

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

2023

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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Form header section A-M containing organization name, address, identification numbers, and tax status.

Part I Summary

Table with 3 columns: Description, Prior Year, Current Year. Rows include mission statement, governance metrics, revenue, expenses, and net assets.

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.

Signature block form with fields for officer signature, preparer name, and firm information.

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions [X] 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 [X]

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: PROTECT AND RESTORE THE LANDS AND WATERS OF THE VIRGINIA PIEDMONT, WHILE BUILDING STRONGER, MORE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES.

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 [X] No

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

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses.

4a (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 1,541,846. including grants of \$ 50,969. ) (Revenue \$ ) CONSERVATION, STEWARDSHIP AND HABITAT: RESEARCH THE ECONOMICS OF RURAL LAND PRESERVATION, PROVIDE PUBLIC EDUCATION ON LAND CONSERVATION OPTIONS AND ACQUIRE AND PRESERVE VITAL PROPERTY; PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LANDOWNERS ON NATIVE HABITAT LAND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES. PEC HAS HELPED LANDOWNERS PERMANENTLY PROTECT MORE THAN 446,096 ACRES OF RURAL OR NATURAL LAND. CONSERVATION EASEMENTS HELP ENSURE THAT THE VIRGINIA PIEDMONT IS ALWAYS CHARACTERIZED BY ITS OPEN SPACES, HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT AND CULTURAL RESOURCES.

4b (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 976,096. including grants of \$ 6,603. ) (Revenue \$ ) COUNTY ISSUES: ANALYZE COUNTY PLANNING PROPOSALS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AND DEVELOP SOUND CONSERVATION ALTERNATIVES.

4c (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 842,403. including grants of \$ 777. ) (Revenue \$ ) OUTREACH & EDUCATION: PEC'S ON-THE-GROUND, HANDS-ON EDUCATION, DEMONSTRATION, OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY WORK INSPIRES GREATER PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE PROCESSES AND DECISION-MAKING THAT AFFECT THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE VIRGINIA PIEDMONT AND THE SUSTAINABILITY OF ITS COMMUNITIES. PEC IS FOCUSED ON ENCOURAGING IMPLEMENTATION OF BROADER POLICY GOALS BY FACILITATING INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN ASSISTING WITH APPLICATIONS FOR AVAILABLE PROGRAMS, ORGANIZING VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPORTING DIRECT ACTION.

4d Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ 1,405,783. including grants of \$ 38,304. ) (Revenue \$ )

4e Total program service expenses 4,766,128.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1 through 21, with sub-questions a-f for questions 11, 12, and 14. 'X' marks indicate 'Yes' answers.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Description, Yes, No. Rows include questions 22 through 38 regarding grants, compensation, tax-exempt bonds, and excess benefit transactions.

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

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Description, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1a, 1b, and 1c regarding Form 1096, Forms W-2G, and backup withholding rules.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No response boxes. Includes questions 2a through 17 regarding employee counts, tax returns, gross income, foreign accounts, prohibited transactions, and charitable contributions.

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 on Schedule O. See instructions.

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members... 38; 1b Enter the number of voting members included... 38; 2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship... X; 3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties... X; 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents... 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; 7b 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 on Schedule O... X

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates... X; 10b 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?; 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? X; 11b Describe on 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; 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? X; 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe on 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... X; If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process on Schedule O. See instructions.; 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; 16b 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 VA, DC, MD
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, 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.
[X] Own website [X] Another's website [X] Upon request [ ] Other (explain on Schedule O)
19 Describe on 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
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE - 540-347-2334
45 HORNER STREET, WARRENTON, VA 20186

**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 the 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, box 6 of Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) 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.
- See the instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

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 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/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(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) CHRISTOPHER MILLER PRESIDENT	40.00			X			196,586.	0.	40,183.	
(2) NORA SEILHEIMER ADVANCEMENT DIRECTOR	40.00				X		171,349.	0.	39,906.	
(3) KATHERINE L IMHOFF SR. CONSERVATION FELLOW	40.00				X		164,429.	0.	26,704.	
(4) JAMES S. SCHWARTZ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	40.00				X		120,063.	0.	28,303.	
(5) MICHAEL KANE DIRECTOR OF CONSERVATION	40.00				X		100,513.	0.	28,058.	
(6) ELIZABETH DIGIULIAN DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	40.00			X			78,391.	0.	36,419.	
(7) JEAN PERIN CO-CHAIR	3.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(8) JOHN BIRDSALL III DIRECTOR	3.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(9) HAMILTON MOSES III DIRECTOR	3.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(10) LAURIE VOLK DIRECTOR	3.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(11) LESLIE COCKBURN DIRECTOR	3.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(12) LINDA "BOO" INGRAM DIRECTOR	3.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(13) LYNN WILEY DIRECTOR	3.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(14) DAVID ALDRICH TREASURER	3.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(15) JOHN GRANO DIRECTOR	3.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(16) NATALIE PIEN DIRECTOR	3.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(17) ROBERT "BOB" BERNARD DIRECTOR	3.00	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 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/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(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			
(18) ROY DYE DIRECTOR	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(19) SETH HEALD DIRECTOR	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(20) STEVE DAHLLOF DIRECTOR	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(21) SUSAN GALLAGHER DIRECTOR	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(22) GEORGE OHRSTROM II CO-CHAIR	3.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(23) JIM HURLEY DIRECTOR	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(24) CAROL CARTER DIRECTOR	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(25) BONNIE MATTINGLY DIRECTOR	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(26) BRADLEY BONDI DIRECTOR	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
<b>1b Subtotal</b>								831,331.	0.	199,573.
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b>								0.	0.	0.
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b>								831,331.	0.	199,573.

