Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, Inc.

Audit of Financial Statements

December 31, 2022 & 2021



Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors of Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, Inc.

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, Inc., (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements. The prior year summarized comparative information has been derived from the Organization's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021 and in my report dated October, 30, 2022 I expressed an unqualified opinion theron.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, Inc. as of December 31, 2022 and 2021 and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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Nivember 6, 2023

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Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2022 & 2021

The Accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of These Financial Statements

		2022	2021
Assets Cash and Cash Equivalents Grants and Contracts Receivable		\$ 576,256	\$ 576,692
Investments Buildings, Furniture & Equipment - net of accumul Right of Use Asset	lated depreciation of \$965,181 and \$924,471, respectively	3,927,963 247,906 120,134	4,847,050 288,615
3	Total Assets	\$ 4,872,259	\$ 5,712,357
Liabilities Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses Lease Liability		\$ 10,835 120,134	\$ 13,769 -
Louis Lasiny	Total Liabilities	\$ 130,969	\$ 13,769
Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions With Donor Restrictions		4,741,290 -	5,698,588 -
	Total Net Assets	4,741,290	5,698,588
	Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 4,872,259	\$ 5,712,357

Statement of Activity For the Year Ended December 31, 2022 with Comparative Information for December 31, 2021

The Accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of These Financial Statements

	Without Donor Restrictions		With Donor Restrictions	Total 2022	2021	
Revenues, Gains and Other Support						
Support Membership/Contributions Foundation Grants Corporate and Government Support	\$	679,643 394,573 484,835	\$ - 272,206 183,865	\$ 679,643 666,779 668,700	\$ 600,630 637,653 454,326	
Total Support		1,559,051	456,071	2,015,122	1,692,609	
Non Cash Donated Services Interest and Dividends Realized / Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments		113,183 145,003 (886,970)	- - -	113,183 145,003 (886,970)	97,429 225,913 630,949	
Other Revenues and Gains		(628,784)	•	(628,784)	954,291	
Support Provided by Expiring Time and Purpose Restrictions		456,071	(456,071)	-	-	
Total Revenues, Gains and Other Support		1,386,338	-	1,386,338	2,646,900	
Expenses						
Program Services Non Cash Donated Services		1,827,962 113,183	-	1,827,962 113,183	1,659,428 97,429	
Total Program Services		1,941,145	-	1,941,145	1,756,857	
Management and General Fundraising		207,412 195,138	- -	207,412 195,138	178,373 195,159	
Total Expenses		2,343,695	-	2,343,695	2,130,389	
Change in Net Assets		(957,357)		(957,357)	516,511	

Statement of Cash Flows For the Years Ended December 31, 2022 and 2021

The Accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of These Financial Statements

	2022	2021
Operating Activities:		
Cash Inflows for Operations:		
Membership/Contributions	\$ 679,643	\$ 600,630
Foundation Grants	666,779	637,653
Corporate and Government Support	668,700	454,326
Interest and Dividends	145,003	225,913
Cash Outflows for Operations:		
Payments for Salaries, Benefits, and Payroll Taxes	(1,284,715)	(1,355,053)
Payments to Vendors	(1,020,170)	(577,847)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	(144,760)	(14,378)
Investing Activities:		
Proceeds from Sale of Investments	642,326	357,595
Purchase of Investments	(498,002)	(275,768)
Purchase of Fixed Assets	-	(38,285)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	144,324	43,542
Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(436)	29,164
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	576,692	547,528
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$ 576,256	\$ 576,692

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2022 and 2021

Note 1: Description of Organization

Mission

Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, Inc. (the "Riverkeeper") is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to educate, advocate and secure protection and stewardship of the Chattahoochee River, including its lakes, tributaries and watershed, in order to restore and conserve their ecological health for the people and wildlife that depend on the river system and in recognition of the important ecosystem functions provided throughout the region and planet.

Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Riverkeeper prepares its financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles promulgated in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) for not-for-profit entities. The significant accounting and reporting policies used by The Riverkeeper are described subsequently to enhance the usefulness and understandability of the financial

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. On an ongoing basis, The Riverkeeper's management evaluates the estimates and assumptions based upon historical experience and various other factors and circumstances. The Riverkeeper's management believes that the estimates and assumptions are reasonable in the circumstances; however, the actual results could differ from those estimates.

Net Assets

The financial statements report net assets and changes in net assets in two classes that are based upon the existence or absence of restrictions on use, that are placed by its donors, as follows:

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions

Net assets without donor restrictions are resources available to support operations. The only limits on the use of these assets are the broad limits resulting from the nature of The Riverkeeper, the environment in which it operates, the purposes specified in its corporate documents and its application for tax-exempt status, and any limits resulting from contractual agreements with creditors and others that are entered into in the course of its operations.

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions

Net assets with donor restrictions are resources that are restricted by a donor for use for a particular purpose or in a particular future period. Some donor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, and the restriction will expire when the resources are used in accordance with the donor's instructions or when the stipulated time has passed. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature; The Riverkeeper must continue to use the resources in accordance with the donor's instructions.

The Riverkeeper's unspent contributions are included in this class if the donor limited their use.

When a donor's restriction is satisfied, either by using the resources in the manner specified by the donor or by the passage of time, the expiration of the restriction is reported in the financial statements by reclassifying the net assets from net assets with donor restrictions to net assets without donor restrictions.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2022 and 2021

Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued

Classification of Transactions

All revenues and net gains are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions in the statement of activities unless the donor specified the use of related resources for a particular purpose or in a future period. All expenses and net losses are reported as decreases in net assets without donor restrictions.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash and highly liquid investments that are readily convertible into cash and have a maturity of ninety days or less when purchased. At times, cash and cash equivalents may exceed federally insured amounts. The Riverkeeper believes that it mitigates risks by depositing cash and investing in cash equivalents with major financial institutions.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are recorded at cost and depreciated over the estimated useful lives of three to thirty-nine years using the straight-line method. Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 totaled \$40,710 and \$49,947, respectively.

Financial Statement Presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The financial statements include certain prior year summarized comparative information in total but not by net asset class. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Riverkeeper's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021, from which the summarized information was derived.

Revenue Recognition and Expenses

Contributions are recorded in the year they are received or pledged. Program services include expenses incurred in line with the purpose of The Riverkeeper.

Public Support and Revenue

Contributions equal to or greater than \$30,000:

Contributor	Restrictions	 Grants
J.M. Huber Corporation	WPLFC / Patron Dinner	\$ 130,000
The Hampshire Foundation	Water Quality / Patron Dinner / General / LLALC / WPLFC / AKF	\$ 98,000
The Sapelo Foundation	Water Quantity	\$ 55,000
Ames Family Foundation	Unrestricted	\$ 50,000
Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation	Patron Dinner / Sweep the Hooch	\$ 50,000
Dave Kirkpatrick	Unrestricted	\$ 50,000
James M. Cox Foundation	NWW / Water Quantity / Cleanups	\$ 50,000
Turner Foundation	Unrestricted	\$ 45,000
Alice H Richards Charitable Fund	Moniitoring / Trash Traps / WPLFC	\$ 40,000
Google	Monitioring	\$ 35,000
Callaway Foundation	Monitoring / WPLFC	\$ 30,500
Colonial Pipeline Company	Patron Dinner	\$ 30,000
Rutherford Seydel	Unrestricted	\$ 30,000
Wilson Family Foundation	Unrestricted	\$ 30,000

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2022 and 2021

Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued

Public Support and Revenue - Continued

Contributor	Restrictions	Grants	
2021			
The Hampshire Foundation	Educ / Clean-ups / Patron DNR / WTR Quality	\$	80,000
J.M. Huber Corporation	Patron Dinner / LLALC Chota	\$	60,000
The Sapelo Foundation	Water Quality	\$	55,000
The Tides Foundation	NWW / WPL Floating CLRM/ Trash Traps	\$	50,000
Ames Family Foundation	Unrestricted	\$	50,000
Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation	Water Quantity / Patron Dinner	\$	50,000
The Coca Cola Foundation, Inc.	Water Quantity / Trash Traps	\$	50,000
Alice H Richards Charitable Fund	WPL Floating CLSM / Trash Traps / Monitoring	\$	46,500
The Turner Foundation	Unrestricted	\$	45,000
Anonymous	Monitoring / Wastewater	\$	30,000
Wilson Family Foundation	Unrestricted	\$	30,000

