

<i>X = NOT PART OF WATER RATE APPROPRIATIONS</i>	ACTUAL	APPROVED BUDGET	SUPER REQUESTED	BOC RECOMMENDED	ANNUAL MEETING
<i>X</i> Account # Description	2023 / 2024	2024 / 2025	2025 / 2026	2025 / 2026	2025 / 2026
50010 Officers Salaries	\$12,288	\$13,995	\$12,995	\$12,995	
50100 Administrative Salaries	\$559,785	\$577,358	\$591,472	\$591,434	
50119 Salary Merit Pool (All Depts.)	\$0	\$43,000	\$37,600	\$32,500	
50120 Admin - Turnover Cost (Resignation/Retirement)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
50150 Employee Recognition	\$0	\$650	\$850	\$850	
50200 Field Staff Salaries	\$720,769	\$724,009	\$831,993	\$831,840	
50220 Field Staff - Turnover Cost (Resignation/Retirement)	\$0	\$0	\$10,583	\$10,583	
50300 Unemployment Compensation	\$544	\$500	\$500	\$500	
50350 Employee Wellness Program	\$5,357	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500	
50400 Social Security/ Medicare Employer Tax	\$98,140	\$107,300	\$112,077	\$111,672	
50450 Retirement - Employer Contribution	\$170,586	\$179,374	\$182,576	\$181,909	
50500 Health Insurance	\$468,042	\$527,209	\$584,067	\$584,067	
50525 Dental Insurance	\$24,642	\$26,800	\$28,732	\$28,732	
50530 Flexible Spending Account Fees	\$168	\$400	\$300	\$300	
50550 Life/Short & Long Term Disability Insurance	\$10,660	\$11,300	\$12,114	\$11,672	
50575 Workers Compensation	\$13,464	\$12,755	\$14,286	\$14,286	
60000 Electricity	\$302,966	\$300,000	\$410,435	\$410,435	
60100 Telephone / Cable	\$29,527	\$33,060	\$32,260	\$32,260	
60200 Uniforms	\$7,522	\$6,190	\$6,770	\$6,770	
60225 Education/Seminars	\$5,497	\$9,000	\$7,500	\$7,500	
60250 Testing / Licensing	\$3,342	\$4,450	\$4,300	\$4,300	
60300 Water Purchase	\$318,894	\$50,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	
60400 Heating Fuel LPG/Propane	\$48,866	\$31,350	\$26,735	\$26,735	
60450 Gasoline	\$34,313	\$32,000	\$35,600	\$35,600	
60460 Diesel Fuel	\$3,851	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	
60500 Motor Vehicle Maintenance	\$33,915	\$15,000	\$14,000	\$14,000	
60550 Security	\$0	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000	
60600 Chemicals	\$279,475	\$701,000	\$747,600	\$747,600	
60650 Filtration - PFAS	\$257,343	\$261,777	\$265,000	\$265,000	
60700 Safety Supplies/Equipment	\$7,491	\$5,965	\$8,425	\$8,425	
60800 Lease	\$8,528	\$9,628	\$7,151	\$7,151	
60850 Property Taxes	\$5,910	\$7,020	\$6,700	\$6,700	
66900 Reconciliation Discrepancies	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$1	
70000 Tools & Equipment	\$14,834	\$23,200	\$23,600	\$23,600	
70010 Office Equipment	\$15,267	\$19,920	\$6,800	\$6,800	