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 5

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person		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
WILLIAMS MULLEN P.O. BOX 800, RICHMOND, VA 23218	LEGAL COUNCIL	204,354.
MACAULAY JAMESON SATTERLUND & SESSA, PC, 1021 EAST CARY STREET SUITE 1002,	LOBBYING	102,218.

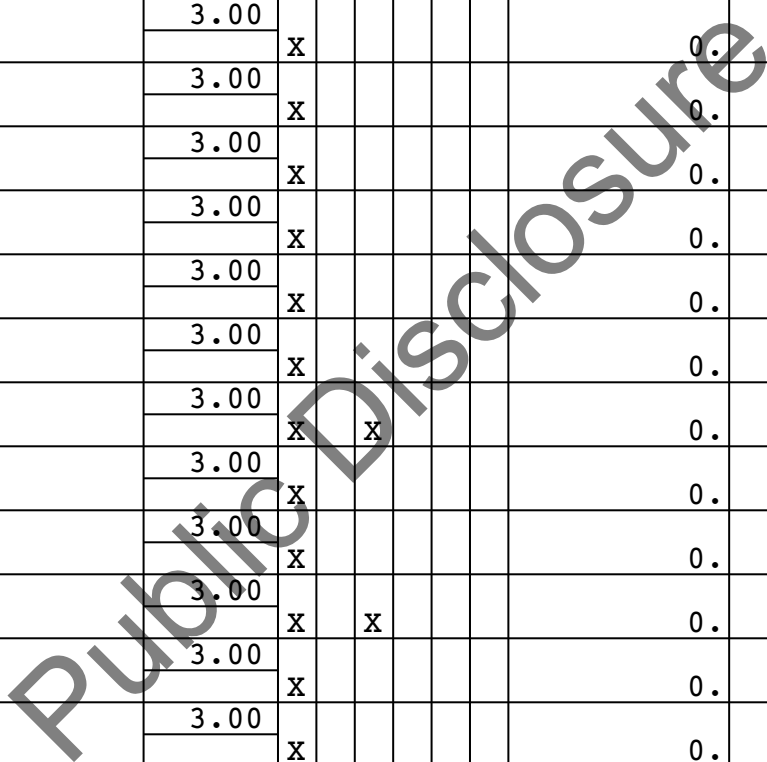
2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization 2

SEE PART VII, SECTION A CONTINUATION SHEETS



**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 line)	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(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			
(27) CHLOE SQUIRES DIRECTOR	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(28) CHRISTOPHER MCLEAN DIRECTOR	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(29) JOE GALE DIRECTOR	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(30) ELEANOR MORISON DIRECTOR	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(31) GEORGE GRAYSON DIRECTOR	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(32) MARIE RIDDER DIRECTOR	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(33) GEORGE OVERSTREET DIRECTOR	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(34) JAMES KLEEBLATT DIRECTOR	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(35) EUGENE GULLAND DIRECTOR	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(36) ALTON KEEL SECRETARY	3.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(37) JAMES COLLINS DIRECTOR	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(38) HELEN DUBOIS DIRECTOR	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(39) MARK J. OHRSTROM VICE CHAIR	3.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(40) PAM JASKE DIRECTOR	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(41) MEGHAN PLATT DIRECTOR	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(42) MARGRETE STEVENS DIRECTOR	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(43) EUGENE TRIPLETT DIRECTOR	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(44) MIMI ABEL SMITH DIRECTOR	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
Total to Part VII, Section A, line 1c .....										



**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

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

			(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
			Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	<b>1 a</b>	Federated campaigns	<b>1a</b>			
	<b>b</b>	Membership dues	<b>1b</b>			
	<b>c</b>	Fundraising events	<b>1c</b>	588,197.		
	<b>d</b>	Related organizations	<b>1d</b>	792,466.		
	<b>e</b>	Government grants (contributions)	<b>1e</b>	158,746.		
	<b>f</b>	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b>	5,012,480.		
	<b>g</b>	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	<b>1g</b>	\$ 550,161.		
	<b>h</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f		6,551,889.		
Program Service Revenue	<b>2 a</b>		<b>Business Code</b>			
	<b>b</b>					
	<b>c</b>					
	<b>d</b>					
	<b>e</b>					
	<b>f</b>	All other program service revenue				
	<b>g</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f				
Other Revenue	<b>3</b>	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)				
	<b>4</b>	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds				
	<b>5</b>	Royalties				
	<b>6 a</b>	Gross rents	(i) Real			
			(ii) Personal			
	<b>6 b</b>	Less: rental expenses	<b>6b</b>			
	<b>6 c</b>	Rental income or (loss)	<b>6c</b>			
	<b>d</b>	Net rental income or (loss)				
	<b>7 a</b>	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities			
			(ii) Other			
				459,853.		
	<b>7 b</b>	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	<b>7b</b>	458,474.	140,153.	
	<b>7 c</b>	Gain or (loss)	<b>7c</b>	1,379.	-140,153.	
	<b>d</b>	Net gain or (loss)		-138,774.		-138,774.
<b>8 a</b>	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 588,197. of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18					
			147,271.			
<b>8 b</b>	Less: direct expenses	<b>8b</b>	308,648.			
<b>c</b>	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		-161,377.		-161,377.	
<b>9 a</b>	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19					
<b>9 b</b>	Less: direct expenses	<b>9b</b>				
<b>c</b>	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
<b>10 a</b>	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances					
<b>10 b</b>	Less: cost of goods sold	<b>10b</b>				
<b>c</b>	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory					
Miscellaneous Revenue	<b>11 a</b>	OTHER REVENUE	<b>Business Code</b>	900099	240,892.	240,892.
	<b>b</b>					
	<b>c</b>					
	<b>d</b>	All other revenue				
	<b>e</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d			240,892.	
<b>12</b>	<b>Total revenue.</b> See instructions			6,492,630.	0.	0.
						-59,259.

