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Form 990

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

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

OMB No 1545-0047

2011

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A For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending

<input type="checkbox"/> 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	C Name of organization NORTHWEST INDIANA FORUM FOUNDATION, INC.		D Employer identification number 35-1532360
	Doing Business As Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) 6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD		
	Room/suite		
	City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 PORTAGE, IN 46368		
	F Name and address of principal officer: MARK MAASEL SAME AS ABOVE		
	I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () (insert no) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		
J Website: ► WWW.NWIFORUM.ORG		E Telephone number 219-763-6303	
K Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ►		G Gross receipts \$ 203,162.	
L Year of formation 1979		M State of legal domicile IN	

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN HARMONY WITH THE		
	2 Check this box ► <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3 29	
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4 29	
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2011 (Part V, line 2a)	5 0	
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6 35	
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a 0.	
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b 0.		
Revenue	Prior Year	Current Year	
	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	60,000.	202,500.
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	0.	0.
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	13.	12.
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	0.	650.
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	60,013.	203,162.
		RECEIVED	
Expenses	Prior Year	Current Year	
	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	0.	0.
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0.	0.
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	0.	0.
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0.	0.
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ►	106,230.	109,601.
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	106,230.	109,601.
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	-46,217.	93,561.	
Net Assets & Fund Balances	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year	
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	57,253.	151,282.
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	217,935.	218,403.
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	-160,682.	-67,121.

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here	► Signature of officer Mark T. Maassel	Date 10/24/2012
	► Type or print name and title Mark T. Maassel	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name GARY D. BUSHUE	Preparer's signature 10/24/2012	Date 10-1-12	Check <input type="checkbox"/> self-employed	PTIN P00362033
	Firm's name ► ROWLEY, BUSHUE & COMPANY LLP			Firm's EIN ►	35-1866709
	Firm's address ► 409 WEST KIEFFER ROAD MICHIGAN CITY, IN 46360			Phone no	219-874-1437

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

 Yes No

132001 01-23-12 LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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SEE SCHEDULE O FOR ORGANIZATION MISSION STATEMENT CONTINUATION

Re a1

Part III Statement of Program Service AccomplishmentsCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III 1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

WORKING TO MEET ENVIRONMENT AND EDUCATIONAL CONCERNS, PROMOTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROWTH IN NORTHWEST INDIANA AND SECURE GRANTS TO ACCOMPLISH ENVIRONMENTAL AND EDUCATIONAL GOALS.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? Yes No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? Yes No
If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code _____) (Expenses \$ **100,151.** including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ _____)
OUTREACH AND EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS ENCOURAGING BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, JOB CREATION AND CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN THE 7-COUNTY AREA (LAKE, PORTER, LAPORTE, STARKE, JASPER, NEWTON AND PULASKI).

4b (Code _____) (Expenses \$ _____ including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ _____)

4c (Code _____) (Expenses \$ _____ including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ _____)

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ _____ including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ _____)

4e **Total program service expenses ► 100,151.**

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	1 X	
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> ?	2 X	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>	3 X	
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>	4 X	
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>	5 X	
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>	6 X	
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>	7 X	
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>	8 X	
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>	9 X	
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>	10 X	
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i>	11a X	
b Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i>	11b X	
c Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i>	11c X	
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i>	11d X	
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	11e X	
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	11f X	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII</i>	12a X	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional</i>	12b X	
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>	13 X	
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a X	
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>	14b X	
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>	15 X	
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>	16 X	
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i>	17 X	
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>	18 X	
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>	19 X	
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>	20a X	
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b X	

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
21		X
22		X
23		X
24a		X
24b		
24c		
24d		
25a		X
25b		X
26		X
27		X
28a		X
28b		X
28c		X
29		X
30		X
31		X
32		X
33		X
34	X	
35a	X	
35b	X	
36		X
37		X
38	X	

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Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax ComplianceCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V

		Yes	No
1a	1a	0	
1b	1b	0	
1c		X	
2a	2a	0	
2b			
3a		X	
3b			
4a		X	
5a		X	
5b		X	
5c			
6a		X	
6b			
7a		X	
7b			
7c		X	
7d			
7e		X	
7f		X	
7g			
7h			
8			
9a			
9b			
10a			
10b			
11a			
11b			
12a			
12b			
13a			
13b			
13c			
14a		X	
14b			

1a Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable

1b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable

c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?

2a Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return

b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?
Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)

3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?

b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O

4a At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?

b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ► See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22 1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.