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<i>X</i> Account #	Description	2023 / 2024	2024 / 2025	2025 / 2026	2025 / 2026	2025 / 2026
70020	Rentals	\$74	\$3,000	\$5,500	\$5,500	
70030	Town Sewer / Septic Pump	\$3,313	\$3,960	\$3,950	\$3,950	
<i>X</i> 70040	New Entrance Costs	\$30,340	\$15,000	\$26,000	\$26,000	
<i>X</i> 70045	Enhancements to Water System	\$17,579	\$29,000	\$32,000	\$32,000	
<i>X</i> 70050	Repairs & Maintenance - Backflows	\$529	\$1,600	\$1,500	\$1,500	
70100	Repairs & Maintenance - Communications Equipment	\$310	\$4,000	\$5,260	\$5,260	
70250	Repairs & Maintenance - Entrances	\$22,455	\$19,000	\$40,025	\$40,025	
70300	Repairs & Maintenance - Hydrants	\$11,522	\$23,800	\$26,400	\$26,400	
70400	Repairs & Maintenance - Main Lines	\$25,371	\$40,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	
70450	Repairs & Maintenance - Meters	\$86,036	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	
70500	Repairs & Maintenance - Compliance Sampling	\$129,213	\$151,247	\$146,827	\$146,827	
70525	Repairs & Maintenance - Office Equipment/Software	\$93,831	\$126,945	\$177,498	\$177,498	
70575	R & M - Booster Stations	\$3,831	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	
70600	Repairs & Maintenance - Main Structures	\$33,478	\$39,698	\$33,150	\$33,150	
70650	R & M - Tanks	\$2,143	\$10,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	
70675	R & M - Treatment Plants	\$198,019	\$176,800	\$176,250	\$176,250	
70700	Repairs & Maintenance - Tools & Equipment	\$2,535	\$4,910	\$4,350	\$4,350	
70750	Repairs & Maintenance - Watershed	\$0	\$39,224	\$2,500	\$2,500	
80000	Office Supplies	\$13,090	\$17,500	\$18,000	\$18,000	
80100	Postage	\$47,443	\$45,000	\$50,500	\$50,500	
80125	Shipping / Freight / Fuel Charge	\$4,900	\$6,200	\$5,700	\$5,700	
80150	Fees Miscellaneous	\$16,658	\$41,493	\$34,500	\$34,500	
80200	Dues / Subscriptions	\$2,271	\$3,465	\$3,855	\$3,855	
80300	Meeting Expense	\$4,304	\$4,000	\$4,500	\$4,500	
80350	Travel Expense	\$2,310	\$1,000	\$1,700	\$1,700	
80400	Advertising & Public Information Notices	\$1,760	\$6,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	
81400	Public Education	\$1,674	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	
81500	Wellhead Program	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	
81600	Land Improvement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
81700	Insurance	\$42,433	\$48,710	\$55,924	\$55,924	
81800	Outside Services	\$36,791	\$25,440	\$25,900	\$25,900	
81900	Engineering	\$59,844	\$323,750	\$180,000	\$180,000	
81901	Inspections / Plan Reviews	\$0	\$1,000	\$500	\$500	
81950	Professional Fees	\$45,097	\$90,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	
90000	Capital Budget Expense	\$24,299	\$15,000	\$68,000	\$68,000	
90100	Bad Debts	\$340	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$1,000	

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<i>X</i>	<i>Account # Description</i>	2023 / 2024	2024 / 2025	2025 / 2026	2025 / 2026	2025 / 2026
90200	Debt Service Principal	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$180,000	
90203	NHDES - DWSRF Loan Principal	\$202,869	\$206,845	\$210,900	\$210,900	
90204	NHDES - DWGT Loan Principal	\$49,183	\$50,375	\$51,596	\$51,596	
90206	NHDES - PFAS RLF Loan Principal	\$0	\$460,951	\$395,943	\$395,943	
90300	Debt Service Interest	\$41,558	\$34,221	\$26,634	\$26,634	
90303	NHDES - DWSRF Loan Interest	\$59,091	\$55,114	\$51,060	\$51,060	
90304	NHDES - DWGT Loan Interest	\$26,586	\$25,394	\$24,173	\$24,173	
90306	NHDES - PFAS RLF Loan Interest	\$0	\$137,502	\$176,640	\$176,640	
Total Operating Budget/Expense		\$4,985,064	\$6,281,356	\$6,545,757	\$6,538,953	<i>TBD</i>
<i>Difference to FY24:</i>				<i>4.21%</i>	<i>4.10%</i>	
<i>Petitioned Warrant Articles</i>		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
<i>Contingency Fund</i>		\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
<i>Special Warrant Articles - Transfers to Capital Reserve Funds</i>						
	<i>10303 - System Development Capital (from 40600)</i>	\$248,162	\$99,943	\$68,490	\$68,490	
	<i>10302 - Equipment & Facilities</i>	\$200,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	
	<i>10305 - Water & WTP O&M</i>	\$150,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:		\$5,603,226	\$7,381,299	\$7,614,247	\$7,607,443	<i>TBD</i>
<i>These amounts are taken from Unassigned Funds from fiscal year ending:</i>		<i>FY2021-2022</i>	<i>FY2022-2023</i>	<i>FY2023-2024</i>	<i>FY2023-2024</i>	<i>FY2023-2024</i>
<i>Voted to move in March of :</i>		<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>2025</i>



