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For Fiscal Year Ended
December 31, 2008

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INTRODUCTORY SECTION

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Greg Thompson, Mayor
L. Wayne Adcock, Vice Mayor

April 15, 2009

To the Honorable Mayor, Members of the City Council, and Citizens of the
City of Monroe, Georgia:

State law requires that all general-purpose local governments publish within six months of the close of each fiscal year a complete set of financial statements presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by a firm of licensed certified public accountants. Pursuant to that requirement, we hereby issue the comprehensive annual financial report of the City of Monroe for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008.

This report consists of management's representations concerning the finances of the City of Monroe. Consequently, management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of all of the information presented in this report. To provide a reasonable basis for making these representations, management of the City of Monroe has established a comprehensive internal control framework that is designed both to protect the government's assets from loss, theft, or misuse and to compile sufficient reliable information for the preparation of the City of Monroe's financial statements in conformity with GAAP. Because the cost of internal controls should not outweigh their benefits, the City of Monroe's framework of internal controls has been designed to provide reasonable rather than absolute assurance that the financial statements will be free from material misstatement. As management, we assert that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, this financial report is complete and reliable in all material respects.

The City of Monroe's financial statements have been audited by Mauldin & Jenkins, CPA, LLC, a firm of licensed certified public accountants. The goal of the independent audit was to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements of the City of Monroe for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, are free of material misstatement. The independent audit involved examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management; and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. The independent auditor concluded, based upon the audit, that there was a reasonable basis for rendering an unqualified opinion that the City of Monroe's financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, are fairly presented in conformity with GAAP. The independent auditor's report is presented as the first component of the financial section of this report.

As a recipient of federal and state financial assistance, the City of Monroe is responsible for ensuring that adequate internal control structure is in place to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations related to those programs. The internal control structure is subject to periodic evaluation by the management of the City of Monroe. If required, information related to a Single Audit, including a schedule of expenditures of federal awards, the independent auditor's reports on internal controls and compliance

Councilmembers: Denise H. Dixon • Nathan Little • Lee P. Malcom
Cliff Peters • Jimmy Richardson • Rita A Scott • Jerry Smith

with applicable laws and regulations, and a schedule of findings and questioned costs are included in a separately issued single audit report. For fiscal year 2008, the City was not required to undergo a Single Audit.

GAAP require that management provide a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A). This letter of transmittal is designed to complement MD&A and should be read in conjunction with it. The City of Monroe's MD&A can be found immediately following the report of the independent auditors.

Profile of the Government

The City of Monroe incorporated in 1821, is located in Northeast Georgia, approximately 40 miles east of Atlanta. Monroe is the county seat of Walton County. Monroe encompasses an area of 15 square miles and has a population of 11,407 according to the 2000 U.S. Census. Census Bureau estimates for 2007 show Monroe's population at 13,442. The City is empowered to levy a property tax on both real and personal property located within its boundaries. It is also empowered by state statute to extend its corporate limits by annexation, which is done on occasion.

The City operates under a Mayor/Council form of government. Policy-making and legislative authority are vested in a governing council consisting of the mayor and eight other members. The governing council is responsible, among other things, for passing ordinances, adopting the budget, appointing committees, and appoints a City Administrator, Attorney, Judge, and other key department heads.

The City's administrator is responsible for carrying out the policies and ordinances of the council, for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the government. The Mayor and Council are elected on a non-partisan basis. The Council is composed of eight members, with six members being elected from individual districts and two members elected from super districts and the Mayor, who is elected at-large. The Mayor and Council are elected to terms of four-years each.

The City of Monroe provides a full range of municipal services including police and fire protection, maintenance of streets, solid waste, building and zoning, code enforcement and library facilities. In addition to the usual government services, the City also provides a full range of utility services including electric, gas, water, wastewater, cable, internet and telephone.

Also included as part of the City's reporting are the City of Monroe Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the Monroe Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority (CVB). While both are legally separate entities, they are included as a component unit's in Monroe's financial statements. The City Council appoints the DDA and CVB Board members, which includes one member of the City Council acting as liaison.

The annual budget serves as the foundation for the City of Monroe's financial planning and control. The City Administrator obtains information from all departments of the City for which appropriations are made and/or revenues are collected and compiles the operating and capital budgets for submission to the Mayor and Council. At that time, a workshop is held to review budget requests. In addition, an advertised public hearing is held to allow taxpayers' comments prior to final passage. The budget is legally adopted

through resolution. The legal level of budgetary control is the department level. Department Heads may make transfers of appropriations within a department. Transfers of appropriations between departments, however, require the special approval of the Mayor and Council. Budget–to-actual comparisons are provided in this report for each individual governmental fund for which an appropriated annual budget has been adopted. For the General Fund, this comparison is presented as part of the basic financial statements for the governmental funds. For governmental funds other than the general fund, with appropriated annual budgets, this comparison is presented in the governmental fund subsection of this report.

Factors Affecting Financial Condition

The information presented in the financial statements is perhaps best understood when it is considered from the broader perspective of the specific environment within which the City of Monroe operates.

Local economy. The City of Monroe continues to maintain a stable financial environment. Despite the economic downturn, the local economy is still experiencing some growth as indicated by yearly increases in assessed property value.

Monroe is the county seat of Walton County, which according to the U.S. Census Bureau was ranked 50th among the 100 fastest growing counties in the U.S. from July 1, 2004 to July 1, 2005. According to the Georgia Department of Labor, Monroe's unemployment rate has increased to 9.8% in 2008 up from 6.3% in 2007 still below a high of 10.3% in 2004, yet remains above the state and national levels. While residential development has slowed, commercial development continues, especially along the highway 78 and 138 corridors. This is the location of an $80 million dollar hospital facility under construction along with several other new commercial developments.

The City owns and operates the Monroe-Walton County Airport. As an economic resource, the airport is expected to generate future industrial activity. With the use of funds from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Georgia Department of Transportation (G-DOT), the City has extended and widened the runway, relocated Poplar Street allowing for future runway extensions, installed new lighting and constructed a parallel taxiway. As the Monroe-Walton Airport continues to thrive, it will undergo a $2.4 million upgrade in the next year funded by the Federal Aviation Administration, the Georgia Department of Transportation and the City.

Our airport is an important asset to our community, not only as a tool to assist us in attracting new business and industry, but also in helping us to serve and retain existing businesses.

Long-term financial planning. The City entered into an intergovernmental contract between Walton County and other municipalities in Walton County for the distribution of a one percent Sales and Use Tax, which was approved by the voters in 2006. Advance funding for transportation projects are provided by revenue bonds issued by Walton County in anticipation of SPLOST funds being received. As SPLOST funds are received several capital projects will be completed, including engineering for a much needed truck by-pass, which will be a joint project with the City and Walton County. After engineering is completed, the City will apply to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for funds to complete the project.

The GDOT announced that Monroe would be recipient of Fiscal Year 2008 & Fiscal Year 2009 Transportation Enhancement (TE) program funds for $500,000 for the Broad Street (SR 11) Streetscape, which will include sidewalks, decorative brick pavers, street lighting, signage and furniture, landscaping, drainage improvements and safety/ADA improvements. This project is a continuation of a previously funded enhancement project and will complement on-going efforts within the Broad Street Corridor, including the Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) planning study that was completed in 2007.

In 2008, the City was started the bid process for a $500,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) sewer improvement project to rehab approximately 9,500 feet of sewer lines that serves one of our lower income areas, this project will be completed in 2009.

The City has been approved requests for loan funds of just over $7 million from the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) for the purpose of upgrades to our existing water treatment plant and improvement to the raw water transmission main lines. The improvements will ensure continuation of a quality water supply for our citizens and improve the operation of the city's water treatment plant.

In 2008 the City established, through the commitment and support of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs an economic development tool, known as an Opportunity Zone. This Opportunity Zone should be very appealing to any business that is planning to create new jobs in the area. This designation by DCA was only the third of its kind in the State of Georgia. This zone is intended to encourage development, redevelopment, and revitalization in areas that have higher levels of poverty and are underdeveloped or suffer from blight. The City expects this tool to be very successful for us as businesses take advantage of this designated area.

The City had it's general obligation (GO) bond rating upgraded two levels by Standard & Poor's Rating Services (S&P) from BBB+ to A. The following quote comes directly from the report issued by S&P, "Due to stable or growing tax revenues, many of these municipalities have seen strengthening financial performance in recent years, leading to health fiscal positions that we believe will provide an adequate cushion to weather the current national economic downturn." The City is proud of this accomplishment and views the recent upgrade as a symbol of financial stability for the City.

Cash management policies and practices. Cash temporarily idle during the year is invested in commercial banks guaranteed by the United States Government and in the MEAG Municipal Competitive Trust, a fund established to ensure a competitive position for participating utilities. Investment income includes the change in fair value of investments.

The City's cash management policy is to minimize credit and market risks while maintaining a competitive yield on its deposits. As of December 31, 2008, all of the City's bank deposits were insured or collateralized.

Risk management. The City manages exposure to risk of loss through several methods. Such methods include contracts with commercial carriers for property insurance, surety bond coverage of officials and employees, and commercial liability coverage for specified situations. The City assumes the risk of loss for general liability not covered by commercial carriers. To minimize its losses, the City has implemented

various risk control techniques such as safety inspections and safety training classes. Additional information on the City's risk management activity can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension and other postemployment benefits. All full time City employees and elected officials are eligible to participate in the City sponsored defined benefit pension plan. Each year, an independent actuary engaged by the pension administrator, Georgia Municipal Association, calculates the amount of the annual contribution that the City must make to the pension plan to ensure that the plan will be able to fully meet its obligations to retired employees on a timely basis. All contributions required to meet the actuarial study were made. Additional information on the City's pension arrangements and other postemployment benefits can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

Awards and Acknowledgements

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the City of Monroe for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007. This was the sixth year that the government has received this prestigious award. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, the government published an easily readable and efficiently organized CAFR. This report satisfied both GAAP and applicable legal requirements.

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

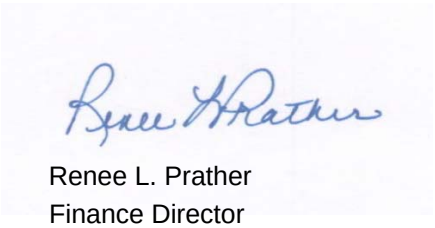
In addition, the City received for the fourth year the GFOA's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting for its Popular Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007. In order to receive an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting, a government must publish a Popular Annual Report whose contents conform to program standards of creativity, presentation, understandability, and reader appeal. We believe our current report continues to conform to the Popular Annual Financial Reporting requirements, and we are submitting it to GFOA.

The preparation of this report would not have been possible without the efficient and dedicated services of the entire staff of the Finance Department. We would like to express our appreciation to all members of the department who assisted and contributed to the preparation of this report. Credit also must be given to the Mayor and the City Council for their unfailing support for maintaining the highest standards of professionalism in the management of the City of Monroe's finances.

Respectfully submitted,



Julian L. Jackson
City Administrator



Renee L. Prather
Finance Director

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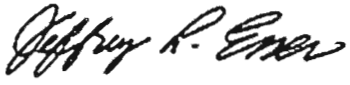
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President



Executive Director

City of Monroe, Georgia
List of Elected and Appointed Officials
December 31, 2008

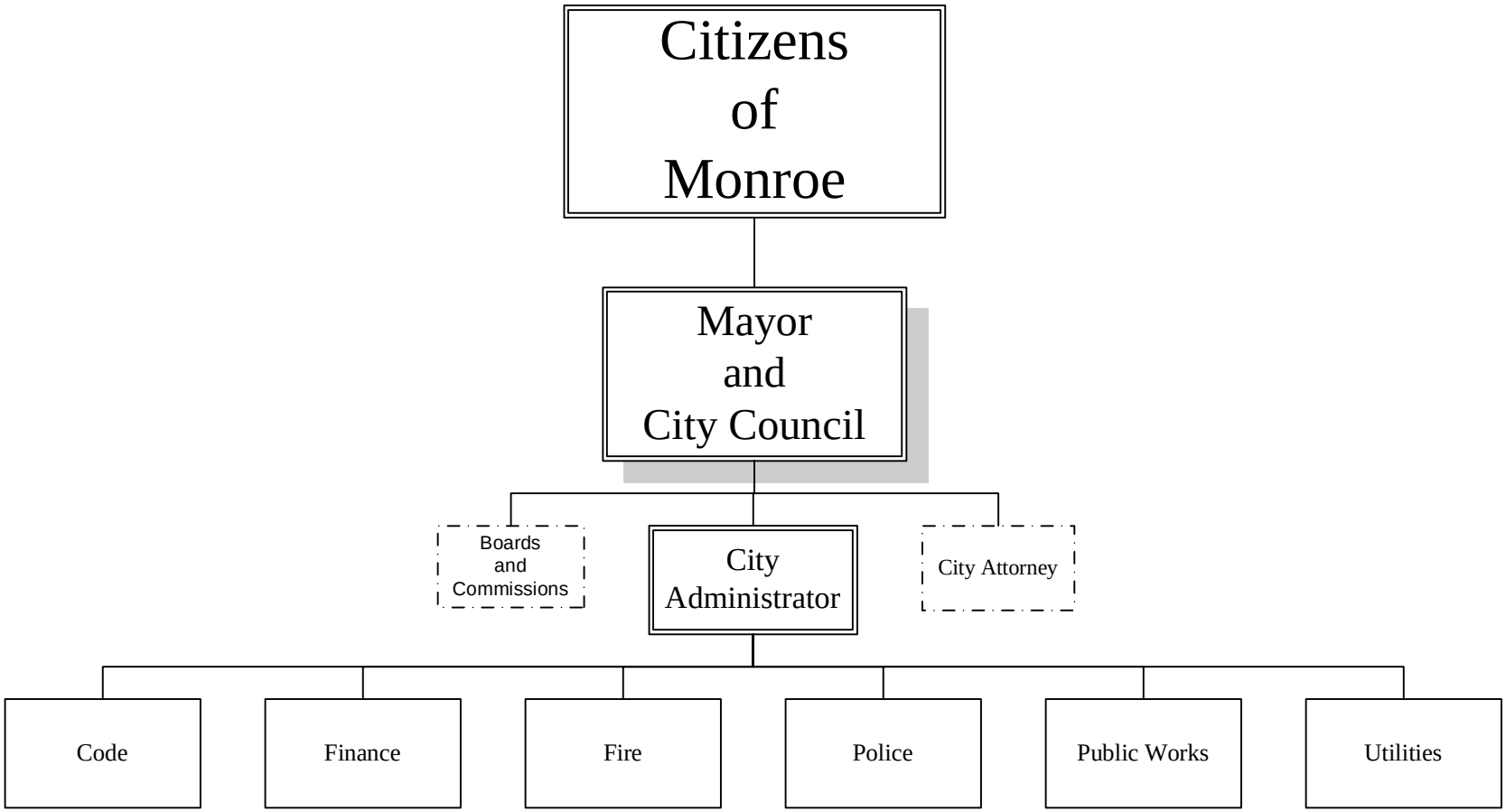
Elected Officials

Mayor	Gregory P. Thompson
Vice Mayor	L. Wayne Adcock
Council Member	Lee P. Malcom
Council Member	Denise H. Dixon
Council Member	C. Nathan Little
Council Member	Clifford K. Peters
Council Member	James D. Richardson
Council Member	Rita A. Scott
Council Member	Jerry L. Smith

Appointed Officials

City Administrator	Julian L. Jackson
Code Enforcement	M. Knox Bell
Electric & Telecommunications Director	Brian K. Thompson
Finance Director	Renee L. Prather
Fire Chief	Wayne H. Chancey
Police Chief	M.Keith Glass
Public Works Director	H. Steve Worley
Water & Gas Director	Rodney W. Middlebrooks

City of Monroe, Geogia
Organizational Chart



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FINANCIAL SECTION

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, LLC

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Mayor and Members
of City Council
City of Monroe, Georgia

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the **City of Monroe, Georgia** as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, which collectively comprise the City of Monroe, Georgia's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the City of Monroe, Georgia's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Monroe, Georgia as of December 31, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 7, 2009, on our consideration of the City of Monroe, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and Schedule of Funding Progress on pages 3 - 11 and 49 are not a required part of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Monroe, Georgia's basic financial statements. The introductory section, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules, and statistical section as listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of special purpose local option sales tax proceeds is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Official Code of Georgia 48-8-21, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules and the schedule of expenditures of special purpose local option sales tax proceeds have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The introductory and statistical sections have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC

Atlanta, Georgia
April 7, 2009

CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA
Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Our discussion and analysis of the City of Monroe's financial performance provides an overview of the City's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2008. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the City's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the transmittal letter, and the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the City's financial performance.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for the Fiscal Year 2008 are as follows:

- The City of Monroe's combined net assets totaled $75,467,954. Of this amount, unrestricted net assets of $8,307,193 may be used to meet the City's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

- Total net assets decreased by $1,044,450 during the most recent fiscal year resulting from governmental and business-type activities.

- As of the close of the fiscal year, the City of Monroe's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of $1,821,974, a decrease of $859,497 in comparison with the prior year. Of this amount, approximately 66 percent of these funds are available for spending at the government's discretion (unreserved fund balance).

- The General Fund reported an unreserved fund balance of $1,137,168 or approximately 14 percent of the total General Fund expenditures.

- At the close of the fiscal year, the assets in the City of Monroe's Utilities Fund exceeded its liabilities by $54,130,792. Included in these net assets is $6,341,446 of unrestricted net assets available to meet the Utilities' on-going obligations to its customers and creditors.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the City's basic financial statements. The City's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide financial statements. The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the City's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The statement of net assets presents information on all of the City's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the City is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the government's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the City that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (business-type activities). The governmental activities of the City include general government, judicial, public safety, public works, health and welfare, culture and recreation, and housing and development. The business-type activities of the City include utilities and solid waste.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 12-14 of this report.

Fund financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The City of Monroe, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the City can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and proprietary funds.

Governmental funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The City of Monroe maintains seven individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the General Fund, which is considered a major fund. Data from the other six governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these non-major governmental funds is provided in the form of combining statements on pages 50-53 of this report.

The City adopts an annual appropriated budget for its General, Special Revenue and Debt Service Funds. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the General Fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget and can be found on page 18 of this report. Budgetary comparisons for Special Revenue and Debt Service Funds can be found on pages 54-56 of this report.

Proprietary funds. The City of Monroe maintains one type of proprietary fund. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The City uses enterprise funds to account for its utility and solid waste operations. They are the same as those functions shown in the business-type activities in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities.

The City's proprietary fund financial statements are presented on pages 19-22.

Notes to the financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 23-48 of this report.

Other supplementary information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the City of Monroe's progress in funding its obligation to provide pension benefits to its employees. Required supplementary information can be found on page 49 of this report.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial condition. In the case of the City of Monroe, assets exceeded liabilities by $75,467,954 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

By far the largest portion of the City's net assets (89%) reflects its investment in capital assets such as land, buildings, equipment and infrastructure (roads, bridges, sidewalks and utility service lines) less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The City uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the City's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA
Statement of Net Assets
Fiscal Years 2008 and 2007

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
Assets:						
Current and other assets	$ 3,863,729	$ 4,788,797	$ 10,108,754	$ 10,500,025	$ 13,972,483	$ 15,288,822
Capital assets-net	25,177,710	25,408,922	75,103,258	76,251,941	100,280,968	101,660,863
Total assets	29,041,439	30,197,719	85,212,012	86,751,966	114,253,451	116,949,685
Liabilities:						
Long-term liabilities	6,792,536	7,023,764	26,948,222	28,455,340	33,740,758	35,479,104
Other liabilities	1,461,559	1,729,959	3,583,180	3,228,218	5,044,739	4,958,177
Total liabilities	8,254,095	8,753,723	30,531,402	31,683,558	38,785,497	40,437,281
Net Assets:						
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	18,777,190	18,830,133	48,383,571	48,532,376	67,160,761	67,362,509
Unrestricted	2,010,154	2,613,863	6,297,039	6,536,032	8,307,193	9,149,895
Total net assets	$ 20,787,344	$ 21,443,996	$ 54,680,610	$ 55,068,408	$ 75,467,954	$ 76,512,404

The full amount of unrestricted net assets is $8,307,193 and may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the City is able to report positive balances in all three categories of net assets, both for the government as a whole, as well as for its separate governmental and business-type activities.

CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA
Changes in Net Assets
Fiscal Years 2008 and 2007

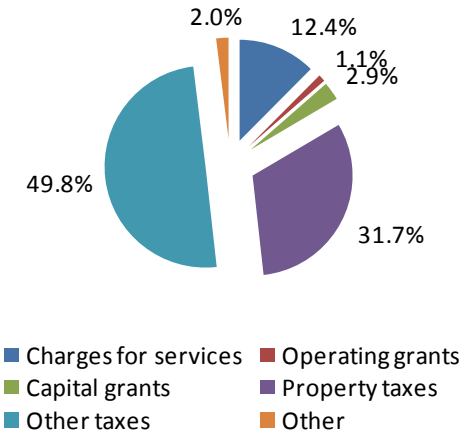
	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
Revenues						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	$ 1,199,491	$ 1,141,114	$ 35,089,196	$ 34,824,919	$ 36,288,687	$ 35,966,033
Operating grants	108,675	107,712	-	-	108,675	107,712
Capital grants	282,814	911,483	258,931	1,481,998	541,745	2,393,481
General revenues:						
Property taxes	3,058,767	2,950,804	-	-	3,058,767	2,950,804
Other taxes	4,799,685	4,895,329	-	-	4,799,685	4,895,329
Other	189,599	194,556	174,392	350,614	363,991	545,170
Total revenues	9,639,031	10,200,998	35,522,519	36,657,531	45,161,550	46,858,529
Program expenses						
General government	1,256,230	1,201,330	-	-	1,256,230	1,201,330
Judicial	86,259	76,621	-	-	86,259	76,621
Public Safety	5,149,446	4,905,576	-	-	5,149,446	4,905,576
Public Works	3,903,485	2,981,950	-	-	3,903,485	2,981,950
Health and welfare	8,756	18,514	-	-	8,756	18,514
Culture and recreation	364,677	366,993	-	-	364,677	366,993
Housing and development	546,277	474,499	-	-	546,277	474,499
Interest and fiscal charges	313,270	324,998	-	-	313,270	324,998
Utilities	-	-	30,977,046	29,386,045	30,977,046	29,386,045
Solid Waste	-	-	3,600,554	3,329,996	3,600,554	3,329,996
Total expenses	11,628,400	10,350,481	34,577,600	32,716,041	46,206,000	43,066,522
Increase (decrease) in net assets before transfers	(1,989,369)	(149,483)	944,919	3,941,490	(1,044,450)	3,792,007
Transfers	1,332,717	1,269,848	(1,332,717)	(1,269,848)	-	-
Increase (decrease) in net assets	(656,652)	1,120,365	(387,798)	2,671,642	(1,044,450)	3,792,007
Net assets, beginning	21,443,996	20,323,631	55,068,408	52,396,766	76,512,404	72,720,397
Net assets, ending	$ 20,787,344	$ 21,443,996	$ 54,680,610	$ 55,068,408	$ 75,467,954	$ 76,512,404

Governmental activities. Governmental activities decreased the City of Monroe's net assets by $656,652, accounting for 62% of the total decline in the net assets of the City.

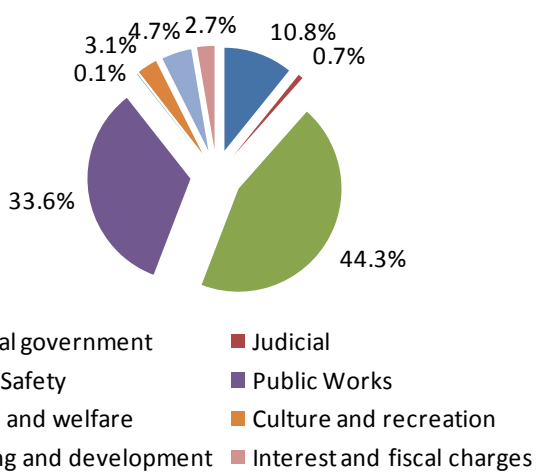
Property tax revenues ($3,058,767) collected made up approximately 32% of the City's total governmental revenue. Operating and capital grants ($391,489) for governmental activities were approximately 4% of all governmental revenues collected. Public safety accounted for approximately 44% ($5,149,446) of all expenses in governmental activities.

The following graphs show the breakdown by percentage of governmental revenues and expenses.

Governmental Revenues FY 2008



Governmental Expenditures FY 2008

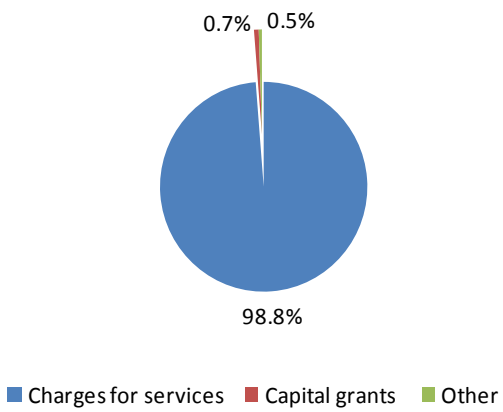


Business-type Activities. Business-type activities decreased the City of Monroe's net assets by $387,798 accounting for 38% of the total decline in the government's net assets. The Utilities Fund, largest of the City's two business-type activities, accounted for 89% of the operating expenses and approximately 90% of the operating revenues among business-type activities.

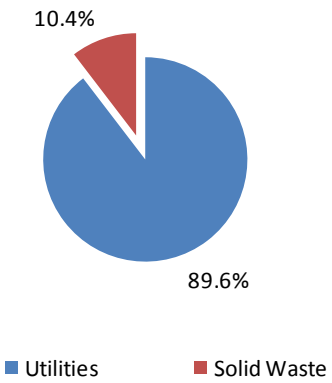
The utility fund shows a decrease in net assets of $429,224 for 2008. The major factor was the economic downturn resulting in a decrease in tap fees from new development. Another factor contributing to this was a decrease in water and wastewater revenue due to local drought conditions and conservation efforts.

In 2008 the solid waste fund showed an increase in net assets of $41,426. This was the first time this fund had an increase in net assets; an increase in rates for 2008 and efforts to keep expenses down were the major factors for this increase.

Business-Type Revenues FY 2008



Business-type Expenses FY 2008



FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF CITY OF MONROE'S FUNDS

As noted earlier, the City of Monroe employs fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds. The focus of the City of Monroe's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the City's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the City's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of $1,821,974. Of this amount, $1,207,253 constitutes unreserved fund balance, which is available for spending at the government's discretion. The remainder of fund balance ($614,721) is reserved indicating it is not available for new spending because the majority has already been committed to Solid Waste Fund advances and prepaid expenditures.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the City. At the end of the current fiscal year, the unreserved fund balance of the General Fund was $1,137,168. As a measure of the General Fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unreserved fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unreserved and total fund balance represents approximately 14 percent and 21 percent, respectively, of total General Fund expenditures.

Fund balance of the City of Monroe's General Fund decreased by $177,379 during the current fiscal year.

Total fund balance for nonmajor special revenue funds at year-end was $26,634. This total, all of which is unreserved, had a net decrease of $5,725.

The debt service fund has a total fund balance of $610. The net increase in fund balance during the current year in the debt service fund was $19.

Proprietary Funds. The City of Monroe's proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail.

Unrestricted net assets of the Utilities Fund at the end of the year amounted to $6,341,446, and those for the Solid Waste Fund amounted to $(44,407). The net decrease in net assets for both funds was $387,798. Other factors concerning the finances of these two funds have already been addressed in the discussion of the City of Monroe's business-type activities.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The City of Monroe's budget is prepared according to Georgia Law. A comparison on General Fund actual expenditures to budget can be found on page 18. The General Fund budget was amended by Council during the fiscal year. Differences between the original budget and the final amended budget for the General Fund are summarized as follows:

- Budgeted revenues decreased from $7,302,100 to $7,252,100. Tax and permit revenues accounted for $490,000 of this decrease due to the decrease in Local Option Sales Tax collections and decrease in building permitting due to the local economy. Charges for Services increased $310,000 due to collection of Employee Self Insurance Fees and Intergovernmental increased $130,000 due to receipt of FEMA grant for fire equipment.
- $40,000 increase to General Government, Legislative for employee health insurance costs.
- Fire department budgeted expenditures increased by $270,000 due to employee health insurance costs and equipment purchased with grant funds.
- Amended budget for use of Fund Balance of $360,000.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital assets. The City of Monroe's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of December 31, 2008, amounts to $100,280,968 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, infrastructure, buildings and improvements, equipment, furniture & vehicles, and construction in progress.

Major capital asset events during the current fiscal year included these additions.

Governmental type activities:

- Over $1.5 million for land and infrastructure.
- Purchase of almost $184 thousand in machinery, equipment and vehicles.
- Addition of $138 thousand in infrastructure that was turned over to the City as donated assets.
- Construction in progress as of the end of the current fiscal year totaling almost $101 thousand, the majority of which is for a downtown improvement project.

Business-type activities:

- $312 thousand for an addition to the utilities warehouse and a new training facility building.
- Purchase of almost $194 thousand in specialized service installation equipment and vehicles.
- $713 thousand in utility service extensions in order to provide new service for property developments.
- Construction in progress as of the end of the current fiscal year totaling almost $405 thousand for electric, gas, sewer, water and cable upgrades and projects along with $245 thousand in contributed assets by private developers.

CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA
Capital Assets
(net of depreciation)
Fiscal Years 2008 and 2007

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
Land	$ 3,211,104	$ 3,072,550	$ 2,129,713	$ 2,129,713	$ 5,340,817	$ 5,202,263
Infrastructure	11,930,839	11,019,695	39,126,745	39,424,772	51,057,584	50,444,467
Buildings and Improvements	7,973,152	8,301,663	23,063,328	23,545,898	31,036,480	31,847,561
Equipment, furniture & vehicles	1,961,232	2,158,098	9,213,519	10,230,251	11,174,751	12,388,349
Construction in progress	101,383	856,916	1,569,953	921,307	1,671,336	1,778,223
Total	$ 25,177,710	$ 25,408,922	$ 75,103,258	$ 76,251,941	$ 100,280,968	$ 101,660,863

Additional information on the capital assets can be found in Note 6 of this report.

Long-term debt. At the end of the current fiscal year, the City had total bonded debt outstanding of $33,160,000. Of this amount, $6,450,000 comprises debt backed by the full faith and credit of the government. The remainder of City debt represents bonds secured solely by specified revenue sources (i.e., revenue bonds).

CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA
Outstanding Debt
General Obligation and Revenue Bonds
Fiscal Years 2008 and 2007

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
General obligation bonds	$ 6,450,000	$ 6,720,000	$ -	$ -	$ 6,450,000	$ 6,720,000
Revenue bonds	-	-	26,710,000	28,170,000	26,710,000	28,170,000
Total	$ 6,450,000	$ 6,720,000	$ 26,710,000	$ 28,170,000	$ 33,160,000	$ 34,890,000

The City of Monroe recently had a bond rating upgrade from BBB+ to A from Standard & Poor's Rating Services.

State statutes limit the amount of general obligation debt a governmental entity may issue to 10 percent of its total assessed valuation. The current debt limitation for the City of Monroe is $37.2 million, which is in excess of the total bonded general obligation debt outstanding of $6.450 million.

Additional information on the City of Monroe's long-term debt can be found in Note 7 of this report.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

The following indicators were taken into account when adopting the General Fund budget for 2009:

- Growth in the local property tax base remains strong as indicated by the increase in total assessed property values by almost 25%. The total value of all real and personal taxable property for 2008 rose to over $433 million.
- Additional monies from special purpose local option sales tax (SPLOST).
- Ongoing commercial development along the highway 78 and 138 corridors.
- Decrease in local option sales tax revenue (LOST) and building permit revenue due to the economy.

Anticipated revenues in the General Fund budget are $9.03 million, down $669 thousand from the amended 2008 budget. The 2009 budget was developed and adopted before 2008 fiscal year-end and reflects conservative revenue figures. No decrease in fund balance of General Fund is budgeted for fiscal year 2009.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of City of Monroe's finances for all those with an interest in our government's finances. Questions concerning this report or requests for additional information may be addressed to:

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CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Primary Government			Component Units	
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	Downtown Development Authority	Convention & Visitors Bureau
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 1,860,703	$ 781,980	$ 2,642,683	$ 75,851	$ 221
Accounts receivable, net of allowances	33,544	3,836,490	3,870,034	19,583	-
Taxes receivable	780,503	-	780,503	-	-
Internal balances	716,551	(716,551)	-	-	-
Due from other governments	333,177	113,285	446,462	-	-
Inventories and prepaid items	56,841	1,039,555	1,096,396	-	-
Deferred charges, unamortized balance	82,410	463,652	546,062	-	-
Restricted assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	-	3,438,036	3,438,036	-	-
Investments	-	1,152,307	1,152,307	-	-
Capital assets:					
Non-depreciable	3,312,487	3,699,666	7,012,153	-	-
Depreciable, net of accumulated depreciation	21,865,223	71,403,592	93,268,815	-	-
Total assets	29,041,439	85,212,012	114,253,451	95,434	221
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	998,476	1,597,937	2,596,413	2,184	1,526
Accrued liabilities	453,030	1,985,243	2,438,273	-	-
Unearned revenue	10,053	-	10,053	-	-
Long-term liabilities:					
Portion due or payable within one year:					
Bonds and notes payable	310,000	1,523,656	1,833,656	-	-
Compensated absences	392,016	228,535	620,551	-	-
Portion due or payable in more than one year:					
Bonds and notes payable, net	6,090,520	25,196,031	31,286,551	-	-
Total liabilities	8,254,095	30,531,402	38,785,497	2,184	1,526
NET ASSETS					
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	18,777,190	48,383,571	67,160,761	-	-
Unrestricted	2,010,154	6,297,039	8,307,193	93,250	(1,305)
Total net assets	$ 20,787,344	$ 54,680,610	$ 75,467,954	$ 93,250	$ (1,305)

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

CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues: Charges for Services	Program Revenues: Operating Grants and Contributions	Program Revenues: Capital Grants and Contributions
Primary government:				
Governmental activities:				
General government	$ 1,256,230	$ 594,914	$ -	$ -
Judicial	86,259	503,899	-	-
Public safety	5,149,446	78,890	86,944	132,103
Public works	3,903,485	19,788	-	138,711
Health and welfare	8,756	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	364,677	2,000	-	-
Housing and development	546,277	-	21,731	12,000
Interest on long-term debt	313,270	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	11,628,400	1,199,491	108,675	282,814
Business-type activities:				
Utilities	30,977,046	31,443,996	-	258,931
Solid waste	3,600,554	3,645,200	-	-
Total business-type activities	34,577,600	35,089,196	-	258,931
Total primary government	$ 46,206,000	$ 36,288,687	$ 108,675	$ 541,745
Component units:				
Downtown Development Authority	$ 197,485	$ 21,851	$ 2,000	$ -
Convention & Visitors Bureau	21,305	-	-	-
Total component units	$ 218,790	$ 21,851	$ 2,000	$ -

General revenues:
- Property taxes
- Sales taxes
- Franchise taxes
- Business taxes
- Unrestricted investment earnings
- Gain on sale of capital assets
- Miscellaneous

Transfers

Total general revenues and transfers

Change in net assets

Net assets, beginning of year

Net assets, end of year

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

Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Assets					
Primary Government				Component Units	
Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total		Downtown Development Authority	Convention & Visitors Bureau
$ (661,316)	$ -	$ (661,316)		$ -	$ -
417,640	-	417,640		-	-
(4,851,509)	-	(4,851,509)		-	-
(3,744,986)	-	(3,744,986)		-	-
(8,756)	-	(8,756)		-	-
(362,677)	-	(362,677)		-	-
(512,546)	-	(512,546)		-	-
(313,270)	-	(313,270)		-	-
(10,037,420)	-	(10,037,420)		-	-
-	725,881	725,881		-	-
-	44,646	44,646		-	-
-	770,527	770,527		-	-
$ (10,037,420)	$ 770,527	$ (9,266,893)		$ -	$ -
$ -	$ -	$ -		$ (173,634)	$ -
-	-	-		-	(21,305)
$ -	$ -	$ -		$ (173,634)	$ (21,305)
$ 3,058,767	$ -	$ 3,058,767		$ -	$ -
3,828,681	-	3,828,681		130,000	20,000
197,159	-	197,159		-	-
773,845	-	773,845		-	-
26,652	172,734	199,386		814	-
24,247	1,658	25,905		-	-
138,700	-	138,700		88,165	-
1,332,717	(1,332,717)	-		-	-
9,380,768	(1,158,325)	8,222,443		218,979	20,000
(656,652)	(387,798)	(1,044,450)		45,345	(1,305)
21,443,996	55,068,408	76,512,404		47,905	-
$ 20,787,344	$ 54,680,610	$ 75,467,954		$ 93,250	$ (1,305)

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BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2008

ASSETS	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Cash	$ 1,648,435	$ 212,268	$ 1,860,703
Taxes receivable	603,727	176,776	780,503
Accounts receivable	33,544	-	33,544
Due from other governments	333,177	-	333,177
Due from other funds	176,889	-	176,889
Advances to other funds	557,880	-	557,880
Prepaid expenditures	56,841	-	56,841
Total assets	$ 3,410,493	$ 389,044	$ 3,799,537
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	$ 789,145	$ 209,331	$ 998,476
Accrued liabilities	376,978	-	376,978
Deferred revenues	491,099	92,792	583,891
Due to other funds	1,382	16,836	18,218
Total liabilities	1,658,604	318,959	1,977,563
FUND BALANCES			
Fund balances:			
Reserved for:			
Prepaid items	56,841	-	56,841
Advances	557,880	-	557,880
Unreserved, reported in:			
General fund	1,137,168	-	1,137,168
Special revenue funds	-	26,634	26,634
Debt service funds	-	610	610
Capital projects funds	-	42,841	42,841
Total fund balances	1,751,889	70,085	1,821,974
Total liabilities and fund balances	$ 3,410,493	$ 389,044	

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	25,177,710
Some receivables are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.	573,838
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	(6,786,178)
Net assets of governmental activities	$ 20,787,344

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

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues			
Taxes	$ 6,005,887	$ 1,643,132	$ 7,649,019
Licenses and permits	172,791	-	172,791
Intergovernmental	240,778	12,157	252,935
Fines and forfeitures	503,899	61,738	565,637
Charges for services	456,636	-	456,636
Interest income	10,384	16,268	26,652
Miscellaneous	143,127	-	143,127
Total revenues	7,533,502	1,733,295	9,266,797
Expenditures			
Current:			
General government	1,075,790	-	1,075,790
Judicial	86,259	-	86,259
Public safety	4,821,703	78,420	4,900,123
Public works	1,599,933	1,125,700	2,725,633
Health and welfare	8,756	-	8,756
Culture and recreation	321,178	-	321,178
Housing and development	384,885	159,964	544,849
Capital outlay	-	1,234,861	1,234,861
Debt service:			
Principal retirements	-	270,000	270,000
Interest and issuance costs	-	316,897	316,897
Total expenditures	8,298,504	3,185,842	11,484,346
Deficiency of revenues under expenditures	(765,002)	(1,452,547)	(2,217,549)
Other financing sources (uses):			
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	25,335	-	25,335
Transfers in	1,374,185	813,214	2,187,399
Transfers out	(811,897)	(42,785)	(854,682)
Total other financing sources (uses)	587,623	770,429	1,358,052
Net change in fund balances	(177,379)	(682,118)	(859,497)
Fund balances, beginning of year	1,929,268	752,203	2,681,471
Fund balances, end of year	$ 1,751,889	$ 70,085	$ 1,821,974

