

NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST

Financial Statements

March 31, 2019

NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST

Financial Statements

March 31, 2019

Management’s Discussion and Analysis	1
Independent Auditor’s Report	9
Statement of Net Position	11
Statement of Activities	12
Balance Sheet – Governmental Fund and Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balance to Net Position	13
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Fund	14
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position – Fiduciary Fund	15
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position – Fiduciary Fund	16
Notes to the Financial Statements	17

Required Supplementary Information

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget to Actual – General Fund	35
Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability (Asset)	36
Schedule of Contributions – Pension Plans	37
Schedule of Changes the Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios	38

Compliance Report

Independent Auditor’s Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with <i>Government Auditing Standards</i>	39
--	----

NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

INTRODUCTION

The Natural Heritage Trust (the “Trust”) is a New York State Public Benefit Corporation and State Authority. The Trust’s mission is to receive and administer gifts, grants and contributions to further public programs for parks, recreation, cultural, land and water conservation and historic preservation purposes of the State of New York.

The Trust has a four-member Board of Directors consisting of the Commissioner of New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, the Chair of the State Council of Parks, the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation, and the Secretary of State of the Department of State. All Board members serve without compensation paid by the Trust.

The Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of the Trust is an introduction to the major activities affecting the operation of the Trust and an overview and analysis of the financial statements of the Trust for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2019. The information contained in the MD&A should be considered in connection with the information contained in the financial statements and footnotes to the financial statements.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Trust's financial statements consist of three parts: 1) Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) (this section), 2) the basic financial statements, and 3) required supplementary information. The basic financial statements include three kinds of statements that present different views of the Trust:

1. Government wide financial statements provide both short-term and long-term information about the Trust.
2. Governmental fund financial statements provide information on how the Trust is supported in the short-term.
3. Fiduciary fund financial statements provide information about financial relationships where the Trust acts as a trustee of the related funds.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements report information about the Trust as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net position includes all of the Trust's assets and liabilities. All of the current year revenue and expenses are reported in that statement of activities regardless of when the cash is received or paid. The government-wide financial statements do not include fiduciary activities.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is an accountability unit to maintain control over resources segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Trust has two kinds of funds, a governmental fund and a fiduciary fund.

The governmental fund is reported in the fund financial statements. These statements report short-term fiscal accountability focusing on the use of spendable resources during the year and balances of spendable resources available at the end of the year. They are useful in evaluating annual financial requirements of the Trust operations and the commitment of spendable resources for the near-term.

The governmental fund represents the general operating fund of the Trust. Revenue is derived principally from interest earned from checking and money market accounts, interest and returns on investments and administrative fees charged to certain programs for which the Trust employs staff. Information on this fund is reported in the *Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Governmental Fund* and the *Balance Sheet – Governmental Fund and Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balance to Net position*.

The *Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance* shows the Trust's change in fund balance during the year. It accounts for all of the current year's revenues and expenses, measures the financial results related to administrative operations of the Trust.

The *Governmental Fund Balance Sheet* provides information about the nature and amounts of investments in resources and the obligations of the Trust, with the difference between the two reported as fund balance.

The fiduciary fund financial statements report resources that are not available to fund Trust administrative expenses. The fiduciary fund is used to account for assets held by the Trust in a trustee capacity for specific projects and programs.

The fiduciary fund represents monies held in trust for restricted purposes in concert with the Trust's partner agencies and other organizations. Revenue is principally derived from gifts, grants, program activity fees, sponsorships, fundraising activity and investment income. Expenditures are project and program specific and support specific purposes under gift agreements, contracts, grant agreements and other arrangements.

Information on the fiduciary fund is reported in the *Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net*

Position-Fiduciary Fund and the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position – Fiduciary Fund.

The *Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position* shows the fiduciary fund change in net position during the year. It accounts for all of the current year additions and deductions and measures the financial results of fiduciary fund operations over the past year.

The *Statement of Fiduciary Net Position – Fiduciary Fund* provides information about the amounts due from the general fund and the obligations of the fiduciary fund accounts, with the difference between the two reported as net position held in trust.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The accompanying notes to the financial statements provide information essential to a full understanding of the fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements begin immediately following the basic financial statements.

Supplementary Information

The *Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget to Actual – General Fund* provides a comparison of budget and actual information for the Trust's general fund.

The *Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability (Asset)* provides current and historical information on the Trust's share of the New York State Employees' Retirement System Plan's net pension liability (asset).

The *Schedule of Contributions – Pension Plans* provides current and historical information on the Trust's required contributions to the New York State Employees' Retirement System Plan.

The *Schedule of Changes in the Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios* provides current and historical information on the changes in the Trust's total OPEB liability.

Supplementary information begins immediately following the notes to the financial statements.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE TRUST

Below is a condensed summary of the statement of net position as compared to the 2018 fiscal year.

SUMMARY OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION

	2019	2018
Assets	\$ 51,600,794	\$ 43,808,717
Deferred outflows of resources	1,384,071	895,605
Current liabilities	(46,704,872)	(39,409,842)
Long-term liabilities	(2,860,497)	(3,531,788)
Deferred inflows of resources	(1,480,922)	(390,784)
Unrestricted Net Position	<u>\$ 1,938,574</u>	<u>\$ 1,371,908</u>

The Trust's assets consist primarily of cash, money market funds, fixed income debt obligations and equity exchange traded funds. Funds received from the various fiduciary fund program accounts are deposited into the general fund and invested until they are subsequently disbursed for project and program purposes. For internal accounting purposes, transactions from the fiduciary project accounts are tracked on a specific basis and recorded in accordance with established requirements relating to each project or program. As of 3/31/19, the Trust had 208 of these fiduciary project accounts compared to 207 in the prior year.