**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 ...	96,653.	96,653.		
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 .....	351,579.	102,009.	216,359.	33,211.
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 .....	3,056,307.	2,163,497.	448,720.	444,090.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) .....	137,200.	96,115.	21,144.	19,941.
9 Other employee benefits .....	1,185,942.	823,016.	191,558.	171,368.
10 Payroll taxes .....	276,110.	185,574.	51,379.	39,157.
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management .....				
b Legal .....	217,757.	12,500.	205,257.	
c Accounting .....	91,023.		91,023.	
d Lobbying .....	104,469.	104,469.		
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees .....				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)	508,723.	451,910.	45,388.	11,425.
12 Advertising and promotion .....	11,800.	6,698.	3,852.	1,250.
13 Office expenses .....	265,191.	222,037.	17,998.	25,156.
14 Information technology .....	106,748.	77,188.	14,801.	14,759.
15 Royalties .....				
16 Occupancy .....	113,366.	87,257.	16,240.	9,869.
17 Travel .....	63,846.	53,897.	6,067.	3,882.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials ...				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings .....	91,495.	53,843.	20,758.	16,894.
20 Interest .....	21,243.		21,243.	
21 Payments to affiliates .....				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization .....	169,015.	113,616.	31,591.	23,808.
23 Insurance .....	69,068.	48,075.	11,923.	9,070.
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a <b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>	78,143.	49,623.	8,861.	19,659.
b <b>DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS</b>	25,781.	18,151.	6,827.	803.
c _____				
d _____				
e All other expenses _____				
<b>25 Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e	<b>7,041,459.</b>	<b>4,766,128.</b>	<b>1,430,989.</b>	<b>844,342.</b>
<b>26 Joint costs.</b> 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
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash - non-interest-bearing .....	687,622.	<b>1</b>	1,371,726.
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments .....		<b>2</b>	
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net .....	377,869.	<b>3</b>	
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net .....		<b>4</b>	1,000.
	<b>5</b> Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons .....		<b>5</b>	
	<b>6</b> Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) .....		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net .....	151,933.	<b>7</b>	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use .....		<b>8</b>	
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges .....	113,935.	<b>9</b>	133,805.
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D .....	<b>10a</b> 4,175,810.		
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation .....	<b>10b</b> 1,659,532.	2,655,961.	<b>10c</b> 2,516,278.
	<b>11</b> Investments - publicly traded securities .....		<b>11</b>	
	<b>12</b> Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11 .....		<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b> Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11 .....		<b>13</b>	
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets .....		<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 .....	7,019,973.	<b>15</b>	6,853,072.
<b>16</b> <b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33) .....	11,007,293.	<b>16</b>	10,875,881.	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses .....	396,334.	<b>17</b>	382,353.
	<b>18</b> Grants payable .....		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue .....		<b>19</b>	
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities .....		<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D .....		<b>21</b>	
	<b>22</b> Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons .....		<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties .....		<b>23</b>	
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties .....		<b>24</b>	
	<b>25</b> 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 .....	125,851.	<b>25</b>	557,249.
	<b>26</b> <b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 .....	522,185.	<b>26</b>	939,602.
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Net assets without donor restrictions .....	6,697,315.	<b>27</b>	6,115,977.
	<b>28</b> Net assets with donor restrictions .....	3,787,793.	<b>28</b>	3,820,302.
	<b>Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.</b>			
	<b>29</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds .....		<b>29</b>	
	<b>30</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund .....		<b>30</b>	
	<b>31</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds .....		<b>31</b>	
	<b>32</b> Total net assets or fund balances .....	10,485,108.	<b>32</b>	9,936,279.
	<b>33</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances .....	11,007,293.	<b>33</b>	10,875,881.

**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	6,492,630.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	7,041,459.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-548,829.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	10,485,108.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
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 on Schedule O)	9	0.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	9,936,279.

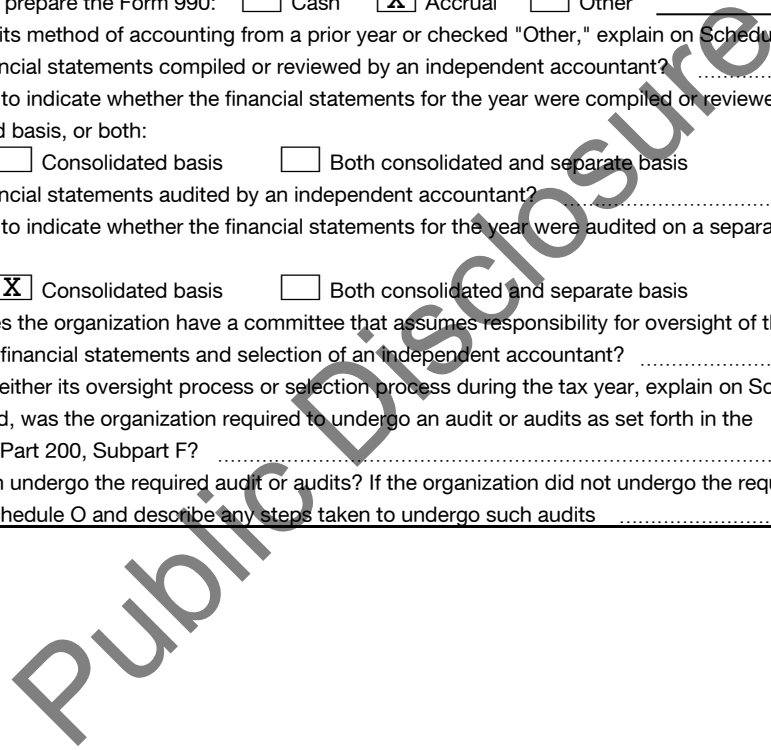
**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