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

CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

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

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	$	(859,497)
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlay in the current period.		(368,678)
The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales and donations) is to increase net assets.		137,466
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.		209,433
The repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. This transaction, however, has no effect on net assets.		270,000
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.		(45,376)
Change in net assets - governmental activities	$	(656,652)

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CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA

GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues				
Taxes	$ 6,337,000	$ 5,937,000	$ 6,005,887	$ 68,887
Licenses and permits	251,000	161,000	172,791	11,791
Fines and forfeitures	450,000	450,000	503,899	53,899
Interest	40,000	40,000	10,384	(29,616)
Charges for services	19,250	329,250	456,636	127,386
Intergovernmental	101,000	231,000	240,778	9,778
Miscellaneous	103,850	103,850	143,127	39,277
Total revenues	7,302,100	7,252,100	7,533,502	281,402
Expenditures				
Current:				
General government:				
Legislative	285,272	305,672	204,912	100,760
Executive	364,905	404,405	404,358	47
Financial administration	488,249	488,249	393,565	94,684
Law	65,000	47,000	46,840	160
Internal audit	30,000	28,100	26,115	1,985
General administration fees	4,700	4,700	-	4,700
Total general government	1,238,126	1,278,126	1,075,790	202,336
Judicial:				
Municipal court	78,311	88,311	86,259	2,052
Total judicial	78,311	88,311	86,259	2,052
Public safety:				
Police	3,271,186	3,261,186	3,163,914	97,272
Fire	1,401,926	1,671,926	1,657,789	14,137
Total public safety	4,673,112	4,933,112	4,821,703	111,409
Public works:				
Highways and streets administration	1,867,926	1,867,926	1,599,933	267,993
Total public works	1,867,926	1,867,926	1,599,933	267,993
Health and welfare:				
Community center	11,500	11,500	8,756	2,744
Total health and welfare	11,500	11,500	8,756	2,744
Culture and recreation:				
Special facilities	231,007	230,007	198,758	31,249
Library	122,000	123,000	122,420	580
Total culture and recreation	353,007	353,007	321,178	31,829
Housing and development:				
Protective inspection administration	422,292	421,292	380,041	41,251
Planning and zoning	4,730	5,730	4,844	886
Total housing and development	427,022	427,022	384,885	42,137
Total expenditures	8,649,004	8,959,004	8,298,504	660,500
Deficiency of revenues under expenditures	(1,346,904)	(1,706,904)	(765,002)	941,902
Other financing sources (uses)				
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	-	-	25,335	25,335
Transfers in	2,083,801	2,083,801	1,374,185	(709,616)
Transfers out	(736,897)	(736,897)	(811,897)	(75,000)
Total other financing sources (uses)	1,346,904	1,346,904	587,623	(759,281)
Net change in fund balances	-	(360,000)	(177,379)	182,621
Fund balance, beginning of year	1,929,268	1,929,268	1,929,268	-
Fund balance, end of year	$ 1,929,268	$ 1,569,268	$ 1,751,889	$ 182,621

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

CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2008

ASSETS	Utilities Fund	Solid Waste Fund	Totals
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 777,037	$ 4,943	$ 781,980
Accounts receivable	3,503,128	333,362	3,836,490
Due from other governments	113,285	-	113,285
Due from other funds	13,026	210,848	223,874
Prepaid items	24,693	4,118	28,811
Inventories	1,010,744	-	1,010,744
	5,441,913	553,271	5,995,184
RESTRICTED ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3,438,036	-	3,438,036
Investments	1,152,307	-	1,152,307
	4,590,343	-	4,590,343
Total current assets	10,032,256	553,271	10,585,527
CAPITAL ASSETS			
Non-depreciable	3,699,666	-	3,699,666
Depreciable, net of accumulated depreciation	70,809,367	594,225	71,403,592
	74,509,033	594,225	75,103,258
OTHER NONCURRENT ASSETS	463,652	-	463,652
Total noncurrent assets	74,972,685	594,225	75,566,910
Total assets	85,004,941	1,147,496	86,152,437
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	1,597,937	-	1,597,937
Accrued liabilities	168,941	-	168,941
Customer deposits	1,718,221	-	1,718,221
Compensated absences payable	195,356	33,179	228,535
Due to other funds	375,926	6,619	382,545
	4,056,381	39,798	4,096,179
CURRENT LIABILITIES PAYABLE FROM RESTRICTED ASSETS			
Revenue bonds payable - current	1,435,000	-	1,435,000
Notes payable - current	88,656	-	88,656
Accrued interest	98,081	-	98,081
	1,621,737	-	1,621,737
Total current liabilities	5,678,118	39,798	5,717,916
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES			
Revenue bonds payable	24,942,907	-	24,942,907
Notes payable	253,124	-	253,124
Advances from other funds	-	557,880	557,880
Total noncurrent liabilities	25,196,031	557,880	25,753,911
Total liabilities	30,874,149	597,678	31,471,827
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	47,789,346	594,225	48,383,571
Unrestricted	6,341,446	(44,407)	6,297,039
Total net assets	$ 54,130,792	$ 549,818	$ 54,680,610

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CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Utilities Fund	Solid Waste Fund	Totals
OPERATING REVENUES			
Charges for sales and services	$ 31,443,996	$ 3,645,200	$ 35,089,196
Total operating revenues	31,443,996	3,645,200	35,089,196
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Cost of sales and services	15,659,581	2,047,394	17,706,975
General operating expenses	10,918,626	1,475,249	12,393,875
Depreciation and amortization	3,160,783	77,911	3,238,694
Total operating expenses	29,738,990	3,600,554	33,339,544
Operating income	1,705,006	44,646	1,749,652
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)			
Interest income	172,704	30	172,734
Intergovernmental	13,650	-	13,650
Interest expense	(1,238,056)	-	(1,238,056)
Gain on disposal of capital assets	1,658	-	1,658
Total non-operating revenue (expenses)	(1,050,044)	30	(1,050,014)
Income before capital contributions and transfers	654,962	44,676	699,638
Capital contributions	245,281	-	245,281
Transfers out	(1,329,467)	(3,250)	(1,332,717)
	(1,084,186)	(3,250)	(1,087,436)
Change in net assets	(429,224)	41,426	(387,798)
Net assets, beginning of year	54,560,016	508,392	55,068,408
Net assets, end of year	$ 54,130,792	$ 549,818	$ 54,680,610

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CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Utilities Fund	Solid Waste Fund	Totals
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from customers and users	$ 30,751,845	$ 3,642,474	$ 34,394,319
Payments to suppliers	(21,405,836)	(2,526,076)	(23,931,912)
Payments to employees	(5,692,138)	(1,113,716)	(6,805,854)
Net cash provided by operating activities	3,653,871	2,682	3,656,553
CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Transfers out to other funds	(1,329,467)	(3,250)	(1,332,717)
Advances from other funds	-	569	569
Net cash used in non-capital financing activities	(1,329,467)	(2,681)	(1,332,148)
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of capital assets	(2,010,138)	-	(2,010,138)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	5,159	-	5,159
Principal payments on bonds	(1,460,000)	-	(1,460,000)
Principal payments on note payable	(86,905)	-	(86,905)
Interest paid	(1,243,086)	-	(1,243,086)
Capital contributions	258,931	-	258,931
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	(4,536,039)	-	(4,536,039)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Interest received	200,105	30	200,135
Proceeds from sales of investments	23,511	-	23,511
Net cash provided by investing activities	223,616	30	223,646
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(1,988,019)	31	(1,987,988)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	6,203,092	4,912	6,208,004
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	$ 4,215,073	$ 4,943	$ 4,220,016
Classified as:			
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 777,037	$ 4,943	$ 781,980
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	3,438,036	-	3,438,036
	$ 4,215,073	$ 4,943	$ 4,220,016

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CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Utilities Fund	Solid Waste Fund	Totals
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Operating income	$ 1,705,006	$ 44,646	$ 1,749,652
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	3,160,783	77,911	3,238,694
Change in assets and liabilities:			
Increase in accounts receivable	(570,994)	(2,726)	(573,720)
Increase in due from other funds	(12,872)	(40,417)	(53,289)
Increase in due from other governments	(108,285)	-	(108,285)
Decrease in prepaid items	13,644	1,029	14,673
Increase in inventories	(11,362)	-	(11,362)
Increase in accounts payable	292,631	-	292,631
Increase in accrued liabilities	36,330	-	36,330
Increase in customer deposits	31,031	-	31,031
Increase (decrease) in compensated absences payable	23,822	(8,278)	15,544
Decrease in due to other funds	(905,863)	(69,483)	(975,346)
Net cash provided by operating activities	$ 3,653,871	$ 2,682	$ 3,656,553

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

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the City of Monroe, Georgia (the "City") have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the City's accounting policies are described below.

A. Reporting Entity

Incorporated in 1821, under the laws of the State of Georgia, the City of Monroe is governed by a nine member Mayor/Council form of government. The mayor is elected to a four-year term, and council members are elected to staggered four-year terms. The Mayor serves as the Chief Executive Officer and the other eight council members serve on a part-time basis. The Mayor is assisted by a city administrator to handle the daily operations of the City.

The City's major operations include public safety, fire protection, public works maintenance, utility services and general administrative services. In addition, the City exercises sufficient control over other governmental authorities that are included as part of the City's reporting entity.

The accompanying financial statements present the City and its component units, entities for which the City is considered to be financially accountable and can impose its will. The discretely presented component units are reported in separate columns in the government-wide financial statements to emphasize that they are legally separate from the City.

The Downtown Development Authority was activated by resolution in 1985 to promote and further develop trade, commerce, industry and employment opportunities within the City of Monroe, Georgia. It operates under an eight member board, one of which is a member of the City Council, appointed by the City. The City has the ability to impose its will on the Authority. The Authority does not issue separate financial statements and is included as a discretely presented component unit in the City's financial report.

The Monroe Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority was activated by resolution in 2008 to promote and further develop trade and tourism opportunities within the City of Monroe, Georgia. It operates under an eight member board, one of which is a member of the City Council, appointed by the City. The City has the ability to impose its will on the Convention and Visitors Bureau. The Convention and Visitors Bureau does not issue separate financial statements and is included as a discretely presented component unit in the City's financial report.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government and its component unit. Governmental activities, which are normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. Likewise, the primary government is reported separately from the legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable. The statement of net assets will include non-current assets and non-current liabilities. In addition, the government-wide statement of activities reflects depreciation expense on the City's capital assets.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment, and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not considered program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation (Continued)

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

Property taxes received up to sixty days after year end, sales taxes, franchise taxes, licenses, intergovernmental grants, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the City.

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 33, “Accounting and Financial Reporting for Non-exchange Transactions,” the corresponding assets (receivables) in non-exchange transactions are recognized in the period in which the underlying exchange occurs, when an enforceable legal claim has arisen, when all eligibility requirements have been met, or when resources are received, depending on the revenue source.

The City reports the following major governmental fund:

The **General Fund** is the City’s primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation (Continued)

The City reports the following major proprietary funds:

The **Utilities Fund** accounts for the operation and maintenance of the City's water and sewer, gas, electric, and cable utility services.

The **Solid Waste Fund** accounts for the operation and maintenance of the City's transfer station and solid waste disposal.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in both the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Governments also have the option of following subsequent private-sector guidance for their business-type activities and enterprise funds, subject to this same limitation. The City has elected not to follow subsequent private-sector guidance.

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

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

Proprietary funds distinguish *operating* revenues and expenses from *non-operating* items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the enterprise funds are charges for goods and services provided. Operating expenses of the enterprise funds include the cost of these goods and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation (Continued)

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the City's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

D. Budgets

Annual appropriated budgets are adopted for all governmental funds, with the exception of capital projects funds for which project length budgets are adopted. Budgets are adopted on a modified accrual basis, which is consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for governmental funds. All appropriations lapse at fiscal year end. Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of resources are recorded to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is used in the City's general fund. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are reported as a reservation of fund balance since they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities. There were no outstanding encumbrances at December 31, 2008.

E. Deposits and Investments

Georgia statutes authorize the City to invest in the following: (1) obligations of Georgia or any other state; (2) obligations of the United States; (3) obligations fully insured or guaranteed by the United States government or one of its agencies; (4) obligations of any corporation of the United States government; (5) prime bankers' acceptances; (6) the State of Georgia local government investment pool; (7) repurchase agreements; and (8) obligations of any other political subdivisions of the State of Georgia. Any investment or deposit in excess of the federal depository insured amounts must be collateralized by an equivalent amount of state or U.S. obligations. For purposes of the statement of cash flows, all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of less than 90 days are considered to be cash equivalents. Investments are reported at fair value as determined by quoted market prices.

F. Receivables and Payables

Activity between funds that is representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year as well as all other outstanding balances between funds is reported as "due to/from other funds." Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances."

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

F. Receivables and Payables (Continued)

Advances between funds, as reported in the fund financial statements, represent long-term borrowing arrangements with established repayment schedules, and are offset by a fund balance reserve account in applicable governmental funds to indicate that they are not available for appropriation and are not expendable available financial resources.

G. Inventories

The costs of governmental fund type inventories (which are not significant to the City) are recorded as expenditures when purchased rather than when consumed (purchase method). Inventories of the proprietary funds are valued at cost using the first-in/first-out (FIFO) method.

H. Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond December 31, 2008, are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

I. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the City as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than $5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Infrastructure (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items) prior to January 1, 2003 has been reported.

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

I. Capital Assets (Continued)

Capital assets of the City are depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Asset Class	Estimated Useful Life
Infrastructure	15-50
Buildings and improvements	20-50
Vehicles	5
Furniture and fixtures	10
Machinery and equipment	5-15

J. Restricted Assets

Certain proceeds of enterprise fund revenue bonds, as well as certain resources set aside for their repayment, are classified as restricted assets on the balance sheet because their use is limited by applicable bond covenants. The “revenue bond construction” account is used to report those proceeds that are restricted for use in construction. The “revenue bond current debt service” account is used to segregate resources accumulated for debt service payments over the next twelve months.

K. Compensated Absences

It is the City’s policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick pay benefits. There is no liability for non-vesting accumulated rights to receive sick pay benefits since the City does not have a policy to pay any amounts when employees separate from service with the City. All vacation pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in the governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements.

L. Long-Term Obligations

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

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

L. Long-Term Obligations (Continued)

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

M. Fund Equity

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

N. Management Estimates

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

NOTE 2. RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A. Explanation of Certain Differences Between the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and the Government-wide Statement of Net Assets

The governmental fund balance sheet includes a reconciliation between *fund balance – total governmental funds* and *net assets – governmental activities* as reported in the government-wide statement of net assets. One element of that reconciliation explains that "long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds." The details of this $6,786,178 difference are as follows:

Bonds payable	$ (6,450,000)
Bond issuance costs	82,410
Bond premium	(197,510)
Deferred charges on refunding	246,990
Accrued interest payable	(76,052)
Compensated absences	(392,016)
Net adjustment to reduce *fund balance- total governmental funds* to arrive at *net assets - governmental activities*	$ (6,786,178)

B. Explanation of Certain Differences Between the Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances and the Government-wide Statement of Activities

The governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances includes a reconciliation between *net changes in fund balances – total governmental funds* and *changes in net assets of governmental activities* as reported in the government-wide statement of activities. One element of that reconciliation explains that "Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their useful lives and reported as depreciation expense." The details of this $368,678 difference are as follows:

Capital outlay	$ 996,562
Depreciation expense	(1,365,240)
Net adjustment to decrease *net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds* to arrive at *changes in net assets of governmental activities*	$ (368,678)

NOTE 2. RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

B. Explanation of Certain Differences Between the Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances and the Government-wide Statement of Activities (Continued)

Another element of that reconciliation explains that "The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales and donations) is to increase net assets." The details of this $137,466 difference are as follows:

In the statement of activities, only the *gain* on the sale of capital assets is reported. However, in the governmental funds, the proceeds from the sale increase financial resources. Thus, the change in net assets differs from the change in fund balance by the cost of the capital assets sold.	$ (1,088)
Donations of capital assets increase net assets in the statement of activities, but do not appear in the governmental funds because they are not financial resources.	138,554
Net adjustment to increase *net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds* to arrive at *changes in net assets of governmental activities*	$ 137,466

NOTE 2. RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

B. Explanation of Certain Differences Between the Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances and the Government-wide Statement of Activities (Continued)

Another element of that reconciliation explains that "Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds." The details of this $45,376 difference are as follows:

Compensated absences	$	(39,227)
Accrued interest		3,172
Amortization of issuance costs		(9,776)
Amortization of deferred charges on refunding		(22,976)
Amortization of bond premiums		23,431
Net adjustment to decrease *net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds* to arrive at *changes in net assets of governmental activities*	$	(45,376)

NOTE 3. LEGAL COMPLIANCE - BUDGETS

The City of Monroe, Georgia employs the following procedures in establishing its annual budget:

1. Prior to January 1, the City Administrator submits to the Mayor and City Council a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing on January 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means for financing them.

2. The City Council holds a public hearing on the budget, giving notice thereof at least ten days in advance by publication in the official organ of the City of Monroe, Georgia.

3. The budget is then revised and adopted or amended by the City Council at a subsequent regular meeting in the year to which it applies and within forty-five days following January 1.

4. The adopted budget may be revised during the year only by formal action of the City Council in a regular meeting and no increase shall be made therein without provision also being made for financing same, for anything above the legal level of budgetary control, which is the department level. However, transfers within a department may be made within any fund without council approval. The final budget amounts shown in these financial statements reflect amendments approved by the City Council.

NOTE 4. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Total deposits and investments as of December 31, 2008 are summarized as follows:

Amounts as presented on the entity wide statement of net assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	$	2,642,683
Restricted cash and cash equivalents		3,438,036
Restricted investments		1,152,307
Total	$	7,233,026
Cash deposited with financial institutions	$	6,080,719
Investments in the Municipal Competitive Trust		1,152,307
	$	7,233,026

Credit risk. State statutes authorize the City to invest in obligations of the State of Georgia or other states; obligations issued by the U.S. government; obligations fully insured or guaranteed by the U.S. government or by a government agency of the United States; obligations of any corporation of the U.S. government; prime banker's acceptances; the local government investment pool established by state law; repurchase agreements; and obligations of other political subdivisions of the State of Georgia. As of December 31, 2008, the City's investment in the Municipal Competitive Trust was not rated.

At December 31, 2008, the City had the following investments:

Investment	Maturities (in years)	Fair Value
Municipal Competitive Trust - Short-term	Less than 1	$ 1,152,307
Total		$ 1,152,307

Interest rate risk: The City does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

NOTE 4. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits: Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. As of December 31, 2008, the City and its component units did not have any deposits that were uninsured or under collateralized as defined by GASB pronouncements and State of Georgia statutes.

NOTE 5. RECEIVABLES

Property taxes are levied on property values assessed as of January 1. The City bills and collects its own property taxes. The taxes are levied by October 20 based on the assessed value of property as listed on the previous January 1 and are due on December 20 of each year.

