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Form **990-EZ**

Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-1150

2009

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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: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.	C Name of organization Harpeth River Watershed Association, Inc. Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite PO Box 1127 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 Franklin, TN 37065	D Employer identification number 62-1802858 E Telephone number 615-790-9767 F Group Exemption Number ▶
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• 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.harpethriver.org

H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

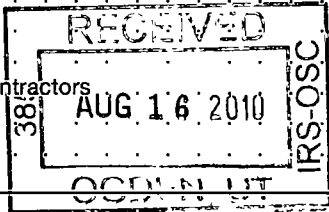
J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — 501(c) (3) ◀ (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

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 ▶ \$ **440,906**

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I.)

	Description		Amount
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received		347,732
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts		10,050
	3 Membership dues and assessments		
	4 Investment income		
	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 <input type="checkbox"/>		
	a Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	82,386
	b Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	39,156
c Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	43,230	
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 ▶ <u>Misc Income</u>)	8	738	
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9	401,750	
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	260,962
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	20,127
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	41,256
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	8,275
	16 Other expenses (describe ▶ <u>See Attached Schedule O</u>)	16	86,638
17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	417,258	
Net Assets	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	(15,508)
	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	78,434
	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	62,926



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.)

	Description	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments	47,631	50,029
23	Land and buildings	11,931	6,606
24	Other assets (describe ▶ <u>See Attached Schedule O</u>)	43,168	29,533
25	Total assets	102,730	86,168
26	Total liabilities (describe ▶ <u>See Attached Schedule O</u>)	24,296	23,242
27	Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	78,434	62,926

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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		✓
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		✓
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?		✓
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
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		
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a 0		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		✓
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?		✓
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 ▶ 0 ; section 4912 ▶ 0 ; section 4955 ▶ 0		
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		✓
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 ▶ 0		
d	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ 0		
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.		✓
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶ Tennessee		
42a	The organization's books are in care of ▶ Dorene Bolze Telephone no ▶ 615-790-9767 Located at ▶ 1164 Columbia Ave, Franklin, TN ZIP + 4 ▶ 37064		
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)?	Yes	No
	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.?		✓
	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		✓
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		

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 | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? | | |
- 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 **0**

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 **0**

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: Dorene A Bozse Date: 8/11/10

Type or print name and title: Dorene A Bozse

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Preparer's signature: [Signature] Date: 8/7/10 Check if self-employed: Preparer's identifying number (See instructions): P00671940

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: Richard Pridge, CPA EIN:

1907 21st Ave S, Nashville, TN 37212 Phone no.: 615-383-7717

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions Yes No

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 Harpeth River Watershed Association, Inc.	Employer identification number 62 : 1802858
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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.")						
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 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.")	322,397	439,528	443,653	609,646	347,732	2,162,956
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	29,047	8,781	2,754	10,066	10,050	60,698
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	351,444	448,309	446,407	619,712	357,782	2,223,654
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	70,500	58,905	111,785	185,000	119,150	545,340
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	994	941	0	0	0	1,935
c Add lines 7a and 7b	71,494	59,846	111,785	185,000	119,150	547,275
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						1,676,379

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	351,444	448,309	446,407	619,712	357,782	2,223,654
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	180	1,127	3,500	2,400	0	7,207
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b	180	1,127	3,500	2,400	0	7,207
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)	38,524	55,832	56,466	43,577	43,968	238,367
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	390,148	505,268	506,373	665,689	401,750	2,469,228

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	67.9 %
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	70.3 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	0.00 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	.003 %

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 ►



HARPETH RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

HRWA Program Annual Report for 2009

I. River Restoration and Wildlife Protection --- \$159,504

State Department of Agriculture, Nonpoint Source program river restoration and watershed plan grants:

- HRWA staff successfully completed a number of water quality improvement projects in Eagleville, TN in Rutherford County as part of the Phase I implementation of The Harpeth River Headwaters Water Quality Improvement Plan and Program, the projects were funded by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture's (TDA) 319(h) Grant program (Assistance Agreement #GR-08-22959-00) and Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency's (TWRA) Wallop-Breaux Stream Restoration Fund (Assistance Agreement #GR-08-22329-00) The projects, which included the installation of 22 best management practices, at four farm properties and the Eagleville City Park, involved cooperation with private landowners and City government representatives. A diverse range of practices focused on managing nutrients and controlling soil erosion and runoff from livestock operations, as well as stabilizing streambanks and enhancing streamside forested areas, known as riparian zones were put in place. These included heavy use areas, an animal walking trail, sensitive area enhancement, riparian area revegetation, a streambank stabilization project, a livestock limited stream access project, livestock exclusion fencing, ball waterers, a well pump, and a watering trough. HRWA worked in partnership with Rutherford County Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and TDA staff who provided technical assistance.
- HRWA staff successfully completed a number of water quality improvement projects in the City of Dickson and Dickson County, TN as part of the Phase I implementation of The Harpeth River Jones Creek Water Quality Improvement Plan and Program. The goal of the projects was to address non-point source pollution, including sediment, which is adversely affecting Jones Creek to the extent that it is listed by the state, as not meeting water quality standards. The projects were funded by the

one projects involved the installation of four stormwater management practices focused on capturing and filtering stormwater runoff and assisting with erosion control. These included a rain garden and bank/slope stabilization project at the local USDA/NRCS Service Center property, a rain garden at the Dickson City Hall, and a stormwater detention area and water quality outlet at Creekwood High School. HRWA also worked in partnership with the

(Geographical Information System) interactive mapping tool that can ultimately be used by a variety of audiences, including schools, watershed groups, agencies, and more, statewide. Staff hired and worked with a GIS consultant to develop a database and accompanying data dictionary, as the main deliverable. Staff wrote and submitted final close-out report on the grant.

- HRWA staff, volunteers and MTSU personnel and students collected data as part of a Southeast Watershed Forum (SEWF) EPA project that also dovetailed with a grant from YSI and the CLEAR Water WADERS project. Staff wrote and submitted a final close-out report to SEWF. A key product is the new web site CONSERVEMYLAND.com. It has an interactive map based on HRWA's growth analysis on the loss of land anticipated in the next 50 years. It features several HRWA landowners that have implemented land conservation practices from conservation easements to cattle fencing and alternative water sources
- HRWA staff completed two Service Learning Work Day events with Finsworth students as part of the implementation of their stormwater management plan under a contract agreement. These included providing environment education, conducting a streambank stabilization project, removing exotic invasive plants, planting trees, and providing coverage on the events
- Various print press was generated over the year on the restoration projects

II. Water Quality Protection and Sustainability: \$129,675

- Lowhead dam in Franklin. In 2008 TWRA approached HRWA to see if the city of Franklin was ready to consider submitting a proposal to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for funds to remove the lowhead dam. At that time, even with \$5000 from [redacted] to defray the preparation costs, the city was not ready. The primary reason was that at that time, it was presumed that the city first needed to make a decision on the future of the drinking water plant and whether the city would continue to withdrawal. In 2009, Beaver Creek Hydrology presented designs to the city of Franklin, HRWA and others of a natural channel design to replace the lowhead dam. HRWA led meetings with the city, TWRA and others to see if this design would work in decoupling the decision regarding the city's future with the drinking water plant. A modification to the design will enable the city to continue to withdrawal and not force a decision on the plant. Thus, Bolze prepared the U.S. FWS proposal for a SARP grant with Beaver Creek, the city, TWRA and TDEC for \$350,000 from two different funds. In late January 2010, the grant for the total amount was awarded to HRWA to cover aspects of the entire project as key leverage with city and state funds.

Stormwater Management, development design, and land protection:

- Bolze was nominated to a member of the City Franklin's new Stormwater Appeals Board which was formally constituted at the end of 2009 with Bolze as vice-chair. Bolze had been on the city's stream buffer committee several years ago during the EPA grant which worked on a new stormwater ordinance. The new SAB picked up with this draft and

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2009

**Open to Public
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Name of the organization

Harpeth River Watershed Association, Inc.