Contributions of donated noncash assets are recorded at their estimated fair values in the period received. Contributions of donated services that create or enhance nonfinancial assets or that require specialized skills are provided by individuals possessing those skills and would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation. These services are recorded at their estimated fair values in the period received. Recorded donated Services for December 31, 2022 and 2021 were \$113,183 and \$97,429 respectively.

The Riverkeeper recognizes revenues in accordance with Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2018-8, Clarifying the Scope and the Accounting Guidance for Contributions Received and Contributions Made, which provides a framework for evaluating whether the transfer of assets constitutes a contribution or an exchange transaction. The ASU also provides additional clarification as to whether or not a contribution is conditional.

Contributions received are recorded as increases in net assets with or without donor restrictions depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions. See Net Assets disclosure above.

Income Taxes

The Riverkeeper is a not-for-profit organization that is exempt from income taxes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). The Riverkeeper had no significant unrelated business taxable income during 2022. Accordingly, no provision or benefit for income taxes has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements.

The Riverkeeper applies the provisions of accounting standards for income taxes. These standards require that a tax position be recognized or derecognized based on a 'more-likely-than-not' threshold. This applies to positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. The Riverkeeper does not believe its financial statements include any material uncertain tax positions. The Riverkeeper is no longer subject to Federal or State income tax examination by tax authorities for years prior to 2019.

Note 3: Investments

Investments are composed of equity securities, mutual funds and bond funds with readily determinable market values and are carried at their fair market value in the statement of financial position. Unrealized gains and losses are included in the statement of activities.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2022 and 2021

Note 3: Investments - continued

Investments are summarized as follows:

	December 31, 2022			
		Cost	<u>Fair Val</u>	
Mutual/Closed Funds & Unit Investment Trust Blended Funds & Individual Stocks	\$	3,323,786 431,539	\$	3,538,816 389,147
	\$	3,755,325	\$	3,927,963
		Decemb	er 31. 20	21
		Cost		air Value
Mutual/Closed Funds & Unit Investment Trust Blended Funds & Individual Stocks	\$	3,175,711 431,539	\$	4,362,705 484,345
	\$	3,607,250	\$	4,847,050

Realized/Unrealized gain on investments consists of the following:

	December 31.				
		2021			
Realized Gain (Loss) Unrealized Gain (Loss)	\$	144,324 (1,031,294)	\$	143,689 487,260	
	<u>\$</u>	(886,970)	\$	630,949	

Note 4: Operating Lease Obligation

The Riverkeeper leases certain office space in Atlanta under a noncancellable operating lease. The Riverkeeper entered into the original lease on November 18, 2002 and is currently under the Fourth Amendment to that lease. The Riverkeeper executed the Fourth Amendment to the lease on January 3, 2020 which extended the lease an additional thirty-eight months terminating on April 30, 2023. Future minimum lease payments under the lease are as follows:

Year Ended	Lease	Payment
December 31, 2023		22,947
Total	\$	22,947

The Riverkeeper evaluated current contracts to determine which met the criteria of a lease. The right-of-use (ROU) assets represent the Riverkeeper's right to use underlying assets for the lease term, and the lease liabilities represent the Riverkeeper's obligation to make lease payments arising from that lease. The ROU asset and lease liability, which arise from an operating lease, was calculated based on the present value of future lease payments over the lease term. The Riverkeeper has used a borrowing rate of 6% to discount future lease payments.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2022 and 2021

Note 4: Operating Lease Obligation - Continued

Future maturities of lease liabilities are as follows for the years ending December 31:

December 31, 2023		2,400
December 31, 2024		29,279
December 31, 2025		30,011
December 31, 2026		30,761
December 31, 2027		31,531
	Total Lease Payments	123,982
	Less Present Value Discount	 (3,848)
		\$ 120,134

The Riverkeeper also leases certain office space in Gainesville, Ga under a noncancellable operating lease. The minimum lease payments are \$900 per month. The lease term is May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2022. Subsequent to April 30, 2022 the Riverkeeper is on a month-month lease at \$927 per month.