Property taxes are recorded as receivables and deferred revenues when assessed. Revenues are recognized when available.

Receivables at December 31, 2008, for the City's individual major funds and nonmajor funds in the aggregate, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

	General	Utilities	Solid Waste	Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Receivables:				
Taxes	$ 603,727	$ -	$ -	$ 176,776
Accounts	33,544	3,550,208	333,362	-
Due from other governments	333,177	-	-	-
Less allowance for uncollectible	-	47,080	-	-
Net total receivable	$ 970,448	$ 3,503,128	$ 333,362	$ 176,776

NOTE 6. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases/ Transfers	Ending Balance
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	$ 3,072,550	$ 138,554	$ -	$ 3,211,104
Construction in progress	856,916	757,852	(1,513,385)	101,383
Total	3,929,466	896,406	(1,513,385)	3,312,487
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Infrastructure	23,477,878	-	1,513,385	24,991,263
Buildings and improvements	10,060,377	-	-	10,060,377
Equipment, furniture & vehicles	4,527,019	238,710	(52,221)	4,713,508
Total	38,065,274	238,710	1,461,164	39,765,148
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Infrastructure	(12,458,183)	(602,241)	-	(13,060,424)
Buildings and improvements	(1,758,714)	(328,511)	-	(2,087,225)
Equipment, furniture & vehicles	(2,368,921)	(434,488)	51,133	(2,752,276)
Total	(16,585,818)	(1,365,240)	51,133	(17,899,925)
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	21,479,456	(1,126,530)	1,512,297	21,865,223
Governmental activities capital assets, net	$ 25,408,922	$ (230,124)	$ (1,088)	$ 25,177,710
Business-type activities:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	$ 2,129,713	$ -	$ -	$ 2,129,713
Construction in progress	921,307	1,673,744	(1,025,098)	1,569,953
Total	3,051,020	1,673,744	(1,025,098)	3,699,666
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Infrastructure	52,145,766	-	712,659	52,858,425
Buildings and improvements	30,940,405	-	312,439	31,252,844
Equipment, furniture & vehicles	17,710,745	336,394	(142,034)	17,905,105
Total	100,796,916	336,394	883,064	102,016,374
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Infrastructure	(12,720,994)	(1,010,686)	-	(13,731,680)
Buildings and improvements	(7,394,507)	(795,009)	-	(8,189,516)
Equipment, furniture & vehicles	(7,480,494)	(1,349,625)	138,533	(8,691,586)
Total	(27,595,995)	(3,155,320)	138,533	(30,612,782)
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	73,200,921	(2,818,926)	1,021,597	71,403,592
Business-type activities capital assets, net	$ 76,251,941	$ (1,145,182)	$ (3,501)	$ 75,103,258

NOTE 6. CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

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

Governmental activities:	
General government	$ 168,436
Public safety	242,059
Public works	909,587
Culture and recreation	44,909
Housing and development	249
Total depreciation expense - governmental activities	$ 1,365,240
Business-type activities:	
Utilities	$ 3,077,409
Solid waste	77,911
Total depreciation expense - business-type activities	$ 3,155,320

NOTE 7. LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term liability activity for the year ended December 31, 2008 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Governmental activities:					
General obligation bonds	$ 6,720,000	$ -	$ (270,000)	$ 6,450,000	$ 310,000
Less: Deferred charges, net	(49,025)	-	(455)	(49,480)	
Total general obligation bonds	6,670,975	-	(270,455)	6,400,520	310,000
Compensated absences	352,789	459,790	(420,563)	392,016	392,016
Governmental activity Long-term liabilities	$ 7,023,764	$ 459,790	$ (691,018)	$ 6,792,536	$ 702,016
Business-type activities:					
Revenue bonds payable	$ 28,170,000	$ -	$ (1,460,000)	$ 26,710,000	$ 1,435,000
Less: Deferred charges, net	(356,336)	-	24,243	(332,093)	
Total revenue bonds	27,813,664	-	(1,435,757)	26,377,907	1,435,000
Note payable	428,685	-	(86,905)	341,780	88,656
Compensated absences	212,991	473,120	(457,576)	228,535	228,535
Business-type activity Long-term liabilities	$ 28,455,340	$ 473,120	$ (1,980,238)	$ 26,948,222	$ 1,752,191

NOTE 7. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

For governmental funds, compensated absences are liquidated by the General Fund.

General Obligation Bonds. In November 2000, the City issued General Obligation Bonds (Series 2000) to finance various construction and capital acquisition projects. These bonds were issued for an original amount of $7,195,000 bearing interest of 5.275% per annum payable semi-annually on April 1 and October 1 and maturing in 2013.

In October 2006, the City issued General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Series 2006) to provide funds to advance refund $4,270,000 in aggregate principal amount of the City's Series 2000 General Obligation Bonds. These bonds were issued for an original amount of $4,430,000 bearing interest from 3.625% to 5.00% per annum payable semi-annually on April 1 and October 1 and maturing in 2019.

The debt service to maturity on the general obligation bonds is as follows:

	Series 2006		Series 2000		
Year Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Total
2009	$ -	$ 204,463	$ 310,000	$ 99,744	$ 614,207
2010	-	204,463	355,000	85,020	644,483
2011	10,000	204,463	400,000	67,802	682,265
2012	20,000	204,100	450,000	48,002	722,102
2013	20,000	203,376	505,000	25,502	753,878
2014-2018	3,505,000	699,100	-	-	4,204,100
2019	875,000	35,000	-	-	910,000
Total	$ 4,430,000	$ 1,754,965	$ 2,020,000	$ 326,070	$ 8,531,035

Revenue Bonds. The City issued the following revenue bonds in order to finance construction and system extension:

In February 2001, the City issued the Combined Utility Revenue Bonds (Series 2001) in the original amount of $20,555,000 bearing interest at an average rate of 4.95% payable each June 1 and December 1 beginning 2003 until 2014.

In July 2003, the City issued the Combined Utility Revenue Bonds (Series 2003) in the original amount of $13,275,000 bearing interest at an average rate of 3.06% payable each June 1 and December 1 beginning 2003 until 2018.

NOTE 7. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

The debt service to maturity on the Series 2003 and 2001 revenue bonds is as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Series 2003 Principal	Series 2003 Interest	Series 2001 Principal	Series 2001 Interest	Total
2009	$ 635,000	$ 225,318	$ 800,000	$ 237,652	$ 1,897,970
2010	655,000	206,268	835,000	203,652	1,899,920
2011	675,000	186,618	870,000	168,135	1,899,753
2012	695,000	164,680	905,000	129,015	1,893,695
2013	720,000	141,050	950,000	88,290	1,899,340
2014-2018	2,940,000	332,250	990,000	45,540	4,307,790
Total	$ 6,320,000	$ 1,256,184	$ 5,350,000	$ 872,284	$ 13,798,468

In October 2006, the City issued the Combined Utility Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2006) to advance refund $14,720,000 in aggregate principal amount of the Series 2001 Revenue Bonds. These bonds were issued for an original amount of $15,040,000 bearing interest from 4.00% to 5.00% payable each June 1 and December 1 and maturing in 2025.

The debt service to maturity on the Series 2006 revenue bonds is as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2009	$ -	$ 707,163	$ 707,163
2010	-	707,163	707,163
2011	-	707,163	707,163
2012	-	707,163	707,163
2013	-	707,163	707,163
2014-2018	4,575,000	3,206,815	7,781,815
2019-2023	7,135,000	1,713,560	8,848,560
2024-2025	3,330,000	207,486	3,537,486
Total	$ 15,040,000	$ 8,663,676	$ 23,703,676

As part of the refundings mentioned above, the City has defeased certain outstanding general obligation and revenue bonds by placing the proceeds of new bonds in an irrevocable trust to provide for future debt service payments on the old bonds. Accordingly, the trust account assets and the liability for the defeased bonds are not included in the City's financial statements. On December 31, 2008, the outstanding amount of bonds considered defeased is as follows:

Series 2000 General Obligation Bonds	$ 4,270,000
Series 2001 Revenue Bonds	14,720,000

NOTE 7. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Note Payable. The City has a note payable to the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority State Revolving Loan Fund in the original amount of $1,560,000, bearing interest at the rate of 2% per annum payable each quarter beginning December 1, 1992 until September 1, 2012. The note was issued to finance construction and system extension.

The debt service requirements to maturity on the note payable are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2009	$ 88,656	$ 6,173	$ 94,829
2010	90,443	4,387	94,830
2011	92,265	2,565	94,830
2012	70,416	705	71,121
Total	$ 341,780	$ 13,830	$ 355,610

NOTE 8. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES AND TRANSFERS

The composition of interfund balances as of December 31, 2008 is as follows:

Due to/from other funds:

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
General Fund	Solid Waste Fund	$ 6,619
General Fund	Utilities Fund	165,078
General Fund	Nonmajor governmental funds	5,192
Utilities Fund	General Fund	1,382
Utilities Fund	Nonmajor governmental funds	11,644
Solid Waste Fund	Utilities Fund	210,848
		$ 400,763

The outstanding balances between funds result mainly from the time lag between the dates that transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and payments between funds are made.

NOTE 8. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES AND TRANSFERS (CONTINUED)

Advances to/from other funds are as follows:

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
General Fund	Solid Waste Fund	$ 557,880

The amount payable from the Solid Waste Fund is for long-term financing provided to the Solid Waste Fund by the General Fund and is expected to be repaid in periods beyond December 31, 2008.

Interfund transfers:

Transfers In	Transfers Out	Amount
Nonmajor governmental funds	General Fund	$ 811,897
Nonmajor governmental funds	Nonmajor governmental funds	1,317
		813,214
General Fund	Utilities Fund	1,329,467
General Fund	Solid Waste Fund	3,250
General Fund	Nonmajor governmental funds	41,468
		$ 1,374,185

Transfers are used to (1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them and (2) use unrestricted revenues collected in the General Fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

NOTE 9. PENSION PLAN

Plan Description

The City, as authorized by the City Council, has established a defined benefit pension plan (The City of Monroe Retirement Plan) covering all full-time employees. The City's pension plan is affiliated with the Georgia Municipal Employee Benefit System (GMEBS), an agent multiple-employer pension plan administered by the Georgia Municipal Association. Contributions made by the City are commingled with contributions made by other members of GMEBS for investment purposes. The City does not own any securities on its own. Investment income from the securities is allocated on a pro rata basis. The Georgia Municipal Association issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for GMEBS. That report may be obtained by writing to Georgia Municipal Association, Risk Management and Employee Benefit Services, 201 Pryor Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 or by calling (404) 688-0472.

As provided by state law, benefit provisions for participants in GMEBS are established by the respective employers. As authorized by City Council, the plan provides pension benefits and death and disability benefits for plan members and beneficiaries. All employees, excluding elected officials, who work thirty hours or more per week, are eligible to participate after one year. Benefits vest after five years of service. A City employee who retires at age 65 with five years of service is entitled to benefits of 2.0% of final average earnings in excess of covered compensation. An employee may elect early retirement at age 55 provided he has a minimum of 25 years total credited service to receive full benefits, otherwise early retirement may be elected after only 10 years of service for reduced benefits. Elected officials are entitled to $30 for each year of service after reaching normal retirement age.

At November 1, 2008, the date of the most recent actuarial valuation, there were 297 participants consisting of the following:

Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	49
Terminated vested participants not yet receiving benefits	33
Active employees - vested	136
Active employees - nonvested	79
Total	297

NOTE 9. PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Funding Policy

The Plan is subject to minimum funding standards of the Georgia Public Retirement Systems Standards law. The board of Trustees of GMEBS has adopted a recommended actuarial funding policy for the plan which meets state minimum requirements and will accumulate sufficient funds to provide the benefits under the plan. The funding policy for the plan is to contribute an amount equal to or greater than the recommended contribution described below. For 2008, the actuarially determined contribution rate was 12.18% of covered payroll.

For 2008, the City's recommended contribution was $882,118. Actual contributions totaled $882,118. The recommended contribution was determined as part of the November 1, 2007 actuarial valuation using the projected unit credit actuarial cost method. Actuarial assumptions include an 8.0% rate of return on investments and projected salary increases of 5.5% (5.0% due to inflation and .5% due to merit or seniority increases). The period, and related method, for amortizing the initial unfunded actuarial accrued liability is 30 years from 1981 and current changes in the unfunded actuarial accrued liability over 15 years for actuarial gains and losses, 20 years for plan provision and 30 years for actuarial assumptions and cost methods as a level dollar amount. These amortization periods are closed for this plan year. The actuarial value of the plan assets was determined using techniques that smooth the effects of short-term volatility in the market value of investments over a ten year period.

Employer Contributions

Fiscal Year Ended December 31,	Annual Pension Cost (APC)	Actual Pension Contribution	Percentage of APC Contributed	Net Pension Obligation
2008	$ 882,118	$ 882,118	100.0 %	$ -
2007	807,003	1,685,638	208.9	-
2006	2,508,015	1,629,380	65.0	878,635

NOTE 9. PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

The following is a schedule of funding progress, using the actuarial cost method:

Actuarial Valuation Date	(a) Actuarial Value of Assets	(b) Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL)	(b-a) Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL)	(a/b) Funded Ratio	(c) Covered Payroll	[(b-a)/c)] UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
11/1/08	$ 8,569,985	$ 12,326,661	$ 3,756,676	69.52 %	$ 8,216,415	45.72 %

Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of events far into the future, and actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. Calculations are based on the substantive plan in effect as of November 1, 2008.

NOTE 10. FUND DEFICITS

The following funds had deficit fund balances at December 31, 2008:

SPLOST Fund	$ 89,540

SPLOST reimbursements yet to be recognized under modified accrual accounting are sufficient to cover the deficit.

NOTE 11. JOINT VENTURE

Under Georgia law, the City, in conjunction with other cities and counties in the 12 county Northeast Georgia area, is a member of the Northeast Georgia Regional Development Center (RDC). Dues to the RDC are assessed at the County level and are, accordingly, paid by Walton County. Membership in the RDC is required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (OCGA) Section 50-8-34 which provides for the organizational structure of the RDC in Georgia. The RDC Board membership includes the chief elected official of each county and various municipalities of the area. OCGA 50-8-39.1 provides that the member governments are liable for any debts or obligations of the RDC. Separate financial statements may be obtained from the RDC's administrative office at 305 Research Drive, Athens, Georgia 30610.

NOTE 12. RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

The City's council is responsible for appointing a majority of the board members of the City of Monroe, Georgia Housing Authority. However, the City has no further accountability for the Authority.

NOTE 13. RISK MANAGEMENT

The City is exposed to various risks of losses related to: torts; thefts of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters for which the City carries commercial insurance. Settlements have not exceeded coverage for the past three years. The City is self-insured for both employee group health insurance and workers' compensation claims. The City maintains specific stop loss coverage in the amount of $300,000 per claim for workers' compensation and $40,000 per covered individual for employee group health insurance. A liability for employee group health insurance and workers' compensation claims is recognized in the General Fund when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. The liability includes an estimate for claims that have been incurred but not reported.

Changes in the balances of claims liabilities during the past two years are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Beginning of Year Claims Liability	Current Year Claims and Changes in Estimates	Claims Paid	End of Year Claims Liability
2008	$ 205,598	$ 1,836,375	$ 1,758,640	$ 283,333
2007	$ 249,151	$ 1,697,904	$ 1,741,457	$ 205,598

NOTE 14. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Litigation:

Early in 2007, the Georgia Public Service Corporation (GPSC) issued a decision regarding a gas service territory previously undefined. The decision would cause the City to transfer approximately 150 gas customers who fell within the Atlanta Gas Light (AGL) territory. The GPSC has ordered the City to sell the gas service assets related to serving those customers to AGL, as well as to pay a $100,000 fine to the GPSC. The amount of proceeds from the sale of the gas service assets has not yet been determined. Any net book value in excess of the price ultimately paid by AGL will result in a one-time loss on the disposal of the capital assets. The sale of gas service assets related to the service of those customers to AGL would result in the future loss of revenues for the approximate 150 gas customers.

Subsequent to this decision, the City filed its petition for judicial review and motion for emergency stay, appealing the decision of the GPSC. The City asserts that the GPSC erred in requiring that the City transfer any of its gas service assets since the City's Municipal Charter prohibits the City from doing so without a referendum of the City's voters. On April 11, 2007, the Court granted the City's motion for emergency stay. On April 14, 2008, Counsel for the City appeared for oral argument and the Court issued a ruling affirming the GPSC's decision. The City has currently appealed the ruling to the Supreme Court of Georgia and will continue to vigorously pursue its claims on appeal and is unable to reasonably estimate the amount of liability which may be incurred if an adverse decision is rendered.

Grant Contingencies:

The City has received federal and state grants for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies. Such audits could lead to the disallowance of certain expenditures previously reimbursed by those agencies. Based upon prior experience, management of the City believes such disallowances, if any, will not be significant.

Contractual Commitments:

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, contractual commitments on uncompleted contracts totaled $571,711.

NOTE 14. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (CONTINUED)

Agreements with the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia:

The Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia (MEAG) is a public corporation and an instrumentality of the State of Georgia created to supply electricity to local government electric distribution systems. As provided by State law, MEAG establishes rates and charges so as to produce revenues sufficient to cover its costs, including debt service, but it may not operate any of its projects for profit unless any such profits inure to the benefit of the public.

As of December 31, 2008, the City is an electric utility participant in MEAG and obligated to purchase all of its bulk power supply requirements from MEAG for a period not to exceed 50 years. The City has agreed to purchase all of its future power and energy requirements in excess of that received by the City through the Southeastern Power Administration at prices intended to cover the operating costs of the systems and to retire any debt incurred by the Authority. In the event that revenues are insufficient to cover all costs and retire the outstanding debt, each participating City has guaranteed a portion of the unpaid debt based on its individual entitlement shares of the output and services of generating units acquired or constructed by MEAG. In addition, in the event of discontinued service to a participant in default, the City would be obligated to purchase additional power subject to contractual limitations. Payments to MEAG are made monthly based on KWH usage. The total payments under these contracts amounted to $9,271,379 in 2008.

At December 31, 2008, the outstanding debt of MEAG was approximately $3.84 billion. The City's guarantee varies by individual projects undertaken by MEAG and totals approximately $55.8 million at December 31, 2008.

Agreements with the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia:

The City has also entered into a contract for wholesale natural gas purchases with the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia (MGAG) that requires the City to purchase all of its natural gas from MGAG. The gas supply contract with MGAG authorizes MGAG to establish rates and charges so as to produce revenues sufficient to cover its operating costs and retire its bonds issued to acquire long-term gas supplies for sale to its members, including the City. In the event that revenues are insufficient to cover all costs and retire the bonds issued by MGAG, the City is obligated to pay its “obligation share” of the costs of the gas supply and related services MGAG provides to the City, which costs includes amounts equal to principal and interest on MGAG’s bonds. These obligations, which extend through the year 2016, are general obligations of the City to which the City’s full faith, credit and taxing powers are pledged. The City’s obligation to MGAG for gas supply costs are based on MGAG’s costs to provide such supply, including bonds issued to purchase long-term rights to bulk supply. Payments to MGAG are made monthly based on actual usage. The total payments under these contracts amounted to $3,909,744 in 2008.

NOTE 14. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (CONTINUED)

Agreements with the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia (Continued):

At December 31, 2008, the outstanding debt of MGAG was approximately $435.5 million. The City's guarantee varies by individual projects undertaken by MGAG and totals approximately $9.38 million at December 31, 2008.

