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Form **990**

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
 Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)
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OMB No. 1545-0047
2017
 Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning _____, and ending _____

B Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Final return/terminated
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization: **UPSTATE FOREVER**
 Doing business as _____
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
507 PETTIGRU STREET
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
GREENVILLE SC 29601

D Employer identification number: **57-1070433**

E Telephone number: **864-250-0500**

G Gross receipts: **1,923,462**

F Name and address of principal officer:
MARK TAYLOR
507 PETTIGRU STREET
GREENVILLE SC 29601

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes No
H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No
 If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3) 501(c) () t (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: **WWW.UPSTATEFOREVER.ORG**

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other **u**

L Year of formation: **1998** **M** State of legal domicile: **SC**

H(c) Group exemption number **u**

Part I Summary		Prior Year	Current Year
Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: UPSTATE FOREVER IS A CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION WITH A MISSION TO PROTECT CRITICAL LANDS, WATERS, AND THE UNIQUE CHARACTER OF THE UPSTATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	16
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	16
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2017 (Part V, line 2a)	5	21
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	30
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	2,345,177	1,740,371
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		0
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	81,726	62,544
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	107,070	73,366
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	2,533,973	1,876,281
	Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)			0
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)		926,838	864,841
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)			39,468
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) u 270,505			
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)		1,721,425	1,043,167
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2,648,263	1,947,476	
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-114,290	-71,195	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year 5,804,279	End of Year 6,157,295
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	61,508	61,644
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	5,742,771	6,095,651

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here

Signature of officer: **ANDREA COOPER** Date: _____
 Type or print name and title: **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name: **SUSAN DENISE EIDSON, CPA** Preparer's signature: **SUSAN DENISE EIDSON, CPA** Date: **07/31/18** Check if PTIN **P01019423**
 Firm's name: **GREENE FINNEY, LLP** Firm's EIN: **52-2212837**
 Firm's address: **211 EAST BUTLER ROAD, STE. C-6 MAULDIN, SC 29662** Phone no.: **864-451-7381**

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

UPSTATE FOREVER IS A CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION WITH A MISSION TO PROTECT CRITICAL LANDS, WATERS, AND THE UNIQUE CHARACTER OF THE UPSTATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? Yes No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? Yes No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ **189,146** including grants of\$) (Revenue \$)

CLEAR WATER

IN 2017, THE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM COLLABORATED WITH DRINKING WATER UTILITIES TO DEVELOP STRATEGIC SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PLANS IN THE TYGER AND PACOLET RIVER WATERSHEDS. LED DISCUSSIONS FOR IMPROVING WETLAND AND STREAM MITIGATION THROUGHOUT THE UPSTATE. ASSISTED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STATEWIDE VOLUNTEER ADOPT-A-STREAM PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES FOR ROUTINE TESTING OF OUR STREAMS AND RIVERS. CONNECTED PEOPLE TO RIVERS THROUGHOUT THE UPSTATE BY COLLABORATING WITH PARTNERS TO IMPROVE BLUEWAY PLANNING EFFORTS AND MAPPING BLUEWAYS (PADDLE TRAILS) SO THAT PEOPLE CAN MOVE EASILY AND ENJOY SAFE WATER RECREATION ACTIVITIES. LAUNCHED AN ONLINE, INTERACTIVE MAP FEATURING BLUEWAY TRAILS THROUGHOUT SC AND PRINTED WATER-

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ **725,490** including grants of\$) (Revenue \$)

LAND TRUST

THE UPSTATE FOREVER LAND TRUST PROGRAM IS ACCREDITED BY THE NATIONAL LAND TRUST ASSOCIATION AND HAS PROTECTED 21,131ACRES THROUGH 114 CONSERVATION EASEMENTS IN THE UPSTATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA. OVER 30% OF THE CONSERVATION EASEMENTS PROVIDE PROVIDE PUBLIC ACCESS AND OVER 15% ARE WORKING FARMS. OVER 40% OF THE EASEMENTS PROTECT PROPERTIES ALONG OR NEAR SCENIC HIGHWAY 11. IN 2017 UPSTATE FOREVER HELPED TO PRESERVE AN ADDITION TO CRAGMOOR FARM WHICH IS A PARTNERSHIP WITH SPARTANBURG DISTRICT SIX. THE PLAN IS ALREADY BEING DEVELOPED TO INCLUDE A WORKING FARM, PROCESSING AREAS, AND CLASSROOM SPACE FOR STUDENTS TO GROW FRESH FOOD FOR THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ **346,926** including grants of\$) (Revenue \$)

