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Form 990-EZ

Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

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A For the 2013 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2013, and ending 12-31-2013

B Check if applicable

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

C Name of organization BETTER YORK
Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 140 EAST MARKET STREET
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code YORK, PA 17401

D Employer identification number 23-2101795

E Telephone number (717) 848-5500

F Group Exemption Number

G Accounting Method [X] Cash [ ] Accrual Other (specify)

I Website: N/A

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) [ ] 501(c)(3) [X] 501(c)(4) (insert no ) [ ] 4947(a)(1) or [ ] 527

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

K Form of organization [X] Corporation [ ] Trust [ ] Association [ ] Other

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ \$ 86,336

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

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I [X]

Table with 21 rows and 2 columns. Rows include Revenue (Contributions, Program service, etc.), Expenses (Grants, Salaries, etc.), and Net Assets (Excess or deficit, etc.).

**Part II Balance Sheets** (see the instructions for Part II)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
<b>22</b> Cash, savings, and investments . . . . .	106,969	<b>22</b> 123,387
<b>23</b> Land and buildings . . . . .		<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Other assets (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .		<b>24</b>
<b>25 Total assets</b> . . . . .	106,969	<b>25</b> 123,387
<b>26 Total liabilities</b> (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	0	<b>26</b> 0
<b>27 Net assets or fund balances</b> (line 27 of column (B) <b>must</b> agree with line 21) . . . . .	106,969	<b>27</b> 123,387

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments** (see the instructions for Part III)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?  
 PROVIDE SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP ON ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE CITY OF YORK BY FOSTERING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS FOR COMMUNITY INITIATIVES AND WORKS WHEREVER POSSIBLE THROUGH EXISTING ORGANIZATIONS

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title

**28** BETTER YORK BELIEVES THAT WE HAVE A TREMENDOUS ASSET IN THE ARCHITECTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE YORK CITY BUSINESS DISTRICT THAT CAN BECOME AN ECONOMIC DRIVER AND QUALITY OF LIFE ENHANCER FOR ALL OF THE BUSINESSES IN YORK COUNTY IF WE MAKE IT A DYNAMIC URBAN SCENE. IN 2013 BETTER YORK WILL CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON IMPLEMENTING THE ROGER BROOKS MARKETING PLAN TO ESTABLISH A VIBRANT MARKET DISTRICT IN DOWNTOWN YORK, THE RENOVATION OF CONTINENTAL SQUARE, REPOSITIONING OF THE UNIT (FIRST) BLOCK OF WEST MARKET STREET, AND, CONTINUING IN THE MULTI-PARTY EFFORT, LED BY DOWNTOWN, INC, TO FORMULATE AND IMPLEMENT STATE-OF-THE-ART MEASURES TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY (Grants \$ 59,800) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

**Expenses**  
 (Required for section 501 (c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others )

**28a** 62,546

**29** (Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

**29a**

**30** (Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

**30a**

**31** Other program services (describe in Schedule O) (Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

**31a**

**32 Total program service expenses** (add lines 28a through 31a)

**32** 62,546

**Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees** (list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV.

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
See Additional Data Table				

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the

instructions for Part V ) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?
35b If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O
35c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions
37b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?
38b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter
39a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9
39b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911, section 4912, section 4955
40b Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I
40c 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
40d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization
40e All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed
42a The organization's books are in care of JOHN L FINLAYSON Telephone no (717) 848-5500 Located at 140 EAST MARKET STREET YORK, PA ZIP + 4 17401
42b 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)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country
42c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U S ? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041? Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
44b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
44c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?
44d If "Yes," to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?
45b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)

Yes No

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

Yes No

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None"

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name and title of each employee, (b) Average hours per week devoted to position, (c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC), (d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation, (e) Estimated amount of other compensation

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"

Table with 3 columns: (a) Name and business address of each independent contractor, (b) Type of service, (c) Compensation

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

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? NOTE: All Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A

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 (JOSEPH P WAGMAN CHAIR) and Date (2014-04-29)

Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name (KERVIN R MYER), Preparer's signature, Date, Check self-employed, PTIN (P00120378), Firm's name (PARENTEBEARD LLC), Firm's EIN (23-2932984), Firm's address (SUITE 200 221 W PHILADELPHIA STREET, YORK, PA 174012993), Phone no (717) 846-7000

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions

**Additional Data**

**Software ID:**  
**Software Version:**  
**EIN:** 23-2101795  
**Name:** BETTER YORK

**Form 990EZ, Part IV - List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees**

<b>(A) Name and address</b>	<b>(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position</b>	<b>(C) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)</b>	<b>(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans &amp; deferred compensation</b>	<b>(E) Expense account and other allowances</b>
JOSEPH P WAGMAN CHAIR	1 00	0	0	0
ERIC MENZER VICE CHAIRMAN	2 00	0	0	0
LARRY MILLER TREASURER	1 00	0	0	0
LOUIS APPELL JR EXEC BOARD MEMBER	1 00	0	0	0
TONY CAMPISI EXEC BOARD MEMBER	1 00	0	0	0
DAVE CONFER EXEC BOARD MEMBER	1 00	0	0	0
JOE CROSSWHITE EXEC BOARD MEMBER	1 00	0	0	0
JACK KAY EXEC BOARD MEMBER	1 00	0	0	0
BILL SWARTZ EXEC BOARD MEMBER	1 00	0	0	0
LARRY RICHARDSON EXEC BOARD MEMBER	1 00	0	0	0
SANDY AULBACH SECRETARY	1 00	0	0	0
DARRELL AUTERSON EXEC BOARD MEMBER	1 00	0	0	0

**SCHEDULE O**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or to provide any additional information.**

**▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.**

**▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).**

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Name of the organization  
BETTER YORK

**Employer identification number**

23-2101795

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 4 - OTHER INVESTMENT INCOME	DESCRIPTION INTEREST INCOME AMOUNT 128
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10 - GRANTS AND SIMILAR AMOUNTS PAID	ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTEE NAME DOWNTOWN, INC GRANTEE ADDRESS 1 EAST MARKET STREET YORK, PA 17401 GRANTEE RELATIONSHIP NONE AMOUNT GIVEN 15,000
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10 - GRANTS AND SIMILAR AMOUNTS PAID	ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTEE NAME YORK COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANTEE ADDRESS 14 WEST MARKET ST YORK, PA 17401 GRANTEE RELATIONSHIP NONE AMOUNT GIVEN 32,050
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10 - GRANTS AND SIMILAR AMOUNTS PAID	ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTEE NAME ELKS LODGE #213 GRANTEE ADDRESS 223 N GEORGE ST YORK, PA 17401 GRANTEE RELATIONSHIP NONE AMOUNT GIVEN 10,000 TOTAL INCLUDED ON FORM 990-EZ, LINE 10 57,050
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16 - OTHER EXPENSES	DESCRIPTION ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AMOUNT 2,595 DESCRIPTION MISCELLANEOUS AMOUNT 15 DESCRIPTION MEETING EXPENSES AMOUNT 3,873 DESCRIPTION INSURANCE AMOUNT 1,487 DESCRIPTION VISION PLAN BOOKLETS AMOUNT 748 TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 16 8,718