Each fixed income debt obligation in the Trust's portfolio bears interest at a fixed rate. The market value of fixed income debt obligations fluctuates between purchase date and maturity date based on changes in market interest rates. For the year ended March 31, 2019, market fluctuations resulted in unrealized gains on the general fund investments and unrealized losses on some of the fiduciary fund investments.

Deferred outflows of resources are a separate financial statement element that represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until then. The deferred outflows reported on the statement of net position are related to pensions (see Note E to the financial statements).

Almost all of the governmental fund current liabilities reflect the amount due to the fiduciary fund (approximately 99%).

The long-term governmental fund liabilities are related to fringe benefits for Trust administrative and program staff (5 and 53 Full-Time Equivalents as of 3/31/19, respectively) and consist of the Trust's net OPEB obligation (retirement health benefits) and net pension liability. These liabilities are based on an actuarial valuation and represent the estimated amount due for vested future employee retirement benefits. The liabilities will be paid incrementally over future fiscal years.

Deferred inflows of resources are a separate financial statement element that represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow

of resources (revenue) until then. The deferred inflows reported on the statement of net position are related to pensions (see Note E to the financial statements).

SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN NET POSITION FROM OPERATING RESULTS

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Investment income	\$ 392,967	\$ 278,640
Indirect fringe benefit income	390,804	592,049
Administrative income	250,078	239,699
Unrealized gains/(losses) on investments	192,153	(146,965)
Contributed goods and services	98,408	98,215
Realized gains on investments	43,214	63,307
Miscellaneous	-	154
Total Revenues	<u>1,367,624</u>	<u>1,125,099</u>
Salary and payroll related costs	380,694	318,771
Fringe benefit and retirement costs	207,866	185,078
Contributed salaries and overhead	98,408	98,215
Professional fees	72,383	53,196
Bank investment fees and service charges	37,577	36,128
Office supplies and postage	26,431	23,384
Accrued pension expense	13,460	131,850
Travel	8,819	8,590
Award expenses	5,450	4,550
Other postemployment benefits (income)/expense	(52,160)	191,795
Miscellaneous	2,030	3,179
Total Expenditures	<u>800,958</u>	<u>1,054,736</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	566,666	70,363
Net position at beginning of year	<u>1,371,908</u>	<u>1,301,545</u>
Net position at end of year	<u>\$ 1,938,574</u>	<u>\$ 1,371,908</u>

With the exception of Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) expense, accrued pension expense, and Huttleston Award expense, these expenditures represent the costs to support the core administrative operations of the Trust, which include finance, accounting, contract management, development and donor relations, payroll and benefit administration.

The increase in revenue is primarily due to unrealized gains on investments in the current year compared to unrealized losses on investments last year. Contributed goods and services represent contributed staff time (salaries and overhead costs) provided by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) and are offset by an equal amount of expenses. Accrued pension expense was lower due to the most recent pension plan valuation.

OPEB Expense was lower due to changes in the assumptions used in the most recent OPEB plan valuation (see Note F to the financial statements).

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE TRUST’S GOVERNMENTAL FUND

Governmental Fund

The variances between years for the governmental fund financial statements will be different between years of the government wide financial statements. The governmental fund financial statements are presented on the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method of presentation, the governmental fund of the Trust does not include long-term liabilities of the Trust related to the OPEB obligation, the net pension liability, and related deferred outflows/inflows of resources. Since these liabilities are due and payable in incremental amounts from future fiscal years and are not due and payable from current economic resources, these amounts are not included in the governmental fund financial statements. Only the related expense that is due and payable in the current year out of current economic resources for each of these liabilities is recorded in the governmental fund financial statements.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The general fund revenue budget for the fiscal year was \$990,000 with a projected budget surplus of \$90,000. Actual governmental fund revenue totaled \$1,367,624. The higher revenue amount is due to net realized and unrealized gains on investments that are not included in the annual operating budget of the Trust.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE FIDUCIARY FUND

The fiduciary fund represents monies held in trust for restricted purposes in concert with the Trust's partner agencies and other organizations. Below is a summary of the net position and the revenues, expenditures and change in net position for the years ended March 31, 2019 and 2018.

SUMMARY OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION – FIDUCIARY FUND

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Assets	<u>\$ 47,397,329</u>	<u>\$ 40,626,293</u>
Liabilities	510,145	461,061
Net Assets Held in Trust	<u>46,887,184</u>	<u>40,165,232</u>
	<u>\$ 47,397,329</u>	<u>\$ 40,626,293</u>

Nearly all of the fiduciary fund assets reflect the amount due from the Governmental Fund.

Restricted gifts and grants received by the fiduciary fund also include program sponsorships, project activity fees and investment earnings, totaling approximately \$19.6 million for the fiscal

year ended March 31, 2019. Overall fiduciary revenue was up from last year, mostly due to increased gifts, donations and private grants revenue which were higher by \$6 million due to a \$6.5 million grant awarded by the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation.

Expenses related to fiduciary fund activities totaled approximately \$12.9 million; about \$2 million more compared to 2018 primarily due to the completion of more capital projects partially funded through the Trust.