**ACTUAL & PROJECTED
REVENUES FY 2018 THROUGH FY 2026
FY 2025-2026**

MERRIMACK VILLAGE DISTRICT
ACTUAL & PROJECTED REVENUE FY2018 - FY2026

	ACTUAL 2017 / 2018	ACTUAL 2018 / 2019	ACTUAL 2019 / 2020	ACTUAL 2020 / 2021	ACTUAL 2021 / 2022	ACTUAL 2022 / 2023	ACTUAL 2023 / 2024	EXPECTED REVENUE 2024 / 2025	BOC PROJECTED 2025 / 2026
Not Part of Rates									
Domestic Water Sales	\$1,561,602	\$1,436,141	\$1,896,631	\$1,957,028	\$2,129,609	\$2,345,033	\$2,687,691	\$2,542,512	\$2,837,653
Mercantile Water Sales	\$260,526	\$262,934	\$290,966	\$254,704	\$354,023	\$423,257	\$508,670	\$420,000	\$510,000
Industrial Water Sales	\$29,178	\$19,122	\$26,588	\$21,872	\$25,753	\$23,263	\$29,420	\$30,000	\$32,000
Meter Charges	\$540,225	\$550,682	\$668,983	\$722,092	\$868,604	\$989,969	\$1,142,041	\$1,170,000	\$1,170,000
x Fines	\$23,813	\$28,941	\$39,212	\$7,998	\$56,236	\$43,068	\$82,037	\$50,000	\$65,000
Transfer Fee	\$13,430	\$13,610	\$12,620	\$14,950	\$12,680	\$9,350	\$9,890	\$10,000	\$9,800
Hydrant Charges	\$653,998	\$663,735	\$811,468	\$873,074	\$1,040,212	\$1,168,370	\$1,376,135	\$1,200,000	\$1,350,000
Sprinkler Charges	\$118,407	\$124,832	\$147,624	\$171,816	\$196,983	\$232,742	\$261,006	\$290,000	\$276,000
x Interest	\$14,321	\$23,514	\$15,875	\$1,679	\$1,286	\$69,628	\$111,281	\$45,000	\$50,000
x Communication Tower Rental	\$93,097	\$112,936	\$108,083	\$99,507	\$110,914	\$103,750	\$118,220	\$118,800	\$120,000
Miscellaneous Income	\$12,189	\$13,926	\$22,433	\$16,794	\$60,347	\$2,709	\$5,397	\$10,000	\$6,000
x O&M from St. Gobains (Offsets Acct 60650)				\$106,900	\$106,900	\$106,900	\$106,900	\$106,900	\$0
x Service Charge Mains	\$75	\$55,500	\$23,000	\$0	\$0	\$35,500	\$6,751	\$1,000	\$1,000
x Service Charge Hydrant Hook-Ups	\$234	\$225	\$444	\$1,032	\$791	\$511	\$319	\$800	\$500
x Service Charge Turn On/Off Water	\$21,049	\$22,136	\$7,595	\$7,160	\$7,185	\$4,388	\$4,800	\$6,000	\$5,000
Miscellaneous Service Charges	\$15,993	\$11,534	\$15,161	\$9,511	\$14,158	\$10,990	\$11,019	\$10,000	\$10,000
x Service Charge Backflow Tests (offsets acct 70050)	\$42,400	\$40,000	\$37,850	\$22,730	\$22,188	\$42,650	\$39,700	\$45,000	\$40,000
x Service Charge Entrances (offsets account 70040)	\$25,911	\$52,385	\$95,006	\$72,354	\$17,822	\$62,935	\$48,046	\$40,000	\$50,000
x Merchandise Sales	\$3,103	\$3,446	\$3,477	\$8,501	\$17,255	\$12,940	\$4,576	\$7,000	\$6,000
Gain on Asset Disposal / Sale	\$0	\$28,223	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Legal Fee Reimbursements	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,800	\$0	\$0
Inspection / Plan Reviews	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Income Received from Grants	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$13,756	\$20,000	\$22,500			
Offsets account 70010 (NHDES - Lead Service Line)							\$16,610	\$16,620	
Offsets account 70750 (NHDES - Fencing)								\$36,724	
Offsets account 81900 (EPA - PFAS Polishing)								\$125,000	
	\$3,429,550	\$3,463,821	\$4,243,016	\$4,383,457	\$5,062,946	\$5,710,451	\$6,576,309	\$6,281,356	\$6,538,953