- 1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990:  Cash  Accrual  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on 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:  
 Separate basis  Consolidated basis  Both consolidated and separate basis
- b 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:  
 Separate basis  Consolidated basis  Both consolidated and separate basis
- c 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 on Schedule O.
- 3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F? \_\_\_\_\_
- b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits \_\_\_\_\_

	Yes	No
2a		X
2b	X	
2c	X	
3a		X
3b		

Form 990 (2023)



**SCHEDULE A**  
**(Form 990)**

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.  
Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2023**

Open to Public Inspection

<b>Name of the organization</b>	<b>Employer identification number</b>
THE PIEDMONT ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL	54-0935569

**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).)
- 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 on 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		
<b>Total</b>						

**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) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	8201909.	5698458.	6063415.	6746307.	6551889.	33261978.
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3	8201909.	5698458.	6063415.	6746307.	6551889.	33261978.
<b>5</b> 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)						2884825.
<b>6 Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4.						30377153.

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4	8201909.	5698458.	6063415.	6746307.	6551889.	33261978.
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	15,650.	5,500.	9.			21,159.
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)	55,182.	167,084.	113,142.	131,727.	240,892.	708,027.
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						33991164.
<b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
<b>13 First 5 years.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b>						<input type="checkbox"/>

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2023 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f))	<b>14</b>	89.37 %
<b>15</b> Public support percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	<b>15</b>	89.70 %
<b>16a 33 1/3% support test - 2023.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>b 33 1/3% support test - 2022.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2023.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> 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>b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2022.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> 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>18 Private foundation.</b> 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

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2019, (b) 2020, (c) 2021, (d) 2022, (e) 2023, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed; 3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business; 4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5; 7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons; 7b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons; 8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2019, (b) 2020, (c) 2021, (d) 2022, (e) 2023, (f) Total. Rows include: 9 Amounts from line 6; 10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources; 10b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975; 10c Add lines 10a and 10b; 11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included on 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 5 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

Table with 2 columns: Line number, Percentage. Row 15: Public support percentage for 2023 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) 15 %; Row 16: Public support percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 16 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Line number, Percentage. Row 17: Investment income percentage for 2023 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) 17 %; Row 18: Investment income percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 18 %

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2023. 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 - 2022. 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 on line 12 of Part I. If you checked box 12a, Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

**Section A. All Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> 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>		
<b>2</b> 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>		
<b>3a</b> Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.</i>		
<b>b</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>		
<b>c</b> 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>		
<b>4a</b> Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes," and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.</i>		
<b>b</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>		
<b>c</b> 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>		
<b>5a</b> Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 5b and 5c 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>b Type I or Type II only.</b> Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
<b>c Substitutions only.</b> Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
<b>6</b> 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>		
<b>7</b> Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (as 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).</i>		
<b>8</b> Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described on line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).</i>		
<b>9a</b> 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>b</b> Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined on 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>		
<b>c</b> Did a disqualified person (as defined on 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>		
<b>10a</b> 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 line 10b below.</i>		
<b>b</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)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 11, 11a, 11b, 11c.

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 1, 2.

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1.

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 1, 2, 3.

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 1, 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	<b>Adjusted Net Income</b> (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	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	<b>Discount</b> 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 0.015 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 0.035.	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	<b>Minimum Asset Amount</b> (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 0.85 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	<b>Distributable Amount.</b> 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	1
2	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	2
3	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	3
4	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	4
5	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required - provide details in Part VI)	5
6	Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.	6
7	<b>Total annual distributions.</b> Add lines 1 through 6.	7
8	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.	8
9	Distributable amount for 2023 from Section C, line 6	9
10	Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	10

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2023	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2023
1	Distributable amount for 2023 from Section C, line 6		
2	Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2023 (reasonable cause required - explain in Part VI). See instructions.		
3	Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2023		
a	From 2018		
b	From 2019		
c	From 2020		
d	From 2021		
e	From 2022		
f	<b>Total</b> of lines 3a through 3e		
g	Applied to underdistributions of prior years		
h	Applied to 2023 distributable amount		
i	Carryover from 2018 not applied (see instructions)		
j	Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.		
4	Distributions for 2023 from Section D, line 7: \$		
a	Applied to underdistributions of prior years		
b	Applied to 2023 distributable amount		
c	Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.		
5	Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2023, 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 2023. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.		
7	<b>Excess distributions carryover to 2024.</b> Add lines 3j and 4c.		
8	Breakdown of line 7:		
a	Excess from 2019		
b	Excess from 2020		
c	Excess from 2021		
d	Excess from 2022		
e	Excess from 2023		

**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.)

SCHEDULE A, PART II, LINE 10, EXPLANATION FOR OTHER INCOME:

MISCELLANEOUS INCOME

2019 AMOUNT: \$ 55,182.

2020 AMOUNT: \$ 167,084.

2021 AMOUNT: \$ 113,142.

2022 AMOUNT: \$ 131,727.

2023 AMOUNT: \$ 240,892.

Public Disclosure

**SCHEDULE C**  
**(Form 990)**

**Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2023**

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under Section 501(c) and Section 527  
Complete if the organization is described below. Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.  
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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

THE PIEDMONT ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

Employer identification number

54-0935569

**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.
- 2 Political campaign activity expenditures ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Volunteer hours for political campaign activities ..... \_\_\_\_\_

**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 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 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 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 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-.