Employer identification number

62 | 1802858

Form 990-EZ, Part 1, Line 16, Other Expenses:

Depreciation **\$5,325**

Dues, Bank Fees and Permits **3,484**

Travel and Mileage **3,100**

Insurance **5,238**

Supplies **69,491**

Total Other Expenses **\$86,638**

Form 990-EZ, Part 1, Line 24, Other Assets:

Grants Receivable **\$24,342**

Accounts Receivable **1,170**

Prepaid Expenses **4,021**

Total Other Assets **\$29,533**

Form 990-EZ, Part 1, Line 26, Total Liabilities:

Accounts Payable **\$16,617**

Accrued Payroll and Payroll Taxes **5,997**

Other Liabilities **628**

Total Liabilities **\$23,242**



HARPETH RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors September 2009

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Dickson County Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and TDA staff who provided technical assistance

- HRWA staff completed watershed plans for the South and West Harpeth River Watersheds for two planning grants
- HRWA staff completed and submitted an annual report for the TWRA Restoration Grant, highlighting restoration work completed in River Park in Brentwood, the Dan Cravotta property, and agricultural practices in the Harpeth River Headwaters, totaling \$20,000 00 This marks the close out of this grant
- Each year HRWA has a \$4995 contract with Brentwood city parks to conduct streambank restoration around the parks system. The work in 2009 focused on the Little Harpeth near the walking trail and YMCA with Eagle Scouts providing key volunteer hours.
- HRWA completed the first phase of a stream restoration/bank stabilization project at the Martin Farm, involving assistance from HCA staff as part of their Community Day. There are two more events scheduled as part of this fee-for-service commitment.
- HRWA staff hired and worked with two summer interns to assist with various monitoring studies and reports.
- HRWA staff assisted MTSU's Dr. Ryan Otter to generate a targeted invite list for MTSU's CLEAR Water Institute conference on Watersheds. Bolze, Executive Director, was a panelist speaker and other staff attended this conference
- HRWA staff presented at the AWRA Conference on EPA grant topics. One presentation was on the use of the Center for Watershed Protection's Watershed Treatment Model to develop a watershed plan to meet TMDL pollutant load reduction targets. This area of focus for this and the grant was Fivemile Creek, which is the southern expansion area of Franklin around the Goose Creek interchange with I-65. The tool was designed to be usable by city/county stormwater staff to develop plans to easily priorities efforts to reduce pollution in existing developed areas and establish requirements for new growth. The final plan is on the HRWA web site, in our Library under Scientific Studies
- The second AWRA presentation was on the analysis of overall growth in the entire Harpeth River watershed using the impervious cover model to compare the last 10 years of growth with the predictions done by the Cumberland Region Tomorrow for the next 20 years. The analysis found growth to have followed the existing "sprawl pattern" and had not shown signs of concentrating in urban zones to protect agricultural/forested zones which is the "vision case" from the CRT The analysis calculated percent increase in paved acreage in each of the 22 subwatersheds. This report is in final draft form at the end of 2009.
- HRWA completed a collaborative effort as a deliverable on a YSI Foundation Grant to collect and present watershed data (i e chemical, macro-invertebrates and visual habitat) with Middle Tennessee State University's CLEAR Water Institute The project culminated in the completion of the first phase of the development of what is called the Watershed Assessment Data Entry and Retrieval System (WADERS), a web-based GIS

focused on a major revision that would strengthen the stream buffer requirements along lines of recommendations by HRWA from the EPA grant that the city of Franklin and Williamson County were partners. Both entities funded AMEC to develop a stormwater tool for developers to use and a new manual promote more water volume retention and evaporation on site and less runoff. This was a major outgrowth and match to the EPA grant that ended December 2008. The city was about to present the new ordinance for adoption when word came out that the state was finally going to issue the new MS4 Phase II permit. The SAB decided to wait to see the permit and incorporate as much into it as possible in order to be current with the new state permit