TRUST FUND ACTIVITY

FY 2025-2026

**MERRIMACK VILLAGE DISTRICT
TRUST FUND ACTIVITY**

	Fiscal Year			2020			2021			2022			2023			2024		
	Est.	Balance end of 2019		Withdrawn	Added Funds	Total	Withdrawn	Added Funds	Total	Withdrawn	Added Funds	Total	Withdrawn	Added Funds	Total	Withdrawn	Added Funds	Total
LAND	1996	\$1,510,666			\$30,134	\$1,540,799		\$15,252	\$1,556,051		\$7,119	\$1,563,170		\$34,383	\$1,597,553	-\$100,000	\$62,534	\$1,560,086
EQUIPMENT/FACILITIES	1996	\$3,601,590	-\$584,079	\$71,057	\$3,088,568		\$635,746	\$3,724,313	-\$816,211	\$14,394	\$2,922,496		\$469,006	\$3,391,502	-\$289,192	\$931,046	\$4,033,355	
SYSTEM DEV	2020	\$609,662	-\$263,439	\$11,807	\$358,030		\$470,147	\$828,177		\$240,742	\$1,068,920		\$76,255	\$1,145,175		\$145,467	\$1,290,642	
LEGAL	2019	\$100,451		\$1,982	\$102,433		\$1,014	\$103,447		\$473	\$103,920		\$2,286	\$106,206		\$4,175	\$110,381	
WATER O&M	2021	n/a			n/a		\$100,224	\$100,224		\$100,459	\$200,682		\$154,809	\$355,491		\$214,990	\$570,481	
What was done:			WTP 2/3/7/8 Pilot Study & Prelim Design WTP 4&5 (Grant Match) Bryant Circle & Wire Rd Extensions						WTP 4&5 (Grant Match) Replace Well #4 WTP 4&5 (MVD Portion)			Replacement Trucks Land for possible New Well						

Up Coming Projects:

- New Dump Truck - \$121K
- 101A & Continental Blvd & Boston Post Rds - \$620K
- Everett Turnpike Widening - \$275K
- Wire Rd & Baboosic Bridges - Unknown \$
- Replacement Truck - \$96K
- Planned Infrastructure R&M - \$1.2 M
- Meter Project - \$2.2 M
- Additional GAC Replacements - \$400K/yr
- Parker Tank - \$500K
- Replace Existing Piping that's 50+ yrs old - Unknown \$
- Possible new Treatment Plant for New Source - Unknown \$
- New Water Source Land - Unknown \$



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

FY 2025-2026

MERRIMACK VILLAGE DISTRICT
WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Capital Improvements Plan
As of 02/26/25

Projects	Notes/Reference	Source	Previous	10-Year CIP PROJECTS										
				FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032	FY 2033	FY 2034	
Supply Improvements (as needed)*														
Well #6 Treatment Evaluation		Ops	\$25,000			\$25,000								
Artificial Recharge at Wells 4&5	Water Supply Evaluation Update	On hold until Well #6	\$25,000	\$5,000		\$7,175,000								
New Well Site Installation (Mitchell Woods)	Water Supply Evaluation Update	On hold until Well #6	\$75,000	\$5,000		\$4,300,000								
Lead Service Line Inventory	Software and consulting to detect all LEAD lines in system	Grant/Ops	\$34,720	\$33,390										
Long-term Supply Investigations and Evaluations	Water Supply Evaluation - Every 5-years	CR			TBD									
MWW - Emergency Connection Infrastructure Upgrades	Water Supply Evaluation Update	Loan				\$1,200,000								
PWW - Wholesale Agreement	Water Supply Evaluation Update	CR/Ops	\$347,367	\$341,972	\$393,268	\$75,376								
Sodium & Chloride Reduction		Grant/Ops	\$1,500	\$98,500										
Wells #7/#8 Inspection and Cleaning (annual)	Cleaning/Inspection	Ops	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Chlorine Taste - Study to determine better way			TBD											
Iron & Manganese Filtration for Sediment			TBD											
Treatment Facility Improvements														
	Master Plan and pending report													
Polishing and/or Media Improvements - PILOT	Ongoing Water Quality Improvements	CR	\$60,274	\$190,726										
New Storage Tank - New Site		CR												
New Treatment Plant - New Site		CR/Loan												
Treatment Facility GAC Replacements														
	Master Plan and pending report	CR/Bud												
GAC Replacements - 2&9	Changed every 6 mths	CR/Ops		\$209,554	\$209,554	\$209,554	\$209,554	\$209,554	\$209,554	\$209,554	\$209,554	\$209,554	\$209,554	\$209,554
GAC Replacements - 4&5	Changed every 6 mths	Other/Ops		\$94,000	\$94,000	\$94,000	\$94,000	\$94,000	\$94,000	\$94,000	\$94,000	\$94,000	\$94,000	\$94,000
GAC Replacements - 7&8	Changed every 6 mths	CR/Ops		\$126,000	\$126,000	\$126,000	\$126,000	\$126,000	\$126,000	\$126,000	\$126,000	\$126,000	\$126,000	\$126,000
Building Improvements														
New Admin Office		CR/Ops	On HOLD											
Storage Tank and Distribution System Improvements														
Belmont Booster Station Pumps/controls and misc. piping	Asset Management	CR/Ops			\$100,000									
DOT - Everett TPK Widening project	Distribution System Improvements - AM	CR/Ops	\$274,340											
DOT - 101A & Continental Blvd & Boston Post Rds	Distribution System Improvements - AM	CR	\$611,819											
DOT - Replace Bridges for Everett widening (Wire, Baboosic, etc)	Distribution System Improvements - AM	TBD		TBD										
Eliminate Parallel Line	Various locations	CR/Ops			TBD									
Hutchinson Road Tank	Cleaning/Inspection	Ops/CR		\$10,000	\$50,000									
Hutchinson Road Tank	Altitude control valve	Ops												
Long-Term Supply Improvements	Distribution System Improvements - AM	Grant					TBD							
Loops, dead-ends, and system extensions	Distribution System Improvements - AM	CR					TBD							
Parker Drive Tank	blast/recoat (firm quote needed)	CR					\$1,000,000							
PFAS Water Main Extension(s) (Area 3, 4&5)	Eliminate private wells	Grant/CR/?		\$3,800,000										
Rate Update	Recommended every 2-3 years	Ops	\$7,500		\$20,000		\$7,500		\$7,500					
Rte. 3 North Improvements	Transmission Main Improvements	Private				TBD								
Turkey Hill Road Tank	Cleaning/Inspection	Ops					\$50,000							
Water Model Update - Hydraulic Review				\$25,000										