**SUMMARY OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN NET POSITION - FIDUCIARY FUND**

	2019	2018
Additions		
Gifts, donations and private grants	\$10,947,873	\$ 4,814,073
Grants and contracts	3,497,932	5,207,476
Merchandise sales	1,255,107	1,178,345
Activity and program income	1,123,951	1,118,560
Mitigation and environmental benefits	1,083,126	970,755
Sponsorship and advertising	416,638	266,962
Other revenue	85,521	147,220
Investment income	536,170	432,250
Realized gains on investments	1,583,224	375,917
Unrealized gains/(losses) on investments	(909,317)	936,508
	19,620,225	15,448,066
Expenditures		
Program support and personnel	\$ 6,127,720	\$ 5,734,045
Activity and event support	2,677,793	2,177,306
Capital construction and maintenance	1,661,134	1,080,562
Gift reassignment	907,024	618,482
Promotional materials and merchandise for resale	838,232	735,450
Professional services	585,195	268,377
Miscellaneous	101,175	214,397
	12,898,273	10,828,619
Change in net position	6,721,952	4,619,447
Net position at beginning of year	40,165,232	35,545,785
Net position at end of year	\$ 46,887,184	\$ 40,165,232

Requests for Information

The accompanying financial statements are designed to provide readers with a general overview of the Trust's finances and to demonstrate the Trust's accountability for the revenue it receives. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report, or any request for additional information, should be addressed to the Executive Director, Natural Heritage Trust, Albany, NY 12238.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Trustees and Audit Committee
Natural Heritage Trust

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Natural Heritage Trust (the "Trust"), a component unit of the State of New York, as of and for the year ended March 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Trust's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion 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 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, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Natural Heritage Trust as of March 31, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 1-8, and the budgetary comparison information and other schedules on pages 35-38, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 25, 2019, on our consideration of Natural Heritage Trust'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* in considering the Trust's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Wojcicki + Company CPAs, P.C.

East Greenbush, New York
June 25, 2019

NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST

Statement of Net Position

March 31, 2019

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,168,821
Investments	45,354,928
Interest receivable	<u>77,045</u>

TOTAL ASSETS 51,600,794

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Pension related	<u>1,384,071</u>
-----------------	------------------

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	55,890
Due to fiduciary fund	<u>46,648,982</u>

TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES 46,704,872

LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Net OPEB obligation	2,475,320
Net pension liability	<u>385,177</u>
	<u>2,860,497</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES 49,565,369

DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Pension related	<u>1,480,922</u>
-----------------	------------------

NET POSITION

Unrestricted	<u>1,938,574</u>
--------------	------------------

TOTAL NET POSITION \$ 1,938,574

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST

Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended March 31, 2019

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenue</u>		<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position</u>
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants</u>	
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS				
General and administrative	\$ 800,958	\$ 250,078	\$ -	\$ (550,880)
TOTAL FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	<u>\$ 800,958</u>	<u>\$ 250,078</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	(550,880)
GENERAL REVENUE				
Investment income				392,967
Indirect fringe benefit income				390,804
Unrealized gains on investments				192,153
Contributed goods and services				98,408
Realized gains on investments				<u>43,214</u>
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE				<u>1,117,546</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION				566,666
NET POSITION, beginning of year				<u>1,371,908</u>
NET POSITION, end of year				<u>\$ 1,938,574</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST

Balance Sheet - Governmental Fund and Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balance to Net Position

March 31, 2019

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,168,821
Investments	45,354,928
Interest receivable	<u>77,045</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 51,600,794</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 55,890
Due to fiduciary fund	<u>46,648,982</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	46,704,872

FUND BALANCE

Unassigned	4,776,616
Committed	<u>119,306</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	<u>4,895,922</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE \$ 51,600,794

RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT FUND BALANCE TO NET POSITON

Total Governmental Fund Balance per above	\$ 4,895,922
Deferred outflows/inflows of resources related to pensions that are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the general fund:	
Deferred outflows of resources - pension related	1,384,071
Deferred inflows of resources - pension related	(1,480,922)
Net pension liability is not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, not reported in the general fund:	(385,177)
Net OPEB obligation is not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, not reported in the general fund:	<u>(2,475,320)</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 1,938,574</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Fund

For the Year Ended March 31, 2019

REVENUES	
Investment income	\$ 392,967
Indirect fringe benefit income	390,804
Administrative income	250,078
Unrealized gains on investments	192,153
Contributed goods and services	98,408
Realized gains on investments	<u>43,214</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	1,367,624
EXPENDITURES	
Salary and payroll related costs	380,694
Fringe benefit costs	207,866
Contributed salaries and overhead	98,408
Professional fees	72,383
Bank investment fees and service charges	37,577
Retiree health care costs	30,919
Office supplies and postage	26,431
Travel	8,819
Award expense	5,450
Other program expense	<u>2,030</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>870,577</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	497,047
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>4,398,875</u>
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 4,895,922</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST

Statement of Fiduciary Net Position - Fiduciary Fund

March 31, 2019

ASSETS

Accounts receivable	\$ 748,347
Due from governmental fund	<u>46,648,982</u>

TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 47,397,329</u>
--------------	----------------------

LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION HELD IN TRUST

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	\$ 290,456
Accrued payroll and related items	<u>219,689</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES	510,145
-------------------	---------

NET POSITION HELD IN TRUST	<u>46,887,184</u>
----------------------------	-------------------

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION HELD IN TRUST	<u>\$ 47,397,329</u>
--	----------------------

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST

Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position - Fiduciary Fund

For the Year Ended March 31, 2019

ADDITIONS

Gifts, donations and private grants	\$ 10,947,873
Grants and contracts	3,497,932
Realized gains on investments	1,583,224
Merchandise sales	1,255,107
Activity and program income	1,123,951
Mitigation and environmental benefits	1,083,126
Investment income	536,170
Sponsorship and advertising	416,638
Unrealized (losses) on investments	(909,317)
Other revenue	<u>85,521</u>

TOTAL ADDITIONS 19,620,225

PROGRAM EXPENSES

Program support and personnel	6,127,720
Activity and event support	2,677,793
Capital construction and maintenance	1,661,134
Gift reassignment	907,024
Promotional materials and merchandise for resale	838,232
Professional services	585,195
Miscellaneous	<u>101,175</u>

TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES 12,898,273

CHANGE IN NET POSITION HELD IN TRUST 6,721,952

Net position held in trust at beginning of year 40,165,232

NET POSITION HELD IN TRUST AT END OF YEAR \$ 46,887,184

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST

Notes to Financial Statements

March 31, 2019

NOTE A--ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization

Natural Heritage Trust (the “Trust”), a public benefit corporation, was created in 1968 under Article 55 of the New York State Arts and Cultural Affairs Law to receive and administer private gifts, grants, devises and bequests of real and personal property donated to further conservation, outdoor recreation and historic preservation and to cooperate with other public and private organizations with interests in appropriate projects intended to preserve and improve the natural and historic preservation of resources of New York State and advance public understanding, revitalization, and restoration of New York’s waterfronts. The Trust is administered at the direction of the Board of Directors (“Board”) comprised of the Commissioner of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Chair of the State Council of Parks, Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and Secretary of State. The Trust is a component unit of the State of New York for financial reporting purposes and is included in the State’s basic financial statements.

A summary of the Trust’s significant accounting policies follows:

Basis of Presentation

The financial statements of the Trust are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The Trust applies all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements.

Government Wide Financial Statements

The statement of net position and the statement of activities present financial information about the Trust’s governmental activities. These statements include the financial activities of the entire organization, except those that are fiduciary. The statements report using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the cash transaction takes place. Revenue for grants and contributions is recognized in the fiscal year in which the eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Net position is classified into three components – net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted.

NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST

Notes to Financial Statements--Continued

NOTE A--ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES--Continued

Net investment in capital assets: This component of net position consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and accumulated amortization, reduced by the outstanding balances of bonds, notes, and other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. If there are significant unspent related debt proceeds at year end, the portion of the debt attributable to the unspent proceeds is not included in the calculation of investment in capital assets, net of related debt. Rather that portion of the debt is included in restricted net position. The Trust did not have any net investment in capital assets at March 31, 2019.

Restricted net position: This component of net position represents external restrictions on net position imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, laws or regulations of other governments and restrictions imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The Trust did not have any restricted net position at March 31, 2019.

Unrestricted net position: This component represents net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

Governmental Fund

Governmental fund financial statements report using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period. For this purpose, the Trust considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures are recorded when the liability is incurred. The Trust reports the following governmental fund:

General Fund

This fund represents the general operating fund of the Trust. Revenues are derived principally from interest earned from checking and money market accounts, interest and investment returns earned on fixed income debt obligations, and administrative fees charged to certain programs for which the Trust hires personnel. Disbursements from this fund cover the general administrative expenses of the Trust.

NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST

Notes to Financial Statements--Continued

NOTE A--ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES--Continued

Governmental Fund--Continued

General Fund--Continued

The L.L. Huttleston Fund, also included in the government fund, represents general operating fund monies set aside by the Board to support and sustain, in perpetuity, annual awards for outstanding performance by employees of New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. Investment earnings on such funds are available to finance the L.L. Huttleston awards.

Fund Balance Classification: The governmental fund financial statements present a fund balance based on classifications that comprise a hierarchy that is based primarily on the extent to which the Trust is bound to honor constraints on the specific purpose for which amounts in the respective governmental fund can be spent. The classifications used in the governmental fund financial statements are as follows:

Nonspendable: This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The Trust did not have any nonspendable resources as of March 31, 2019.

Restricted: This classification includes amounts for which constraints have been placed on the use of the resources either (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through a debt covenant), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The Trust did not have any restricted resources as of March 31, 2019.

Committed: This classification includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Trust's governance board. These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Trust's governance board removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action that was employed when the funds were initially committed. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements. The Trust's committed fund balance consists of the L.L. Huttleston Fund as of March 31, 2019.

NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST

Notes to Financial Statements--Continued

NOTE A--ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES--Continued

Assigned: This classification includes amounts that are constrained by the Trust's intent to be used for a specific purpose but are neither restricted nor committed. The Trust did not have any assigned resources as of March 31, 2019.

Unassigned: This classification includes the residual fund balance for the governmental fund.

The Trust would typically use restricted fund balances first, followed by committed resources, and then assigned resources, as appropriate opportunities arise, but reserves the right to selectively spend unassigned resources first to defer the use of these other classified funds.

Fiduciary Fund

This fund is used to account for assets held by the Trust in a trustee capacity for individuals, private organizations, and other governmental units. Fiduciary fund financial statements are presented using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. The Trust reports the following fiduciary fund:

Private-Purpose Trust Funds

Private-purpose trust funds represent grants and programs and activities established for a definite purpose in concert with the Trust's partner agencies and other organizations. These trust funds generate revenue and expenditures that are administered by the Trust and are subject to oversight by the Trust. As of March 31, 2019, the Trust held funds received through relationships with its partner agencies and organizations for approximately 200 different programs and projects. The five (5) largest trust fund accounts in terms of revenue accounted for approximately 50% of all restricted funds for the year ended March 31, 2019. The five (5) largest trust fund accounts in terms of expenditures incurred 21% of program expenses for the same period.

Use of Estimates

Management of the Trust has made estimates and assumptions relating to the reporting of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities to prepare these financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST

Notes to Financial Statements--Continued

NOTE A--ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES--Continued

Restricted Gifts, Grants and Other Funds

The Trust receives gifts, grants and other raised funds from outside organizations, including government entities that are restricted for specific purposes.

Investments

Investments are recorded at fair market value. Investments received by gift are recorded at fair market value at the date of the gift.