5a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?

b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?

c If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?

6a Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?

b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?

7 **Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).**

a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?

b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?

c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?

d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year

e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?

f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?

g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?

h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?

8 **Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.** Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?

9 **Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.**

a Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?

b Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?

10 **Section 501(c)(7) organizations.** Enter:

a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12

b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities

11 **Section 501(c)(12) organizations.** Enter:

a Gross income from members or shareholders

b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)

12a **Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.** Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?

b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year

13 **Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.**

a Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state?
Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.

b Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans

c Enter the amount of reserves on hand

14a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?

b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI X

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O	29	
1b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	29	
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2	X
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3	X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4	X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5	X
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6	X
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	7a	X
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b	X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following	8a	X
a	The governing body?	8b	X
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	9	X
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		

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

	Yes	No	
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a	X
b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?	10b	
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a	X
b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.	12a	X
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12b	X
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12c	
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	13	X
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	14	X
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	15a	X
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?	15b	X
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	16a	X
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	16b	
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).		
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		
b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► IN

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
 Own website Another's website Upon request

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.

20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: ► PAULA MATHIS - 219-763-6303
 6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD, PORTAGE, IN 46368

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors
Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII **Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees****1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

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

 Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)					(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee			
(1) DONALD BABCOCK CHAIR	2.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.
(2) PETE NOVAK DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(3) SPEROS BATISTATOS DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(4) CALVIN BELLAMY DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(5) RON BUSH DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(6) DANITA JOHNSON HUGHES DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(7) EUGENE DIAMOND DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(8) GEORGE DOUGLAS DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(9) LARRY FABINA DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(10) JAMES FLANNERY EX-OFFICIO	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(11) MARK MAASSEL PRESIDENT/EX-OFFICIO	40.00	X	X				0.	116,394.	0.
(12) ROBERT CROOKSTON DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(13) ROBERT GARDINER CHAIR-ELECT	2.00	X	X				0.	0.	0.
(14) ANDREW FOX DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(15) TOM KEILMAN DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(16) STEVE LANDRY EX-OFFICIO	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(17) LEIGH MORRIS EX-OFFICIO	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)					(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee			
(18) BILL NANGLE DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(19) DEWEY PEARMAN DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(20) DANIEL NITA DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(21) JILL RITCHIE DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(22) JIM STATON EX-OFFICIO	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(23) JOHN SWANSON EX-OFFICIO	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(24) OLGA VELAZQUEZ DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(25) EDWARD VOLK DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(26) BILL WELLMAN DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.
1b Sub-total						►	0.	116,394.	0.
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A						►	0.	0.	0.
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)						►	0.	116,394.	0.

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ► 0

3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	Yes	No
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	3	X
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person	4	X
	5	X

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
NONE		

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ► 0

SEE PART VII, SECTION A CONTINUATION SHEETS

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts					
1 a Federated campaigns	1a				
b Membership dues	1b				
c Fundraising events	1c				
d Related organizations	1d				
e Government grants (contributions)	1e				
f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	202,500.			
g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$					
h Total. Add lines 1a-1f	►	202,500.			
Program Service Revenue	Business Code				
2 a					
b					
c					
d					
e					
f All other program service revenue					
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f	►				
3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		12.			12.
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
5 Royalties					
6 a Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
b Less: rental expenses					
c Rental income or (loss)					
d Net rental income or (loss)					
7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses					
c Gain or (loss)					
d Net gain or (loss)					
8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a				
b Less: direct expenses	b				
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events	►				
9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a				
b Less: direct expenses	b				
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities	►				
10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a				
b Less: cost of goods sold	b				
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory	►				
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code				
11 a MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	561499	650.			650.
b					
c					
d All other revenue					
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d	►	650.			
12 Total revenue. See instructions	►	203,162.	0.	0.	662.

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part IX

<i>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</i>	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages				
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting				
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other	100,151.	100,151.		
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses				
14 Information technology	9,450.		9,450.	
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance				
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O)				
a				
b				
c				
d				
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	109,601.	100,151.	9,450.	0.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				

Check here ► if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing		1	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	56,887.	2	65,916.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	366.	4	85,366.
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions)		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
Assets	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 15,099.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 15,099.	0.	10c 0.
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities		11	
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	
	16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	57,253.	16	151,282.
	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses		17	468.
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
Liabilities	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	217,935.
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	217,935.	26	218,403.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	-160,682.	27	-142,121.
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets		28	75,000.
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	-160,682.	33	-67,121.
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	57,253.	34	151,282.

