

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2011

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

Open to Public Inspection

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

A For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning JUL 1, 2011 and ending JUN 30, 2012

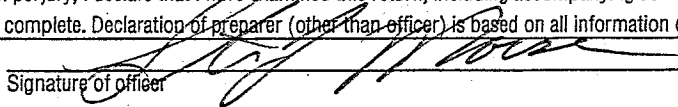
B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization MINNESOTA ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIP		D Employer identification number 41-1986433
	Doing Business As		E Telephone number 651-290-0154
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	G Gross receipts \$ 983,162.
	546 RICE STREET	100	H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 SAINT PAUL, MN 55103		H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)
F Name and address of principal officer: STEVE MORSE SAME AS C ABOVE			H(c) Group exemption number ▶
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.MEPARTNERSHIP.ORG			
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶			L Year of formation: 1998
			M State of legal domicile: MN

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: SEE SCHEDULE O.		
	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	14
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	10
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2011 (Part V, line 2a)	5	14
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	300
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	2,500.
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	-719.	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	1,141,149.	670,727.
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	195,686.	295,914.
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	1,141.	352.
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1,403.	16,169.
	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	1,339,379.	983,162.
	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)	574,951.	457,591.
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 101,363.	11,688.	0.
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	713,175.	895,868.
	18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1,299,814.	1,353,459.
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	39,565.	-370,297.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	689,355.	279,453.
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	55,265.	15,660.
		634,090.	263,793.

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 	Date 1/18/13
	STEVE MORSE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name ROZALYN Z. ALLYSON	Preparer's signature	Date 01/16/13	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00234621
	Firm's name ▶ MAHONEY, ULBRICH, CHRISTIANSEN & RUSS P.A.	Firm's EIN ▶ 41-1647057			
	Firm's address ▶ 30 EAST PLATO BOULEVARD SAINT PAUL, MN 55107-1809		Phone no. (651)227-6695		

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III [X]

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: MEP'S MISSION IS TO STRENGTHEN THE EFFECTIVENESS AND BUILD THE POWER OF OUR MEMBERS TO ACHIEVE THE HIGHEST QUALITY NATURAL ENVIRONMENT FOR MINNESOTANS.

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 [X] No

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? [] Yes [X] No

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 \$ 335,856. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 19,722.) SEE SCHEDULE O.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 425,858. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 286,901.) SEE SCHEDULE O.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 349,022. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$) SEE SCHEDULE O.

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses 1,110,736.

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>	X	
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> ?	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>		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>	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>		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>		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>		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>		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>		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>		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>	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>		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>		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>		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>		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>	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>	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>		X
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		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>		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>		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>		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>		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>		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>		X
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		X
b <i>If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?</i>		

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to any government or organization in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II		X
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III		X
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J		X
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25		X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III		X
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	X	
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	X	
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I		X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II		X
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I		X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1		X
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
b 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," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		X
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		X
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI		X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	X	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

Table with columns for question numbers (1a-14b), Yes, and No. Contains various tax-related questions and their corresponding responses.

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

Table with 4 columns: Question, 1a, 1b, Yes, No. Rows include questions about voting members, family relationships, management delegation, significant changes, asset diversions, members/stockholders, governance decisions, meeting documentation, and officer reachability.

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

Table with 4 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include questions about local chapters, written policies, Form 990 distribution, conflict of interest policies, whistleblower policies, document retention, compensation review, and joint venture investments.

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed MN
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. [X] Own website [X] Another's website [X] 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: RON RENGEL - 612-722-6377 821 E 35TH STREET, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55407

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	Former			
(1) KEN BRADLEY BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(2) KATHRYN FERNHOLZ BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(3) LEAH GARDNER BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(4) GLEN HILL BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(5) PEGGY INGISON BOARD TREASURER	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(6) BOBBY KING BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(7) JANE KRENTZ BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(8) MARK PETERS BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(9) MICHELLE ROSIER BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(10) SCOTT STRAND BOARD VICE-CHAIR	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(11) JAMISON TESSNEER BOARD SECRETARY	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(12) BARB THOMAN BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(13) SALLY WAKEFIELD BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(14) DEANNA WHITE BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(15) DAVID WILLIAMS BOARD CHAIR	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(16) PAIGE WINEBARGER BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(17) STEVE MORSE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	40.00			X				111,159.	0.	20,647.