Fair Value Measurements

The Trust records fair value adjustments to certain assets and liabilities in accordance with GASB Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application* (GASB 72). GASB 72 establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. This hierarchy consists of three broad levels: Level 1 inputs consist of unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and have the highest priority, Level 2 inputs are inputs, other than quoted market prices that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, and Level 3 inputs are unobservable and generally consist of assumptions and are developed using the best information available in the circumstances and have the lowest priority. When available, the Trust measures fair value using Level 1 inputs because they generally provide the most reliable evidence of fair value. Level 2 and Level 3 inputs would only be used when Level 1 inputs were not available.

The fair value of the Trust's investments is based on quoted prices in active markets (Level 1 inputs).

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the Statement of Net Position reports a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until then. The Trust reports deferred outflows related to pensions in the Statement of Net Position. The types of deferred outflows related to pensions are described in Note E.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Trust reports deferred inflows related to pensions in the Statement of Net Position. The types of deferred inflows related to pensions are described in Note E.

NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST

Notes to Financial Statements--Continued

NOTE A--ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES--Continued

Tax Status

The Trust has been granted tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Trust qualifies for the charitable contribution deduction for individual donors. The Trust does not conduct unrelated business income activities and, therefore, has made no provision for income taxes in the accompanying financial statements.

Management has evaluated the Trust's tax positions, including interest and penalties attributable thereto, and concluded that the Trust has taken no tax positions that required adjustment in its financial statements as of March 31, 2019.

The Trust's information return filings are subject to examinations by the Internal Revenue Service. The Trust is no longer subject to examinations for the years ending before March 31, 2016, and currently, there are no examinations in process nor has the Trust been informed of any pending examinations.

Subsequent Events

The Trust evaluates transactions that occur subsequent to year end for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements through the date on which the financial statements are available to be issued. The financial statements were approved by management and available to be issued on June 25, 2019.

NOTE B--CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents are carried at cost plus accrued interest. Nearly all cash and cash equivalents needed for short-term check writing purposes are maintained at one financial institution

Cash and cash equivalents are maintained in Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insured accounts and may at times exceed FDIC insurance limits. The Trust has written agreements with the financial institutions for the collateralization of funds in excess of FDIC insurance coverage limits.

NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST

Notes to Financial Statements--Continued

NOTE B--CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS--Continued

At March 31, 2019, the book amount of the Trust's deposits was \$6,168,821 and the related bank balance was \$6,310,056. The insured and collateral status of the year-end bank balance was as follows:

<u>Status of Bank Balances</u>	
Covered by FDIC insurance	\$ 530,141
Collateralized	<u>5,779,915</u>
	<u>\$ 6,310,056</u>

NOTE C--INVESTMENTS

The Trust has adopted an investment policy in accordance with the NYS Public Authorities Law and rules and regulations of the State of New York Office of the State Comptroller ("OSC"). The Trust's written investment policy has been approved by the Board of Directors. Cash, cash equivalents and investments in the Trust's investment accounts consists of the following at March 31, 2019:

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Market</u>
Corporate and Government Bond Funds	\$ 14,401,308	\$ 14,357,158
Closed-end Equity Mutual Funds	9,666,225	12,798,902
International Closed-end Funds	5,775,747	5,637,445
Corporate and Foreign Bonds	5,429,794	5,467,400
U.S. Treasury Obligations	4,196,306	4,210,797
Cash and Money Market Funds	2,086,534	2,088,226
U.S. Government Agencies	794,148	795,000
	<u>\$ 42,350,062</u>	<u>\$ 45,354,928</u>

NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST

Notes to Financial Statements--Continued

NOTE C--INVESTMENTS--Continued

Corporate and foreign bonds consist of the following at March 31, 2019:

	Cost	Market
American Express	\$ 98,842	\$ 99,827
Bank of Nova Scotia	98,613	99,454
Bank of America	250,000	250,000
Bank of Montreal	249,865	251,462
Boeing Co.	246,091	250,385
BP Capital Markets	99,516	99,769
Chevron Corp	249,247	249,307
Cisco Systems	248,665	248,620
Coca-Cola Co.	98,135	99,102
Cons Edison Co.	100,000	100,000
Dow Chemical	50,044	50,034
Duke Energy	254,145	254,930
Exxon Mobil	98,358	100,683
FedEx Corp	49,420	49,620
General Dynamics	93,514	96,905
Gilead Sciences, Inc.	99,357	99,659
Hershey Co.	99,676	100,997
Home Depot, Inc.	101,015	101,848
Intel Corp.	99,281	101,768
John Deere	98,640	98,222
JP Morgan	97,162	99,958
Medtronic Inc.	253,829	256,503
Oracle Corp	173,366	173,123
PNC Bank	250,961	249,037
Praxair Inc.	50,922	51,428
Simon Prop	96,614	99,989
State Street Corp	255,777	258,383
Target Corp	99,878	99,892
TD Ameritrade	98,081	100,878
Toronto-Dom Bank	247,059	249,460
Unilever Capital Co	248,912	250,883
United Health	179,960	178,766
US Bank	246,010	247,865

NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST

Notes to Financial Statements--Continued

NOTE C--INVESTMENTS--Continued

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Market</u>
Wal-Mart Stores Inc.	\$ 248,991	\$ 248,768
Walt Disney Co.	99,848	99,875
	<u>\$ 5,429,794</u>	<u>\$ 5,467,400</u>

The Trust has established individual investment policy statements for Operating Accounts, Capital Project/Reserve Accounts and Long-Term Investment Accounts. The investment policy statements having the following credit quality ratings from a nationally recognized statistical rating organization (NRSRO) for the following investment categories:

	<u>Operating Accounts</u>	<u>Capital Project/Reserve Accounts</u>	<u>Long-Term Investment Accounts</u>
Corporate Bonds	A	BBB/Baa	BBB/Baa
Commercial Paper	A1/P1	A1/P1	A1/P1
Taxable Municipal Bonds	A	BBB/Baa	BBB/Baa
Money Market Funds	AAAm	AAAm	AAAm
Mutual Funds and Exchange Traded Funds	A	BBB/Baa	BBB/Baa

The individual investment policy statements establish minimums and maximums that may be invested in fixed income, equities and cash holdings. The policy statements also establish limits within the fixed income investments for concentration of investments within the portfolio.