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Part XI Reconciliation of Net AssetsCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI

1 Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	203,162.
2 Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	109,601.
3 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	93,561.
4 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	-160,682.
5 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	5	0.
6 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	6	-67,121.

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII

1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: Cash Accrual Other _____
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.

2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?
c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O
d If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis

3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits

	Yes	No
2a		X
2b	X	
2c	X	
3a		X
3b		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.
► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ► See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization

NORTHWEST INDIANA FORUM FOUNDATION, INC.

Employer identification number
35-1532360

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?

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

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

(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		
Total							

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2011

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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 or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	60,000.	60,000.	134,880.	60,000.	202,500.	517,380.
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	60,000.	60,000.	134,880.	60,000.	202,500.	517,380.
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)						377,730.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						139,650.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	60,000.	60,000.	134,880.	60,000.	202,500.	517,380.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	1,689.	650.	69.	13.	12.	2,433.
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.)		1,054.			650.	1,704.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						521,517.
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 2011 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	26.78	%
15 Public support percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	15.71	%
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2011. 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 - 2010. 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 - 2011. 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2010. 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"/>

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2011

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 or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)						

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2011 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2011 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2011. 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 - 2010. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ►

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ►

Part IV Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

SCHEDULE A, PART II, LINE 10, EXPLANATION FOR OTHER INCOME:

MISCELLANEOUS

PART II, SECTION C, LINE 17A, FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES TEST:

THE CORPORATION NORMALLY MEETS THE PUBLIC SUPPORT TEST WHEN THE CURRENT YEAR AND PRECEDING FOUR TAX YEARS ARE CONSIDERED IN AGGREGATE. THE PUBLIC SUPPORT TEST FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS WAS: 2007 - 74.40% 2008 - 54.64%, 2009 - 16.09%, 2010 - 15.71% AND 2011 - 26.78%.

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CONTRIBUTED FOR ALL YEARS 2007 TO 2011: JOHN ANDERSON FOUNDATION, BP OIL AND JP MORGAN CHASE FOUNDATION. THE CHICAGO SOUTH SHORE CONNECTION CONTRIBUTED IN 2009 AND NIPSCO CONTRIBUTED IN 2011. IN 2011, SIX (6) DIFFERENT GOVERNMENTAL UNITS CONTRIBUTED FUNDS. THE ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTORS IN 2011 INCREASED THE PUBLIC SUPPORT PERCENTAGE FROM 15.71% IN 2010 TO 26.78% IN 2011.

THE GOVERNING BOARD CONSISTS OF 29 UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS THAT REPRESENT BUSINESSES, HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES LOCATED IN NORTHWEST INDIANA'S LAKE, PORTER, LAPORTE AND STARKE COUNTIES. THE INSTITUTIONS THAT THE BOARD MEMBERS REPRESENT ARE VITAL TO BUSINESS AND LIVELIHOOD OF THE CITIZENS OF NORTHWEST INDIANA.

THE NORTHWEST INDIANA FORUM FOUNDATION AND ITS RELATED NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, NORTHWEST INDIANA FORUM, INC. (ORGANIZED UNDER IRS SECTION 501(C)(6)), ARE A REGIONAL VOICE FOR THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND A SIGNIFICANT CATALYST FOR INITIATIVES THAT PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CREATE AND RETAIN QUALITY JOBS IN NORTHWEST INDIANA.

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Financial Statements**

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
 ► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization

NORTHWEST INDIANA FORUM FOUNDATION, INC.

Employer identification number
35-1532360**Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
2a	
2b	
2c	
2d	

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).

Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education) Preservation of an historically important land area
 Protection of natural habitat Preservation of a certified historic structure
 Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

a Total number of conservation easements
 b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements
 c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)
 d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ► _____

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ► _____

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? Yes No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► \$ _____

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? Yes No

9 In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$ _____
 (ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$ _____

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items:

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$ _____
 b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$ _____

Part III | **Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)**

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):

a Public exhibition
 b Scholarly research
 c Preservation for future generations
 d Loan or exchange programs
 e Other _____

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV.

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV | **Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table:

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

c Beginning balance
 d Additions during the year
 e Distributions during the year
 f Ending balance

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV.

Part V | **Endowment Funds.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ► %
 b Permanent endowment ► %
 c Temporarily restricted endowment ► %

The percentages in lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

4 Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI | **Land, Buildings, and Equipment.** See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings ..				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment	15,099.		15,099.	0.
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c))			►	0.