NOTE 15. HOTEL/MOTEL LODGING TAX

The City imposes a 5% hotel/motel tax on lodging facilities within the City. Revenues were $34,171 for the year ended December 31, 2008. Of this amount, 100%, or $34,171, was expended for the promotion of tourism.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
RETIREMENT PLAN
SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS

Actuarial Valuation Date	(a) Actuarial Value of Assets	(b) Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL)	(b-a) Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL)	(a/b) Funded Ratio	(c) Covered Payroll	[(b-a)/c] UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
11/1/08	$ 8,569,985	$ 12,326,661	$ 3,756,676	69.5%	$ 8,216,415	45.7%
11/1/07	7,679,938	11,274,452	3,594,514	68.1%	7,241,557	49.6%
11/1/06	6,808,604	10,191,920	3,383,316	66.8%	7,164,234	47.2%
11/1/05	4,458,241	8,271,665	3,813,424	53.9%	6,710,595	56.8%
11/1/04	3,967,193	7,408,610	3,441,417	53.5%	6,016,378	57.2%
11/1/03	2,790,556	5,462,645	2,672,089	51.1%	5,857,338	45.6%

Note: See assumptions used for the Schedule of Funding Progress in Note 9 to the financial statements.

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COMBINING AND INDIVIDUAL FUND STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULE

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CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA

NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Special revenue funds are used to account for specific revenues that are restricted to expenditure for specified purposes.

Forfeited Drug Fund – This fund is used to account for the City's share of monies that have been forfeited through the court system that are restricted for law enforcement purposes.

Hotel/Motel Tax Fund – This fund is used to account for hotel/motel taxes collected that are restricted for promotion of trade and tourism in the City.

DEBT SERVICE FUND

Debt service funds are used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal and interest.

Debt Service Fund – To account for the accumulation of resources for, and payment of, principal and interest on the City's general obligation bonds.

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS

Capital projects funds are used to account for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities other than those financed by proprietary funds.

GO Bond Fund – This fund is used to account for various improvement and construction projects financed by the City's general obligation bonds.

Capital Projects Fund – This fund is used to account for the receipts and disbursements of grant money used to fund various capital outlay projects of the City.

SPLOST Fund – This fund is used to account for the one percent Special Purpose Local Option Tax (SPLOST) funds collected by Walton County and disbursed to the City. The funds are used for specific capital projects as approved by voter referendum.

CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Special Revenue Funds		
ASSETS	Forfeited Drug Fund	Hotel/Motel Tax Fund	Debt Service Fund
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 44,239	$ 3,837	$ 610
Taxes receivable	-	2,111	-
Total assets	$ 44,239	$ 5,948	$ 610
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	$ 23,553	$ -	$ -
Due to other funds	-	-	-
Deferred revenue	-	-	-
Total liabilities	23,553	-	-
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT)			
Unreserved	20,686	5,948	610
Total liabilities and fund balances	$ 44,239	$ 5,948	$ 610

Capital Projects Funds			Total
GO Bond Fund	Capital Projects Fund	SPLOST Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds
$ 159,466	$ 863	$ 3,253	$ 212,268
-	-	174,665	176,776
$ 159,466	$ 863	$ 177,918	$ 389,044
$ 27,948	$ -	$ 157,830	$ 209,331
-	-	16,836	16,836
-	-	92,792	92,792
27,948	-	267,458	318,959
131,518	863	(89,540)	70,085
$ 159,466	$ 863	$ 177,918	$ 389,044

CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Special Revenue Funds		
	Forfeited Drug Fund	Hotel/Motel Tax Fund	Debt Service Fund
REVENUES			
Taxes	$ -	$ 34,171	$ -
Intergovernmental	-	-	-
Fines and forfeitures	61,738	-	-
Interest	11,687	63	19
Total revenues	73,425	34,234	19
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
Public safety	78,420	-	-
Public works	-	-	-
Housing and development	-	159,964	-
Capital outlay	-	-	-
Debt service			
Principal retirements	-	-	270,000
Interest and issuance costs	-	-	316,897
Total expenditures	78,420	159,964	586,897
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(4,995)	(125,730)	(586,878)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	125,000	586,897
Transfers out	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	125,000	586,897
Net change in fund balances	(4,995)	(730)	19
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT), beginning of year	25,681	6,678	591
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT), end of year	$ 20,686	$ 5,948	$ 610

Capital Projects Funds			Total
GO Bond Fund	Capital Projects Fund	SPLOST Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds
$ -	$ -	$ 1,608,961	$ 1,643,132
-	12,157	-	12,157
-	-	-	61,738
1,825	1,658	1,016	16,268
1,825	13,815	1,609,977	1,733,295
-	-	-	78,420
-	-	1,125,700	1,125,700
-	-	-	159,964
692,245	64,225	478,391	1,234,861
-	-	-	270,000
-	-	-	316,897
692,245	64,225	1,604,091	3,185,842
(690,420)	(50,410)	5,886	(1,452,547)
-	101,317	-	813,214
-	-	(42,785)	(42,785)
-	101,317	(42,785)	770,429
(690,420)	50,907	(36,899)	(682,118)
821,938	(50,044)	(52,641)	752,203
$ 131,518	$ 863	$ (89,540)	$ 70,085

CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA
FORFEITED DRUG FUND

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
REVENUES				
Fines & forfeitures	$ 28,997	$ 78,997	$ 61,738	$ (17,259)
Interest	-	-	11,687	11,687
Total revenues	28,997	78,997	73,425	(5,572)
EXPENDITURES				
Public safety	28,997	78,997	78,420	577
Net change in fund balances	-	-	(4,995)	(4,995)
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year	25,681	25,681	25,681	-
FUND BALANCES, end of year	$ 25,681	$ 25,681	$ 20,686	$ (4,995)

CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA
HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUND

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
REVENUES				
Taxes	$ 40,000	$ 40,000	$ 34,171	$ (5,829)
Interest	-	-	63	63
Total revenues	40,000	40,000	34,234	(5,766)
EXPENDITURES				
Culture and recreation	500	500	-	500
Housing and development	154,000	160,000	159,964	36
Total expenditures	154,500	160,500	159,964	536
Deficiency of revenues under expenditures	(114,500)	(120,500)	(125,730)	(5,230)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Transfers in	114,500	120,500	125,000	4,500
Net change in fund balances	-	-	(730)	(730)
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year	6,678	6,678	6,678	-
FUND BALANCES, end of year	$ 6,678	$ 6,678	$ 5,948	$ (730)

CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA
DEBT SERVICE FUND

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
REVENUES				
Interest	$ -	$ -	$ 19	$ 19
EXPENDITURES				
Debt service				
Principal retirements	270,000	270,000	270,000	-
Interest and issuance costs	316,897	316,897	316,897	-
Total expenditures	586,897	586,897	586,897	-
Deficiency of revenues under expenditures	(586,897)	(586,897)	(586,878)	19
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Transfers in	586,897	586,897	586,897	-
Total other financing sources	586,897	586,897	586,897	-
Net change in fund balances	-	-	19	19
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year	591	591	591	-
FUND BALANCES, end of year	$ 591	$ 591	$ 610	$ 19

CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

Project	Original and Current Estimated Cost	Prior Year	Current Year	Total
Transportation, drainage and sidewalks	$ 9,136,000	$ 1,425,648	$ 1,474,742	$ 2,900,390
Public safety	2,500,000	-	-	-
Solid waste	1,500,000	-	-	-
Water & sewer	4,060,000	-	-	-
Airport	1,500,000	-	-	-
Electric, CATV & Fiber	1,500,000	-	-	-
	$ 20,196,000	$ 1,425,648	$ 1,474,742	$ 2,900,390

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
COMPONENT UNIT - DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from customers	$	2,268
Payments to suppliers		(202,316)
Net cash used in operating activities		(200,048)
CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Tax receipts		130,000
Donations received		2,000
Other nonoperating income		88,165
Net cash provided by non-capital financing activities		220,165
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Interest received		814
Net cash provided by investing activities		814
Net increase in cash		20,931
Cash, beginning of year		54,920
Cash, end of year	$	75,851
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Operating loss	$	(175,634)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Change in assets and liabilities:		
Increase in accounts receivable		(19,583)
Decrease in accounts payable and accrued liabilities		(4,831)
Net cash used in operating activities	$	(200,048)

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BALANCE SHEET
COMPONENT UNIT - CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU
DECEMBER 31, 2008

ASSETS	
Cash	$ 221
Total assets	$ 221
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	$ 1,526
Total liabilities	1,526
FUND BALANCE	
Unreserved	(1,305)
Total liabilities and fund balance	$ 221

CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
COMPONENT UNIT - CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

REVENUES	
Taxes	$ 20,000
Total revenues	20,000
EXPENDITURES	
Tourism	21,305
Total expenditures	21,305
Net change in fund balance	(1,305)
FUND BALANCE, beginning of year	-
FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT), end of year	$ (1,305)

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STATISTICAL SECTION

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Sources: Unless otherwise noted, the information in these schedules is derived from the comprehensive annual financial report for the relevant year. The City implemented GASB Statement 34 in 2003; schedules presenting government-wide information include information beginning in that year.

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CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA

NET ASSETS BY COMPONENT
LAST SIX YEARS
(accrual basis of accounting)

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Governmental activities						
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	**$ 18,777,190**	$ 18,830,133	$ 17,937,677	$ 3,271,486	$ 2,685,278	$ 1,726,425
Restricted	**-**	-	-	113,454	2,697,316	3,693,156
Unrestricted	**2,010,154**	2,613,863	2,385,954	7,293,962	2,506,632	1,439,477
Total governmental activities net assets	**$ 20,787,344**	$ 21,443,996	$ 20,323,631	$ 10,678,902	$ 7,889,226	$ 6,859,058
Business-type activities						
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	**$ 48,383,571**	$ 48,532,376	$ 47,035,378	$ 46,638,687	$ 40,778,483	$ 39,380,191
Unrestricted	**6,297,039**	6,536,032	5,361,388	4,212,532	6,294,103	6,068,795
Total business-type activities net assets	**$ 54,680,610**	$ 55,068,408	$ 52,396,766	$ 50,851,219	$ 47,072,586	$ 45,448,986
Primary government						
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	**$ 67,160,761**	$ 67,362,509	$ 57,515,398	$ 49,910,173	$ 43,463,761	$ 41,106,616
Restricted	**-**	-	-	113,454	2,697,316	3,693,156
Unrestricted	**8,307,193**	9,149,895	7,747,342	11,506,494	8,800,735	7,508,272
Total primary government net assets	**$ 75,467,954**	$ 76,512,404	$ 65,262,740	$ 61,530,121	$ 54,961,812	$ 52,308,044

CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA

CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
LAST SIX YEARS
(accrual basis of accounting)

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Expenses						
Governmental activities:						
General government	**$ 1,256,230**	$ 1,201,330	$ 1,694,194 (2)	$ 1,268,756	$ 996,623	$ 910,553
Judicial	**86,259**	76,621	101,795	66,903	59,771	53,943
Public safety	**5,149,446**	4,905,576	4,584,679	4,089,578	4,226,825	3,842,396
Public works	**3,903,485**	2,981,950	2,179,824	1,432,099	2,375,572	2,219,978
Health and welfare	**8,756**	18,514	9,674	11,918	47,688	5,519
Culture and recreation	**364,677**	366,993	328,177	322,390	358,311	338,373
Housing and development	**546,277**	474,499	345,994	239,393	185,843	211,352
Interest on long-term debt	**313,270**	324,998	340,523	365,053	370,794	441,473
Total governmental activities expenses	**11,628,400**	10,350,481	9,584,860	7,796,090	8,621,427	8,023,587
Business-type activities:						
Utilities	**30,977,046** (6)	29,386,045 (5)	30,529,266	30,061,743	26,800,621	22,403,859
Solid Waste	**3,600,554**	3,329,996	3,489,003	2,863,895	2,768,145	2,622,391
Total business-type activities expenses	**34,577,600**	32,716,041	34,018,269	32,925,638	29,568,766	25,026,250
Total primary government expenses	**$ 46,206,000**	$ 43,066,522	$ 43,603,129	$ 40,721,728	$ 38,190,193	$ 33,049,837
Program Revenues						
Governmental activities:						
Charges for services:						
General government	**$ 594,914**	$ 595,072 (4)	$ 310,339 (1)	$ 87,012	$ 58,566	$ 89,804
Judicial	**503,899**	467,927	331,732 (1)	-	-	-
Public safety	**78,890**	64,580	23,579 (1)	413,337	386,801	316,653
Public works	**19,788**	12,470	17,680	800	2,785	-
Health and welfare	**-**	-	-	16,800	20,625	4,000
Culture and recreation	**2,000**	1,065	1,225	-	-	-
Housing and development	**-**	-	- (1)	262,033	290,370	213,459
Operating grants and contributions	**108,675**	107,712	86,254	-	-	67,080
Capital grants and contributions	**282,814**	911,483	2,874,695 (2)	-	-	1,022,218
Total governmental activities program revenues	**1,590,980**	2,160,309	3,645,504	779,982	759,147	1,713,214
Business-type activities:						
Charges for services:						
Utilities	**31,443,996**	31,538,917 (5)	33,310,694	33,730,259	29,919,255	26,627,546
Solid Waste	**3,645,200**	3,286,002	3,248,198	2,791,420	2,734,281	2,692,889
Operating grants and contributions	**-**	-	-	36,796	12,905	-
Capital grants and contributions	**258,931** (6)	1,481,998	716,201 (3)	4,249,412	2,136,117	472,979
Total business-type activities program revenues	**35,348,127**	36,306,917	37,275,093	40,807,887	34,802,558	29,793,414
Total primary government program revenues	**$ 36,939,107**	$ 38,467,226	$ 40,920,597	$ 41,587,869	$ 35,561,705	$ 31,506,628

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CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
LAST SIX YEARS
(accrual basis of accounting)

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Net (expense)/revenue						
Governmental activities	**$ (10,037,420)**	$ (8,190,172)	$ (5,939,356)	$ (7,016,108)	$ (7,862,280)	$ (6,310,373)
Business-type activities	**770,527**	3,590,876	3,256,824	7,882,249	5,233,792	4,767,164
Total primary government net (expense) revenue	**$ (9,266,893)**	$ (4,599,296)	$ (2,682,532)	$ 866,141	$ (2,628,488)	$ (1,543,209)
General Revenues and Other Changes in Net Assets						
Governmental activities:						
Property taxes	**$ 3,058,767**	$ 2,950,804	$ 2,686,312	$ 2,542,580	$ 2,351,239	$ 2,258,913
Sales taxes	**3,828,681**	3,892,735	2,390,642	1,780,995	1,609,567	1,267,971
Franchise taxes	**197,159**	252,451	263,886	255,742	237,448	217,793
Other taxes	**773,845**	750,143	718,778	1,057,955	980,690	924,769
Intergovernmental revenues	**-**	-	-	-	-	62,247
Unrestricted investment earnings	**26,652**	60,448	108,567	71,213	37,124	102,621
Miscellaneous	**138,700**	112,459	101,300	10,000	-	-
Gain on sale of capital assets	**24,247**	21,649	23,593	-	6,905	35,253
Transfers	**1,332,717**	1,269,848	1,433,043	1,391,317	1,860,198	1,714,894
Total governmental activities	**9,380,768**	9,310,537	7,726,121	7,109,802	7,083,171	6,584,461
Business-type activities:						
Investment earnings	**172,734**	331,500	213,843	132,093	67,039	72,033
Miscellaneous	**-**	-	-	-	-	45,019
Gain on sale of capital assets	**1,658**	19,114	-	(9,264)	7,993	36,690
Transfers	**(1,332,717)**	(1,269,848)	(1,433,043)	(1,530,464)	(1,860,947)	(1,714,894)
Total business-type activities	**(1,158,325)**	(919,234)	(1,219,200)	(1,407,635)	(1,785,915)	(1,561,152)
Total primary government	**$ 8,222,443**	$ 8,391,303	$ 6,506,921	$ 5,702,167	$ 5,297,256	$ 5,023,309
Change in Net Assets						
Governmental activities	**$ (656,652)**	$ 1,120,365	$ 1,786,765	$ 93,694	$ (779,109)	$ 274,088
Business-type activities	**(387,798)**	2,671,642	2,037,624	6,474,614	3,447,877	3,206,012
Total primary government	**$ (1,044,450)**	$ 3,792,007	$ 3,824,389	$ 6,568,308	$ 2,668,768	$ 3,480,100

(1) The allocation of charges for services to the various functions was changed in 2006 to more accurately reflect the nature of the City's activities.

(2) The City received and expended several large grants in 2006 that had not been received in prior years.

(3) In 2006, the City received fewer grants and contributions related to business-type activities than in prior years.

(4) During 2007, the City eliminated the internal service funds and began acounting for revenue and expenditures in the general fund.

(5) During 2006 several large industries closed resulting in lower utility revenue and expenses.

(6) Economic conditions in 2008 caused decrease in new construction and therefore reducing revenue from tap fees and capital contributions.

CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES TAX REVENUES BY SOURCE
LAST SIX YEARS
(accrual basis of accounting)

Fiscal Year	Property Tax	Sales Tax	Franchise Tax	Other Tax	Total
2003	$ 2,258,913	$ 1,267,971	$ 217,793	$ 924,769	$ 4,669,446
2004	2,351,239	1,609,567	237,448	980,690	5,178,944
2005	2,542,580	1,780,995	255,742	1,057,955	5,637,272
2006	2,686,312	2,390,642	263,886	718,778	6,059,618
2007	2,950,804	3,892,735 (1)	252,451	750,143	7,846,133
2008	**3,058,767**	**3,828,681**	**197,159** (2)	**773,845**	**7,858,452**

(1) Sales tax increase in 2007 was due to the first year for collection of Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST).
(2) Franchise tax decrease in 2008 was due to the closing of an industry where Georgia Power paid franchise tax to the city.

CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA

FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
LAST TEN YEARS
(modified accrual basis of accounting)

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
General fund										
Reserved	**$ 614,721**	$ 610,247 (1)	$ 54,417	$ 54,271	$ 49,024	$ -	$ 15,041	$ 3,541	$ 15,000	$ 3,541
Unreserved	**1,137,168**	1,319,021	1,768,113	2,317,376	1,976,238	2,241,528	2,556,671	2,362,057	1,551,965	1,745,305
Total general fund	**$ 1,751,889**	$ 1,929,268	$ 1,822,530	$ 2,371,647	$ 2,025,262	$ 2,241,528	$ 2,571,712	$ 2,365,598	$ 1,566,965	$ 1,748,846
All other governmental funds										
Reserved	**$ -**	$ -	$ -	$ 20,000	$ 20,000	$ 12,000	$ 8,000	$ 4,000	$ 60,000	$ 60,000
Unreserved, reported in:										
Special revenue funds	**26,634**	32,359	48,252	30,792	52,863	157,061	160,516	93,081	4,983	25,420
Debt service fund	**610**	591	(183)	(89,261)	6,357	5,137	66,734	29,413	-	-
Capital projects funds	**42,841** (2)	719,253	819,746	1,271,889	1,886,939	2,680,178	3,618,423	4,017,621	6,786,920	177,167
Total all other governmental funds	**$ 70,085**	$ 752,203	$ 867,815	$ 1,233,420	$ 1,966,159	$ 2,854,376	$ 3,853,673	$ 4,144,115	$ 6,851,903	$ 262,587

(1) The increase in reserved fund balance of the general fund in 2007 was due to an advance to another fund for which fund balance is reserved.
(2) The decrease in unreserved fund balance of the capital projects fund in 2008 was due to the completion of several projects for which there were no offsetting revenues.

CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA

CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
LAST TEN YEARS
(modified accrual basis of accounting)

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Revenues										
Taxes	**$ 7,649,019**	$ 7,718,946 (2)	$ 6,154,877	$ 5,331,546	$ 5,076,269	$ 4,507,752	$ 4,535,803	$ 4,436,314	$ 4,027,071	$ 3,577,175
Licenses and permits	**172,791**	179,757	303,400	208,714	241,633	171,298	165,971	147,242	160,862	182,934
Intergovernmental	**252,935** (3)	716,836 (3)	2,129,920	2,090,227	1,383,794	834,318	1,236,721	1,183,036	304,798	282,825
Fines and forfeitures	**565,637**	509,974	337,512	420,414	398,839	331,814	112,397	1,836,172	1,212,054	1,260,650
Charges for services	**456,636**	446,792	38,459	112,623	113,705	97,257	267,744	344,481	407,064	298,127
Interest income	**26,652**	60,448	92,654	62,847	28,528	100,070	199,946	186,659	53,606	60,010
Miscellaneous	**143,127**	117,050	106,484	202,602	44,690	59,541	16,105	250,354	33,910	152,008
Total revenues	**9,266,797**	9,749,803	9,163,306	8,428,973	7,287,458	6,102,050	6,534,687	8,384,258	6,199,365	5,813,729
Expenditures										
General government	**1,075,790**	1,094,922	1,602,150	988,142	1,167,400	1,331,514	1,466,330	867,705	946,373	1,792,209
Judicial	**86,259**	82,684	95,732	77,198	46,817	42,429	-	-	-	-
Public safety	**4,900,123**	4,899,432	4,282,047	4,268,592	3,542,765	3,073,846	2,874,614	2,476,931	2,397,795	2,196,658
Public works	**2,725,633** (4)	1,833,370	2,142,527	1,307,365	1,160,618	1,371,404	1,236,827	2,326,920	568,219	581,233
Health and welfare	**8,756**	18,514	9,674	6,880	7,081	-	-	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	**321,178**	331,981	297,433	280,813	317,589	287,906	472,587	527,241	561,312	498,233
Housing and development	**544,849**	500,377	330,822	246,559	228,045	167,225	178,129	161,115	133,940	132,325
Capital outlay	**1,234,861** (5)	1,942,400	2,343,884	2,593,331	1,828,500	1,056,490	678,402	4,345,078	339,314	1,041,570
Debt service										
Principal retirements	**270,000**	230,000	200,000	125,000	172,815	170,882	574	273,255	421,378	139,542
Interest and fiscal charges	**316,897**	317,062	464,145	365,053	370,794	441,473	333,141	81,104	161,858	21,579
Total expenditures	**11,484,346**	11,250,742	11,768,414	10,258,933	8,842,424	7,943,169	7,240,604	11,059,349	5,530,189	6,403,349
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	**(2,217,549)**	(1,500,939)	(2,605,108)	(1,829,960)	(1,554,966)	(1,841,119)	(705,917)	(2,675,091)	669,176	(589,620)

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CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA

CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
LAST TEN YEARS
(modified accrual basis of accounting)

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Other financing sources (uses)										
Issuance of long-term debt	**-**	-	4,430,000 (1)	-	-	-	-	-	6,827,726	-
Premium from issuance of debt	**-**	-	250,230 (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payment to refunded bond escrow agent	**-**	-	(4,568,686) (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital leases	**-**	-	-	-	-	-	-	149,750	91,605	689,718
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	**25,335**	51,100	55,865	17,334	12,089	35,253	44,037	11,404	11,500	-
Transfers in	**2,187,399**	2,180,769	2,372,834	2,466,036	1,860,403	1,565,271	1,620,354	1,012,275	877,068	1,497,436
Transfers out	**(854,682)**	(739,804)	(939,791)	(1,039,764)	(1,407,009)	(1,088,883)	(1,020,842)	(693,218)	(509,707)	(524,197)
Total other financing sources (uses)	**1,358,052**	1,492,065	1,600,452	1,443,606	465,483	511,641	643,549	480,211	7,298,192	1,662,957
Net change in fund balances	**$ (859,497)**	$ (8,874)	$ (1,004,656)	$ (386,354)	$ (1,089,483)	$ (1,329,478)	$ (62,368)	$ (2,194,880)	$ 7,967,368	$ 1,073,337
Debt service as a percentage of noncapital expenditures	**5.60%**	5.88%	7.05%	6.39%	7.75%	8.89%	5.09%	5.28%	11.24%	3.00%

(1) The City issued refunding bonds in 2006.
(2) The increase in 2007 taxes was due to the first year for collection of Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST).
(3) The City received several large grants in prior years.
(4) This includes SPLOST funds and reflects the first full year of projects.
(5) Due to economic conditions the City reduced capital purchases during 2008.

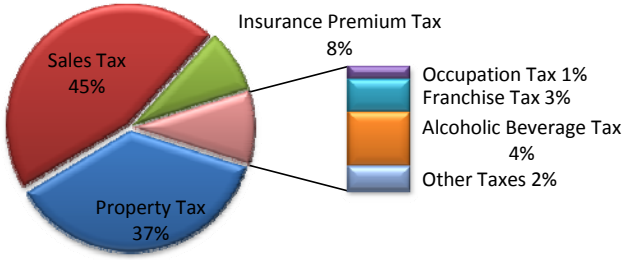
CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA

GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL TAX REVENUES BY SOURCE
LAST TEN YEARS
(modified accrual basis of accounting)

Fiscal Year	Property Tax	Sales Tax	Occupation Tax	Insurance Premium Tax	Franchise Tax	Alcoholic Beverage Tax	Other Taxes	Total
1999	$ 1,346,363	$ 1,238,370	$ 98,222	$ 396,772	$ 182,233	$ 248,020	$ 55,268	$ 3,565,248
2000	1,540,999	1,418,122	68,504	421,425	191,954	250,417	113,421	4,004,842
2001	1,733,672	1,632,577	65,750	414,349	202,077	249,668	138,221	4,436,314
2002	1,962,006	1,464,233	65,048	454,635	207,951	254,739	127,191	4,535,803
2003	2,075,224	1,267,971	68,896	489,989	217,793	248,075	139,804	4,507,752
2004	2,223,150	1,609,567	75,562	531,015	237,448	271,194	128,333	5,076,269
2005	2,212,851	1,780,995	76,088	571,302	255,742	283,643	150,925	5,331,546
2006	2,735,068	2,079,950	73,450	597,725	263,886	274,328	130,470	6,154,877
2007	2,750,738	3,540,175 (1)	86,025	623,494	252,451	315,950	150,113	7,718,946
2008	**2,796,952**	**3,466,283**	**81,573**	**638,429**	**197,159**	**325,791**	**142,831**	**7,649,019**

(1) Sales tax increase in 2007 was due to the first year for collection of Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST).

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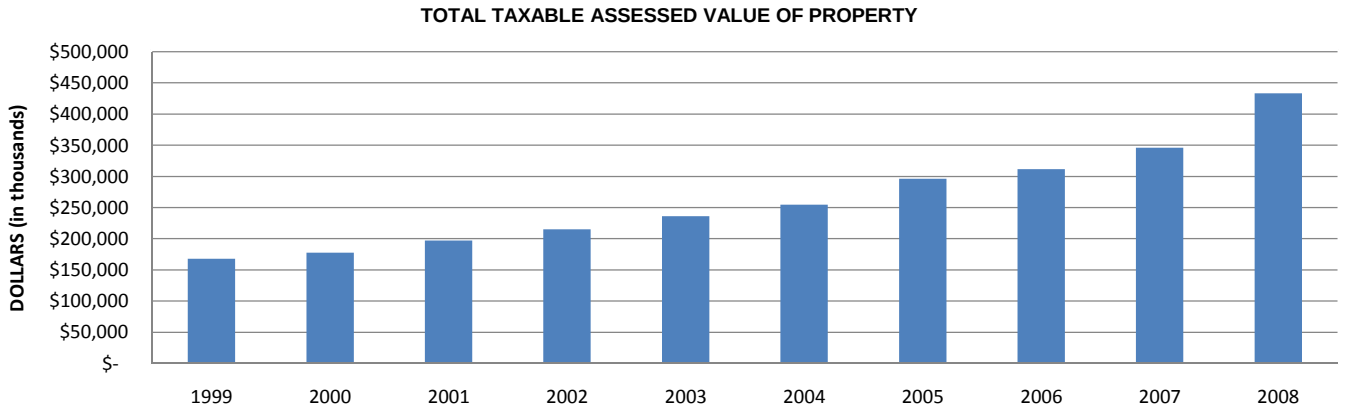
ASSESSED VALUE AND ESTIMATED ACTUAL VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY
LAST TEN YEARS

Fiscal Year	Residential Property	Commercial Property	Industrial Property	Other Property (1)	Less: Tax Exempt Real Property	Total Taxable Assessed Value	Total Direct Tax Rate	Estimated Actual Taxable Value	Assessed Value as a Percentage of Actual Value
1999	$ 73,085,831	$ 56,102,224	$ 23,200,662	$ 23,141,967	$ 7,918,450	$ 167,612,234	8.000	$ 419,030,585	40%
2000	79,018,146	60,826,492	20,666,792	24,441,931	7,201,225	177,752,136	7.967	444,380,340	40%
2001	93,263,923	65,649,258	22,450,885	25,962,448	10,375,674	196,950,840	7.557	492,377,100	40%
2002	100,787,600	69,108,457	28,814,584	28,029,520	11,786,786	214,953,375	7.544	537,383,438	40%
2003	116,774,444	73,355,298	27,270,343	29,426,925	10,852,602	235,974,408	7.214	589,936,020	40%
2004	121,915,717	84,002,249	27,266,091	28,818,686	7,255,689	254,747,054	7.193	636,867,635	40%
2005	145,568,907	104,099,246	23,025,830	29,481,721	6,225,856	295,949,848	6.774	739,874,620	40%
2006	155,682,204	110,239,548	21,823,918	30,254,207	6,170,110	311,829,767	6.748	779,574,418	40%
2007	176,797,772	123,476,040	16,695,955	31,878,547	2,925,428	345,922,886	6.622	864,807,215	40%
2008	**187,519,051**	**138,469,311**	**79,581,022** (2)	**31,299,097**	**3,422,418**	**433,446,063**	**6.601**	**1,083,615,158**	**40%**

Source: Walton County, Georgia Tax Assessors Office

Note: Property in the City is reassessed periodically. Property is assessed at 40% of the fair market value; therefore, the assessed values are equal to 40% of the estimated actual value. Tax rates are per $1,000 of assessed value.

(1) Other property consists of historic, agricultural, conservation use, utility, motor vehicle and mobile homes.
(2) Increase in industrial property due to end of tax ebatement period for major industry.



CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA

PROPERTY TAX RATES - DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING GOVERNMENTS(1)
PER $1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUE
LAST TEN YEARS

	City of Monroe, Georgia			Overlapping Rates					
					School District				Total Direct &
Fiscal Year	Operating Millage	Debt Service Millage (2)	Total City Millage	County	Operating Millage	Debt Service Millage	Total School Millage	State	Overlapping Rates
1998	8.000	-	8.000	10.690	15.320	1.540	16.860	0.25	35.800
1999	8.000	-	8.000	10.460	17.280	1.370	18.650	0.25	37.360
2000	7.967	-	7.967	10.050	18.040	1.050	19.090	0.25	37.357
2001	5.717	1.840	7.557	10.050	16.950	0.990	17.940	0.25	35.797
2002	5.905	1.639	7.544	9.643	16.950	0.990	17.940	0.25	35.377
2003	5.515	1.699	7.214	9.643	16.940	0.960	17.900	0.25	35.007
2004	5.604	1.589	7.193	9.630	17.020	0.880	17.900	0.25	34.973
2005	5.034	1.740	6.774	9.577	17.240	1.600	18.840	0.25	35.441
2006	4.870	1.878	6.748	9.585	17.240	2.700	19.940	0.25	36.523
2007	4.920	1.702	6.622	9.695	17.240	2.700	19.940	0.25	36.507
2008	**5.189**	**1.412**	**6.601**	**9.632**	**17.490**	**2.450**	**19.940**	**0.25**	**36.423**

Source: Walton County Tax Assessors Office

Note: Assessed values are established by the County Assessors on January 1 of each year at 40% of the actual value.

(1) Overlapping rates are those of local and county governments that apply to property owners within the City of Monroe.
(2) 2001 was the first year for City of Monroe debt service.

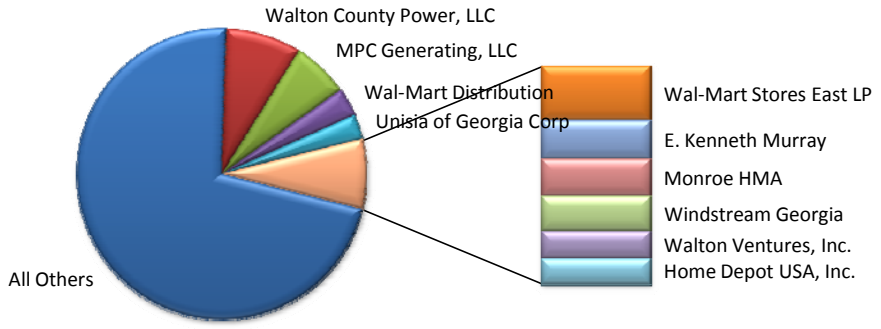
CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA

PRINCIPAL PROPERTY TAXPAYERS
CURRENT AND NINE YEARS AGO
(amounts expressed in thousands)

	2008			1999		
Taxpayer	Taxable Assessed Value	Rank	Percentage of Taxable Assessed Value	Taxable Assessed Value	Rank	Percentage of Taxable Assessed Value
Walton County Power, LLC	**$ 36,495**	**1**	**8.42 %**	$		%
MPC Generating, LLC	**27,266**	**2**	**6.29**			
Wal-Mart Distribution	**13,715**	**3**	**3.16**			
Unisia of Georgia Corp	**12,081**	**4**	**2.79**			
Wal-Mart Stores East LP	**8,264**	**5**	**1.91**			
E. Kenneth Murray	**5,937**	**6**	**1.37**	1,661	6	0.99
Monroe HMA	**5,724**	**7**	**1.32**			
Windstream Georgia	**5,324**	**8**	**1.23**			
Walton Ventures, Inc.	**4,256**	**9**	**0.98**			
Home Depot USA, Inc.	**3,893**	**10**	**0.90**			
Avondale Mills				9,949	1	5.94
Harry Arnold, Jr.				3,399	2	2.03
Universal Rundle				2,557	3	1.53
Oxford Industries				2,160	4	1.29
Beidler Reed				2,009	5	1.20
Duckhead				1,288	7	0.77
David Thompson				1,186	8	0.71
Monroe Golf & Country Club				1,179	9	0.70
Devore TC & Family				1,178	10	0.70
Totals	**$ 122,955**		**28.37 %**	$ 26,566		15.85 %

Source: City of Monroe Finance Department

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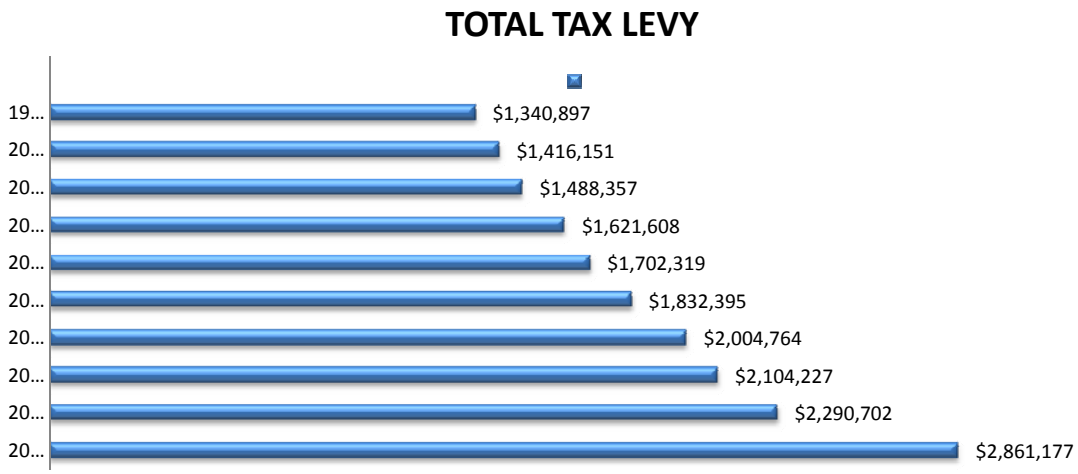


CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS
LAST TEN YEARS

Fiscal Year	Total Tax Levy	Collected within the Fiscal Year of the Levy		Collections in Subsequent Years	Total Collections to Date	
		Amount	Percentage of Levy		Amount	Percentage of Levy
1999	$ 1,340,897	$ 1,309,759	97.7 %	$ 137,134	$ 1,446,893	107.9 %
2000	1,416,151	1,316,692	93.0	187,492	1,504,184	106.2
2001	1,488,357	1,394,605	93.7	188,492	1,583,097	106.4
2002	1,621,608	1,375,935	84.9	186,722	1,562,657	96.4
2003	1,702,319	1,510,603	88.7	187,971	1,698,574	99.8
2004	1,832,395	1,620,022	88.4	206,885	1,826,907	99.7
2005	2,004,764	1,659,986	82.8 (1)	294,130	1,954,116	97.5
2006	2,104,227	1,907,162	90.6	185,071	2,092,233	99.4
2007	2,290,702	2,073,194	90.5	114,196	2,187,390	95.5
2008	**2,861,177**	**2,672,959**	**93.4**	**-**	**2,672,959**	**93.4**

(1) One of the City's principal taxpayers was late remitting taxes in 2005 resulting in a lower percentage of levy collected during that year.



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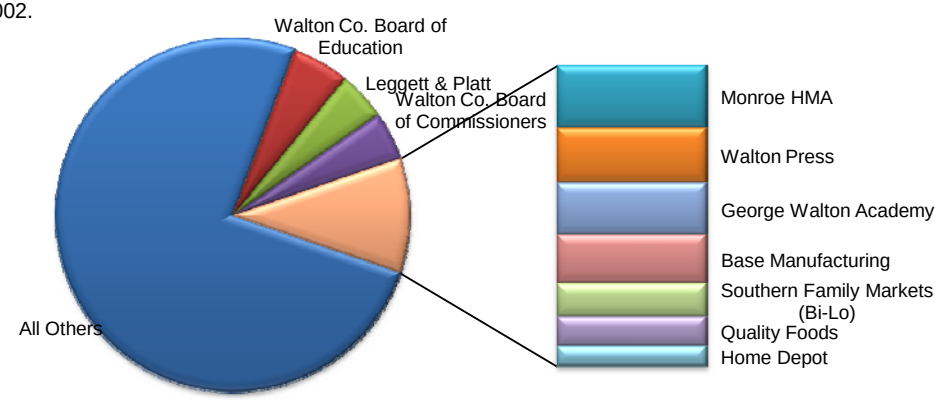
TOP TEN ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS
CURRENT AND SIX YEARS AGO

	2008				2002			
Customer	Usage in MWh	Annual Revenue (in thousands)	Rank	Percentage of Total Revenues	Usage in MWh	Annual Revenue (in thousands)	Rank	Percentage of Total Revenues
Walton Co. Board of Education	**6,511**	**$ 711**	**1**	**5.22 %**	6,035	$ 615	1	5.48 %
Leggett & Platt	**8,052**	**602**	**2**	**4.42**	9,295	329	3	2.93
Walton Co. Board of Commissioners	**5,855**	**597**	**3**	**4.38**	2,536	140	7	1.25
Monroe HMA	**5,158**	**299**	**4**	**2.20**	5,956	418	2	3.72
Walton Press	**2,670**	**262**	**5**	**1.92**				
George Walton Academy	**2,110**	**245**	**6**	**1.80**	1,904	192	5	1.71
Base Manufacturing	**2,150**	**234**	**7**	**1.72**	1,397	135	8	1.20
Southern Family Markets (Bi-Lo)	**1,896**	**157**	**8**	**1.15**	2,150	150	6	1.34
Quality Foods	**1,665**	**142**	**9**	**1.04**	1,670	128	9	1.14
Home Depot	**2,022**	**92**	**10**	**0.68**				
Oxford Industries					2,659	273	4	2.43
Wal-Mart Store					1,283	101	10	0.90
Totals	**38,089**	**3,341**		**24.53**	34,885	2,481		22.10
All Others	**107,995**	**10,278**		**75.47**	97,221	8,746		77.90
Annual Totals	**142,790**	**$ 13,619**		**100.00 %**	132,106	$ 11,227		100.00 %

Source: City of Monroe Utility Department

Note: Information not available for years prior to 2002.