NOTE D--DUE TO/FROM OTHER FUNDS

All private purpose trust fund revenue is deposited into the general fund cash and investment accounts. These monies are held and invested in the general fund accounts until disbursements are requested by the authorized signatory. Accordingly, outstanding balances between the governmental fund and the fiduciary fund are reported as “due to/from” the respective funds.

NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST

Notes to Financial Statements--Continued

NOTE E--PENSION PLAN

The Trust participates in the New York State and Local Employee's Retirement System (NYSERS). This is a cost sharing multiple-employer retirement system, providing retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits. The net position of the NYSERS is held in the New York State Common Retirement Fund (the Fund), established to hold all net position and record changes in plan net position allocated to the NYSERS. The NYSERS benefits are established under the provisions of the New York State Retirement and Social Security law. Once an employer elects to participate in the NYSERS, the election is irrevocable.

The New York State Constitution provides that pension membership is a contractual relationship and plan benefits cannot be diminished or impaired. Benefits can be changed for future members only by enactment of State statute. The system issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be found at www.osc.state.ny.us/retire/publications/index.php or obtained by writing to the New York State and Local Retirement System, 110 State Street, Albany, NY 12244-0001.

NYSERS is noncontributory for employees who joined NYSERS prior to July 27, 1976. For employees who joined NYSERS after July 27, 1976, and prior to January 1, 2010, employees contribute 3% of their salary, except that employees in NYSERS for more than ten years are no longer required to contribute. Employees that join NYSERS after January 1, 2010 and prior to April 1, 2012 are required to contribute 3% of their salaries throughout their active membership. Employees that join after April 1, 2012 are required to contribute 3% to 6% of their salaries, depending on their salaries, throughout their active membership.

The Trust is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The Trust contributions made to NYSERS were equal to 100% of the contributions required each year. The required contributions for the current year and two preceding years were:

March 31, 2019	\$ 362,131
March 31, 2018	\$ 343,702
March 31, 2017	\$ 318,502

At March 31, 2019, the Trust reported a net pension liability of \$385,177 for its proportionate share of the NYSERS net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of March 31, 2018, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by the actuarial valuation as of that date. The Trust's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Trust's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined.

NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST

Notes to Financial Statements--Continued

NOTE E--PENSION PLAN--Continued

As of March 31, 2019, the Trust's proportion was 0.0119344%.

For the year ended March 31, 2019, the Trust recognized pension expense of \$375,592. At March 31, 2019, the Trust reported deferred outflows/inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to Pensions

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 137,380	\$ 113,526
Changes of assumptions	255,404	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	559,439	1,104,276
Changes in proportion and differences between the Trust's contributions and proportionate share of contributions	69,717	263,120
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	362,131	-
	<u>\$ 1,384,071</u>	<u>\$ 1,480,922</u>

The Trust recognized \$362,131 as deferred outflow of resources related to pensions resulting from contributions made subsequent to the measurement date of March 31, 2018, which will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended March 31, 2020.

The other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending March 31:	
2020	\$ (7,613)
2021	(7,174)
2022	(306,381)
2023	(137,814)
	<u>\$ (458,982)</u>

NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST

Notes to Financial Statements--Continued

NOTE E--PENSION PLAN--Continued

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability at March 31, 2018 (measurement date) was determined using an actuarial valuation as of April 1, 2017, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension liability to March 31, 2018.

The actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal
Inflation	2.5%
Salary scale	3.8 percent indexed by service
Projected COLAs	1.3% compounded annually
Decrements	Developed from the Plan's 2015 experience study of the period April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2015.
Mortality improvement	Society of Actuaries Scale MP-2014
Investment rate of return	7.0% compounded annually, net of investment expense

The long-term rate of return on pension plan investments was determined in accordance with Actuarial Standard of Practice (ASOP) No. 27, *Selection of Economic Assumptions for Measuring Pension Obligations*. ASOP No. 27 provides guidance on the selection of an appropriate assumed investment rate of return. Consideration was given to expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) for equities and fixed income as well as historical investment data and plan performance.

NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST

Notes to Financial Statements--Continued

NOTE E--PENSION PLAN--Continued

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the target asset allocation as of March 31, 2018, are summarized below:

Asset Type	Target Allocations in %	Long-Term expected real rate of return in %
Domestic Equity	36.0	4.55
International Equity	14.0	6.35
Private Equity	10.0	7.50
Real Estate	10.0	5.55
Absolute Return	2.0	3.75
Opportunistic Portfolio	3.0	5.68
Real Assets	3.0	5.29
Bonds and Mortgages	17.0	1.31
Cash	1.0	(0.25)
Inflation-Indexed Bonds	4.0	1.25
	100%	

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to calculate the total pension liability was 7%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially. Based upon the assumptions, the Plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST

Notes to Financial Statements--Continued

NOTE E--PENSION PLAN--Continued

Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of the New Pension Liability to the Discount Rate Assumption

The following presents the Trust's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7%, as well as what the Trust's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1% lower (6%) or 1% higher (8%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6%)	Current Discount (7%)	1% Increase (8%)
Proportionate share of net pension liability (asset)	\$ 2,914,351	\$ 385,177	\$ (1,754,404)

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

The components of the current-year net pension liability of the employers participating in the New York State and Local Employees Retirement System as of the March 31, 2018 measurement date were as follows (in thousands of dollars):