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Schedule C (Form 990) 2023

**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												
<b>1a</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying) .....	78,243.													
<b>b</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying) .....	170,924.													
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b) .....	249,167.													
<b>d</b> Other exempt purpose expenditures .....	4,516,961.													
<b>e</b> Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d) .....	4,766,128.													
<b>f</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.	388,306.													
<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 30%;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>not over \$500,000,</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000,</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000,</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000,</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>over \$17,000,000,</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	not over \$500,000,	20% of the amount on line 1e.	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.		
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over \$17,000,000,	\$1,000,000.													
<b>g</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f) .....	97,077.													
<b>h</b> Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0- .....	0.													
<b>i</b> Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0- .....	0.													
<b>j</b> 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) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) Total
<b>2a</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount	332,706.	354,669.	380,459.	388,306.	1,456,140.
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					2,184,210.
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures	271,969.	244,649.	265,062.	249,167.	1,030,847.
<b>d</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount	83,177.	88,667.	95,115.	97,077.	364,036.
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					546,054.
<b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures	38,953.	47,406.	92,252.	78,243.	256,854.

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Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

Table with 3 columns: (a) Yes, (a) No, (b) Amount. Rows include: 1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state, or local legislation...; 2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to not be described in section 501(c)(3)?; 2b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912; 2c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912; 2d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

Table with 2 columns: Yes, No. Rows include: 1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?; 2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?; 3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political campaign activity expenditures from the prior year?

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No" OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

Table with 2 columns: Yes, No. Rows include: 1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members; 2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid); 2a Current year; 2b Carryover from last year; 2c Total; 3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues; 4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures next year?; 5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures. See instructions.

Part IV Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; Part II-A (affiliated group list); Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions); and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Blank lines for providing supplemental information as required by the instructions.



**SCHEDULE D**  
**(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Financial Statements**

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.  
Attach to Form 990.

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OMB No. 1545-0047

**2023**

Open to Public  
Inspection

Name of the organization **THE PIEDMONT ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL** Employer identification number **54-0935569**

**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.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

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

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply):

Preservation of land for public use (for example, recreation or education)  Preservation of a historically important land area

Protection of natural habitat  Preservation of a certified historic structure

Preservation of open space

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.

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	84
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	11,655.00
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included on line 2a	
d Number of conservation easements included on line 2c acquired after July 25, 2006, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year 4

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located 1

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?  Yes  No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year 1890

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year 114,957.

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2d above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?  Yes  No

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.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB 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.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB 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 FASB ASC 958 relating to these items:

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 make 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 program
  - 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 in 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					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

- 2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a Board designated or quasi-endowment \_\_\_\_\_ %
  - b Permanent endowment \_\_\_\_\_ %
  - c Term endowment \_\_\_\_\_ %
- 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?   | 3a(i)  |    |
| (ii) Related organizations?  | 3a(ii) |    |
| b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? | 3b     |    |
- 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		76,206.		76,206.
b Buildings		3,706,256.	1,310,429.	2,395,827.
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment				
e Other		393,348.	349,103.	44,245.
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 10c, column (B))				<b>2,516,278.</b>

**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)		
<b>Total.</b> (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 12, col. (B))		

**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)		
<b>Total.</b> (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 13, col. (B))		

**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) RP LLC PROPERTY	2,100,000.
(2) OVOKA FARM	224,113.
(3) BERGER PROPERTY	30,000.
(4) GILBERT'S CORNER	4,400,000.
(5) RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS	98,959.
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 15, col. (B))	6,853,072.

**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) LEASE LIABILITIES	100,750.
(3) RELATED PARTY PAYABLE	456,499.
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 25, col. (B))	557,249.

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 FASB 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.