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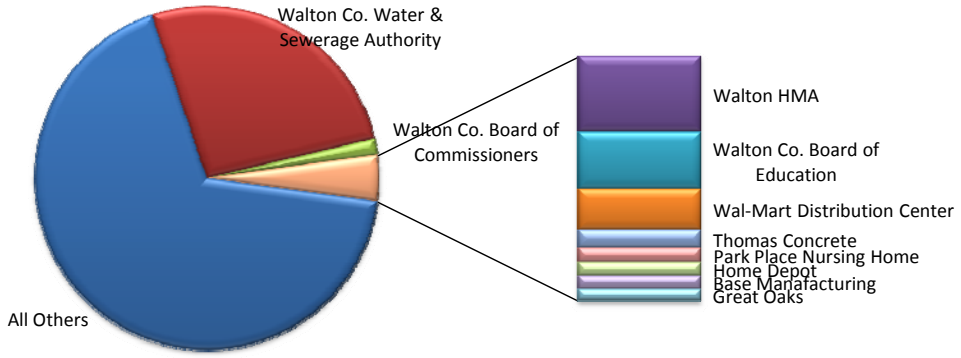
CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA

TOP TEN WATER CUSTOMERS
CURRENT AND FIVE YEARS AGO

	2008				2003			
Customer	Usage in Kgallons	Annual Revenue (in thousands)	Rank	Percentage of Total Revenues	Usage in Kgallons	Annual Revenue (in thousands)	Rank	Percentage of Total Revenues
Walton Co. Water & Sewerage Authority	**570,742**	**$ 923**	**1**	**26.48 %**	548,354	$ 771	1	26.06 %
Walton Co. Board of Commissioners	**15,206**	**54**	**2**	**1.55**	13,234	38	6	1.28
Walton HMA	**15,480**	**46**	**3**	**1.32**	19,318	44	4	1.49
Walton Co. Board of Education	**8,623**	**35**	**4**	**1.00**	13,405	41	5	1.39
Wal-Mart Distribution Center	**8,656**	**25**	**5**	**0.72**	9,992	33	7	1.12
Thomas Concrete	**2,510**	**11**	**6**	**0.32**				
Park Place Nursing Home	**2,031**	**9**	**7**	**0.26**	2,014	8	10	0.27
Home Depot	**2,809**	**8**	**8**	**0.23**				
Base Manafacturing	**2,021**	**8**	**9**	**0.23**				
Great Oaks	**2,593**	**7**	**10**	**0.20**				
George Walton Academy					3,140	10	9	0.34
Universal Rundle					34,508	46	3	1.56
Avondale Mills (Walton-Monroe Mills)					27,897	57	2	1.93
Silgan PET, Inc.					4,270	10	8	0.34
Totals	**$ 630,671**	**$ 1,126**		**32.30**	676,132	1,058		35.77
All Others	**$ 516,329**	**$ 2,360**		**67.70**	548,911	1,900		64.23
Annual Totals	**$ 1,147,000**	**$ 3,486**		**100.00 %**	1,225,043	$ 2,958		100.00 %

Source: City of Monroe Utility Department
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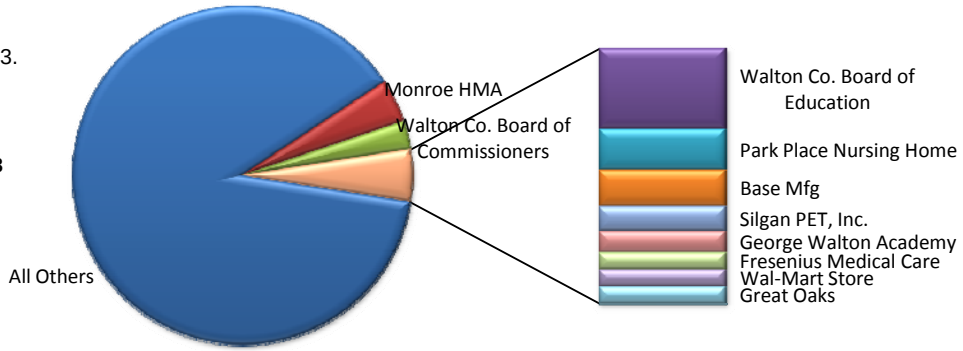
TOP TEN SEWER CUSTOMERS
CURRENT AND FIVE YEARS AGO

	2008				2003			
Customer	Usage in Kgallons	Annual Revenue (in thousands)	Rank	Percentage of Total Revenues	Usage in Kgallons	Annual Revenue (in thousands)	Rank	Percentage of Total Revenues
Monroe HMA	**15,480**	**$ 87**	**1**	**4.12 %**		$		%
Walton Co. Board of Commissioners	**8,710**	**57**	**2**	**2.70**	13,234	54	4	2.77
Walton Co. Board of Education	**4,705**	**33**	**3**	**1.56**	13,405	54	3	2.77
Park Place Nursing Home	**2,028**	**17**	**4**	**0.80**	2,014	14	6	0.72
Base Mfg	**2,754**	**15**	**5**	**0.71**				
Silgan PET, Inc.	**1,233**	**10**	**6**	**0.47**	4,270	19	5	0.98
George Walton Academy	**1,561**	**9**	**7**	**0.43**	3,140	5	10	0.26
Fresenius Medical Care	**1,395**	**7**	**8**	**0.33**				
Wal-Mart Store	**1,392**	**7**	**9**	**0.33**				
Great Oaks	**1,351**	**7**	**10**	**0.33**				
A Warrior Roofing								
Applebees								
Universal Rundle					34,508	92	2	4.73
Avondale Mills (Walton-Monroe Mills)					27,897	109	1	5.60
Wal-Mart Distribution Center					9,992	10	7	0.51
Walton Co. Water & Sewerage Authority					3,650	9	8	0.46
Monroe Motor Inn					1,070	5	9	0.26
Totals	**40,609**	**249**		**11.78**	113,180	371		19.05
All Others		**1,865**		**88.22**		1,576		80.95
Annual Totals		**$ 2,114**		**100.00 %**		$ 1,947		100.00 %

Source: City of Monroe Utility Department

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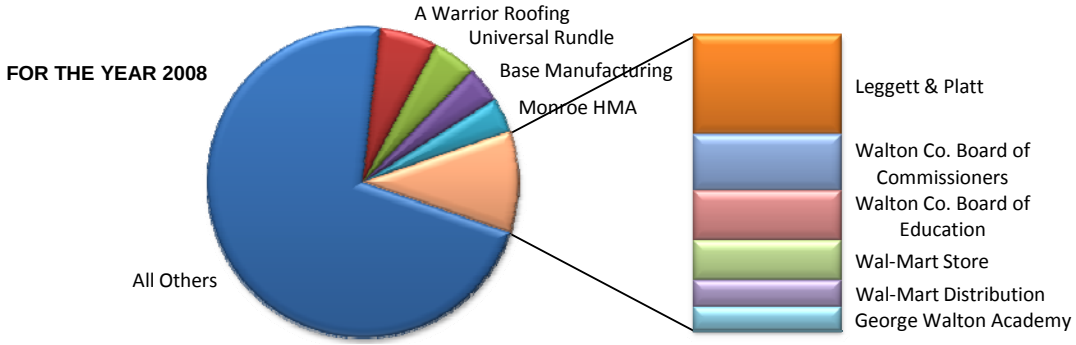
CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA

TOP TEN GAS CUSTOMERS
CURRENT AND FIVE YEARS AGO

	2008				2003			
Customer	Usage in MCF	Annual Revenue (in thousands)	Rank	Percentage of Total Revenues	Usage in MCF	Annual Revenue (in thousands)	Rank	Percentage of Total Revenues
A Warrior Roofing	**23,803**	**$ 353**	**1**	**5.96 %**		$		%
Universal Rundle	**14,825**	**272**	**2**	**4.59**	280,888	1,874	1	30.75
Base Manufacturing	**15,354**	**221**	**3**	**3.73**	15,092	144	5	2.36
Monroe HMA	**13,677**	**215**	**4**	**3.63**	15,143	145	4	2.38
Leggett & Platt	**13,602**	**210**	**5**	**3.55**	12,512	140	6	2.30
Walton Co. Board of Commissioners	**8,000**	**118**	**6**	**1.99**	7,007	76	8	1.25
Walton Co. Board of Education	**7,431**	**105**	**7**	**1.77**	10,077	108	7	1.77
Wal-Mart Store	**5,413**	**84**	**8**	**1.42**				
Wal-Mart Distribution	**3,859**	**57**	**9**	**0.96**				
George Walton Academy	**3,467**	**50**	**10**	**0.84**				
Oconee County Schools								
Silgan PET, Inc.					4,052	36	10	0.59
Avondale Mills (Walton-Monroe Mills)					37,458	286	2	4.69
Sunbelt					17,071	171	3	2.81
Well Luck Co.					6,388	61	9	1.00
Totals	**109,431**	**1,685**		**28.45**	405,688	3,041		49.89
All Others	**255,250**	**4,238**		**71.55**	295,412	3,054		50.11
Annual Totals	**364,681**	**$ 5,923**		**100.00 %**	701,100	$ 6,095		100.00 %

Source: City of Monroe Utility Department

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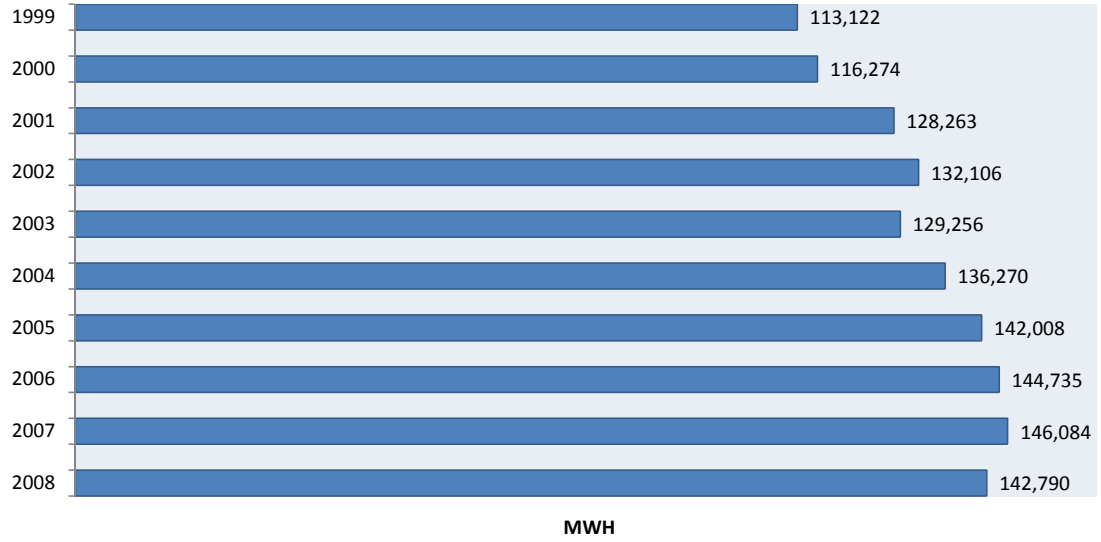
CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA

ELECTRIC MWH SOLD BY TYPE OF CUSTOMER
LAST TEN YEARS

	MWH									
Type of Customer	**2008**	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002 (1)	2001 (1)	2000 (1)	1999 (1)
Residential	**66,972**	67,462	66,069	65,327	61,577	59,020	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Commercial	**75,783**	78,587	78,639	76,651	74,660	70,210	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Security Lights	**20**	20	12	15	19	12	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Traffic Lights	**15**	15	15	15	14	14	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	**142,790**	146,084	144,735	142,008	136,270	129,256	132,106	128,263	116,274	113,122

(1) Information by type unavailable.

Source: City of Monroe Utility Department



CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA

WATER GALLONS SOLD BY TYPE OF CUSTOMER
LAST TEN YEARS

	Gallons (in millions)									
Type of Customer	**2008**	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002 (1)	2001 (1)	2000 (1)	1999 (1)
Residential	**417**	473	461	439	413	404	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Small Commercial & Industrial (2)	**116**	144	147	223	226	230	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Large Commercial & Industrial (2)	**43**	54	73	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wholesale	**571**	538	584	656	675	591	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	**1,147** (3)	1,209	1,265	1,318	1,314	1,225	1,194	1,163	1,215	1,113

(1) Information by type unavailable.
(2) Beginning in 2006, the commercial classification was divided into Small C&L and Large C&L. Large C&L is classified as usage consistently over over one million gallons per month through a single meter.
(3) Residential, Commercial and Industrial sold decreased in 2008 due to increased conservation measures during drought.

Source: City of Monroe Utility Department



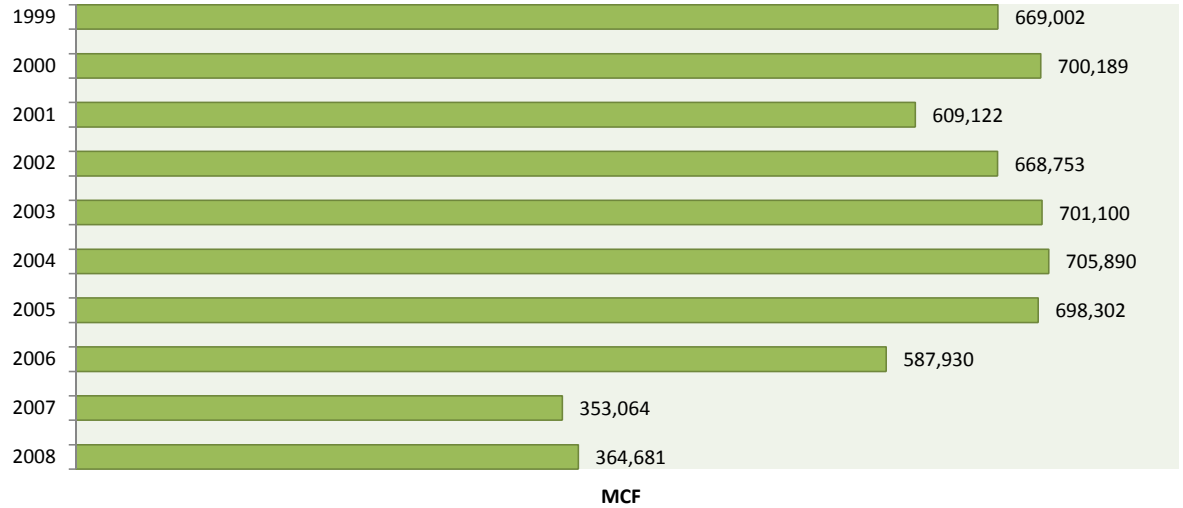
CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA

GAS MCF SOLD BY TYPE OF CUSTOMER
LAST TEN YEARS

	MCF									
Type of Customer	**2008**	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002 (1)	2001 (1)	2000 (1)	1999 (1)
Residential	**177,587**	163,726	166,590 (3)	198,027	191,033	191,711	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Commercial	**130,154**	128,151	127,735	127,668	122,971	120,813	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Agriculture	**1,941**	3,742	6,626	8,135	9,840	2,761	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Industrial	**54,999**	57,445 (3)	286,979 (3)	364,472	366,325	348,357	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Interruptible (2)	**-**	-	-	-	15,721	37,458	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	**364,681**	353,064	587,930	698,302	705,890	701,100	668,753	609,122	700,189	669,002

(1) Information by type unavailable
(2) The City only had one Interruptible customer, and that company closed operations in 2004.
(3) The decrease in Industrial in 2006 and 2007 is due to a large industrial customer closing its manufacturing operations. Residential usage for 2006 decreased from 2005 as a result of much milder weather conditions.

Source: City of Monroe Utility Department



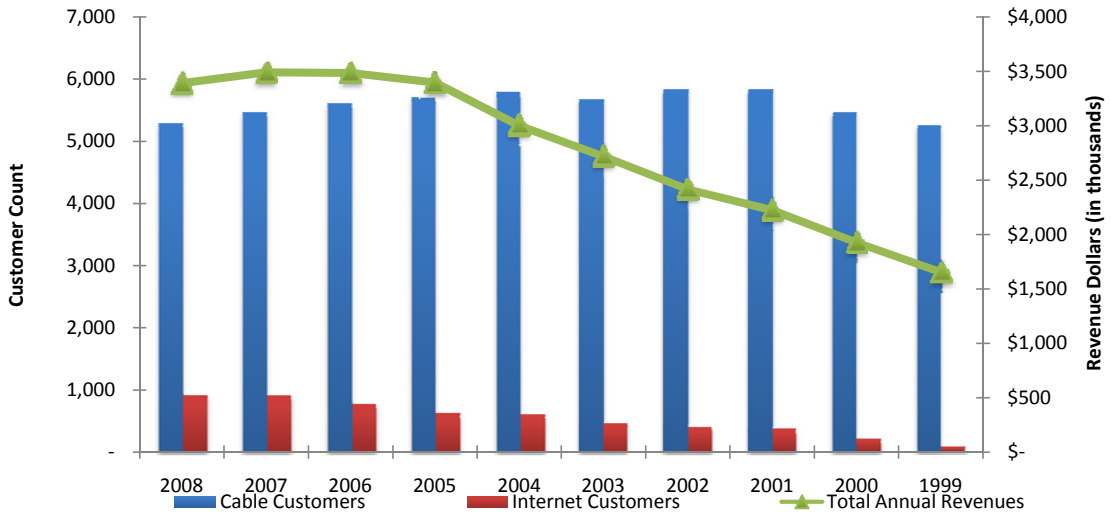
CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA

TELECOMMUNICATIONS (CABLE & INTERNET) SALES
LAST TEN YEARS

	Fiscal Years									
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Standard Cable Customers	**5,244**	5,411	5,518	5,613	5,704	5,665	5,818	5,838	5,469	5,247
Digital Cable Customers (1)	**44**	57	80	88	66	-	-	-	-	-
Internet Customers (2)	**914**	892	757	604	588	447	393	357	200	71
Annual Sales (in thousands)	**$ 3,391**	$ 3,492	$ 3,486	$ 3,398	$ 3,002	$ 2,719	$ 2,415	$ 2,225	$ 1,928	$ 1,653

(1) Digital cable service started in 2004.
(2) Internet service started in 1999.