Part VII Investments - Other Securities. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
(I)		
Total. (Col (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12) ►		

Part VIII Investments - Program Related. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		
Total. (Col (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13) ►		

Part IX Other Assets. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	

Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 15.) ►

Part X Other Liabilities. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

(a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) INTERCOMPANY PAYABLE	217,935.
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
(11)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25.) ►	217,935.

FIN 48 (ASC 740) Footnote In Part XIV, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under

2. FIN 48 (ASC 740)

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Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Audited Financial Statements

1 Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	203,162.
2 Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	109,601.
3 Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	93,561.
4 Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	
5 Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6 Investment expenses	6	
7 Prior period adjustments	7	
8 Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	8	
9 Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 through 8	9	
10 Excess or (deficit) for the year per audited financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9	10	93,561.

Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

1 Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	203,162.
2 Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	
b Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d	
e Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0.
3 Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	203,162.
4 Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	4b	
c Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0.
5 Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	203,162.

Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1 Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	109,601.
2 Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b Prior year adjustments	2b	
c Other losses	2c	
d Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d	
e Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0.
3 Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	109,601.
4 Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	4b	
c Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0.
5 Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	109,601.

Part XIV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, line 2; Part XI, line 8; Part XII, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

PART X, LINE 2: THE ORGANIZATION POLICY IS TO RECOGNIZE INTEREST AND

PENALTIES ACCRUED ON ANY UNRECOGNIZED TAX BENEFITS AS A COMPONENT OR

INCOME TAX EXPENSE. THE ORGANIZATION DID NOT RECORD ANY ACCRUED INTEREST

OR PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH ANY UNRECOGNIZED TAX BENEFITS DURING THE

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010, AND NO AMOUNTS ARE ACCRUED AS OF

DECEMBER 31, 2011 OR 2010.

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.
► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

Name of the organization

NORTHWEST INDIANA FORUM FOUNDATION, INC.

Employer identification number
35-1532360

FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

ENVIRONMENT, AND A POSITIVE IMAGE FOR NORTHWEST INDIANA.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 3: THE PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE
ORGANIZATION HAS THE ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ORGANIZATION. HE/SHE
IS RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE DIRECTIVES OF THE ORGANIZING BODY. THE
POSITION OF PRESIDENT AND CEO IS AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11: THE 990 IS PRESENTED TO THE AUDIT
COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL. A COPY OF THE 990 IS GIVEN TO EACH BOARD MEMBER
AFTER THE COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED IT AND BEFORE IT IS FILED.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C: THE ORGANIZATION GIVES A COPY OF
CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY TO EACH BOARD MEMBER. EACH BOARD MEMBER IS
REQUIRED TO REPORT TO THE ORGANIZATION IF THERE IS ANY ACTIVITY AGAINST THE
POLICY. DIRECTORS WITH CONFLICTS OF INTEREST SHALL DISCLOSE SAID CONFLICT,
RECUSE THEMSELVES FROM DISCUSSION AND NOT VOTE ON THE MATTER.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15: THE COMPENSATION OF THE PRESIDENT
AND TOP MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL IS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THIS
PROCESS WAS LAST UPDATED IN 2011.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19: THE ORGANIZATION MAKES AVAILABLE TO
THE PUBLIC ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS, AND FORM 990 UPON REQUEST.

Name of the organization

NORTHWEST INDIANA FORUM FOUNDATION, INC.

Employer identification number
35-1532360

PART XII, LINE 2C

THE ORGANIZATION HAS FORMED AN AUDIT COMMITTEE WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OVERSIGHT OF THE AUDIT AND SELECTION OF AN INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT. THIS PROCESS WAS NOT CHANGED IN 2011.

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35, 36, or 37.

► Attach to Form 990.

► See separate instructions.

Name of the organization _____

NORTHWEST INDIANA FORUM FOUNDATION, INC.

Part I **Identification of Disregarded Entities** (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 33.)

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?
Yes	No					
NORTHWEST INDIANA FORUM, INC. - 35-1467924 1100 SOUTHPORT ROAD PORTAGE, IN 46368	INCREASE BROAD-BASED WEALTH IN NW INDIANA THROUGH ECONOMIC	INDIANA	501(C)(6)	SCH A LINE 7, 170(B)	N/A	X

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990.

Part III **Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership** (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.)

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Part IV - Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.)

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35, 35a, or 36.)**Note.** Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.