Total pension liability	\$ 183,400,590
Net position	<u>(180,173,145)</u>
Net pension liability (asset)	<u>\$ 3,227,445</u>
 NYSERS net position as a percentage of total pension liability	 98.24%

NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST

Notes to Financial Statements--Continued

NOTE F--OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) OBLIGATION

General Information about the OPEB Plan

Plan description – The Trust’s defined benefit OPEB Plan, the Natural Heritage Trust Retiree Health Reimbursement Arrangement Plan (NHT HRA), provides other postemployment benefits for all employees hired prior to December 31, 2017 who have, at the time of retirement, earned 10 or more years of continuous creditable service time with the Trust, and has met the age and vesting requirements to receive benefits from the New York State Employee Retirement System or the New York State Voluntary Defined Contribution Plan. The NHT HRA is a single employer plan administered by the Trust.

In addition, the Trust provides other postemployment healthcare benefits to two grandfathered employees who receive benefits through the New York State Health Insurance Program (NYSHIP). Benefits provided through NYSHIP are considered part of a single employer plan administered by the Trust. Non-grandfathered Trust employees are no longer eligible for other postemployment healthcare benefits through the NYSHIP.

No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement 75.

Benefits provided – The NHT HRA plan provides for the reimbursement of out-of-pocket medical, dental, vision and long-term care expenses incurred by the retiree and their dependents. The plan will provide an annual contribution between \$4,800 and \$9,600 depending on the retiree’s years of service. Retiree benefits continue for the life of the retiree. In the event of the retiree’s death, the surviving spouse benefits will continue for the life of the surviving spouse. The surviving spouse will receive 50% of the annual contribution made while the retiree was alive. The Trust reserves the right to amend or cancel the plan.

The two grandfathered employees who receive healthcare coverage through NYSHIP are provided with health insurance coverage through plans offered by NYSHIP (NYSHIP Empire Plan and Capital District PHP Plan) that continue for the life of the retiree and surviving spouse. Retirees are required to contribute 10% of the single person premium and 25% of the difference between the single person and family coverage premium for dependents. Surviving spouses are required to make the same contribution percentage that was made when the retiree was alive.

The Trust supports the annual OPEB cost on an ongoing basis with indirect fringe benefit income assessed on those program accounts with payroll expenses, over the actual fringe benefit amounts paid out by the Trust.

NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST

Notes to Financial Statements--Continued

NOTE F--OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) OBLIGATION-- Continued

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms

At March 31, 2019, the following employees or beneficiaries were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	4
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	0
Active employees	<u>47</u>
	<u>51</u>

The plan is closed to all employees hired after December 31, 2017.

Total OPEB Liability

The Trust's total OPEB liability of \$2,475,320 was measured as of March 31, 2019 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of April 1, 2018. The alternative measurement method was used to calculate the OPEB liability.

For the year ended March 31, 2019, the Trust recognized net OPEB income of \$52,160.

Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs

The total OPEB liability as of March 31, 2019 was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.25%
Salary increases	3.00%
Discount rate	3.42%
Healthcare cost trend rates – Medical	5.00% for 2019, decreasing approximately .25% per year to an ultimate rate of 3.78% for 2075 and later years.
Healthcare cost trend rates – Prescription Drug	9.50% for 2019, decreasing approximately .25% per year to an ultimate rate of 3.78% for 2075 and later years.

NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST

Notes to Financial Statements--Continued

NOTE F--OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) OBLIGATION--Continued

Retirees' share of benefit-related costs 100% of projected health insurance premiums for retirees. Grandfathered employees pay 10% of single coverage and 25% of the cost difference between single and family coverage for dependents.

The discount rate was based on an analysis of returns on the Fidelity General Obligation 20-Year AA Municipal Bond Index as of March 31, 2019.

Mortality rates were based on the sex distinct RPH-2014 Mortality Tables for employees and healthy annuitants, adjusted backward to 2006 with Scale MP-2014, and then adjusted for mortality improvements with Scale MP-2018 mortality improvement scale on a fully generational basis.

The actuarial assumptions used in the March 31, 2019 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2015.

Changes in Total OPEB Liability

	<u>Total OPEB Liability</u>
Balance at March 31, 2018	\$ 2,558,399
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	23,067
Interest	91,186
Differences between expected and actual experience and changes in assumptions or other inputs	(166,413)
Benefit payments	(30,919)
Net changes	<u>(83,079)</u>
Balance at March 31, 2019	<u>\$ 2,475,320</u>

Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflect a change in the discount rate and Healthcare cost trend rates for the year ended March 31, 2019. The discount rate was updated from 3.61% as of March 31, 2018 to 3.42% as of March 31, 2019.

NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST

Notes to Financial Statements--Continued

NOTE F--OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) OBLIGATION--Continued

The healthcare trend rate updated from 6.25% for medical and 10.5% for prescription drugs as of March 31, 2018 to 5% for medical and 9.5% for prescription drugs as of March 31, 2019

The change in assumptions resulted in a decrease in the Total OPEB Liability.

