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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

2009

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning **January 1**, 2009, and ending **December 31**, 20 **09**

B Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Terminated
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization **Sustainable Path Foundation**
 Doing Business As
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
2101 4th Avenue Suite 650
 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
Seattle WA 98121-2357

D Employer identification number
26 3039940

E Telephone number
(206) 443-8464

F Name and address of principal officer: **Abbe Sue Rubin**
2801 1st Ave, Unit 601, Seattle WA 98121

G Gross receipts \$ **1,095,591**

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? Yes No
H(b) Are all affiliates included? Yes No
 If "No," attach a list (see instructions)
H(c) Group exemption number ▶

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

J Website: ▶ **www.sustainablepath.org**

K Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other ▶

L Year of formation: **2008** **M** State of legal domicile **WA**

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: **promotes sustainability and health in the Puget Sound region through collaborative approaches informed by scientific understanding and systems thinking; significant activities include seminar series, grant making**

2 Check this box if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.

3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	12
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	12
5 Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5	2
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	30
7a Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	none
7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	none

	Prior Year	Current Year
8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	57725	909,541
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	0	5510
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	4	17,453
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	0	0
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	57,729	932,504
13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	0	136,220
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	0	63,055
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	1,100
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 19,647		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	1257	56,715
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1257	257,089
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	56,472	675,415

	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	56,814	898,269
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	342	3295
22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	56,472	894,974

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here
 Signature of officer: *Abbe Sue Rubin* Date: **7-12-10**
 Type or print name and title: **Abbe Sue Rubin**

Paid Preparer's Use Only
 Preparer's signature: _____ Date: _____
 Check if self-employed Preparer's identifying number (see instructions): _____
 Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: _____
 EIN: _____ Phone no: () _____

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

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:
promotes sustainability and health in the Puget Sound region through collaborative approaches informed by scientific understanding and systems thinking. Significant activities: seminar series, grant making

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? Yes No
If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? Yes No
If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ **150,521** including grants of \$ **133,970**) (Revenue \$ **0**)
GRANT MAKING: The goal of our grantmaking program is to fund creative projects that apply whole systems thinking and scientific understanding to address critical issues of sustainability and resilience in the Puget Sound region. In 2009, we made grants totalling \$133,970 to 13 nonprofit organizations. The grant sizes ranged from \$500 to \$18,000. Though the funded projects covered a broad range of topics, some themes for 2009 grants included: citizen science, energy issues, and science literacy.

Sustainable Path employed a rigorous process to solicit, review, prioritize, and select projects to fund. A Grants Committee, comprised of 14 volunteers, worked intensively over a nine-month grant cycle.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ **39,589** including grants of \$ **2,250**) (Revenue \$ **5,510**)
SEMINAR SERIES: The 2009 Seeking Sustainable Solutions Seminar Series was comprised of three events which were held at Town Hall in Seattle, WA. The theme for the series was linking energy and water issues. The first seminar, entitled "Energy and Water in the West: Priorities for a Healthy Washington", featured speakers Michael Hightower and Joan Crooks. The second seminar, "Climate Change and Water: Local Perspectives on a Global Problem" featured speakers Philip Mote and Steve Malloch. The third and final event in the series, " Exploring Energy and Design: Smart Solutions for the Built Environment" featured Alan Durning and Jason McLennan. The series attracted about 200 people to each event. These events are open to the public. The goal of the series is to bring together speakers from diverse fields to share ideas and engage with the audience.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ **4,743** including grants of \$ **0**) (Revenue \$ **0**)
COLLABORATIONS: The goal of the Collaborations Program is to educate and motivate people through forums in which critical topics in regional sustainability and resilience are addressed in a cross-disciplinary, collaborative manner. During 2009, a considerable amount of time was spent by the volunteer Collaborative Programming Committee in planning this program area. Outcomes at the end of the year included a "Whole Systems Solutions Framework"; monthly Idea Club meetings (informal discussion groups open to the public), and an organizational strategy to be implemented in 2010 to better integrate the Grants Program and the Seminar Series.

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)
(Expenses \$ **0** including grants of \$ **0**) (Revenue \$ **0**)

4e Total program service expenses **▶ 194,854**

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	✓	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	✓	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		✓
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		✓
5	Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations. Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		✓
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I		✓
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II		✓
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		✓
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV		✓
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V		✓
11	Is the organization's answer to any of the following questions "Yes"? If so, complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		✓
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI. • Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII. • Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII. • Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX. • Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X. • Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X. 		
12	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII		✓
12A	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional.	Yes	No
			✓
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		✓
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		✓
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I		✓
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II		✓
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III		✓
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I		✓
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II		✓
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III		✓
20	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		✓