MERRIMACK VILLAGE DISTRICT
WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Capital Improvements Plan
As of 02/26/25

Projects	Notes/Reference	Source	Previous	10-Year CIP PROJECTS										
				FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032	FY 2033	FY 2034	
Equipment														
Field Truck		CR	CR/Ops	\$96,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
10 Wheel Dump Truck	Replacement of W-15 1989 International	CR	\$121,320	\$121,320										
Backhoe/Loader	Replacement of 1995 JCB W-30	CR			\$135,000									
Cameras at all WTP		Ops			\$100,000									
New Financial & Utility Software		CR		\$186,000										
Portable Pressure Pump/High Service	Booster Evaluation - Turkey Hill redundancy	CR				TBD								
Town Coordination Projects	Master Plan													
Ongoing Town Road Projects	Town Project	Ops	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
SUBTOTAL Projects			\$1,623,841	\$5,382,462	\$1,317,822	\$13,294,930	\$1,577,054	\$519,554	\$527,054	\$519,554	\$519,554	\$519,554	\$519,554	\$519,554
<i>(Annual Funding to support CIP/AM) - Estimate</i>														
Equipment & Facilities Trust	Asset Management - target CR Contribution	Ops	\$2,000,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000
Water, WTP & O&M Trust	Asset Management - target CR Contribution	Ops	\$420,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
SUBTOTAL of CR Contributions (From Unassigned Balance)			\$2,420,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
TOTAL Capital Project Needs			\$4,043,841	\$6,382,462	\$2,317,822	\$14,294,930	\$2,577,054	\$1,519,554	\$1,527,054	\$1,519,554	\$1,519,554	\$1,519,554	\$1,519,554	\$1,519,554

Target Source of Funds	Notes/Reference	Ongoing/Previous	10-Year CIP FUNDING - <i>INCLUDES Projects under \$100K</i>											
			FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032	FY 2033	FY 2034		
Bond/Loans						\$12,675,000								
Budget - Operating (Ops)				\$1,397,277	\$1,227,777	\$1,232,777	\$1,262,277	\$1,254,777	\$1,254,777	\$1,254,777	\$1,254,777	\$1,254,777	\$1,254,777	\$1,254,777
Budget - Target CR Contributions														
Capital Reserves (Trusts)				\$1,713,069	\$502,777	\$217,777	\$1,314,777	\$264,777	\$264,777	\$264,777	\$264,777	\$264,777	\$264,777	\$264,777
Grants (DWGTF, ARPA, SRF, PFAS, Etc.)				\$3,178,116										
Private				\$94,000	\$94,000	\$94,000								
TOTAL CIP				\$6,382,462	\$1,824,554	\$14,219,554	\$2,577,054	\$1,519,554						

Completed Projects (last 5 years)

- Well #4/#5 PFAS Treatment, Chemical Feed, and replacement well (2020)
- Turkey Hill Booster Pumping Station (2021)
- Turkey Hill Tank Improvements (hatch, etc.)
- Master Plan Update (2021)
- Corrosion Control Study (2021)
- Hutchinson Tank (recoat)
- PWW Cost-of-Service Study (2022)
- Wells 7&8 PFAS Treatment (2022)
- Wells 2&3 PFAS Treatment/ New Well 9 (well 3 replacement) (2023)
- Water Mode Update (2023)
- Additional Monitoring Wells (2024) - Gettridge
- *All supply projects may not be needed*