LAND POLICY AND PLANNING

IN 2017 LAND POLICY AND PLANNING RELEASED AN EYE-OPENING STUDY HIGHLIGHTING THE REGION'S ECONOMICALLY AND ENVIRONMENTALLY UNSUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT TRENDS. ASSISTED THE CITY OF LANDRUM TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ACTIVELY SUPPORTED ITS ADOPTION, AND WORKED TO ADVANCE PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS. ADVOCATED FOR ADOPTION FOR AN INNOVATIVE PARKING REDUCTION PROGRAM IN DOWNTOWN CLEMSON. LED A GRASS ROOTS ADVOCACY INITIATIVE IN BOILING SPRINGS (AN UNINCORPORATED AREA OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY).

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ **284,293** including grants of\$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses **u 1,545,855**

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	X	
2	Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)?	X	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>		X
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>	X	
5	Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>		X
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>		X
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>	X	
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>		X
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>		X
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>	X	
11	If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a	Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i>	X	
b	Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i>		X
c	Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i>		X
d	Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i>		X
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>		X
f	Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>		X
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i>	X	
b	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i>		X
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		X
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>		X
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>		X
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>		X
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i> (see instructions)	X	
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>	X	
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		X
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>		X
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>		X
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>		X
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>		X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		X
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		X
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		X
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		X
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>		X
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>		X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>		X
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
b If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		X
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>		X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	X	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	X	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return		
2b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	X	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
3b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		X
4b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: u See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
5b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
5c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?		X
6b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
7a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	X	
7b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	X	
7c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		X
7d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
7e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		X
7f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		X
7g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		X
7h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		X
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		X
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
9a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		X
9b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		X
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
10a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12		
10b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
11a	Gross income from members or shareholders		
11b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
12b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
13a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.		
13b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans		
13c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand		
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		X
14b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions. Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI

Section A. Governing Body and Management

	1a	16	Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.		16		
b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	1b	16		
2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?				X
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?				X
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?				X
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?				X
6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?			X	
7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?			X	
b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?			X	
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:				
a The governing body?			X	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?			X	
9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O				X

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

	Yes	No
10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	X	
b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?	X	
11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	X	
b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	X	
b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?		X
c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	X	
13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	X	
14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	X	
15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	X	
b Other officers or key employees of the organization If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).	X	
16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		X
b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

Section C. Disclosure

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **u SC**
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
 Own website Another's website Upon request Other (explain in Schedule O)
- 19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
- 20** State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: **u**

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GREENVILLE

SC 29601

864-250-0500

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
 - List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
 - List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
 - List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
 - List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) THOMAS KESTER										
TREASURER	1.00 0.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(2) GLENN HILLIARD										
SECRETARY	0.60 0.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(3) MARK TAYLOR										
CHAIR	0.60 0.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(4) MIKE BAUR										
VICE CHAIR	0.60 0.00	X					0	0	0	
(5) BRICE HIPP										
BOARD	0.40 0.00	X					0	0	0	
(6) MICHAEL ALLEN										
BOARD	0.40 0.00	X					0	0	0	
(7) DICK CARR										
BOARD	0.40 0.00	X					0	0	0	
(8) MARIANNA HABISREUTINGER										
BOARD	0.40 0.00	X					0	0	0	
(9) MARY HAQUE										
BOARD	0.40 0.00	X					0	0	0	
(10) JOE JAMES										
BOARD	0.40 0.00	X					0	0	0	
(11) JOE LESESNE										
BOARD	0.60 0.00	X					0	0	0	

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(12) ERWIN MADDREY BOARD	0.60 0.00	X						0	0	0
(13) CHARLIE MICKEL BOARD	0.40 0.00	X						0	0	0
(14) BETTY MONTGOMERY BOARD	0.40 0.00	X						0	0	0
(15) PAMELA VAUGHN BOARD	0.40 0.00	X						0	0	0
(16) KRIS YON BOARD	0.40 0.00	X						0	0	0
(17) ANDREA COOPER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	40.00 0.00			X				85,000	0	0
1b Sub-total							u	85,000		
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A							u			
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							u	85,000		