- Bolze serves as Vice-Chair of the Williamson County Stormwater Appeals Board which meets monthly unless there is no business
- The EPA is not focusing on several federal rules that affect stormwater management. Bolze for HRWA participated in a southeastern regional effort coordinated by River Network to set priorities for stormwater regulatory improvement. A full half-day meeting with 20 EPA staff and 20 southeastern non-profit and national stormwater experts (Bolze is recognized as one of these) met in March. Bolze presented some key points based on work on the EPA grant related to requiring TMDL load reduction targets into stormwater management and how it can be implemented.
- HRWA is the fiscal agent for a stormwater project of the TN Water groups related to the above issues and how to get TMDL numeric load reductions to be used in stormwater permitting by state and local entities.

State Water Quality Protection

- HRWA is part of a statewide coalition of conservation organizations called the TN Water groups that meet quarterly. In 2009 coordinated efforts were on the dangerous water bills in the state legislature, the TN Water Blueprint which was produced by the TN Water Groups, and stormwater work all mentioned here. Bolze is the main representative and was asked to coordinate the group for 2010.
- HRWA worked with partners in the TN Water Groups to inform state legislators about the significant support TN citizens have for clean water and how the legislature can support this. HRWA was on the steering committee that created the Tennessee Water Blueprint that was circulated to the legislature. <http://www.tennesseeswaterblueprint.org/>
- Following the trend from last year's legislature in 2008, a series of bills were proposed that would weaken long-standing clean water law in the state. The one with traction focused on redefining a stream contra to federal law and would have risked the loss of significant federal funding if adopted. Bolze led HRWA's effort to inform citizens through the DownStream News and HRWA's Facebook. Bolze worked with the press on behalf of the coalition, that included a cover story in the Tennessee with Bolze on the cover and Chanel 4 coverage. Many organizations worked on this which resulted in the adoption of a law that did not change the definition. Effort then focused on the regulation draft in the fall that defined what entities could make such a determination and what information was required.

- Sustainability task forces: Bolze was a member of the city of Franklin Sustainability Task Force and asked to participate in subcommittee meetings of Metro Nashville's similar task force. Both established important goals relevant to increasing water efficiency and reducing water pollution. Bolze is now a member of the water committee of Franklin's sustainability Commission. Key goals include reduction of sewage effluent discharge into the Harpeth and reduction in potable water use through efficiency. Franklin is currently working on an water sprinkler ordinance.

Sewer Plant Permits and Franklin's drinking water plant

- Most of the Harpeth River in the summer does NOT meet state water quality standards for oxygen levels. The dominant reason is the discharge of treated effluent. The city of Franklin's new plant is the largest dischargers. Over the past decade HRWA has focused on this issue from many angles. One was to analyze the possible effects if more water was taken out of the river in the summer by the city with a increased withdrawal to expand its small drinking water plant. In 2009 the city decided that it would not make a decision to expand or shut down its plant in isolation of the larger sewer and water management issues. In 2008 the city has started to focus on a long-term sewer plan with a request for proposals from firms to build a second sewage treatment plant on the Harpeth. HRWA met with firms in 2008 and encourage public presentations so all aldermen could learn about these complex issues. As a result, the mayor redirected the effort toward an integrated water management plan that would consider sewer, drinking water, stormwater and effluent reuse all together. HRWA met with consulting firms, aldermen and staff as this process developed. CDM was chosen to do the plan and Bolze of HRWA is on the IRWP's expert/stakeholder team with 30 other people that represent state and federal agencies and experts, other water districts and more.
- In September, TDEC issued the proposed new NPDES permits for the 3 sewer plants on the main Harpeth in Williamson County that are the main sources of pollutant load that affect the low oxygen levels: city of Franklin and the two small private plants that serve developments in the area. HRWA pulled a team together of TCWN, SELC (Southern Environmental Law Center), engineering/water quality experts and others to review the permits and make proposed changes. The comments were submitted December 1 after a successful request for an extension and public hearing. HRWA's comments included multiple analyses by HRWA of dissolved oxygen in the river and other work HRWA contracted out over the past decade.
- Egyptian Lacquer and Liberty Creek: Near the end of 2008, TDEC did not accept the second corrective action plan by ELMCO to address the polluted groundwater that flows under the site, the nearby neighborhood and into Liberty Creek and the Harpeth River. HRWA was requested by the neighbors and their attorneys to provide our analyses and in the spring, neighbors filed a notice of intent to sue and a complaint. As a result of this legal action, the parties agreed to a period of time to not file while a clean-up effort was initiated under terms that involved having the consulting expert of the neighbors undertake the work versus the firm hired by ELMCO. HRWA worked with print and TV press to keep the issue in the public focus. The creek happened to be bright orange during a period in the summer that continues to remind everyone that the contamination is not contained and continues to flow into waters of the state. Bolze attended WWF's Southeast Grant