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

**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.

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

**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**

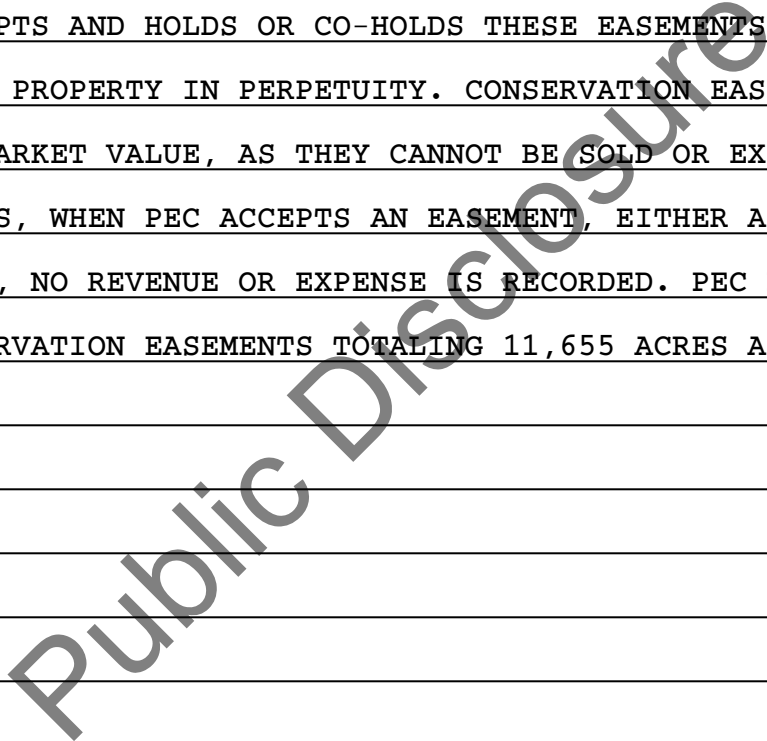
PEC HAS WRITTEN LAND CONSERVATION POLICIES WHICH HAVE BEEN FORMALLY APPROVED AND ARE PERIODICALLY REVIEWED AND AMENDED AS NECESSARY BY THE PEC BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THESE POLICIES CLEARLY STATE THAT PEC WILL UNDERTAKE ANNUAL MONITORING OF ALL CONSERVATION EASEMENTS. IN 2023, PEC VISITED ALL 84 PROPERTIES FOR WHICH IT HOLDS AN EASEMENT. PEC'S POLICIES ON STEWARDSHIP REQUIRE THAT PEC EVALUATE AND ADDRESS THE STEWARDSHIP OBLIGATIONS OF EACH CONSERVATION EASEMENT IT ACCEPTS. PEC UNDERTAKES MONITORING OF ALL EASEMENTS IT HOLDS OR CO-HOLDS, AND WILL ENFORCE THE TERMS OF ITS CONSERVATION EASEMENTS, TAKING NECESSARY STEPS TO SEE THAT VIOLATIONS ARE REMEDIED. ALL EASEMENTS HELD BY PEC HAVE PROVISIONS WHICH ALLOW PEC TO MONITOR THE EASEMENTS AND ENFORCE THE RESTRICTIONS IN THE

**Part XIII** Supplemental Information (continued)

EASEMENT DOCUMENTS. PEC HAS, AS A RESULT OF FINDING EASEMENT VIOLATIONS DURING AN INSPECTION, COMMUNICATED WITH THE EASEMENT HOLDER AND AFTER FAILING TO ACHIEVE AN APPROPRIATE SOLUTION, RESORTED TO LEGAL ACTION TO ENFORCE THE TERMS OF THE EASEMENT.

PART II, LINE 9 - ACCOUNTING FOR CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

CONSERVATION EASEMENTS ARE INTANGIBLE ASSETS REPRESENTING RESTRICTIONS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF REAL PROPERTY, CONVEYED BY A PROPERTY OWNER TO PEC. PEC OCCASIONALLY ACCEPTS AND HOLDS OR CO-HOLDS THESE EASEMENTS IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE OWNED PROPERTY IN PERPETUITY. CONSERVATION EASEMENTS, BY THEIR NATURE, HAVE NO MARKET VALUE, AS THEY CANNOT BE SOLD OR EXCHANGED FOR REMUNERATION. THUS, WHEN PEC ACCEPTS AN EASEMENT, EITHER AS A SOLE HOLDER OR AS A CO-HOLDER, NO REVENUE OR EXPENSE IS RECORDED. PEC HOLDS OR CO-HOLDS 84 CONSERVATION EASEMENTS TOTALING 11,655 ACRES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023.



**SCHEDULE G  
(Form 990)**

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.

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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OMB No. 1545-0047

**2023**

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization

THE PIEDMONT ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

Employer identification number

54-0935569

**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.
- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>a</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Mail solicitations               | <b>e</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of non-government grants |
| <b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Internet and email solicitations | <b>f</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of government grants     |
| <b>c</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Phone solicitations              | <b>g</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Special fundraising events            |
| <b>d</b> <input type="checkbox"/> In-person solicitations          |   |
- 2 a** 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			
<b>Total</b> .....						

**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	
		PIEDMONT BALL (event type)	CSG LC EVENT (event type)	1 (total number)	(add col. (a) through col. (c))	
Revenue	1	Gross receipts	630,337.	80,859.	24,272.	735,468.
	2	Less: Contributions	503,237.	71,828.	13,132.	588,197.
	3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	127,100.	9,031.	11,140.	147,271.
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes				
	5	Noncash prizes				
	6	Rent/facility costs	118,531.	9,767.	3,752.	132,050.
	7	Food and beverages	63,243.		3,755.	66,998.
	8	Entertainment	2,400.		2,300.	4,700.
	9	Other direct expenses	103,711.	732.	457.	104,900.
	10	Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				308,648.
11	Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)				-161,377.	

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

- 11 Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers?  Yes  No
- 12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust, or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?  Yes  No
- 13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:
 

a The organization's facility	13a	%
b An outside facility	13b	%
- 14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

- 15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?  Yes  No
- b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- c If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

16 Gaming manager information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Gaming manager compensation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Description of services provided \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Director/officer       Employee       Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions:

- a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?  Yes  No
- b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part IV Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v); and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also provide any additional information. See instructions.

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**Part IV** Supplemental Information *(continued)*

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**SCHEDULE I  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,  
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**  
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.  
**Attach to Form 990.**  
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**Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance**

- 1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?  Yes  No
- 2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

**Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of noncash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
RAPPAHANNOCK CENTER FOR EDUCATION 12018 LEE HIGHWAY SPERRYVILLE, VA 22740	47-4370354	501C3	11,800.	0.			MEAT CUTTER TRAINING COURSE
4P FOODS, INC PO BOX 106 ELKWOOD, VA 22718	46-5277795		25,000.	0.			FIRST PHASE OF TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table 1.