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Trust, as well as what the Trust's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1% lower (2.42%) or 1% higher (4.42%) than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease (2.42%)	Current Discount (3.42%)	1% Increase (4.42%)
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 2,876,863	\$ 2,475,320	\$ 2,056,976

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Trust, as well as what the Trust's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1% lower (4.00%) or 1% higher (6.00%) than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	1% Decrease (4.00% decreasing to 2.78%)	Healthcare Cost Trend Rates (5.00% decreasing to 3.78%)	1% Increase (6.00% decreasing to 4.78%)
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 2,272,183	\$ 2,475,320	\$ 2,589,438

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget to Actual - General Fund

For the Year Ended March 31, 2019

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Revisions</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>	<u>Total Actual Budgeted</u>	<u>Total Actual Unbudgeted</u>	<u>Total Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
REVENUES							
Investment income	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ 392,967	\$ -	\$ 392,967	\$ 92,967
Indirect fringe benefit income	350,000	-	350,000	390,804	-	390,804	40,804
Administrative income	245,000	-	245,000	250,078	-	250,078	5,078
Contributed goods and services	95,000	-	95,000	98,408	-	98,408	3,408
Realized gains on investments	-	-	-	-	43,214	43,214	43,214
Unrealized gains on investments	-	-	-	-	192,153	192,153	192,153
	<u>990,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>990,000</u>	<u>1,132,257</u>	<u>235,367</u>	<u>1,367,624</u>	<u>377,624</u>
EXPENDITURES							
Salaries and payroll related costs	397,000	-	397,000	380,694	-	380,694	16,306
Fringe benefit and retirement costs	235,000	-	235,000	207,866	-	207,866	27,134
Contributed salaries and overhead	95,000	-	95,000	98,408	-	98,408	(3,408)
Professional fees	63,000	-	63,000	72,383	-	72,383	(9,383)
Bank investment fees and service charges	38,000	-	38,000	37,577	-	37,577	423
Retiree health care costs	40,000	-	40,000	30,919	-	30,919	9,081
Office supplies and postage	15,000	-	15,000	26,431	-	26,431	(11,431)
Travel	10,000	-	10,000	8,819	-	8,819	1,181
Award expense	5,000	-	5,000	5,450	-	5,450	(450)
Miscellaneous	2,000	-	2,000	2,030	-	2,030	(30)
	<u>900,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>900,000</u>	<u>870,577</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>870,577</u>	<u>29,423</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 90,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 90,000</u>	<u>\$ 261,680</u>	<u>\$ 235,367</u>	<u>\$ 497,047</u>	<u>\$ 407,047</u>

See independent auditor's report.

NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST

Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability (Asset)

March 31, 2019

New York State Employees' Retirement System Plan	Last 10 Fiscal Years					2012	2011
	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015		
Proportion of net pension liability (asset)	0.0119344%	0.0103594%	0.0103427%	0.0122732%			
Proportionate share of net pension liability (asset)	\$ 385,177	\$ 973,389	\$ 1,660,040	\$ 414,618			
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 3,233,186	\$ 3,430,527	\$ 2,626,717	\$ 2,729,006			
Proportionate share of net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	11.91%	28.37%	63.20%	15.19%			
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability (asset)	98.24%	94.70%	90.68%	97.95%			

Information for periods prior to the implementation of GASB 68 is unavailable and will be completed for each year going

See independent auditor's report.

NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST

Schedule of Contributions - Pension Plans

March 31, 2019

	Last 10 Fiscal Years									
	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
New York State Employees' Retirement System Plan										
Contractually required contribution	\$ 343,702	\$ 318,502	\$ 287,971	\$ 494,651	Information for periods prior to the implementation of GASB 68 is unavailable and will be completed for each year going forward as information becomes available					
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	343,702	318,502	287,971	494,651						
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -						
Agency's covered-employee payroll	\$3,233,186	\$3,430,527	\$2,626,717	\$2,729,006						
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	10.63%	9.28%	10.96%	18.13%						

See independent auditor's report.

NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST

Schedule of Changes in the Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios

March 31, 2019

	Last 10 Fiscal Years								
	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Total OPEB Liability									
Service cost	\$ 23,067	\$ 21,124							
Interest	91,186	91,144							
Changes of benefit terms	-	-							
Differences between expected and actual experience and changes of assumptions or other inputs	(166,413)	79,527							
Benefit payments	<u>(30,919)</u>	<u>(42,664)</u>							
Net change in total OPEB liability	(83,079)	149,131							
Total OPEB liability - beginning	<u>2,558,399</u>	<u>2,409,268</u>							
Total OPEB liability - ending	<u>\$2,475,320</u>	<u>\$ 2,558,399</u>							
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 3,233,186	\$ 3,430,527							
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	76.56%	74.58%							

Information for periods prior to the implementation of GASB 75 is unavailable and will be completed for each year going forward as information becomes available

Notes to Schedule of Changes in the Trust's Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios

Changes of benefit terms - There are no reportable changes in benefit terms.

Changes of assumptions - Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflect the effects of changes in the discount rate, healthcare trend rates and mortality assumptions for each period.

The following are the discount rates used in each period:

March 31, 2019 - 3.42%
 April 1, 2018 - 3.61%

The following are the healthcare trend rates used in each period:

March 31, 2019 - Medical 5% - Prescription Drug 9.5%
 April 1, 2018 - Medical 6.25% - Prescription Drug 10.5%

The following are the mortality assumptions used in each period:

March 31, 2019 - Sex distinct RPH-2014 Mortality Tables for employees and health annuitants, adjusted backwards to 2006 with Scale MP-2014, and then adjusted for mortality improvements with the Scale MP-2018 mortality improvement scale on a generational basis.

March 31, 2018 - Based on the RP-2014 Mortality Tables for employees and health annuitants adjusted backwards to 2006 with Scale MP-2014, and then adjusted for mortality improvements with the Scale MP-2017 mortality improvement scale on a generational basis.

See independent auditor's report.

COMPLIANCE REPORT

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL
OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND
OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

To the Board of Directors
Natural Heritage Trust
Albany, New York

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to the financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Natural Heritage Trust (the “Trust”) as of and for the year ended March 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Trust’s basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 25, 2019.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Trust’s internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust’s internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be

material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Trust's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Trust's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Wojcicki + Company CPAs, P. C.

East Greenbush, New York
June 25, 2019