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Form 990-EZ

Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0045

2009

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 514(b)(1), 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.

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Header section A-H: For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning 2009, and ending. B Check if applicable: Address change, Name change, Initial return, Termination, Amended return, Application pending. C Name of organization: GROUNDWORK NEW ORLEANS. D Employer identification no: 90-0456300. E Telephone number: (504) 208-2771. F Group Exemption Number. G Accounting method: [X] Cash [] Accrual Other (specify). H Check [X] if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I)
Table with 21 rows and 3 columns: Line number, Description, Amount. Total revenue: 34,366. Total expenses: 25,986. Net assets at end of year: 14,998.

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.
Table with 7 rows and 3 columns: Line number, Description, (A) Beginning of year, (B) End of year. Total assets: 15,456. Net assets or fund balances: 14,998.

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Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instrs 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.		X
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes.		X
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?		X
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.		X
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?		X
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?		X
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.		X
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.		X
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ Louisiana		

42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ GROUNDWORK NEW ORLEANS Telephone no. ▶ (504) 208-2771
 Located at ▶ 1405 TERPSICHOE STREET, APT 8 NEW ORLEANS, LA ZIP + 4 ▶ 70130

	Yes	No	
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)?		X
	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 a Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.?		X
	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

	Yes	No	
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.		X
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.		X

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	X
47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II.	47	X
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E.	48	X
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a	X
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 and 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

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: Rachel Heiligman - Treasurer Date: 10/15/10
 Signature of officer: Rachel Heiligman
 Type or print name and title.

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature: Barbara A. Brill CPA Date: 10/15/10 Check if self-employed: Preparer's identifying number (See instructions): 900281407
 Firm's name (or your name if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: Barbara A. Brill, CPA PC
75 South Highland Avenue EIN: 51-0637984
Ossining NY 10562 Phone no.: (914) 944-1410

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions Yes No
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Part III 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 'unusual grants'.)		37,165.	56,450.	1,065.	34,151.	128,831.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge. Do not include the value of services or facilities generally furnished to the public without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3		37,165.	56,450.	1,065.	34,151.	128,831.
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 1, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						128,831.

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		37,165.	56,450.	1,065.	34,151.	128,831.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources		8.	419.	185.	215.	827.
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						129,658.
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 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 the 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 yr 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 'unusual grants')...						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in a 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, 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 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 yr 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 on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part 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 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.

**Statement Regarding
Failure to File 501(c)(3) Application Within 27 Months of Incorporation**

By: Yarrow Etheredge, President of Initial Board of Directors, through 2010

February 9, 2011

The following statement is supported by attachments hereto, which include a National Park Service Purchase Order for the services of Forest Bradley Wright and a Services Contract between Groundwork New Orleans and Mr. Bradley Wright, whose name appears as an Incorporator on the Articles of Incorporation submitted to the Louisiana Secretary of State in 2006.

A description of the history of the establishment of Groundwork New Orleans is a necessary to explain the failure of Groundwork New Orleans to submit its application for Tax Exempt Status within 27 months of incorporation.

The *Groundwork USA Initiative* is a pilot program of the National Park Service (NPS) Rivers and Trails Program, in cooperation with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Program to establish a network of independent nonprofit environmental businesses called Groundwork Trusts.

The process for establishing a new Groundwork Trust begins with an interested party contacting the NPS program manager for the Groundwork Initiative, Ms. Doug Evans, who provides the interested party with a local NPS representative who acts as a liaison and resource for the community seeking to establish a Groundwork Trust. The Groundwork program has specific requirements regarding the formation of a Steering Committee with representation from local government, businesses, civic groups, community organizations, residents and other interested stakeholders to coordinate and lead the effort to develop a Groundwork Trust.

The most basic requirement of the program is a commitment by the local government to support the development of the local Groundwork Trust by providing matching funds (\$75,000), fiduciary services, and administrative and technical support during the formation of the organization. Once a Steering Committee has been formed, it submits a Letter of Interest to the NPS, seeking to explore the establishment of a Groundwork Trust through the development of a Feasibility Study, which examines the needs of the community and the opportunities for a new non-profit to be established in that community to meet those needs while achieving the mission of the Groundwork Initiative, which is to bring about the sustained regeneration, improvement and management of the physical environment by developing community-based partnerships which empower people, businesses and organizations to promote environmental, economic and social well being.

Ten communities are selected for initial evaluation. The evaluation process includes a visit from the NPS representative. After the initial meeting, the local Groundwork Steering Committee must decide whether or not to proceed with the application process. As part of that decision, they discuss the Groundwork program with other community members, key stakeholders and their chief elected officials. If there is broad support to proceed, the Mayor/chief elected official must send a letter to NPS, endorsing the work of the committee and inviting the representatives of NPS and Groundwork USA to meet with an enlarged Groundwork Steering Committee to answer their questions and further evaluate Groundwork for their community. After the follow-up meeting, the steering committee decides whether or not to submit a proposal for GW USA Pilot Funding and Technical Assistance, in partnership with their local government.