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns. Enter -0- if not applicable 1a 4		
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable 1b 0		
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners? 1c		
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return 2a 2		
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return. (see instructions)	✓	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return? 3a		✓
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O 3b		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? 4a		✓
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? 5a		✓
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? 5b		✓
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction? 5c		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible? 6a		✓
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible? 6b		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor? 7a		✓
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided? 7b		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282? 7c		✓
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year 7d 		
e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? 7e		✓
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? 7f		✓
g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? 7g		
h	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required? 7h		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year? 8		
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966? 9a		
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? 9b		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12 10a 		
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities 10b 		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders 11a 		
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.) 11b 		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041? 12a		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year. 12b 		

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

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

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

		Yes	No
10a	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		✓
10b	If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?		
11	Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	✓	
11A	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12a	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	✓	
12b	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	✓	
12c	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	✓	
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?		✓
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	✓	
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?		
15a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	✓	
15b	Other officers or key employees of the organization If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in 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?		✓
16b	If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken 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 ► WA
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply.
 Own website Another's website Upon request
- 19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public.
- 20** State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: ► Abbe Sue Rubin, Treasurer, 2101 4th Ave, Ste.650, Seattle, WA 98121

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

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. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed.

- 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. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

Check this box if the organization did not compensate any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(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			
Carole Barone Director	2	✓					0	0	0	
Matthew Chadsey Director	2	✓					0	0	0	
Lowell Ericsson Director	2	✓					0	0	0	
Anson Fatland Director	2	✓					0	0	0	
Richard Gayle Director	2	✓					0	0	0	
Nan McKay Director	10	✓					0	0	0	
Jennifer Slack Director	5	✓					0	0	0	
David Cosman Co-Chair	10	✓		✓			0	0	0	
June Eisenman Co-Chair	10	✓		✓			0	0	0	
Carol Olson Co-Chair	10	✓		✓			0	0	0	
Linda Park Co-Chair	10	✓		✓			0	0	0	
Abbe Sue Rubin Treasurer & Secretary	10	✓		✓			0	0	0	

Part VIII Statement of Revenue				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a	0					
	b Membership dues	1b	0					
	c Fundraising events	1c	0					
	d Related organizations	1d	0					
	e Government grants (contributions).	1e	0					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	909,541					
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$		0					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶			909,541				
Program Service Revenue	2a Seminar admissions sales	Business Code	900099	5510	5510	0	0	
	b							
	c							
	d							
	e							
	f All other program service revenue							
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶			5510				
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) ▶			10,409	0	0	10,409	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ▶			0				
	5 Royalties ▶			0				
	6a Gross Rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal					
		b Less: rental expenses						
		c Rental income or (loss)						
		d Net rental income or (loss) ▶			0			
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other	46087				
		b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses		39,043				
		c Gain or (loss)		7044				
		d Net gain or (loss) ▶			7044	0	0	7044
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a						
		b Less: direct expenses	b					
		c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events ▶			0			
	9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a						
b Less: direct expenses		b						
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities ▶				0				
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a							
	b Less: cost of goods sold	b						
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory ▶			0				
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code						
11a				0				
	b			0				
				0				
				0				
	d All other revenue			0				
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶			0					
12 Total revenue. See instructions. ▶				932,504	5,510		17,453	

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) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

<i>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</i>	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21	136,220	136,220		
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22	0	0		
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	0	0		
4 Benefits paid to or for members	0	0		
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	0	0	0	0
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0	0	0	0
7 Other salaries and wages	52,814	23,841	19,315	9,658
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	0	0	0	0
9 Other employee benefits	5,940	2,486	2,186	1,268
10 Payroll taxes	4,301	1,720	1,720	860
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management	0	0	0	0
b Legal	737	0	737	0
c Accounting	0	0	0	0
d Lobbying	0	0	0	0
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	1,100			1,100
f Investment management fees	5,257	0	5,257	0
g Other	500	500	0	0
12 Advertising and promotion	1,762	1,762	0	0
13 Office expenses	9,398	4,229	2,784	2,385
14 Information technology	2,008	164	1,558	286
15 Royalties	0	0	0	0
16 Occupancy	13,188	5,275	5,275	2,638
17 Travel	619	598	21	0
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0	0	0	0
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	17,161	16,976	114	71
20 Interest	0	0	0	0
21 Payments to affiliates	0	0	0	0
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	0	0	0	0
23 Insurance	813	0	813	0
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below.)				
a Volunteer appreciation & engagement	2,244	761	101	1,382
b Dues & Subscriptions	1,010	0	1,010	0
c Bank fees	484	0	484	0
d Payroll processing	818	0	818	0
e Licenses & registration	400	120	280	0
f All other expenses misc + inc reinvested	316	200	116	0
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	257,089	194,854	42,588	19,647
26 Joint costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	0	1	2	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	42,925	2	147,604	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	11,800	3	2000	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	0	4	0	
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L	0	5	0	
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L	0	6	0	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	0	7	0	
	8 Inventories for sale or use	0	8	0	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	2089	9	1449	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D 10a	0			
	b Less: accumulated depreciation 10b	0			
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	0	11	747,214	
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11	0	12	0	
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11	0	13	0	
	14 Intangible assets	0	14	0	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	0	15	0	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	56,814	16	898,269		
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	342	17	3295	
	18 Grants payable	0	18	0	
	19 Deferred revenue	0	19	0	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities	0	20	0	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D	0	21	0	
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L	0	22	0	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	0	23	0	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	0	24	0	
	25 Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D	0	25	0	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	342	26	3295	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.				
	27 Unrestricted net assets	56,472	27	894,974	
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	0	28	0	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	0	29	0	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.				
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30		
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31		
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32		
33 Total net assets or fund balances	56,472	33	894,974		
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	56,814	34	898,269		

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

- 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 in Schedule O.
- 2a** Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? . . .
- b** Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?
- 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 in Schedule O.
- d** If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a consolidated basis, separate basis, or both:
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis
- 3a** As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?
- 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 in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.