1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

- a Receipt of (i) interest (ii) annuities (iii) royalties or (iv) rent from a controlled entity
- b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)
- c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)
- d Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)
- e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)
- f Sale of assets to related organization(s)
- g Purchase of assets from related organization(s)
- h Exchange of assets with related organization(s)
- i Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)
- j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)
- k Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)
- l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)
- m Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)
- n Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)
- o Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses
- p Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses
- q Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)
- r Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

(a) Name of other organization	(b) Transaction type (a-r)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1) NORTHWEST INDIANA FORUM, INC.	M	47,860 . OCCUPANCY EXPENSE	
(2) NORTHWEST INDIANA FORUM, INC.	N	338,890 . WAGE EXPENSE	
(3) NORTHWEST INDIANA FORUM, INC.	D	0 . CHANGE IN INTERCOMPANY PAYABLE	
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			

Part VI Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, Line 37)

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

Complete this part to provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions).

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

Total to Part VII, Section A, line 1c

- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** and check this box

Note. Only complete Part II if you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** (on page 1).

Part II Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension of Time. Only file the original (no copies needed).

Enter filer's identifying number, see instructions

Type or print File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions NORTHWEST INDIANA FORUM FOUNDATION, INC.	Employer identification number (EIN) or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 35-1532360
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. 6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD	Social security number (SSN) <input type="checkbox"/>
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. PORTAGE, IN 46368	

Enter the Return code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return)

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Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990	01		
Form 990-BL	02	Form 1041-A	08
Form 990-EZ	01	Form 4720	09
Form 990-PF	04	Form 5227	10
Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 8870	12

STOP! Do not complete Part II if you were not already granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

PAULA MATHIS

- The books are in the care of ► **6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD - PORTAGE, IN 46368**

Telephone No. ► **219-763-6303**

FAX No ► _____

►

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box

- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____ . If this is for the whole group, check this box ► If it is for part of the group, check this box ► and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for.

4 I request an additional 3-month extension of time until **NOVEMBER 15, 2012**.

5 For calendar year **2011**, or other tax year beginning _____, and ending _____.

6 If the tax year entered in line 5 is for less than 12 months, check reason Initial return Final return

Change in accounting period

7 State in detail why you need the extension

ADDITIONAL TIME IS RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED IN ORDER TO GATHER THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO FILE A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE INCOME TAX RETURN.

8a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.

8a \$ **0.**

b If this application is for Form 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit and any amount paid previously with Form 8868.

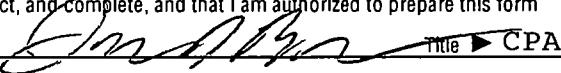
8b \$ **0.**

c Balance due. Subtract line 8b from line 8a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.

8c \$ **0.**

Signature and Verification must be completed for Part II only.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete, and that I am authorized to prepare this form

Signature ►  Title ► CPA

Date ► **8-17-12**

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Application for Extension of Time To File an
Exempt Organization Return

► File a separate application for each return.

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part I and check this box

►

- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part II (on page 2 of this form).

Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868

Electronic filing (e-file) You can electronically file Form 8868 if you need a 3-month automatic extension of time to file (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T), or an additional (not automatic) 3-month extension of time. You can electronically file Form 8868 to request an extension of time to file any of the forms listed in Part I or Part II with the exception of Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts, which must be sent to the IRS in paper format (see instructions). For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit www.irs.gov/efile and click on e-file for Charities & Nonprofits.

Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed).

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension - check this box and complete

Part I only

►

All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns.

Type or print	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions. NORTHWEST INDIANA FORUM FOUNDATION, INC.	Employer identification number (EIN) or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 35-1532360
File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. 6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD	Social security number (SSN) <input type="checkbox"/>
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. PORTAGE, IN 46368	

Enter the Return code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return)

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Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990	01	Form 990-T (corporation)	07
Form 990-BL	02	Form 1041-A	08
Form 990-EZ	01	Form 4720	09
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Telephone No. ► **219-763-6303** FAX No. ►

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box

►

- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) . If this is for the whole group, check this box ► . If it is for part of the group, check this box ► and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for.

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until **AUGUST 15, 2012**, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension

is for the organization's return for:

► calendar year **2011** or

► tax year beginning , and ending .

2 If the tax year entered in line 1 is for less than 12 months, check reason: Initial return Final return
 Change in accounting period

3a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	3a	\$	0.
b If this application is for Form 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit.	3b	\$	0.
c Balance due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	3c	\$	0.

Caution. If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions

LHA For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see Instructions.

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