Recipient's Gathering in the fall and gave a presentation on HRWA's work on Liberty Creek which they had funded

- TDEC proposed a stream mitigation In-lieu fee fund in the summer. HRWA worked with several collation members with expertise on the larger issue of natural resource mitigation to submit written comments and meet with TDEC to discuss concerns. TDEC at the time decided to not pursue further.
- HRWA staff (Gardner) worked with local citizens on air quality issues affecting Franklin. As the HRWA liaison, Gardner joined forces with the newly-formed Tennessean's For A Cleaner Environment (TFACE), of which she is now a part, to investigate pollution problems currently focused on Superior Essex and other Title V permitted facilities in the area. She worked with TDEC officials and contacted Rep. Casada's office and was quoted in the media regarding this issue. She presented comments at the September 3rd public hearing on Superior Essex's permit renewal. HRWA worked with local citizens affected because the air pollution was affecting HRWA's office.

III. Outreach, Education & Recreation: \$24,805

- HRWA and its project partners successfully completed two paddling access structures, as part of the Harpeth River Blueway Project, sponsored by a REI foundation grant. The main project entailed constructing an access on the Harpeth River at the Hwy. 100 Bridge in Bellevue, TN and involved the cooperation of HRWA, TDOT, TSRA, and Harpeth River State Park, as well as Boy Scout Troop 87, which provided volunteer labor (please see the accompanying project write-up for full details). The second project involved improving a long access road, as well as installing water diversion boards and steps along 500 feet of trail at a new paddling access point, called Gossett Tract, in the Harpeth River State Park. As part of this project, HRWA staff also conducted a second annual Harpeth River Blueway Summit and created a GIS map of the Lower Harpeth River Blueway which includes a network of access points along the Harpeth River, where it flows through Harpeth River State Park and where sections are a designated state scenic river. HRWA staff wrote and submitted the final close-out report and deliverables to REI.
- HRWA worked on developing participation by the canoe liveries to help collect funds and enlist support for the Blueway. HRWA made and supplied some large maps and Safety/stewardship posters, and the HRWA Lower Harpeth Blueway map was adopted by the Harpeth River State Park for their web site. HRWA produced the Lower Harpeth River Blueway brochure, a small waterproof version of the map, for sale in response to requests for information on where good paddling trips are along the river. HRWA staff constructed donation receptacles and developed a river code of conduct, which were placed at the locations of paddling livery and gas station partners.
- Created the logo for the state's Tennessee Blueway and used it on the new Lower Harpeth River Blueway paddling access waterproof map. State parks approved the logo design. Funded with grant funds.