Upon completion of the evaluation process, those communities which desire to establish a Groundwork Trust are invited to submit a proposal for the Groundwork USA Pilot Funding and Technical Assistance program. If the decision is made to establish a local Groundwork Trust, the local government is required to provide a financial match of \$75,000 over the first three years, as well as act as the fiduciary agent for the organization during the process of incorporation and application for non-profit status. From the proposals submitted to the NPS, one to two communities are chosen each year to create a new Groundwork Program through a cooperative agreement and task agreements with the NPS.

The application for the establishment of Groundwork New Orleans was submitted by the City of New Orleans, and was accompanied by a commitment from Mayor C. Ray Nagin to support the development of the organization, and although the attached letter does not evidence the commitment to act as the fiduciary agent for the organization or to provide the matching funds for Groundwork New Orleans, these commitments are contingencies for the establishment of any Groundwork Trust. At the time of the application of the City of New Orleans, I was employed by the Mayor's Office of Environmental Affairs as an EPA Brownfields Assistant, and initiated and completed the application process.¹

The city of New Orleans was selected as a Groundwork Pilot Community in late 2004, prior to which, I was appointed as the Director of the Mayor's Office of Environmental Affairs, and was unable to maintain my previous level of involvement in the establishment of New Orleans as Groundwork Trust Community, thus I delegated many of the organizational tasks to my Deputy Director.

¹ Please see the attached letters from Mayor Nagin and excerpts from the application of the City of New Orleans, provided to me by the NPS in 2010

The Feasibility Study for the establishment of New Orleans as a Groundwork Trust was completed in August, 2005. Forest Bradley Wright was a sub-contractor hired to conduct the Feasibility Study and complete the associated report, funded by a \$10,000 grant awarded to the city of New Orleans by the National Park Service for this purpose.

Approximately one week after the Feasibility Study was complete, Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast, and New Orleans was evacuated until October 15, 2005. Due to the financial impact of Hurricane Katrina on the operating budget of the city of New Orleans, the City Administration was forced to lay off approximately 3,000 employees, including me.

At some point during the period of evacuation and resettlement, Forest Bradley Wright contacted the NPS to obtain guidance on continuing the establishment Groundwork New Orleans. Acting on the guidance of the NPS, Forest Bradley Wright contacted members of the Steering Committee, including me, to vote on whether to pursue the establishment of Groundwork New Orleans. At this time, the Deputy Director of the Mayor's Office of Environmental Affairs informed the Steering Committee that the City of New Orleans would not be able to meet its financial and technical support commitments, and other fiduciary arrangements were sought with the Regional Planning Commission (RPC), which was also a Steering Committee participant.

Upon consideration, the RPC declined to act as the fiduciary agent for Groundwork New Orleans, so in May 2006, the Board of Directors for Groundwork USA (GWUSA), a new umbrella organization for the network, voted to act as the administrator of the funds and to allow Groundwork New Orleans to use the 501(c)(3) umbrella of GWUSA.²

During this time, the NPS was negotiating a contract with Forest Bradley Wright to support the development of the corporation by transitioning the Trust from the feasibility study phase, through formal incorporation, and into its operational stage, including incorporation, bylaws and board development, search for an Executive Director, and planning the first demonstration project,³ all of which were tasks that released allocations of funding included in an initial \$55,000 Cooperative Agreement that would fund the start up of the organization, and included the filing of an application for tax exempt status.⁴

In performance of his contract, Forest Bradley Wright extended an invitation to the Steering Committee members to become the Initial Board of Directors, of

² See attached Purchase Request DI-1 and email correspondence between the National Park Service and Forest Bradley Wright regarding his contract. Please note that the contractor proposal referenced in number 9 has not been made available to the Board of Directors, and that the attached Purchase Request was provided to me by the NPS upon my request in 2008 when I realized that the Corporation had not been properly established

³ See id.

⁴ A copy of this Agreement can be obtained by the Executive Director and provided upon request

which I was elected President. The Board of Directors voted to enter into an additional contract with Mr. Bradley Wright, which referenced the tasks that were to be completed under the terms of the contract between Mr. Bradley Wright and the NPS.⁵ One of the tasks contracted to Mr. Bradley Wright was to establish a Groundwork New Orleans bank account, which, at the direction of the GWUSA Executive Director at the time, Vernice Miller Travis, was opened under the Tax ID number of Groundwork USA in December, 2006.⁶ Also under this contract, Ms. Pamela Broom was hired as the first Executive Director of Groundwork New Orleans in May, 2007.⁷ Mr. Bradley Wright's contracts with both Groundwork New Orleans and the NPS were closed out, and the task of filing the 501(c)(3) application was paid based on the fiduciary arrangement established with Groundwork USA.