From 2014 Asset Management Study: Future Expenses past 2034

Funding Options	Cost
Total Annual Funding Requirement for future Replacement	\$1,680,000
Assume 50% funding from Capital Reserves, Annual Requirement	\$840,000
Initial Capital Reserves funding range (50% to 100%)	\$420,000 to \$840,000
Current operating budget (FY 2015)	\$2,930,000
Surplus required to contribute additional capital reserves, %	14% to 28%

	0 to 50 Years Out	50 to 100 Years Out
Supply	\$9,410,000	\$6,900,000
Pumping Stations	\$1,850,000	\$500,000
Storage	\$1,400,000	\$6,500,000
Other	\$1,300,000	\$1,400,000
Distribution	\$70,050,000	\$74,952,000
Total	\$84,010,000	\$90,252,000
Average cost per year	\$1,680,000	\$1,805,000



FUND BALANCE

FY 2025-2026

MERRIMACK VILLAGE DISTRICT MVD FUND BALANCE

		FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
ASSETS					As of 02/18/2025
	Operating Cash	\$2,675,769	\$2,439,122	\$2,263,516	\$4,159,242
	Committed Cash (Projects & Capital Reserves)	\$8,130,633	\$7,729,332	\$8,457,649	\$8,518,185
	Not Cash				
	Accounts Receivable	\$1,681,099	\$1,686,432	\$1,674,498	\$840,585
	Inventory	\$115,769	\$149,323	\$269,292	\$263,247
	Prepaid Expenses	\$67,692	\$35,089	\$51,582	\$98,578
	Fixed Assets (Infrastructure)	\$32,796,620	\$35,963,477	\$36,074,016	\$36,711,332
	Total Assets	\$45,467,583	\$48,002,775	\$48,790,553	\$50,591,169
LIABILITIES					
	Current	-\$2,362,566	-\$307,402	-\$145,885	-\$1,079,556
	Long Term	-\$16,066,970	-\$15,708,766	-\$15,458,372	-\$14,345,744
	Total Liabilities	-\$18,429,535	-\$16,016,168	-\$15,604,257	-\$15,425,300
FUND BALANCES					
	Non-Spendable	-\$194,065	-\$149,323	-\$269,292	-\$269,292 <Inventory
	Assigned	\$0	-\$221,950	-\$24,087	-\$24,087 <Encumbered
	Restricted	\$0	-\$99,943	-\$68,490	-\$68,490 <System Dev.
	Committed	-\$5,699,009	-\$6,526,703	-\$7,559,176	-\$7,619,402 <Trusts
	Committed		-\$1,986,490	-\$2,072,847	-\$2,072,848 <Fund Reserve
	Total	-\$5,893,074	-\$8,984,409	-\$9,993,892	-\$10,054,119
	Net Income	-\$1,395,044	-\$4,946,802	-\$1,218,442	-\$1,978,556
	Unassigned	-\$19,749,930	-\$18,055,396	-\$21,973,962	-\$23,133,194
	Total Funds	-\$27,038,048	-\$31,986,607	-\$33,186,296	-\$35,165,869 *
					*Only 60% Thru Year
Total Liabilities & Funds		-\$45,467,583	-\$48,002,775	-\$48,790,553	-\$50,591,169
	% of Total that is Actual Cash	9.9%	7.6%	6.8%	11.8% *
	% of Total that is considered Fund Balance	59.5%	66.6%	68.0%	69.5% *
					*Only 60% Thru Year

Reasons for Healthy Fund Balance:

Adequate fund balance allows MVD to maintain a consistent set of public services throughout an entire budget cycle because a typical municipal cash flow cycle will have cash on hand amounts decreasing throughout the year. Unlike a business, municipalities do not have the ability to raise additional revenues during the fiscal year. A local government relies on drawing down existing fund balance (excess capital) to ensure adequate cash on hand is available to meet expenses before collections arrive. A municipality's ability to use Fund balance can be seen as a driving factor behind maintaining stable rates. Understanding that the natural revenue cycle within a local government is closely linked to fund balance reserves facilitates the prudent management of financial resources throughout the year. When cash flow experiences strain, a municipality may resort to issuing short-term debt to bridge the gap. This necessitates interest costs to maintain consistent operations and introduces associated risks. Maintaining an adequate fund balance eliminates this necessity, thereby conserving resources that would otherwise be allocated to debt servicing. A robust fund balance empowers the municipality to address cash flow requirements, complete scheduled projects, and establish a contingency plan for emergencies or disruptions in revenue streams. Furthermore, fund balance considerations have credit rating implications. According to the local government rating methodology published by Moody's Investors Service, "a fund balance between 15% and 30% of revenues is required to achieve a scorecard value of A." This underscores the significance of each municipality implementing a policy that emphasizes a strong fund balance strategy to successfully meet both short-term and long-term financial objectives.