The Riverkeeper also leased certain office space in Lagrange, Ga under a noncancellable operating lease. The minimum lease payments were \$800 per month. The lease term ended on December 31, 2021. The Riverkeeper continues to lease the office space under a month-to-month lease at \$800 per month.

Note 5: Liquidity and Availability

Financial assets available for general expenditure, that is, without donor or other restrictions limiting their use, within one year of December 31, 2022 and 2021 are:

	2022	2021
Financial assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 576,256	\$ 576,692
Grants and Contracts Receivable	-	-
Investments	3,927,963	4,847,050
Total financial assets	4,504,219	5,423,742
Less financial assets held to meet donor-imposed restrictions	-	-
Amount available for general expenditures within one year	\$ 4,504,219	\$ 5,423,742

Note 6: Commitments and Contingencies

Certain grants and contracts often require the fulfillment of certain conditions as set forth in the instrument or agreement. Failure to fulfill the conditions could result in the return of funds to the grantors. Although the return of funds is a possibility, management of The Riverkeeper deems the contingency to be unlikely. The grants and contracts are subject to audit by the grantor. They have the authority to determine liabilities or limits or suspend participation in the various sponsored programs.

Note 7: Subsequent Events

The Riverkeeper has evaluated subsequent events through November 6, 2023, which is the date the financial statements were prepared.

No other material subsequent events were identified that required adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statements.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2022 and 2021

Note 8: Fair Value Measurements

The Riverkeeper reports its fair value measures using a three-level hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value. This hierarchy, established by GAAP, requires that entities maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. The three levels of inputs used are

Level 1 - Quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets to which The Riverkeeper has access at the measurement date.

Level 2 - Inputs other than quoted market prices included in level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly, or indirectly.

Level 2 inputs include:

- quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets
- quoted prices for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active
- observable inputs other than quoted prices for the asset or liability (for example, interest rates and yield curves); and
- inputs derived principally from, or corroborated by, observable market data by correlation or by other means

Level 3 - Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability. These should be used to measure the fair value to the extent that observable inputs are unavailable.

When available, The Riverkeeper measures fair value using Level 1 inputs because they generally provide the most reliable evidence of fair value. However, level 1 inputs are not available for all of the assets and liabilities that The Riverkeeper may be required to measure fair value (for example, in-kind contributions). The primary use of fair value measures in these financial statements are in the determination of Fair Market Value of Investments.

Note 9: Related Parties

Three members of the Board of Directors of the Riverkeeper are also officers in Foundations which are classified as significant contributors to the Riverkeeper.

Note 10: Reserve Fund Policy

On September 14, 2007 the Board of Directors approved a minimum Reserve Fund equal to \$600,000, representing approximately one half of the Riverkeeper's annual operating expenses at the time. The use of these funds would be subject to Board approval This amount can be maintained in cash or invested pursuant to the 2001 Investment Policy. As of December 31, 2022 the Riverkeeper has net assets without donor restrictions totaling \$4,741,290, which includes the \$600,000 Reserve Fund.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2022 and 2021