	Yes	No
2a		✓
2b		✓
2c		
3a		✓
3b		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization

Sustainable Path Foundation

Employer identification number

26 : 3039940

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 11, 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.)
- 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 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.)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 11 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 that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
 - a Type I b Type II c Type III—Functionally integrated d Type III—Other

e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).

f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box

g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

- (i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?
- (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?
- (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col. (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U.S.?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	na	na	na	57,725	226,805	284,530
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf	na	na	na	0	0	0
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge	na	na	na	0	0	0
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	na	na	na	57,725	226,805	284,530
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						232,870
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						51,660

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	na	na	na	57,725	226,805	284,530
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	na	na	na	4	10,409	10,409
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	na	na	na	0	0	0
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)	na	na	na	0	0	0
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						294,939
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	5,510
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33 1/3% support test—2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
b 33 1/3% support test—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2009. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions		<input type="checkbox"/>

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33 1/3 % support tests—2009. 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—2008. 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 **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. See instructions.

Area with horizontal dashed lines for supplemental information.

**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" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
▶ Attach to Form 990.

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Name of the organization: **Sustainable Path Foundation**
Employer identification number: **26 ; 3039940**

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. Yes No

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000. Use Part IV and Schedule I-1 (Form 990) 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 non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
Climate Solutions, 1402 3rd Ave, Ste 1305, Seattle, WA 98101	91-1123302	501(c)(3)	18,000	0		na	Energy Project
EEAW, PO Box 6277 Olympia, WA 98507-6277	91-1537418	501(c)(3)	16,150	0		na	Education
Facing the Future, 811 1st Ave, Ste 454, Seattle, WA 98104	91-1678158	501(c)(3)	9,400	0		na	Survey Project
REEF, 4726 38th Ae NE, Seattle, WA 98105	65-0270064	501(c)(3)	15,100	0		na	Survey Project
Seattle Audubon Society, 8050 35th Ave, NE Seattle, WA 98115	91-6009716	501(c)(3)	15,450	0		na	Climate Project
Sightline Institute, 1402 3rd Ave, Ste 500, Seattle, WA 98101	52-1833599	501(c)(3)	12,000	0		na	Climate Project
Sustainable Connections, 1701 E #221, Bellingham, WA 98225	75-3041952	501(c)(3)	10,000	0		na	Energy Efficiency
Sustainable Seattle, 1402 3rd Ave, Ste 1220, Seattle WA 98101	31-1580932	501(c)(3)	8,000	0		na	Education
WA 98121	91-1178790	501(c)(3)	16,350	0		na	Recycling Outreach
WTC, 4649 Sunnyside Ave N, Ste 540, Seattle WA 98103	91-1214158	501(c)(3)	12,000	0		na	Toxics Report

- 2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations **10**
- 3 Enter total number of other organizations **0**

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Supplemental Information to Form 990

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990.

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Employer identification number

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990, Part VI, line 11A:

Sustainable Path Finance Committee reviews completed 990 and then sends a copy with recommendation

for approval to all board members at least 2 weeks prior to monthly Board meeting.

At Board meeting, all questions and concerns regarding 990 are addressed, and then the 990 is approved

by full board along with any corrections that arise. This process occurs in time to file 990 on May 15, or, if an extension

was requested, it occurs in time to file on Aug 15 of the calendar year.

990, Part VI, line 12c:

Sustainable Path monitors and enforces compliance with our conflict of interest policy in two ways.

First, in November of each year, after election of new and returning board members, all board members are required to

sign the existing conflict of interest policy. These signed versions are filed in the Sustainable Path office.

Second, in January of each year, a 990 Board questionnaire developed by Sustainable Path is filled out by all

board members to assess independence, per IRS definition, of each board member. These questionnaires are

signed and also filed in Sustainable Path office. In addition, staff and some committee members are also required to

complete conflict of interest documents.

990, Part VI, line 15a:

Regarding top management official. Sustainable Path consulted a pro bono human resources expert in assessing salary

and benefits appropriate for this position. Sustainable Path's Board of Directors (all of whom have no relationship to the

employee) approved the salary and benefits package proposed. Sustainable Path maintains a personnel policy that

provides for an annual review of performance and consideration of salary and benefits.

990, Part VI, line 19:

Sustainable Path makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to

the public upon request.