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **u0**

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		X
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		X
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>		X

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
CITY EXPLAINED, INC. LAFAYETTE CO 80026	75 WANEKA PARKWAY LAND USE PLAN	114,095

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization **u**

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Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a					
	b Membership dues	1b	497,237				
	c Fundraising events	1c					
	d Related organizations	1d					
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e	566,534				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	676,600				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$						
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f	u	1,740,371				
Program Service Revenue	2a	Busn. Code					
	b						
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f All other program service revenue						
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f	u					
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)	u	62,544			62,544	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds	u					
	5 Royalties	u					
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
	b Less: rental exps.						
	c Rental inc. or (loss)						
	d Net rental income or (loss)	u					
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
	b Less: cost or other basis & sales exps.						
	c Gain or (loss)						
	d Net gain or (loss)	u					
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a		69,310			
		b Less: direct expenses	b	47,181			
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		u	22,129				
9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a						
	b Less: direct expenses	b					
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities	u					
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a						
	b Less: cost of goods sold	b					
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory	u					
Miscellaneous Revenue		Busn. Code					
11a BIKE SHARE REVENUE			35,783			35,783	
b CONSULTING FEES			13,082			13,082	
c OTHER			2,372			2,372	
d All other revenue							
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d	u		51,237				
12 Total revenue. See instructions.	u		1,876,281	0	0	113,781	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.

	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	85,000	54,032	15,317	15,651
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	679,659	426,650	105,755	147,254
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	22,040	13,975	3,604	4,461
9 Other employee benefits	21,435	13,600	3,835	4,000
10 Payroll taxes	56,707	36,109	9,113	11,485
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	10,500		10,500	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 7	39,468			39,468
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	252,631	245,490	4,141	3,000
12 Advertising and promotion	3,709	3,523		186
13 Office expenses	48,507	27,972	8,928	11,607
14 Information technology	47,618	33,233	9,875	4,510
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	17,131	12,964	4,167	
17 Travel	15,453	14,718	4	731
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	7,832	6,213	587	1,032
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	51,341	31,171	20,170	
23 Insurance	30,155	8,054	22,101	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a CONSERVATION EASMENTS	500,000	500,000		
b REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	28,248	23,290	4,958	
c BANK CHARGES	12,367	9,340	201	2,826
d SPONSORSHIPS	5,700	5,700		
e All other expenses	11,975	79,821	-92,140	24,294
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	1,947,476	1,545,855	131,116	270,505
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest bearing		1	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	1,146,898	2	1,138,874
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	213,285	4	243,146
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	2,313	9	4,475
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 1,159,492		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 340,828	809,949	10c 818,664
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	3,627,560	11	3,944,919
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	4,274	15	7,217
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	5,804,279	16	6,157,295	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	61,508	17	61,644
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	61,508	26	61,644
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	3,139,477	27	3,289,280
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	1,575,962	28	1,765,618
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	1,027,332	29	1,040,753
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
33 Total net assets or fund balances	5,742,771	33	6,095,651	
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	5,804,279	34	6,157,295	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,876,281
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,947,476
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-71,195
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	5,742,771
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	424,075
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	6,095,651

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	X	
2c	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	X	
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		X
3b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

u Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

u Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization

UPSTATE FOREVER

Employer identification number

57-1070433

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university:
- 10 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 12 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box in lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
 - a **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations
 - g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total						

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	1,810,686	1,280,104	4,029,677	2,345,177	1,740,371	11,206,015
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	1,810,686	1,280,104	4,029,677	2,345,177	1,740,371	11,206,015
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						11,206,015

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	1,810,686	1,280,104	4,029,677	2,345,177	1,740,371	11,206,015
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	116,859	92,621	79,795	81,726	62,544	433,545
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)	60,651	60,817	65,247	60,231	51,237	298,183
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						11,937,743
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	69,310
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						<input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2017 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	93.87%
15 Public support percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	95.00%
16a 33 1/3% support test—2017. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b 33 1/3% support test—2016. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2017. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2016. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions		<input type="checkbox"/>

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) u	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) u	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2017 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2017 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33 1/3% support tests—2017. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33 1/3% support tests—2016. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box in line 12 on Part I. If you checked 12a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 12b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 12c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 12d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

		Yes	No
1	Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.</i>		
2	Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>		
3a	Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
b	Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
c	Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>		
4a	Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes," and if you checked 12a or 12b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
b	Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i>		
c	Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.</i>		
5a	Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).</i>		
b	Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c	Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6	Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
7	Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
8	Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
9a	Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
b	Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
c	Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
10a	Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If "Yes," answer 10b below.</i>		
b	Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)</i>		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

- 11** Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
- a** A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?
 - b** A family member of a person described in (a) above?
 - c** A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.

