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Form **990-EZ****Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

OMB No. 1545-1150

2009**Open to Public
Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

► Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$500,000 and total assets less than \$1,250,000 at the end of the year may use this form.

► 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

, 2009, and ending

, 20

B Check if applicable:

- ☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☒ Initial return
☐ Terminated
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

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use IRS
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Specific
Instructions.**C** Name of organization

Choptank River Eastern Bay Conservancy

Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address)

PO Box 1276

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

St Michaels, MD 21663

D Employer identification number

26-3187608

E Telephone number

410-745-8341

F Group Exemption
Number ►

• Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach
a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

G Accounting Method: ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual
Other (specify) ►**I** Website: ► www.crebconservancy.org**J** Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☒ 501(c) (3) ◀ (Insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**H** Check ► ☐ If the organization is not
required to attach Schedule B (Form 990,
990-EZ, or 990-PF).**K** Check ► ☐ if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A
Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.**L** Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts; if \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ► \$**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (See the instructions for Part I.)

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	285405
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4	Investment income	4	32
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	800
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	799
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	1
	6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G). If any amount is from gaming, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
	a	Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	
	b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	
	c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	
	b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b	
	c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	
	8	Other revenue (describe ► _____)	8	
	9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9	285438
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	144935
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	3694
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	15575
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	3391
	16	Other expenses (describe ► see attached statement)	16	41363
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	208958
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	76480
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	76480

Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$1,250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

(See the instructions for Part II.)

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	0 22	75050
23 Land and buildings	0 23	0
24 Other assets (describe ► see attached statement)	0 24	1430
25 Total assets	0 25	76480
26 Total liabilities (describe ► _____)	0 26	0
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	0 27	76480

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Expenses

(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts; optional for others.)

28	Citizen advocacy dedicated to the restoration and protection of the Choptank River watershed, Eastern Bay, and the Miles and Wye Rivers. Education, outreach, and restoration programs that promote environmental awareness, fight pollution, and work to strengthen and enforce environmental regulations and policies. (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	178924
29	 (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	
30	 (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	
31	Other program services (attach schedule) (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	
32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) ▶	32	

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Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.)

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity	33	✓
34 Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	34	✓
35 If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T.		
a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?	35a	✓
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	35b	
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36	
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a		
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	✓
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?	38a	✓
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b	
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a	
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b	
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ ; section 4912 ▶ ; section 4955 ▶		
b Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b	✓
c Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶		
d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶		
e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T.	40e	✓
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶ Maryland		
42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ Timothy D. Junkin Telephone no. ▶ 301-980-0634		
Located at ▶ 26410 Presquille Dr North, Easton, MD ZIP + 4 ▶ 21601		
b 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)?	42b	✓
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.		
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.?	42c	✓
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶		
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041—Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43		□
44 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44	✓
45 Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	45	✓

Part VI

Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46-49b and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

- | | Yes | No |
|---|-----|-------------------------------------|
| 46 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 | 46 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II | 47 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E | 48 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? | 49a | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? | 49b | |
- 50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

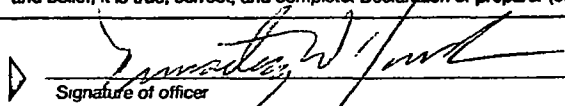
(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
none				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶

- 51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
none		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 . . . ▶

Sign Here	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.			
	 Signature of officer		4-27-10 Date	
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Timothy D. Junkin, Executive Director Type or print name and title			
	Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	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

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.")						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						

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						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						<input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 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% support test—2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
b 33% support test—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33% 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.")					285405	285405
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					800	800
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513					0	0
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf					0	0
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge					0	0
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5					286205	286205
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons					0	0
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					0	0
c Add lines 7a and 7b					0	0
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						286205

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					286205	286205
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources					32	32
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975					0	0
c Add lines 10a and 10b					286237	286237
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on					0	0
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)					0	0
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)					286237	286237

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.

Lined area for supplemental information.

Part I, line 4-investment income

	Interest on savings and temporary cash investments						32
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Part I, line 12-salaries and benefits

	salaries						131805	
	health insurance						13130	
	total							144935

Part I, line 13-rent and utilities

	rent						12813	
	utilities						2762	
	total							15575

Part I, line 15-postage and printing

	postage						900	
	printing						2491	
	total							3391

Part I, line 16-other expenses

	travel						5228	
	conferences, conventions, meetings						1185	
	telephone						1166	
	fundraising and hospitality						908	
	boat expenses						2830	
	dues and subscriptions						178	
	insurance						2805	
	office expenses						1640	
	payroll taxes						10083	
	registrations and permits						1314	
	web support						22	
	monitoring and restoration						4815	
	education and outreach						9189	
	total							41363

Part II, other assets

	equipment						305	
	security deposits						1125	
	total							1430