Source: City of Monroe Utility Department



CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA

RESIDENTIAL UTILITY RATES
LAST TEN YEARS

	Electric				Gas			Water		Sewer	
Fiscal Year	Monthly Base Rate	First 700 KWH or less	Over 700 KWH Summer	Over 700 KWH Winter	Monthly Base Rate	Rate per CCF Summer	Rate per CCF Winter	Monthly Base Rate	Rate per 1,000 Gallons	Monthly Base Rate	Rate per 1,000 Gallons
1999	8.50	0.0650	0.0900	0.0530	5.35	0.535	0.642	6.00 (1)		8.50 (5)	
2000	8.50	0.0650	0.0900	0.0530	5.35	0.535	0.642	6.50 (1)		10.50 (5)	
2001	9.00	0.0685	0.0950	0.0560	6.00	0.600	0.720	2.71	2.23 (2)	4.75	2.10
2002	9.00	0.0685	0.0950	0.0560	10.00	0.375	0.375	3.25	2.68 (2)	5.70	2.52
2003	9.00	0.0685	0.0950	0.0560	10.00	0.375	0.375	3.25	2.68 (2)	5.70	2.52
2004	9.00	0.0685	0.0950	0.0560	10.00	0.375	0.375	3.41	2.81 (2)	5.99	2.65
2005	9.00	0.0685	0.0950	0.0560	10.00	0.375	0.375	3.41	2.85 (3)	6.00	2.75
2006	9.00	0.0685	0.0950	0.0560	10.00	0.375	0.375	8.25	1.50 (4)	7.00	2.75
2007	9.00	0.0685	0.0950	0.0560	10.00	0.375	0.375	8.25	1.50 (4)	7.00	2.75
2008	**9.00**	**0.0685**	**0.0950**	**0.0560**	**10.00**	**0.375**	**0.375**	**8.25**	**1.50 (4)**	**7.00**	**2.75**

Note: Rates are plus fuel adjustment and applicable sales tax

(1) Rates based on first 3000 gallons, residential in-city and do not include out-of-city or commercial rates.
(2) Rates based on 0 - 100,000 gallons, residential in-city and do not include out-of-city or commercial rates.
(3) Rates based on 0 - 10,000 gallons, residential in-city and do not include out-of-city or commercial rates.
(4) Rates based on 0 - 3,000 gallons, residential in-city and do not include out-of-city or commercial rates.
(5) Rates based on 0 - 3,999 gallons, residential in-city and do not include out-of-city or commercial rates.

CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA

RATIOS OF OUTSTANDING DEBT BY TYPE
LAST TEN YEARS

Fiscal Year	Governmental Activities			Business-type Activities			Total Primary Government	Percentage of Personal Income (1)	Per Capita (1)
	General Obligation Bonds	Notes Payable	Capital Leases	Utility Revenue Bonds	Notes Payable	Capital Leases			
1999	$ -	$ -	$ 1,041,250	$ 4,975,000	$ 2,918,067	$ 1,979,399	$ 10,913,716	4.51 %	$ 985
2000	7,195,000	-	816,102	4,520,000	7,021,709	1,896,247	21,449,058	7.97	1,876
2001	7,195,000	-	602,730	24,600,000	8,770,838	1,797,168	42,965,736	15.34	3,713
2002	7,195,000	-	263,177	24,100,000	9,618,396	1,959,070	43,135,643	15.42	3,680
2003	7,180,000	-	107,296	33,400,000	789,474	130,806	41,607,576	14.52	3,513
2004	7,115,000	-	-	32,050,000	679,235	24,493	39,868,728	12.98	3,348
2005	6,990,000	-	-	30,675,000	597,379	-	38,262,379	11.51	3,099
2006	6,950,000	-	-	29,595,000	513,873	-	37,058,873	9.94	2,757
2007	6,720,000	-	-	28,170,000	428,685	-	35,318,685	9.47	2,627
2008	**6,450,000**	**-**	**-**	**26,710,000**	**341,780**	**-**	**33,501,780**	**8.99**	**2,492**

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

(1) See the Schedule of Demographic and Economic Statistics for personal income and population data.

CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA

RATIOS OF GENERAL BONDED DEBT OUTSTANDING
LAST NINE YEARS (1)

Fiscal Year	General Obligation Bonds	Less: Amounts Available in Debt Service Fund	Total	Percentage of Estimated Actual Taxable Value (2) of Property	Per Capita (3)
2000	$ 7,195,000	$ 404,894	$ 6,790,106	1.53 %	$ 594
2001	7,195,000	96,041	7,098,959	1.44	614
2002	7,195,000	97,485	7,097,515	1.32	606
2003	7,180,000	97,224	7,082,776	1.20	598
2004	7,115,000	97,713	7,017,287	1.10	589
2005	6,990,000	673	6,989,327	0.94	566
2006	6,950,000	(183)	6,950,183	0.89	517
2007	6,720,000	591	6,719,409	0.78	500
2008	**6,450,000**	**610**	**6,449,390**	**0.60**	**480**

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

(1) The City did not have general obligation debt outstanding prior to 2000.
(2) See the Schedule of Assessed Value and Estimated Actual Value of Taxable Property for property value data.
(3) Population data can be found in the Schedule of Demographic and Economic Statistics.

CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA

DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES DEBT
DECEMBER 31, 2008

Governmental Unit	Net General Obligation Bonded Debt Outstanding	Percentage Applicable to City of Monroe (1)	Amount Applicable to City of Monroe
Debt repaid with property taxes:			
Walton County	$ 54,915,000	18.01%	$ 9,889,107
Walton County Board of Education	74,700,000	14.40%	10,756,861
Subtotal, overlapping debt	129,615,000		20,645,969
Direct:			
City of Monroe	6,450,000	100.00%	6,450,000
Total direct and overlapping debt	$ 136,065,000		$ 27,095,969

Source: Assessed value data used to estimate applicable percentages provided by the Walton County Tax Assessors and the Georgia Department of Revenue Property Tax Division. Debt outstanding data obtained from Walton County's financial statements.

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

(1) The percentage of overlapping debt applicable is estimated using taxable assessed property values. Applicable percentages were estimated by determining the portion of the county's taxable assessed value that is within the City's boundaries and dividing it by the county's total taxable assessed value.

CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA

LEGAL DEBT MARGIN INFORMATION
LAST NINE YEARS
(amounts expressed in thousands)

	Fiscal Years								
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Debt Limit	**$ 43,687**	$ 34,885	$ 31,800	$ 30,217	$ 26,200	$ 24,682	$ 22,674	$ 20,732	$ 18,495
Total net debt applicable to limit	**6,450**	6,720	6,950	6,989	7,017	7,083	7,098	7,099	6,790
Legal debt margin	**$ 37,237**	$ 28,165	$ 24,850	$ 23,228	$ 19,183	$ 17,599	$ 15,576	$ 13,633	$ 11,705
Total net debt applicable to the limit as a percentage of debt limit	**14.76%**	19.26%	21.86%	23.13%	26.78%	28.70%	31.30%	34.24%	36.71%

Assessed Value	**$ 433,446**
Add back: exempt real property	**3,422**
Total assessed value	**436,868**
Debt limit (10% of total assessed value)	**43,687**
Debt applicable to limit:	
General obligation bonds	**6,450**
Less: Amount set aside for repayment of general obligation debt	**-**
Total net debt applicable to limit	**6,450**
Legal debt margin	**$ 37,237**

Note: Under state finance law, the City's outstanding general obligation debt should not exceed 10 percent of total assessed property value.
By law, the general obligation debt subject to the limitation may be offset by amounts set aside for repaying general obligation bonds.

CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA

COMBINED UTILITY REVENUE BOND COVERAGE
LAST TEN YEARS
(amounts expressed in thousands)

Fiscal Year	Gross Revenue (1)	Operating Expenses (2)	Net Revenue Available for Debt Service	Debt Service Requirements (3)			Bond Coverage Ratio
				Principal	Interest	Total	
1999	$ 17,694	$ 14,070	$ 3,624	$ 435	$ 275	$ 710	5.10
2000	19,902	16,310	3,592	455	256	711	5.05
2001	23,083	17,850	5,233	475	234	709	7.38
2002	25,225	18,151	7,074	500	1,204	1,704	4.15
2003	25,761	19,987	5,774	595	1,179	1,774	3.25
2004	29,260	22,696	6,564	1,350	1,363	2,713	2.42
2005	32,869	25,792	7,077	1,375	1,339	2,714	2.61
2006	32,099	26,169	5,930	1,400	1,308	2,708	2.19
2007	30,368	25,088	5,280	1,425	1,259	2,684	1.97
2008	**31,290**	**26,578**	**4,712**	**1,460**	**1,228**	**2,688**	**1.75**

(1) Total revenues include interest, but not tap fees.

(2) Operating expenses do not include depreciation.

(3) Represents principal and interest for revenue bonds only.

CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA

DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC STATISTICS
LAST TEN YEARS

Fiscal Year	Population (1)	Personal Income* (in thousands)	Per Capita Personal Income (2)*	Median Age (1)	Housing Units (1)	Unemployment Rate (3)	Wage & Salary Employment # of Jobs (2)*
1998	10,577	$ 219,134	$ 20,718	27	3,933	5.2	13,470
1999	11,081	242,186	21,856	27	3,933	5.3	14,230
2000	11,433	268,961	23,525	32	4,637	4.9	15,102
2001	11,571	280,122	24,209	32	4,637	5.6	15,809
2002	11,721	279,698	23,863	32	4,637	7.1	16,845
2003	11,845	286,459	24,184	32	4,637	8.4	17,772
2004	11,907	307,153	25,796	32	4,637	10.3	19,202
2005	12,347	332,505	26,930	32	4,637	5.7	20,545
2006	12,631	350,321	27,735	32	4,637	6.1	22,103
2007	13,442	372,814	27,735	32	4,637	6.3	22,103
2008	**13,442**	**372,814**	**27,735**	**32**	**4,637**	**9.8**	**22,103**

(1) Source: U.S. Census Bureau

(2) Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

(3) Source: Georgia Department of Labor

* Data only available at the County level

Note: Beginning in 2005, City unemployment rates were calculated by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) using a revised methodology. This methodology incorporates more current residency factors. Historical data could not be revised using the new method. Thus, estimates for city labor force data for 2005 and forward are not comparable to prior years. In some instances, there have been large changes in the unemployment rates from previous years.

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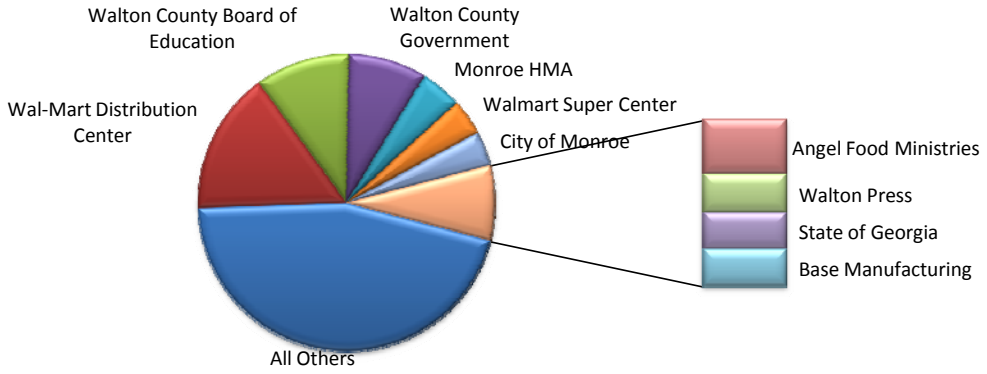
PRINCIPAL EMPLOYERS
CURRENT YEAR AND SIX YEARS AGO

	2008			2002		
Employer	Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total City Employment	Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total City Employment
Wal-Mart Distribution Center	**989**	**1**	**15.5 %**			
Walton County Board of Education	**660**	**2**	**10.3**			
Walton County Government	**545**	**3**	**8.5**	343	3	10.9 %
Monroe HMA	**289**	**4**	**4.5**			
Walmart Super Center	**250**	**5**	**3.9**	86	7	2.7
City of Monroe	**234**	**6**	**3.7**	170	6	5.4
Angel Food Ministries	**175**	**7**	**2.7**			
Walton Press	**122**	**8**	**1.9**	80	8	2.5
State of Georgia	**118**	**9**	**1.8**			
Base Manufacturing	**115**	**10**	**1.8**			
Oxford Industries				400	1	12.7
Walton County Hospital				385	2	12.2
Avondale Mills (Walton-Monroe Mills)				320	4	10.1
Universal Rundle				272	5	8.6
Southern Family Markets (Bi-Lo)				78	9	2.5
National Bank of Walton County				52	10	1.6
Totals	**3,497**		**54.7 %**	2,186		69.2 %

Source: City of Monroe Code Department

Note: Information not available for years prior to 2002.

FOR THE YEAR 2008



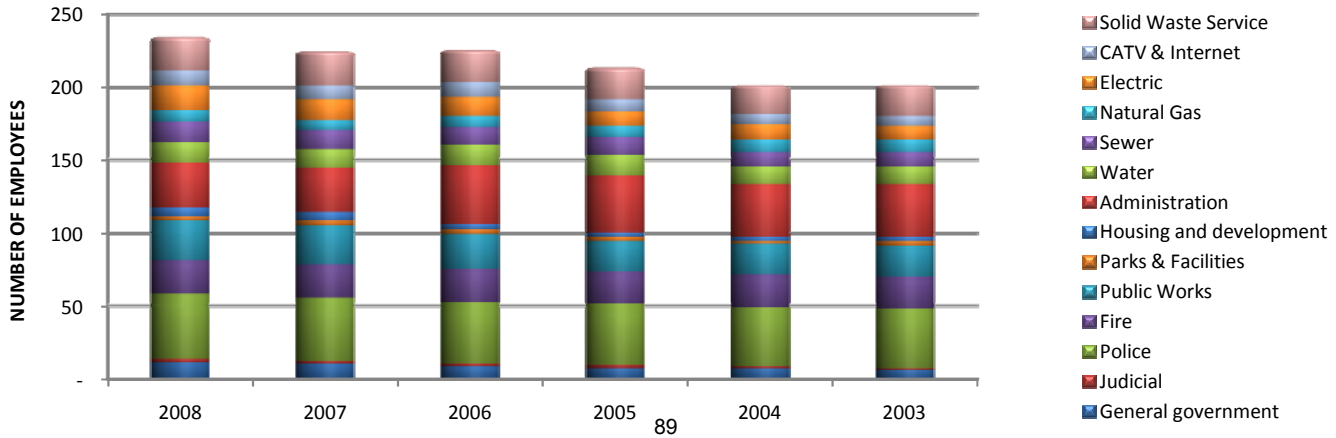
CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT CITY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES BY FUNCTION
LAST SIX FISCAL YEARS

Function	**2008**	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
General government	**11**	10	8	7	7	6
Judicial	**2**	2	2	2	1	1
Public Safety						
Police	**45**	43	42	42	41	41
Fire	**23**	23	23	22	22	22
Public Works	**27**	27	24	21	21	21
Culture and recreation						
Parks & Facilities	**3**	3	3	3	2	3
Housing and development	**6**	6	4	3	3	3
Utilities						
Administration	**31**	30	40	39	36	36
Water	**14**	13	14	14	12	12
Sewer	**14**	13	12	12	10	10
Natural Gas	**8**	7	8	8	9	9
Electric	**17**	14	13	10	10	9
CATV & Internet	**10**	10	10	8	7	7
Solid Waste Service	**23**	23	22	22	20	21
Totals	**234**	224	225	213	201	201

Source: City Finance Department

Note: Information is not available for years prior to 2003.



CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA

OPERATING INDICATORS BY FUNCTION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Function		2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Police:											
	Number of dispatches	**40,901**	41,618	38,276	33,396	33,549	40,881	38,487	24,300	26,338	24,681
	Number of traffic citations issued	**4,416**	3,697	3,049	3,759	3,396	3,550	4,211	4,257	5,358	N/A
Fire:											
	Number of fire/EMS dispatches	**1,482**	1,353	1,207	1,203	1,007	969	948	N/A	N/A	N/A
Highways and streets:											
	Street resurfacing (lane miles)	**10**	9	14	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Housing and development:											
	Value of new building construction (in 000's)	**$ 7,040** (3)	$ 37,415	$ 35,882	$ 23,207	$ 37,247	$ 19,640	$ 20,895	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Number of permits issued	**76** (3)	207	271	131	177	115	107	N/A	N/A	N/A
Utilities: Cable & Internet											
	Number of customers standard cable	**5,244**	5,411	5,518	5,613	5,704	5,665	5,818	5,838	5,469	5,247
	Number of customers digital cable (1)	**44**	57	80	88	66	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Number of Internet customers (2)	**914**	892	757	604	588	447	393	357	200	71
Electric											
	Number of customers	**5,870**	5,964	5,809	5,647	5,596	5,539	5,600	5,436	5,344	5,360
	Average daily consumption (KWh)	**391,111**	400,228	400,134	389,060	372,322	354,055	361,918	251,405	318,559	309,923
Natural gas											
	Number of customers	**4,250**	4,240	4,105	4,081	4,010	3,955	3,950	3,875	3,739	3,678
	Average daily consumption (MCF)	**999**	967	1,611	1,913	1,934	1,921	1,832	1,669	1,918	1,833
Wastewater											
	Number of customers	**6,461**	6,527	6,244	5,905	5,712	5,474	5,381	5,232	5,244	5,040
	Average daily sewage treatment (MGD)	**1.408**	1.432	2.005	2.170	1.660	1.870	1.660	1.567	1.359	1.110
Water											
	Number of customers	**8,295**	8,387	8,113	7,699	7,410	7,165	7,075	6,854	6,653	6,340
	Average daily consumption (Kgallons)	**3,142**	3,311	3,466	3,612	3,588	3,356	3,271	3,186	3,329	3,049
Solid Waste Service:											
	Refuse collected (tons)	**11,201**	12,106	11,517	12,567	12,771	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Recyclables collected (tons)	**361**	497	358	496	415	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Number of residential customers	**6,300**	6,250	6,100	5,852	5,700	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Number of commercial customers	**735**	725	700	462	437	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Number of transfer station customers	**18**	16	19	19	19	11	12	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: Various City Departments

N/A - Information not available

Note: Indicators are not available for the General government function.

(1) Digital cable service started in 2004

(2) Internet service started in 1999

(3) Decrease Housing and development for 2008 due to slow-down in the economy.

CITY OF MONROE, GEORGIA

CAPITAL ASSET STATISTICS BY FUNCTION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Function		2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Police:											
	Stations	**1**	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Vehicles	**40**	40	38	38	38	26	21	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fire:											
	Stations	**1**	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Highways and streets:											
	Streets (miles)	**75**	75	75	75	75	73	70	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Streetlights	**1,134**	1,134	1,134	1,109	1,109	1,108	1,104	1,104	1,104	1,102
	Traffic signals	**3**	3	4	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Utilities: Cable & Internet											
	Cable (miles)	**267**	267	240	230	220	200	178	N/A	N/A	N/A
Electric											
	Lines (miles)	**185**	185	180	175	170	163	160	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Substations	**3**	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2
Natural gas											
	Mains (miles)	**153**	152	149	146	143	141	135	124	118	97
Wastewater											
	Sanitary sewer (miles)	**153**	150	141	140	115	100	95	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Maximum daily treatment capacity (MGD)	**3.4**	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4
Water											
	Mains (miles)	**240**	240	237	235	210	190	190	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Maximum daily treatment capacity (MGD)	**10**	10	10	10	10	10	6	6	6	6
	Treated water storage capacity (Mgallons)	**1.5**	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
	Reservoir (raw) storage capacity (Mgallons)	**795**	795	795	795	795	795	795	795	795	795
Solid Waste Service:											
	Collection trucks	**9**	9	9	9	8	8	8	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Recycling trucks	**1**	1	1	1	1	1	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Transfer stations (1)	**1**	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-

Source: Various City departments

Note: Capital asset indicators are not available for the General government and Housing and development functions.

(1) 2002 First year to operate transfer station

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