	Yes	No
11a		
11b		
11c		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

- 1** Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.
- 2** Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.

	Yes	No
1		
2		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

- 1** Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).

	Yes	No
1		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

- 1** Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?
- 2** Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).
- 3** By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.

	Yes	No
1		
2		
3		

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

- 1** Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).
 - a** The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.
 - b** The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.
 - c** The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).

- 2** Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.
 - a** Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.
 - b** Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.
- 3** Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.
 - a** Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? Provide details in Part VI.
 - b** Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.

	Yes	No
2a		
2b		
3a		
3b		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

1 Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 (explain in Part VI). **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3.	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4).	8	
Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by .035.	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	
Section C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1.	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	6	
7	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations *(continued)*

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.	
9 Distributable amount for 2017 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2017	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2017
1 Distributable amount for 2017 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2017 (reasonable cause required-explain in Part VI). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2017:			
a			
b From 2013			
c From 2014			
d From 2015			
e From 2016			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2017 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2012 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2017 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2017 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2017, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI . See instructions.			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2017. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI . See instructions.			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2018. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2013			
b Excess from 2014			
c Excess from 2015			
d Excess from 2016			
e Excess from 2017			

Part VI Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V, Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions.)

PART II, LINE 10 - OTHER INCOME DETAIL

CONSULTING FEES \$ 218,247

OTHER \$ 28,699

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No. 1545-0047

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

2017

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Complete if the organization is described below. Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
 Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and B. Do not complete Part I-C.
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and C below. Do not complete Part I-B.
- Section 527 organizations: Complete Part I-A only.

If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-A. Do not complete Part II-B.
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A.

If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations: Complete Part III.

Name of organization **UPSTATE FOREVER** Employer identification number **57-1070433**

Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV. (see instructions for definition of "political campaign activities")
- 2 Political campaign activity expenditures (see instructions) **u \$**
- 3 Volunteer hours for political campaign activities (see instructions)

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 **u \$**
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 **u \$**
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? Yes No
- 4a Was a correction made? Yes No
- b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities **u \$**
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities **u \$**
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b **u \$**
- 4 Did the filing organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year? Yes No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-.
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990 or 990-EZ.

Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2017

Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

- A** Check if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).
B Check if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures
 (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)

	(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)	35,000													
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	35,000													
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	70,000													
d Other exempt purpose expenditures	1,947,476													
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	2,017,476													
f Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.	250,874													
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Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.													
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.													
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.													
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.													
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)	62,719													
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-	0													
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-	0													
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No												

4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2014	(b) 2015	(c) 2016	(d) 2017	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount	209,399	240,968	262,634	250,874	963,875
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e))					1,445,813
c Total lobbying expenditures	60,000	60,000	60,000	70,000	250,000
d Grassroots nontaxable amount	52,350	60,242	65,659	62,719	240,970
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					361,455
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures	30,000	30,000	30,000	35,000	125,000

Part IV Supplemental Information *(continued)*

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SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements
u Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
u Attach to Form 990.
u Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2017

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Name of the organization

Employer identification number

UPSTATE FOREVER

57-1070433

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include: 1 Total number at end of year, 2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year), 3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year), 4 Aggregate value at end of year, 5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?, 6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?

