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Form **990-EZ**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Short Form**
Return of Organization Exempt From Income TaxUnder 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.

OMB No. 1545-1150

2009**Open to Public
Inspection****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

Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.

C Name of organization

Green Advantage, Inc.

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

P.O. Box 3170

Room/suite

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

Frederick, MD 21705-3170

D Employer identification number

52-2051596

E Telephone number

540-822-9449

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.greenadvantage.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 **▶** \$ 441,798**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	2,500
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	439,298
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4	Investment income	4	
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G). If any amount is from gaming, check here ☐	6	
	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	441,798	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule) See Statement 4	10	9,340
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	351,714
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	145,890
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	9,614
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	12,136
	16	Other expenses (describe ▶ See Statement 1)	16	84,986
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ▶	17	613,680
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	<171,882>
	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	255,652
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation) See Statement 3	20	<20,250>
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 ▶	21	63,520

22	Cash, savings, and investments	88,158	22	3,843
23	Land and buildings	214,800	23	122,000
24	Other assets (describe ▶ Accounts Receivable)	49,652	24	45,200
25	Total assets	652,610	25	171,043
26	Total liabilities (describe ▶ See Statement 2)	96,958	26	107,523
27	Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	255,652	27	63,520

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions for Part III.)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? See Statement 6

Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

Expenses

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

28	Continued to develop and implement National Certification Program for green builders. Educated and informed the public about the merits of designing commercial and residential buildings that conserve ecosystems while fostering socially responsible communities. (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	28a	478,670
29	 (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	29a	
30	 (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	30a	
31	Other program services (attach schedule) (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	31a	
32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) ☐	32	478,670

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated. (See the instructions for Part IV.)

(a) Name and address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
Grady O'Rear, 12606 Trillium Glen Lane Lovettsville, VA 20180	President/CEO 40hrs.	69,618	0	0
David Freeman, 51 Sherwood Terrace-Suite K Lake Bluff, IL 60044	Chairman 1hr.	0	0	0
James T. Mayer, 131 S. Dearborn St. Chicago, IL 60603	Vice Chair 1hr.	0	0	0
Roger Courtenay, 601 Prince St. Alexandria, VA 22314	Secretary 1hr.	0	0	0
Leroy Battle, Jr., 2101 L St., NW, Suite 700 Washington, DC 20037	Treasurer 1hr.	0	0	0
Tamar Datan, 16007 Firefly Hill Ln. Leesburg, VA 20176	Board Member 1hr.	0	0	0
Peter Fenn, 3347 Tennyson St. NW Washington, DC 20015	Board Member 1hr.	0	0	0
Javier Huerta, 2606 Channel Isle Garland, TX 75043	Board Member 1hr.	0	0	0

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 0	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. ▶ MD, VA		
42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ Ruth Snyder Telephone no. ▶ 301-6624074		
Located at ▶ 326 Park Avenue, Frederick, MD ZIP + 4 ▶ 21701		
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 N/A		
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	☒
47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	47	☒
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48	☒
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a	☒
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."

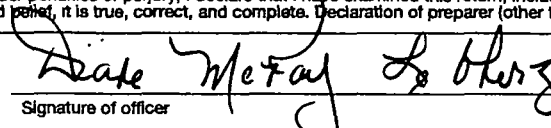
(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
None				

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		Date 8/16/2010	
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Type or print name and title Diane McKay Lebherz, Director of Finance		Check if self-employed ☐	Preparer's identifying number (See instructions) EIN ▶ Phone no. ▶
	Preparer's signature			
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4			

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 ☐						

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 ☐		
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 ☐		
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 ☐		
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 ☐		
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 ► ☐		

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.")			7,175	2,780	2,500	12,455
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		1,550	177,015	423,156	439,298	1,041,019
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		1,550	184,190	425,936	441,798	1,053,474
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.)						1,053,474

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		1,550	184,190	425,936	441,798	1,053,474
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.)						1,053,474
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	100 %
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	100 %

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 ► ☐

STATEMENT 1 - OTHER EXPENSES

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
BANK FEES	2,359
PAYROLL SERVICE FEES	2,748
INTEREST ON LOANS	4,584
EXAM PROCESSING FEES	21,992
CONFERENCES, MEETINGS, MEALS	9,183
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	919
GOVERNMENT TAXES/FEES	2,986
INSURANCE - LIABILITY	2,130
MEMBERSHIP DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	1,094
EXAM PROCTORING	12,140
PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS	1,024
SUPPLIES	2,568
TELEPHONE	5,650
TRAINING	4,781
TRAVEL	9,810
MISCELLANEOUS	1,018
TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ LINE 16	\$ 84,986

STATEMENT 2 - OTHER LIABILITIES

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	45,497
ACCRUED PAYROLL	18,026
LOAN PAYABLE	44,000
TOTAL TO FORM 99-EZ, LINE 26	\$ 107,523

STATEMENT 3 - OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
CHANGE IN FMV OF LAND	20,000
REFUND OF EXAM FEES NOT POSTED	250
TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 20	\$ 20,250

STATEMENT 4 - CASH GRANTS AND ALLOCATIONS

<u>DONEE'S NAME</u>	<u>RELATIONSHIP</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
LOUNDON FORWARD	NONE	<u>9,340</u>
TOTAL INCLUDED ON FORM 99-EZ, LINE 10		<u>\$ 9,340</u>

**STATEMENT 5 - INFORMATION REGARDING TRANSFERS ASSOCIATED WITH
PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACTS**

A) DID THE ORGANIZATION, DURING THE YEAR, RECEIVE ANY FUNDS,
DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, TO PAY PREMIUMS ON A PERSONAL
BENEFIT CONTRACT?

[] YES [X] NO

B) DID THE ORGANIZATION, DURING THE YEAR, PAY PREMIUMS,
DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT?

[] YES [X] NO

STATEMENT 6 - 990-EZ PG 2

TO PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION FOR BUILDING-RELATED PRACTITIONERS,
PRIMARILY CONTRACTORS AND TRADES PEOPLE