Note 11: Functional Allocation of Expenses

2022

	Outreach	Water Quantity	Water Quality	Communication	Total Program	Administrative	Fund Raising	Total Other
Salary & Benefits	\$ 373,228	\$ 162,543	\$ 423,083	\$ 63,277	\$ 1,022,131	\$ 95,699	\$ 166,885	\$ 262,584
Consulting	197,883	28,596	27,735	1,243	255,457	26,733	3,978	30,711
Rent/Utilities	62,825	25,971	51,546	8,889	149,231	17,943	13,332	31,275
Depreciation	19,134	8,142	7,735	5,699	40,710	-	-	-
Insurance	36,350	9,045	17,450	4,779	67,624	434	4,778	5,212
Supplies	36,343	582	105,740	15,731	158,396	29,702	1,248	30,950
Membership/Development	4,071	-	30	1,676	5,777	49	264	313
Merchandise	15,160	-	-	-	15,160	-	-	-
Maintenance	36,940	2,047	5,343	706	45,036	1,375	1,060	2,435
Printing/Copies	24,431	-	53	5,608	30,092	783	159	942
Hospitality	6,983	143	1,200	21	8,347	1,290	305	1,595
Legal	103	-	96	-	199	-	-	-
Conference/Workshop	2,960	332	1,842	-	5,134	250	50	300
Postage/Shipping	3,740	120	917	1,825	6,602	712	1,441	2,153
Travel	2,859	2,417	1,836	4	7,116	126	246	372
Subscriptions/Dues/Sponsor	4,427	1,833	1,945	60	8,265	1,376	1,387	2,763
Gifts	1,115	-	-	-	1,115	3,230	5	3,235
Other Expense	716	30	100	424	1,270	1,011	-	1,011
Bank Charges and Merchant Fees	-	-	-	-	-	26,699	-	26,699
Photo/Video	300				300			
	\$ 829,568	\$ 241,801	\$ 646,651	\$ 109,942	\$ 1,827,962	\$ 207,412	\$ 195,138	\$ 402,550

The costs of providing the various programs and events are shown on the statement of activities under expenditures. Accordingly, certain costs, as shown above, have been allocated among the programs and events benefited. Management charges costs related directly to programs conducted by the Riverkeeper directly to those programs. Management reviews other indirect costs such as rent, utilities, postage and other expenses required to run the programs or events and allocates the appropriate share of these costs accordingly.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2022 and 2021

Note 11: Functional Allocation of Expenses - continued

2021

	Outreach	Water Quantity	Water Quality	Communication	Total Program	Administrative	Fund Raising	Total Other
Salary & Benefits	\$ 385,568	\$ 171,016	\$ 465,257	\$ 66,109	\$ 1,087,950	\$ 97,504	\$ 169,599	\$ 267,103
Consulting	83,714	30,327	17,264	1,061	132,366	10,065	1,072	11,137
Rent/Utilities	59,947	23,762	48,379	8,196	140,284	17,270	12,339	29,609
Depreciation	23,475	9,989	9,490	6,993	49,947	-	-	-
Insurance	41,480	9,347	17,983	4,960	73,770	949	4,960	5,909
Supplies	19,222	-	65,757	14,332	99,311	7,054	286	7,340
Membership/Development	1,229	-	50	3,331	4,610	38	-	38
Merchandise	-	-	165	-	165	-	98	98
Maintenance	14,919	1,796	9,321	634	26,670	1,904	951	2,855
Printing/Copies	14,949	-	-	8,890	23,839	3,356	46	3,402
Hospitality	5,878	388	530	-	6,796	1,355	864	2,219
Legal	1,142	-	-	-	1,142	1,210	-	1,210
Conference/Workshop	407	146	1,285	-	1,838	570	10	580
Postage/Shipping	953	124	600	278	1,955	1,945	608	2,553
Travel	922	12	1,137	-	2,071	130	62	192
Subscriptions/Dues/Sponsor	1,354	1,888	1,271	782	5,295	2,223	3,971	6,194
Gifts	100	-	-	-	100	3,102	293	3,395
Other Expense	-	-	-	-	-	450	-	450
Bank Charges and Merchant Fees	-	-	38	1	39	29,248	-	29,248
Photo/Video	1,280				1,280			
	\$ 656,539	\$ 248,795	\$ 638,527	\$ 115,567	\$ 1,659,428	\$ 178,373	\$ 195,159	\$ 373,532

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End of Footnotes