Part II Conservation Easements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

Table with 2 columns: Held at the End of the Tax Year. Rows include: 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply), 2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year, 3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year, 4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located, 5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?, 6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year, 7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year, 8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?, 9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

Table with 2 columns: u \$. Rows include: 1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items. 1b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items: (i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1, (ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X. 2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items: a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1, b Assets included in Form 990, Part X.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

- 3** Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):
- a** Public exhibition
 - b** Scholarly research
 - c** Preservation for future generations
 - d** Loan or exchange programs
 - e** Other
- 4** Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.
- 5** During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

- 1a** Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:
- | | Amount |
|--|-----------|
| c Beginning balance | 1c |
| d Additions during the year | 1d |
| e Distributions during the year | 1e |
| f Ending balance | 1f |
- 2a** Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? Yes No
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided on Part XIII

Part V Endowment Funds.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	3,683,126	3,528,543	1,521,742	1,481,159	1,316,480
b Contributions	18,121	107,560	2,091,610	30,372	96,870
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	481,660	242,989	-57,510	90,259	115,024
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	-191,144	-195,966	-27,299	-80,048	-47,215
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	3,991,763	3,683,126	3,528,543	1,521,742	1,481,159

- 2** Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment **u** 59.00 %
 - b** Permanent endowment **u** 26.00 %
 - c** Temporarily restricted endowment **u** 15.00 %
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.
- 3a** Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:
- | | Yes | No |
|------------------------------------|-----|----------|
| (i) unrelated organizations | | X |
| (ii) related organizations | | X |
- b** If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?
- 3b** Yes No
- 4** Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		62,500		62,500
b Buildings		770,597	178,080	592,517
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		326,395	162,748	163,647
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				u 818,664

Part VII Investments—Other Securities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) u		

Part VIII Investments—Program Related.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.) u		

Part IX Other Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.) u	

Part X Other Liabilities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) u	

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	2,300,356
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
	a Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	424,075	
	b Donated services and use of facilities	2b		
	c Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
	d Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
	e Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	424,075
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	1,876,281
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:			
	a Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a		
	b Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b		
	c Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)		5	1,876,281

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		1	1,947,476
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
	a Donated services and use of facilities	2a		
	b Prior year adjustments	2b		
	c Other losses	2c		
	d Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
	e Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	1,947,476
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:			
	a Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a		
	b Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b		
	c Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)		5	1,947,476

Part XIII Supplemental Information.

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

PART II, LINE 5 - MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT POLICY

I. PURPOSE

LAND CONSERVATION MONITORS WILL CONDUCT, AT A MINIMUM, AN ANNUAL INSPECTION OF EACH PROPERTY ON WHICH UPSTATE FOREVER HOLDS A CONSERVATION AGREEMENT.

THE PURPOSES OF THESE MONITORING INSPECTIONS ARE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO:

A. OBSERVE AND DOCUMENT COMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE CONSERVATION

AGREEMENT OR OTHER LAND RESTRICTIONS TO BE ENFORCED BY UPSTATE FOREVER, WHERE APPLICABLE;

B. TIMELY ENFORCE CONSERVATION AGREEMENT TERMS, WHERE APPLICABLE;

C. REINFORCE THE CONSERVATION VALUES/LIMITATIONS WITH LANDOWNERS, NEIGHBORS, AND THIRD-PARTIES, WHERE APPLICABLE;

D. CONFIRM CURRENT OWNERSHIP OF CONSERVED PROPERTIES;

Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

E.GUARD AGAINST UNAUTHORIZED BOUNDARY ENCROACHMENTS;

F.GUARD AGAINST IMPERMISSIBLE USES BY THIRD-PARTIES; AND

G.OBSERVING THE GENERAL CONDITION OF THE LAND SUCH THAT UPSTATE FOREVER MAY BE INFORMED OF THE SAME.

II.MONITORING VISITS

A.NUMBER OF VISITS. ALL PROPERTIES WILL BE MONITORED AT LEAST ONCE PER YEAR. MORE FREQUENT MONITORING VISITS MAY BE NECESSARY BECAUSE OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS:

1.CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP;

2.RECEIPT OF A RESERVED RIGHTS REQUEST;

3.THE EXERCISE OF SIGNIFICANT RESERVED RIGHT(S);

4.SPECIAL INVITATION BY THE LANDOWNER;

5.SUSPICION OF VIOLATION;

6.VIOLATIONS IDENTIFIED;

7.REMEDIES IN PROCESS IN RESPONSE TO A VIOLATION; AND

8.OTHER CAUSES FOR CONCERN.

B.LANDOWNER NOTIFICATION. LAND CONSERVATION MONITORS SHALL CONTACT THE LANDOWNER OR LANDOWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE AND ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE TIME TO CONDUCT THE ANNUAL MONITORING INSPECTION SO THAT THE LANDOWNER OR A REPRESENTATIVE MAY ATTEND THE INSPECTION. SUCH PARTICIPATION IS NOT A REQUIREMENT BUT IS DESIRABLE.