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	Former			
1b Sub-total							111,159.	0.	20,647.	
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A							0.	0.	0.	
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							111,159.	0.	20,647.	

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 **1**

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		X
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>		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**

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	58,575.				
	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	612,152.				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$		42,100.				
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		670,727.				
Program Service Revenue	2 a	CONTRACTS	Business Code 900099	180,222.	180,222.			
	b	EXHIBITOR FEES	900099	113,192.	113,192.			
	c	ADVERTISING SALES	900099	2,500.		2,500.		
	d							
	e							
	f	All other program service revenue						
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f		295,914.				
	Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		352.			352.
4		Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
5		Royalties						
6 a		Gross rents	(i) Real	2,960.				
		Less: rental expenses	(ii) Personal	0.				
		Rental income or (loss)		2,960.				
		Net rental income or (loss)			2,960.			2,960.
7 a		Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities					
		Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	(ii) Other					
		Gain or (loss)						
		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					
	Less: direct expenses	b						
	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities							
10 a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a						
	Less: cost of goods sold	b						
	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory							
Miscellaneous Revenue			Business Code					
11 a	OTHER INCOME	900099	13,209.	13,209.				
b								
c								
d	All other revenue							
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		13,209.					
12	Total revenue. See instructions.		983,162.	306,623.	2,500.	3,312.		

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(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	131,806.	68,341.	27,126.	36,339.
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	261,088.	180,557.	55,108.	25,423.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits	26,881.	17,754.	6,646.	2,481.
10 Payroll taxes	37,816.	22,645.	8,669.	6,502.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	2,155.		2,155.	
c Accounting	19,721.	350.	16,043.	3,328.
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other	475,860.	459,242.	5,920.	10,698.
12 Advertising and promotion	180,500.	180,500.		
13 Office expenses	30,003.	18,893.	4,992.	6,118.
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	45,013.	30,902.	7,595.	6,516.
17 Travel	15,178.	12,356.	1,812.	1,010.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	79,108.	77,340.	1,490.	278.
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	14,461.	12,293.	1,167.	1,001.
23 Insurance	3,801.	2,293.	1,275.	233.
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 ELECTRONIC OUTREACH	22,063.	20,627.		1,436.
b SPONSORSHIPS/EVENTS	5,110.	4,106.	1,004.	
c MISCELLANEOUS	1,681.	1,323.	358.	
d WEB CENTER	1,214.	1,214.		
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	1,353,459.	1,110,736.	141,360.	101,363.
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	
Assets	1	Cash - non-interest-bearing	12,671.	1	-53,272.
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	266,167.	2	224,975.
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net	333,361.	3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net	32,668.	4	20,329.
	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	14,770.	9	44,563.
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	96,268.		
	10b	Less: accumulated depreciation	53,410.		
			29,718.	10c	42,858.
	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)	689,355.	16	279,453.	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	39,265.	17	15,660.
	18	Grants payable		18	
	19	Deferred revenue	16,000.	19	0.
	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	
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	55,265.	26	15,660.
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	189,923.	27	109,964.
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets	444,167.	28	153,829.
	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	634,090.	33	263,793.
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	689,355.	34	279,453.

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check 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	983,162.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,353,459.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-370,297.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	634,090.
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	263,793.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> 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?		X
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	X	
2c	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.	X	
3a	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: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> 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?		X
3b	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.		

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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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization

MINNESOTA ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIP

Employer identification number

41-1986433

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?

	Yes	No
(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).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col. (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col. (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col. (i) organized in the U.S.?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	

Total
LHA: For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990 or 990-EZ.

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2011

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.")	1,736,896.	1,335,111.	1,526,240.	1,141,149.	670,727.	6,410,123.
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	1,736,896.	1,335,111.	1,526,240.	1,141,149.	670,727.	6,410,123.
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)						3,216,736.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						3,193,387.

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	1,736,896.	1,335,111.	1,526,240.	1,141,149.	670,727.	6,410,123.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources ...	43,371.	19,928.	8,420.	1,141.	352.	73,212.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities; whether or not the business is regularly carried on ...						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						6,483,335.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	837,112.
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	49.26 %
15 Public support percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	46.90 %
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 checked="" 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 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"/>	

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

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

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For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ **Complete if the organization is described below.** ▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**
▶ **See separate instructions.**

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If the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and B. Do not complete Part I-C.
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and C below. Do not complete Part I-B.
- Section 527 organizations: Complete Part I-A only.