- HRWA staff met with the Commissioner of Tourism for TN and other staff on how to integrate and promote TN Blueway trails.
- Harpeth River Blueway incorporated into both Metro Greenways planning and city of Franklin's new Open Space plan that was developed in 2009
- Facilitated a meeting on the Harpeth River Scenic Blueway involving key stakeholders at Warner Park Nature Center on July 15. Proposed sites for access include Hwy. 100, working with the City of Franklin at Pinkerton Park and investigating three potential sites between Franklin and Hwy. 100 Staff also prepared for the September 19th Tennessee Blueway Summit
- HRWA staff (Gardner) organized a multi-site stream clean-up in Franklin with the Franklin Stake of the Church of Latter Day Saints in May that involved more than 300 people
- HRWA staff created the "Change For Conservation" Campaign and implemented the program with the assistance of HCA staff as part of their Community Day commitments. HRWA received funding from HCA to cover project/materials costs in support of this effort.
- HRWA served as a watershed partner on the Cumberland River Compact Sustainable Agricultural Initiatives (SAI) EPA grant project As a project partner, HRWA committed to working with CRC to host three-five mini farm field days in select locations the Harpeth River Watershed, co-hosting with CRC and the other watershed partners a field day at a central location within the Cumberland River Basin, and participating in quarterly agricultural advisory board meetings in association with this project.
- HRWA staff (Cain) initiated a Storm Water Education Program (SWEP) and involved the Cumberland River Compact and Cumberland Region Tomorrow to encourage local market meteorologists to "talk stormwater" during their broadcasts We have formed partnerships with USGS, the American Meteorological Society, Earth Gage and the National Weather Service, and have garnered much interest in funding this initiative from the MS4 community, including Metro Water services, TDOT, TDEC, and the Tennessee Storm water Association HRWA and partners are currently refining the proposal, per funder's request, to create a comprehensive pilot project that could go state wide
- HRWA staff developed the "Get Hooked On The Harpeth" Outreach & Education Program and Paddling With Purpose Project These ideas, which focus on youth education, were pitched to Maddox Foundation.
- Bolze spoke at Keep Williamson County Beautiful in Spring as part of the Environmental Leadership Class
- Bolze spoke at Leadership Brentwood in October 2009.

- HRWA staff (Gardner) served on the steering committee for the Tennessee Every Child Outdoors (ECO) Coalition. Gardner was instrumental in developing the goals and objectives for this group.
- HRWA staff (Gardner) served on the board of the Tennessee Environmental Education Association (TEEA)
- Social Media: HRWA staff launched our Facebook page, gaining 400 online “members” in less than one month, proving to be a successful vehicle for not only reaching the HRWA membership but also by promoting upcoming events, canoe floats and clean-ups organized by citizens on the Harpeth and river stewardship. Development Director set up a Wiki site but it did not prove to be a successful way of communication for committees
- The 6th Annual Lost Loon Triathlon was held on May 3. It was a huge success with over 175 participants and \$12,000 in donations to HRWA.
- **Start Strategic Planning for HRWA:** Bolze worked with River Network staff and a small committee of the board to begin a strategic planning process. A membership wide survey was developed and compiled at the end of the year

Public Relations coverage:

This is not an itemized list because there are over 50 different press coverage occurrences of HRWA programs, events, and/or staff quotes in stories for 2009.

- Press on new canoe accesses
- Bolze on cover of Tennessean and on Channel 4 on issue of wet weather conveyance/stream determination state bill
- Bolze on Chanel 4 in fall on ELMCO/Liberty creek.
- Bolze part of Franklin tomorrow Panel on spring on Water 101 with city leadership about planning for water efficiency. This is televised regularly on the local cable access channel 10.
- Print press on the Superior Essex air pollution issue that affected the HRWA office and surrounding area.
- HWRA in story on the closure to the TMDL lawsuits were brought in TN to get the state’s program started. This litigation was similar to many brought to initiate the TMDL program under the Clean Water Act that had not been addressed. TMDL’s are meant to set a pollutant load for a water body and a plan to remove the load to meet water quality standards. Bolze provide a focus with the Harpeth since the lawsuits were partly based on the Harpeth and resulted in the EPA doing the TMDL on dissolved oxygen for the Harpeth.