C.INSPECTION. TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION ACCESSIBILITY AND THE SPECIFIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PROPERTY BEING INSPECTED, MONITORS SHALL ATTEMPT TO CHECK BOUNDARIES AND ANY AREA OF ACTIVITY WHICH WARRANTS OBSERVATION. FOR PROPERTIES WITH LIMITED ACCESSIBILITY, ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF INSPECTION, SUCH AS AERIAL OR RIVERINE-BASED OBSERVATIONS, MAY BE CONDUCTED

Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

PERIODICALLY.

D.POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS. IF A POTENTIAL VIOLATION IS OBSERVED, THE LAND CONSERVATION DIRECTOR SHALL BE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY BY THE LAND CONSERVATION MONITOR.

III.POST-MONITORING PROCESS

THE FINDINGS OF THE INSPECTION SHALL BE DOCUMENTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAND CONSERVATION MONITORING PROCEDURES. A COPY OF THE MONITORING REPORT WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE LANDOWNER, WHERE APPLICABLE. LAND CONSERVATION MONITORS WILL ADHERE TO PROCEDURES TO ASSURE THAT QUESTIONS THAT ARISE DURING MONITORING INSPECTIONS OR ANY ACTIVITIES THAT ARE IN CONFLICT WITH RELEVANT LIMITATIONS FOR THAT GIVEN PROPERTY ARE ADDRESSED IN A TIMELY MANNER, WHILE PRESERVING UPSTATE FOREVER'S ENFORCEMENT RIGHTS, WHERE APPLICABLE, AND PRESERVING UPSTATE FOREVER'S RAPPORT WITH LANDOWNERS/DONORS. POST-INSPECTION ACTIVITIES ARE ALSO GOVERNED BY UPSTATE FOREVER'S RECORDS RETENTION AND ENFORCEMENT POLICIES. ONLY THE LAND CONSERVATION DIRECTOR, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CAN DECLARE A VIOLATION AND DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE COURSE OF ACTION TO BE TAKEN.

IV.MONITORS

THE UPSTATE FOREVER'S MONITORS, BOTH STAFF AND VOLUNTEER, WILL WORK UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF THE LAND CONSERVATION DIRECTOR OR DESIGNATED STEWARDSHIP STAFF. PRIOR TO COMMENCING MONITORING, ANYONE INVOLVED WITH THE INSPECTION SHALL RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE PURPOSE AND PROCESS FOR PERFORMING AN INSPECTION IN A SAFE AND PROFESSIONAL MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE NEEDS OF UPSTATE FOREVER.

Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

PART II, LINE 9 - ACCOUNTING FOR CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

CONSERVATION EASEMENTS DONATED TO THE ORGANIZATION ARE RECORDED AT A ZERO VALUE IN THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION, THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND THE STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES. CONSERVATION EASEMENTS THAT ARE PURCHASED ARE RECORDED AT A ZERO VALUE IN THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION, AND ARE SHOWN AS AN EXPENSE IN THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES, STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES AND STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS. THE FUNDING SOURCE THAT ENABLES THE PURCHASE OF THESE EASEMENTS IS SHOWN AS A REVENUE IN THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS, RESULTING IN A NET ZERO EFFECT ON NET ASSETS.

**SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

U Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

U Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest instructions.

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Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- a Mail solicitations
- b Internet and email solicitations
- c Phone solicitations
- d In-person solicitations
- e Solicitation of non-government grants
- f Solicitation of government grants
- g Special fundraising events

2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees, or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? Yes No

b If "Yes," list the 10 highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
WINKLER GROUP 1 1036 E. WALL STREET MT. PLEASANT SC 29464	CAPTIAL		X	10,000	39,468	-29,468
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
Total				10,000	39,468	-29,468

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events
		AWARDS LUNCHEON (event type)	PRESERVATION RI (event type)	NONE (total number)	(add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	39,211	10,971		50,182
	2 Less: Contributions				
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	39,211	10,971		50,182
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages				
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses	26,690	7,464		34,154
	10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				34,154
11 Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)				16,028	

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col. (a) through col. (c))
		1 Gross revenue			
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Noncash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
	6 Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No %	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No %	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No %	
7 Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)					
8 Net gaming income summary. Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d)					