Advantages to moving funds out of Unassigned:

- Money moved to Capital Reserve Trusts earns significantly more interest, than MVD's checking account
 - NHPDIP - 0.3% (NHPDIP - MVD's prior bank where a large portion of Operating Funds were held)
 - TD BANK - 2.2% (TD Bank - MVD's current bank where all Operating Funds are held.)
 - Cambridge Trust - 4.4% (Cambridge Trust - MVD's current bank where the Capital Reserve Trusts are held)
- The Board of Commissioners (BOC) are Agent to Expend from Trusts. No Special Meeting required to spend from Unassigned Funds
- No need to use Bonds/Loans for Unexpected Projects and incur interest



**NH DEPARTMENT OF
REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
FORM MS 636:
ACTUAL, APPROVED, &
PROPOSED
APPROPRIATIONS
FY 2025-2026**



Proposed Budget Merrimack Village

For the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026

Form Due Date: 20 Days after the Annual Meeting

This form was posted with the warrant on: _____

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Position, Signature. Rows include Don Provencher (Chairman), Kenneth Ayers (Vice Chairman), Wolfram von Schoen (Commissioner), Erin Clement (Commissioner), and Scott Sabens (Commissioner).

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For assistance please contact: NH DRA Municipal and Property Division (603) 230-5090 https://www.revenue.nh.gov/about-dra/municipal-and-property-division/municipal-bureau



Proposed Budget

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 6/30/2024	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2025	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2026	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
General Government						
4130	Executive		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4150	Financial Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4152	Property Assessment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4153	Legal Expense		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4155	Personnel Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4191	Planning and Zoning		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4195	Cemeteries		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4198	Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Government Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Safety						
4210	Police		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4215	Ambulances		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4220	Fire		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4240	Building Inspection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4290	Emergency Management		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4299	Other Public Safety		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Safety Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center						
4301	Airport Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4302	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4309	Other Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets						
4311	Highway Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sanitation						
4321	Sanitation Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



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4324	Solid Waste Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Facilities Clean-Up		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sanitation Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Water Distribution and Treatment

4331	Water Administration	03	\$1,589,504	\$1,510,132	\$1,499,114	\$0
4332	Water Services	03	\$1,436,383	\$1,272,487	\$2,445,831	\$0
4335	Water Treatment	03	\$1,497,276	\$2,333,335	\$1,409,063	\$0
4338	Water Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4339	Other Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal			\$4,523,163	\$5,115,954	\$5,354,008	\$0

Electric

4351	Electric Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4352	Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Health

4411	Health Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4414	Pest Control		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4419	Other Health		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Welfare

4441	Welfare Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4442	Direct Assistance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445	Vendor Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4449	Other Welfare		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Welfare Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Culture and Recreation

4520	Parks and Recreation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4550	Library		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Culture and Recreation Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Conservation and Development



Proposed Budget

4611	Conservation Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631	Redevelopment and Housing Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4632	Other Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651	Economic Development Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4652	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4659	Other Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service						
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	03	\$432,052	\$898,171	\$838,438	\$0
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	03	\$126,682	\$252,231	\$278,507	\$0
4723	Interest on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4790	Other Debt Service Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service Subtotal			\$558,734	\$1,150,402	\$1,116,945	\$0
Capital Outlay						
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	03	\$78,904	\$15,000	\$68,000	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay Subtotal			\$78,904	\$15,000	\$68,000	\$0
Operating Transfers Out						
4911	To Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4912	To Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Sewer Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Water Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Operating Budget Appropriations					\$6,538,953	\$0



Proposed Budget

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2026	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	04	\$68,490	\$0
	<i>Purpose: To add funds to the System Development Capital Res</i>			
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	05	\$800,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: The purpose of this article is to use a portion of</i>			
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	06	\$200,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: To appropriate to CRF or ETF from fund balance</i>			
Total Proposed Special Articles			\$1,068,490	\$0



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Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2026	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$0	\$0