3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table 1.

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**Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22.  
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of noncash assistance

**Part IV Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required in Part I, line 2; Part III, column (b); and any other additional information.

**PART I, LINE 2:**

GRANT REQUESTS ARE REVIEWED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS TO ENSURE THE GRANT OBJECTIVES ARE CONSISTENT WITH PEC'S MISSION AND THE GRANT WILL BE EXPENDED IN A MANNER THAT WILL COMPLEMENT PEC'S GOALS. ANY MAJOR GRANT AWARDS REQUIRE REPORTS TO PEC ON HOW THE FUNDS WERE EXPENDED AND WHAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED. SPECIFIC PEC STAFF (WITH EXPERTISE IN THE AREA OF THE GRANT OBJECTIVES) ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING MAJOR GRANTS. PEC'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVE ANY MAJOR GRANTS AND THE PRESIDENT MAY APPROVE MINOR GRANTS.

**SCHEDULE J  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Compensation Information**

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest  
Compensated Employees  
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.  
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Employer identification number

**54-0935569**

**Part I Questions Regarding Compensation**

**1a** Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel             | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account            | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (such as maid, chauffeur, chef) |

**b** If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain .....

**2** Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on line 1a? .....

**3** Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee              | <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |

**4** During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:

- a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment? .....
- b** Participate in or receive payment from a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan? .....
- c** Participate in or receive payment from an equity-based compensation arrangement? .....
- If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

**Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.**

**5** For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:

- a** The organization? .....
- b** Any related organization? .....
- If "Yes" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

**6** For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:

- a** The organization? .....
- b** Any related organization? .....
- If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

**7** For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III .....

**8** Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III .....

**9** If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)? .....

	Yes	No
<b>1b</b>		
<b>2</b>		
<b>4a</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>4b</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>4c</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>5a</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>5b</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>6a</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>6b</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>7</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>8</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>9</b>		

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2023

**Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees.** Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that aren't listed on Form 990, Part VII.

**Note:** The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC and/or 1099-NEC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
(1) CHRISTOPHER MILLER PRESIDENT	(i)	196,586.	0.	0.	6,234.	33,949.	236,769.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(2) NORA SEILHEIMER ADVANCEMENT DIRECTOR	(i)	171,349.	0.	0.	6,646.	33,260.	211,255.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(3) KATHERINE L IMHOFF SR. CONSERVATION FELLOW	(i)	164,429.	0.	0.	10,011.	16,693.	191,133.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
	(i)							
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	(ii)							

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**SCHEDULE M  
(Form 990)**

**Noncash Contributions**

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Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.  
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Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization: **THE PIEDMONT ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL**  
Employer identification number: **54-0935569**

**Part I Types of Property**

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art - Works of art				
2 Art - Historical treasures				
3 Art - Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities - Publicly traded	X	22	458,481.	FAIR MARKET VALUE
10 Securities - Closely held stock				
11 Securities - Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities - Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution - Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution - Other				
15 Real estate - Residential				
16 Real estate - Commercial				
17 Real estate - Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ( AUCTION ITEMS )	X	34	91,075.	FAIR MARKET VALUE
26 Other ( CONFERENCES AND )	X	1	605.	FAIR MARKET VALUE
27 Other ( )				
28 Other ( )				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part V, Donee Acknowledgement ..... **29**

30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least 3 years from the date of the initial contribution, and which isn't required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period? .....

b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.

31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any nonstandard contributions? .....

32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions? .....

b If "Yes," describe in Part II.

33 If the organization didn't report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.

	Yes	No
30a		X
31	X	
32a	X	

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Schedule M (Form 990) 2023

**Part II** **Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

SCHEDULE M, LINE 32B:

PART I, LINE 32B - PEC USES A THIRD PARTY TO RECEIVE AND PROCESS STOCK DONATIONS. STOCK DONATIONS ARE SOLD IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT.

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**SCHEDULE O  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on  
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.  
Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.  
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FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4D, OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES:

LAND USE AND POLICY: ANALYZE LOCAL, REGIONAL, STATE AND FEDERAL

POLICIES THAT AFFECT VIRGINIA'S NORTHERN PIEDMONT AND PROVIDE PUBLIC

EDUCATION.

FARMS AND FOOD: EDUCATE CONSUMERS AND INSTITUTIONS ABOUT LOCAL FOOD AND

FARMS, AND CONNECT THEM WITH FRESH, HEALTHY LOCAL FOOD SOURCES THROUGH

THE "BUY FRESH BUY LOCAL" PROGRAM. PEC ALSO SUPPORTS EXPANDED

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FARMERS THROUGH WORKSHOPS THAT CONNECT PIEDMONT

LANDOWNERS AND FARMERS SEEKING FARMLAND TO LEASE OR PURCHASE,

PARTICIPATION IN AND PROMOTION OF STATE AND NATIONAL NEW AND BEGINNING

FARMER INITIATIVES, THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FARMER-CHEF EXPRESS ONLINE

SERVICE TO CONNECT LOCAL FARMERS TO RETAILERS, THE MANAGEMENT OF

DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS FOR INNOVATIVE PASTURE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, AND

LEASING PEC OWNED LAND TO LOCAL FARMERS FOR AGRICULTURAL USES.