If the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-A. Do not complete Part II-B.
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A.

If the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax), or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations: Complete Part III.

Name of organization **MINNESOTA ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIP** Employer identification number **41-1986433**

Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV.

2 Political expenditures ▶ \$ _____
3 Volunteer hours ▶ _____

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ▶ \$ _____
2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ▶ \$ _____
3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? Yes No
4a Was a correction made? Yes No
b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$ _____
2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$ _____
3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ▶ \$ _____
4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? Yes No
5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-

Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

- A** Check if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).
- B** Check if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)		18,704.													
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)		4,487.													
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)		23,191.													
d Other exempt purpose expenditures		1,330,268.													
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)		1,353,459.													
f Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.		210,346.													
<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th style="text-align: left;">The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:														
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.														
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.														
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.														
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.														
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)		52,587.													
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-		0.													
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-		0.													
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No													

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)
(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 2a through 2f on page 4.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount	248,449.	241,486.	204,981.	210,346.	905,262.
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					1,357,893.
c Total lobbying expenditures	211,310.	52,867.	57,705.	23,191.	345,073.
d Grassroots nontaxable amount	62,112.	60,372.	51,245.	52,587.	226,316.
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					339,474.
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures	43,409.	24,895.	26,745.	18,704.	113,753.

Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

For each "Yes" response to lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.

	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
a Volunteers?			
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
c Media advertisements?			
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i Other activities?			
j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

	Yes	No
1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?		
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?		
3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?		

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No" OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a Current year	2a	
b Carryover from last year	2b	
c Total	2c	
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; Part II-A; and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

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 **MINNESOTA ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIP** Employer identification number **41-1986433**

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.

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of an historically important land area
<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure
<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space	
- 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.

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d
- Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ _____
- Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ _____
- Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?
- Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ _____
- Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ _____
- 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)?
- 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.

- 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.
- 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	▶ \$ _____
- 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 |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| c Beginning balance | 1c |
| d Additions during the year | 1d |
| e Distributions during the year | 1e |
| f Ending balance | 1f |
- 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 |
|---|--------|----|
| (i) unrelated organizations | 3a(i) | |
| (ii) related organizations | 3a(ii) | |
| b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? | 3b | |
- 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		9,140.	5,941.	3,199.
d Equipment		87,128.	47,469.	39,659.
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				42,858.

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.

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

2. 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 FIN 48 (ASC 740).

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	983,162.
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,353,459.
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-370,297.
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	-370,297.

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	1,014,662.
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	31,500.
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	31,500.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	983,162.
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	983,162.

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	1,384,959.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	31,500.
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	31,500.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,353,459.
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	1,353,459.

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 IS NOT CURRENTLY UNDER EXAMINATION BY

ANY TAXING JURISDICTION. FEDERAL AND STATE TAX AUTHORITIES GENERALLY HAVE THE RIGHT TO EXAMINE RETURNS FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS AFTER THEY ARE FILED.

Transactions With Interested Persons

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3) and section 501(c)(4) organizations only).

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b.

1	(a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Description of transaction	(c) Corrected?	
			Yes	No

- 2 Enter the amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 ▶ \$ _____
- 3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization ▶ \$ _____

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 26, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a.

(a) Name of interested person and purpose	(b) Loan to or from the organization?		(c) Original principal amount	(d) Balance due	(e) In default?		(f) Approved by board or committee?		(g) Written agreement?	
	To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No

Total ▶ \$ _____

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount and type of assistance

Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
LAND STEWARDSHIP PROJECT	BOBBY KING IS A BOA	8,188.	MEP HAS AN		X
CLEAN WATER ACTION	DEANNA WHITE IS A B	40,667.	THERE WERE		X
ENVIRONMENT MINNESOTA	KEN BRADLEY IS A BO	24,000.	MEP RECEIVE		X
MCEA	SCOTT STRAND IS A B	118,333.	MEP HAS THR		X

Part V Supplemental Information

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

SCH L, PART IV, BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING INTERESTED PERSONS:

(A) NAME OF PERSON: LAND STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

(B) RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INTERESTED PERSON AND ORGANIZATION:

BOBBY KING IS A BOARD MEMBER OF MEP AND A POLICY PROGRAM ORGANIZER OF LSP

(D) DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION: MEP HAS AN ONGOING CONTRACT WITH LSP FOR ACCOUNTING SERVICES WHICH IS PAID ON AN HOURLY BASIS.