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities: _____
 a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? Yes No

b If "No," explain: _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended, or terminated during the tax year? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain: _____

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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZComplete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

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FORM 990 - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CONSERVATIONS EASEMENTS DONATED TO THE ORGANIZATION ARE RECORDED AT A ZERO VALUE IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND FORM 990. CONSERVATION EASEMENTS THAT ARE PURCHASED ARE SHOWN AS AN EXPENSE IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND FORM 990. THE FUNDING SOURCE THAT ENABLES THE PURCHASE OF THESE EASEMENTS IS SHOWN AS A REVENUE IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND FORM 990.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A - FIRST ACCOMPLISHMENT

PROOF BLUEWAY MAPS FOR THE BROAD AND TWELVE MILE RIVERS, AND UPDATED MAPS FOR THE UPPER SALUDA RIVER. CONTINUED MONITORING A UTILITY COMPANY'S COMPLIANCE WITH A VOLUNTARY SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT TO REMOVE COAL ASH PONDS THAT THREATEN THE SALUDA RIVER. ASSISTED FARMERS AND HOMEOWNERS IMPROVE WATER QUALITY IN SEVERAL SALUDA SUB-WATERSHEDS. COLLABORATED WITH REEDY RIVER WATER QUALITY GROUP.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4D - ALL OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENT

SIGNING 121 CONSERVATION AGREEMENTS THAT PROTECT MORE THAN 21,000 ACRES OF CRITICAL LANDS IN THE REGION, SUCH AS STUMPHOUSE MOUNTAIN IN OCONEE COUNTY, NINE TIMES IN PICKENS COUNTY, KEY TRACTS IN THE BLUE RIDGE ESCARPMENT, LAND ALONG HIGHWAY 11, AND A NUMBER OF BEAUTIFUL FARMLANDS THAT COLLECTIVELY HELP TO PRESERVE OUR GREATLY THREATENED NATURAL HERITAGE

BECOMING THE FIRST LAND TRUST ORGANIZATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA TO RECEIVE NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

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PLAYING AN ESSENTIAL ROLE IN SECURING AND OPENING GREENVILLE'S GHS SWAMP RABBIT TRAIL AND CATALYZING AN EXTENSION OF THE TRAIL FROM DOWNTOWN TO CUCICAR AND CONTINUING TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE TO COMPLETE THE LONG-TERM PLAN FOR THE TRAIL

ESTABLISHING AND OPERATING THE GREENVILLE B-CYCLE BIKE-SHARE PROGRAM

LEADING COORDINATION OF BLUEWAY TRAIL MAPPING THROUGHOUT SC AND CATALYZING RIVER ACCESS ACROSS THE UPSTATE

MOBILIZING PUBLIC OPPOSITION TO STOP DUKE ENERGY'S PROPOSED SUBSTATION AND 45-MILE LONG TRANSMISSION LINE ACROSS THE FOOTHILLS AND BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS OF THE UPSTATE AND WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

APPEALED A PROPOSED 254-HOME SUBDIVISION THAT WOULD HAVE FOREVER ALTERED THE CHARACTER OF GLASSY MOUNTAIN, A PICKENS COUNTY ICON, AND WORKED WITH THE LANDOWNERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO REALIZE A CONSERVATION SOLUTION

SECURING A VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT FROM DUKE ENERGY TO REMOVE COAL ASH IMPROPERLY STORED ALONG THAT SALUDA RIVER

ASSISTING THE SOUTHERN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER IN A SUCCESSFUL US 4TH CIRCUIT APPEAL ADDRESSING THE 2014 DIESEL SPILL IN BELTON, SC

SUCCESSFULLY ADVOCATING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FEDERAL COURT'S CONSENT DECREE TO REMOVE PCB-CONTAMINATED SEDIMENT AND TWO DAMS ON THE TWELVE MILE RIVER

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STOPPING A PROPOSED MEGA-LANDFILL IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY AND A COAL ASH LANDFILL IN PICKENS COUNTY AND PROMOTING WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING THROUGH COLLECTION EVENTS FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND PHARMACEUTICALS