TRANSPORTATION AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT: PROMOTE ORDERLY ECONOMIC PROGRESS

SENSITIVE TO CONSERVING RESOURCES; ANALYZE THE IMPACT OF PLANNED

ROADWAYS IN ORDER TO PROMOTE ALTERNATIVES THAT MINIMIZE DAMAGE TO THE

VIRGINIA PIEDMONT.

EXPENSES \$ 1,405,783. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 38,304. REVENUE \$ 0.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 2:

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## RELATED PARTY INFORMATION AMONG OFFICERS

MARK OHRSTROM

GEORGE OHRSTROM II

VICE CHAIR

CO-CHAIR

BROTHERS

## FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B:

PEC'S PROCESS TO REVIEW FORM 990 - THE FORM 990 IS PREPARED BY STAFF, MANAGEMENT, OR AN INDEPENDENT CPA, AND REVIEWED BY PEC'S PRESIDENT AND PEC'S FINANCE AND RMAC COMMITTEE. IT IS THEN REVIEWED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND FINALLY MADE AVAILABLE TO THE BOARD FOR THEIR INPUT.

## FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C:

ENFORCEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY - NEW BOARD MEMBERS ATTEND A FULL DAY ORIENTATION WHERE THEY ARE FAMILIARIZED WITH PEC'S OPERATIONS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, INCLUDING THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY. ALSO, DURING THE RECRUITMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS, EACH CANDIDATE IS CAREFULLY VETTED FOR POTENTIAL CONFLICTS. THESE AND OTHER POLICIES ARE PERIODICALLY REVIEWED AT BOARD MEETINGS AND ANNUALLY, IN CONNECTION WITH A REQUEST TO BOARD MEMBERS THAT THEY REVIEW THE AUDIT, AUDITORS' REPORTS AND FORM 990 RETURN. FINALLY, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND KEY EMPLOYEES ARE REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE, ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, ANY INTEREST THAT COULD GIVE RISE TO A CONFLICT. ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICTS ARE REVIEWED BY PEC'S PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND, WHERE APPROPRIATE, DISCUSSED WITH THE BOARD.

## FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15:

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 15A - COMPENSATION PROCESS FOR TOP OFFICIAL:

THE COMPENSATION OF THE PRESIDENT AND OTHER OFFICERS/ KEY EMPLOYEES IS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD AS

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PART OF THE BUDGETING PROCESS. THE COMMITTEE REVIEWS SALARY SURVEYS

FOCUSING ON NON-PROFITS AND LAND CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS, AND

APPROPRIATE FORM 990S, IN ORDER TO DETERMINE APPROPRIATE SALARY LEVELS.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 15B -COMPENSATION PROCESS FOR OFFICERS:

THE COMPENSATION FOR KEY EMPLOYEES IS THE SAME AS THAT FOR TOP OFFICIALS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19:

GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, ETC. DISCLOSURE EXPLANATION - THE PUBLIC, UPON REQUEST, WILL BE PROVIDED COPIES OF PEC'S FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS. THE ANNUAL REPORT, WHICH IS MAILED TO ALL DONORS AND OTHERS ON REQUEST, CONTAINS AN ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND INVITES ALL READERS TO CONTACT PEC'S ACCOUNTING OFFICE FOR ANY DOCUMENTS OR FINANCIAL REPORTS THAT ARE DISCUSSED IN THE FORM 990. AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND THE IRS FORM 990 ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON PEC'S WEBSITE.

FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C:

PEC HAS NOT CHANGED EITHER ITS OVERSIGHT OR SELECTION PROCESS OF AN INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT DURING THE TAX YEAR.

**SCHEDULE R  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships**  
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.  
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**Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity

**Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
THE PIEDMONT FOUNDATION - 54-1954368 45 HORNER STREET WARRENTON, VA 20186	SUPPORT	VIRGINIA	501(C)(3)	LINE 12A, I	N/A		X

**Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	

**Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No

**Part V Transactions With Related Organizations.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

**Note:** Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.

**1** During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

- a** Receipt of (i) interest, (ii) annuities, (iii) royalties, or (iv) rent from a controlled entity .....
- b** Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s) .....
- c** Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s) .....
- d** Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s) .....
- e** Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s) .....
- f** Dividends from related organization(s) .....
- g** Sale of assets to related organization(s) .....
- h** Purchase of assets from related organization(s) .....
- i** Exchange of assets with related organization(s) .....
- j** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s) .....
- k** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s) .....
- l** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s) .....
- m** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s) .....
- n** Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s) .....
- o** Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s) .....
- p** Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses .....
- q** Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses .....
- r** Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s) .....
- s** Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s) .....

	Yes	No
<b>1a</b>		X
<b>1b</b>	X	
<b>1c</b>	X	
<b>1d</b>	X	
<b>1e</b>	X	
<b>1f</b>		X
<b>1g</b>		X
<b>1h</b>		X
<b>1i</b>		X
<b>1j</b>		X
<b>1k</b>		X
<b>1l</b>	X	
<b>1m</b>		X
<b>1n</b>	X	
<b>1o</b>		X
<b>1p</b>		X
<b>1q</b>	X	
<b>1r</b>		X
<b>1s</b>		X

**2** If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1) PIEDMONT FOUNDATION	C	792,466	GAAP
(2) PIEDMONT FOUNDATION	E	456,499	GAAP
(3) PIEDMONT FOUNDATION	Q	112,522	GAAP
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			

**Part VI** **Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 37.

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(e) Are all partners sec. 501(c)(3) orgs.?		(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Dispropor- tionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
				Yes	No			Yes	No		Yes	No	

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**Part VII** Supplemental Information

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R. See instructions.

Lined area for supplemental information.

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