Proposed Budget

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 6/30/2024	Estimated Revenues for period ending 6/30/2025	Estimated Revenues for period ending 6/30/2026
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes for General Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3180	Resident Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
Taxes Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
3230	Building Permits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0
From Federal Government					
3311	Housing and Urban Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3312	Environmental Protection		\$0	\$0	\$0
3313	Federal Emergency		\$0	\$0	\$0
3314	Federal Drug Enforcement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3319	Other Federal Grants and Reimbursements		\$0	\$0	\$0
From Federal Government Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources					
3351	Shared Revenues - Block Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution		\$0	\$0	\$0
3353	Highway Block Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Railroad Tax Distribution		\$0	\$0	\$0
3360	Water Filtration Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3361	Landfill Closure Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3369	Other Intergovernmental Revenue from State of NH		\$0	\$178,344	\$0
3379	Intergovernmental Revenues - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources Subtotal			\$0	\$178,344	\$0
Charges for Services					
3401	Income from Departments	03	\$6,198,554	\$5,772,312	\$6,297,953
3402	Water Supply System Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0



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3403	Sewer User Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3404	Garbage-Refuse Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3405	Electric User Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3406	Airport Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
Charges for Services Subtotal			\$6,198,554	\$5,772,312	\$6,297,953

Miscellaneous Revenues

3500	Special Assessments		\$0	\$0	\$0
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$0	\$0	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	03	\$111,280	\$45,000	\$50,000
3503	Rents of Property		\$0	\$0	\$0
3504	Fines and Forfeits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3506	Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements		\$0	\$0	\$0
3508	Contributions and Donations		\$0	\$0	\$0
3509	Revenue from Misc Sources Not Otherwise Classified	03	\$480,606	\$285,700	\$191,000
Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal			\$591,886	\$330,700	\$241,000

Interfund Operating Transfers In

3911	From Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Sewer Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Water Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0

Other Financing Sources

3934	Proceeds from Long-Term Notes/Bonds/Other Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	05, 06, 04	\$448,162	\$1,099,943	\$1,068,490
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources Subtotal			\$448,162	\$1,099,943	\$1,068,490

Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$7,238,602	\$7,381,299	\$7,607,443
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Proposed Budget

Item	Period ending 6/30/2026
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$6,538,953
Special Warrant Articles	\$1,068,490
Individual Warrant Articles	\$0
Total Appropriations	\$7,607,443
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$7,607,443
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$0

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SECTION V: WARRANT



MERRIMACK VILLAGE DISTRICT

Warrant Articles 2025

To the inhabitants of the Merrimack Village District in the Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the All-Purpose Room at James Masticola Upper Elementary School located at 26 Baboosic Lake Road in said District on the 25th day of March 2025 at 7:00 PM to act upon the following:

ARTICLE 1: To choose one (1) Commissioner for a three (3) year term of office.
(Written ballot vote required)

ARTICLE 2: To choose one (1) Commissioner to fill one (1) year of a three (3) year term of office.
(Written ballot vote required)

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Merrimack Village District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six million five hundred thirty-eight thousand nine hundred fifty-three dollars (\$6,538,953) for general municipal operations for the 2025-2026 fiscal year with said sum to come from water related charges. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Commissioners (5-0-0)

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Merrimack Village District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-eight thousand four hundred ninety dollars (\$68,490) under provisions of RSA 35:1, I and II to add to the District's "System Development Capital Reserve" fund for the future system expansion and improvement of the existing system. This sum to come from the System Development revenue fund; these are the system development charges collected during the 2023-2024 budget year.
(Majority vote required.)

Recommended by the Board of Commissioners (5-0-0)

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Merrimack Village District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000) under provisions of RSA 35:1, I and II to add to the District's "Equipment and Facilities Capital Reserve" fund for associated costs with existing storage, transmission and production of water. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required.)

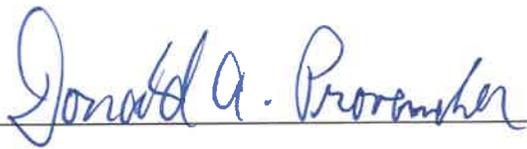
Recommended by the Board of Commissioners (3-2-0)

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Merrimack Village District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) under provisions of RSA 35:1, I and II to add to the District's "Purchase of water and/or the operations and maintenance of GAC Treatment facilities" Non-Capital Reserve fund for associated costs with purchase of and/or treatment of water. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required.)

Recommended by the Board of Commissioners (5-0-0)

ARTICLE 7: This article is to transact any other business and close the meeting.

A true copy of WARRANT – attest Board of Commissioners this date of 2/28, 2025



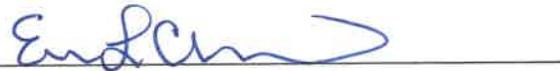
Donald Provencher, Chairman



Kenneth Ayers, Vice Chairman



Wolfram von Schoen, Commissioner



Erin Clement, Commissioner



Scott Sabens, Commissioner

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