The Initial Board of Directors tasked Ms. Broom with filing our own 501(c)(3) application and with working with Groundwork USA to ensure the filing of federal and state taxes, which had become a concern of the board when the 2006 filing deadline passed, and Groundwork New Orleans had not been asked to provide any financial documentation to Groundwork USA, relative to their 2006 filing. Ms. Broom reported to the Board on the status of this and other organizational development tasks, including the filing of the non-profit application on a quarterly basis, and consistently reported that Groundwork USA had indicated that a filing was under way, and that we would be included in that filing. Groundwork New Orleans was not able to make the filing independently because we were operating, as instructed by Groundwork USA, under the Groundwork USA Federal Tax ID number, and operating under the umbrella of their 501(c)(3) status.

In late 2007, Vernice Miller Travis was terminated as Executive Director of Groundwork USA, and as she was the organization's only employee, Groundwork New Orleans was left without a contact. In March, 2008, after several quarters of reporting no progress on her assigned tasks, Ms. Broom resigned as the Executive Director of Groundwork New Orleans, leaving the Board with an essentially empty bank account and no progress on the organizational development deliverables that would release additional funding from the NPS under the initial \$90,000 award.

Simultaneous with Ms. Broom's resignation, I began a new job with a Fortune 500 company that supports the volunteer work of its employees by contributing

⁵ See attached, an executed copy of which can be obtained by the Executive Director and provided upon request

⁶ See attached Power of Attorney agreements between Groundwork New Orleans and Barbara Brill, CPA, who is also the accountant for Groundwork USA, authorizing Ms. Brill to act on behalf of Groundwork New Orleans to move payroll taxes paid by Groundwork New Orleans to a new Federal Tax ID number, obtained by Groundwork New Orleans in 2009.

⁷ Ms. Broom is a New Orleans native who had been evacuated to, and was living in Chicago following Hurricane Katrina. Groundwork New Orleans provided relocation expenses to Ms. Broom to allow her to return to New Orleans.

up to \$750 per year to the non-profit of the employee's choice based on the number of volunteer service hours contributed by that employee. In order to register Groundwork New Orleans as a non-profit eligible to receive this funding, I was required to provide my employer with a copy of our letter awarding tax exempt status to the organization. I provided my employer with a copy of the letter I had been provided by Ms. Miller Travis,⁸ but I was informed by my employer that the letter indicated only an initial determination, and that the follow up filing date had passed. When I contacted Groundwork USA to obtain a new letter, they discovered that Ms. Miller Travis had failed to timely file the follow up paperwork, and we all discovered that the Groundwork USA Board of Directors was unaware that Ms. Miller Travis had instructed Groundwork New Orleans to operate under the Groundwork USA Federal Tax ID number.⁹

At this point, Groundwork New Orleans applied for and obtained its own Federal Tax ID number, and began the process of preparing its past due taxes for filing with the assistance of Ms. Brill, the GWUSA CPA. It was determined by the Board that the outstanding tax issues should be addressed, and the tax filings prepared prior to making the 501(c)(3) filing. Ms. Brill worked with us to prepare filings for 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009, and these filings were submitted the same day as our 501(c)(3) application. Unfortunately, because the increase in the 501(c)(3) filing fees was not apparent on the IRS website at the time our filing was submitted, our application was returned, and because our application for tax-exempt status was not on file, our taxes were also returned as ineligible for filing as a tax exempt organization.

We look forward to addressing all of these issues with the cooperation of the various departments within the IRS, and we sincerely hope that you will work with us so that we may continue our mission to improve the quality of life in the city of New Orleans

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any further explanation or documentation that you may require to move our request for tax exempt status forward.

Sincerely,

Yarrow Etheredge
504-388-4873

⁸ See attached

⁹ See attached email from Curt Collier, dated June 3, 2008, referencing the "unfortunate history"

Form 990-EZ
Part II

Other Assets and Liabilities

2009.

Name as Shown on Return
GROUNDWORK NEW ORLEANS

Employer Identification No.
90-0456300

Line 24 - Other Assets:	Beginning of Year	End of Year
Vehicles - Pick-up Truck net of accum depre	4,670.	3,336.
Totals to Form 990-EZ, Part II, line 24	4,670.	3,336.

Line 26 - Total Liabilities:	Beginning of Year	End of Year
Payroll taxes payable	458.	458.
Totals to Form 990-EZ, Part II, line 26	458.	458.

Miscellaneous Statement

990-EZ PART III

DEVELOPED OUTREACH MATERIALS AND RAINGARDEN
ADOPTION PROGRAM MATERIALS.
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GROUNDWORK NETWORK,
USEPA AND NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS THE
ORGANIZATION ASSISTED IN THE DEVELOPMENT
OF THE LARGEST LINEAR RAINGARDEN ARRAY IN
NEW ORLEANS, LA

Total

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16
Other Expenses Statement

Other expenses (describe)	
<u>Program Expense</u>	<u>4,269.</u>
<u>Insurance</u>	<u>2,093.</u>
<u>Bank Fees</u>	<u>114.</u>
<u>Depreciation</u>	<u>1,334.</u>
Total	<u>7,810.</u>