RELEASING AN EYE-OPENING GROWTH PROJECTION STUDY FOR THE UPSTATE THAT SHOWS WHAT OUR REGION WILL LOOK LIKE IN 2030 IF CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS AND POLICIES REMAIN UNCHANGED

MANAGING ONE OF THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE WATERSHED STUDIES EVER UNDERTAKEN IN THE COUNTRY AND LEADING IMPLEMENTATION OF MANY RECOMMENDED SOLUTIONS THROUGHOUT THE SALUDA-REEDY WATERSHED, RESULTING IN SIGNIFICANT WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS WHICH ALLOW RESIDENTS AND INDUSTRIES TO CONTINUE TO USE AND ENJOY LAKE GREENWOOD

ADVOCATING SUCCESSFULLY FOR THE ENACTMENT OF HOSPITALITY TAXES IN GREENVILLE AND SPARTANBURG COUNTIES TO FUND PARKS AND GREENWAYS

CREATING AND SUCCESSFULLY ADVOCATING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE STORMWATER BANKING PROGRAM, A MARKET-BASED INITIATIVE FOR CLEANER WATER THAT PROVIDES INCENTIVES FOR BETTER DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF GREENVILLE

RESTORING NEARLY 3,000 FEET OF TROUT HABITAT IN THE SOUTH SALUDA RIVER

ADVOCATING SUCCESSFULLY FOR THE ENACTMENT OF PROGRESSIVE LOCAL ORDINANCES RELATING TO ENCOURAGING MORE WALKABLE COMMUNITIES, TREE PROTECTION, STREAM BUFFERS, CLUSTERED DEVELOPMENTS, BIG BOX STORES, AND PARKING LOTS,

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COMPLETING THE LEED PLATINUM-CERTIFIED RENOVATION OF OUR GREENVILLE OFFICE AND INTRODUCING THE EARTH-CRAFT GREEN BUILDING STANDARD TO SOUTH CAROLINA THROUGH OUR "UPSTATE HOUSE" PROJECT.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 6 - CLASSES OF MEMBERS OR STOCKHOLDERS
THE TAXPAYER'S ARTICLES AND BY-LAWS STATE THAT THEY ARE A MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 7A - ELECTION OF MEMBERS AND THEIR RIGHTS
YES - APPROXIMATELY ONE THIRD OF THE BOARD ARE ELECTED FOR THREE-YEAR TERMS BY THE MEMBERS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 7B - DECISIONS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF MEMBERS
YES, MEMBERS APPROVE CHANGES TO THE BY-LAWS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 11B - ORGANIZATION'S PROCESS TO REVIEW FORM 990
A DRAFT COPY OF THE RETURN WAS EMAILED TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRIOR TO FILING. THE BOARD WAS GIVEN ONE WEEK TO REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE FORM 990.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 12C - ENFORCEMENT OF CONFLICTS POLICY
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REGULARLY REVIEWS, AND ENSURES COMPLIANCE WITH, THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 15A - COMPENSATION PROCESS FOR TOP OFFICIAL
ALL COMPENSATION IS REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PRIOR TO SUBMITTING THE BUDGET TO THE BOARD.

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FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 15B - COMPENSATION PROCESS FOR OFFICERS
 ALL COMPENSATION IS REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PRIOR TO SUBMITTING THE BUDGET TO THE BOARD.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 19 - GOVERNING DOCUMENTS DISCLOSURE EXPLANATION
 THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST AT THE ORGANIZATION'S OFFICE.

FORM 990, PART VIII - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
 THE ENTITY CHANGED THE CLASSIFICATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MAJOR DONORS AND BOARD GIVING FROM CONTRIBUTIONS TO MEMBERSHIP DUES. THIS RESULTED IN A DISPARITY OF HOW REVENUE WAS STATED IN PRIOR YEARS COMPARED TO THE CURRENT YEAR. MEMBERSHIPS SHOW AN INCREASE FOR 2017 OVER 2016 WHILE CONTRIBUTIONS SHOW A DECREASE.

FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G - OTHER FEES FOR SERVICES

DESCRIPTION

PROGRAM SERVICE	MGT & GENERAL	FUNDRAISING
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CONSULTANTS

\$	89,542	\$	4,141	\$	3,000
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CONSULTANTS

\$	155,948	\$	0	\$	0
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TOTAL

\$	245,490	\$	4,141	\$	3,000
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