(A) NAME OF PERSON: CLEAN WATER ACTION

(B) RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INTERESTED PERSON AND ORGANIZATION:

DEANNA WHITE IS A BOARD MEMBER OF MEP AND STATE DIRECTOR OF CWA

(D) DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION: THERE WERE FOUR TRANSACTIONS: RAPID RESPONSE PHONE SYSTEM, GREAT LAKE RESTORATION IMPLEMENTATION, GREAT LAKES IMPLEMENTATION WORK, AND CLEAN ENERGY DEFENSE CAMPAIGN.

(A) NAME OF PERSON: ENVIRONMENT MINNESOTA

(B) RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INTERESTED PERSON AND ORGANIZATION:

KEN BRADLEY IS A BOARD MEMBER OF MEP AND PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF ENV. MINN.

(D) DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION: MEP RECEIVED MONEY FOR WORK ON THE SOLAR WORKS CAMPAIGN.

Part V Supplemental Information

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

(A) NAME OF PERSON: MCEA

(B) RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INTERESTED PERSON AND ORGANIZATION:

SCOTT STRAND IS A BOARD MEMBER OF MEP AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MCEA

(D) DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION: MEP HAS THREE CONTRACTS WITH MCEA: TWO CONTRACTS FOR GREAT LAKES IMPLEMENTATION WORK, AND RESEARCH AND TECHNICAL EXPERTISE ON MINING ISSUES

**SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)**

Noncash Contributions

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Department of the Treasury
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▶ Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
▶ Attach to Form 990.

Name of the organization **MINNESOTA ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIP** Employer identification number **41-1986433**

Part I	Types of Property	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1	Art - Works of art				
2	Art - Historical treasures				
3	Art - Fractional interests				
4	Books and publications				
5	Clothing and household goods				
6	Cars and other vehicles				
7	Boats and planes				
8	Intellectual property				
9	Securities - Publicly traded				
10	Securities - Closely held stock				
11	Securities - Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12	Securities - Miscellaneous				
13	Qualified conservation contribution - Historic structures				
14	Qualified conservation contribution - Other				
15	Real estate - Residential				
16	Real estate - Commercial				
17	Real estate - Other				
18	Collectibles				
19	Food inventory				
20	Drugs and medical supplies				
21	Taxidermy				
22	Historical artifacts				
23	Scientific specimens				
24	Archeological artifacts				
25	Other ▶ (WEBSITE)	X	1	27,600.	AFFIRMED BY VENDOR
26	Other ▶ (SUPPLIES)	X	2	9,500.	AFFIRMED BY VENDOR
27	Other ▶ (PRINTING)	X	1	5,000.	AFFIRMED BY VENDOR
28	Other ▶ ()				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement **29** **0**

	Yes	No
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1-28 that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?		X
b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.		
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions?		X
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?		X
b If "Yes," describe in Part II.		
33 If the organization did not report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.		

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

Schedule M (Form 990) (2011)

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 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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

MEP IS A COALITION OF MORE THAN 75 MINNESOTA ENVIRONMENTAL AND
CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS WORKING TOGETHER TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE
MINNESOTA'S CLEAN WATER, CLEAN ENERGY AND GREAT OUTDOORS. THE
PARTNERSHIP PROVIDES A WAY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO
COLLABORATE IN THEIR EFFORTS TO MAKE SURE THAT MINNESOTA'S NATURAL
RESOURCES ARE WELL PROTECTED.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1. CORE CONVENING, COORDINATION AND CAPACITY-BUILDING

OVERVIEW:

CLEAN WATER, CLEAN ENERGY, DEFENDING ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS AND ACHIEVING
STRONG CONSERVATION INVESTMENTS ARE KEY LONG-TERM GOALS FOR OUR
COALITION. OVER THE PAST YEAR MEP COORDINATED MULTIFACETED
COLLABORATIVE CAMPAIGNS WITH OUR MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS ON THREE SPECIFIC
PRIORITY ISSUES SELECTED THROUGH A DEMOCRATIC PROCESS: 1) SULFIDE
MINING: TO PREVENT SULFIDE MINING FROM IMPAIRING MINNESOTA'S DRINKING
WATER, LAKES, STREAMS, RIVERS, NATURAL WILD RICE, FISH, WETLANDS,
HABITATS AND NATURAL RESOURCES; 2) CLEAN WATER: TO ACHIEVE MEASURABLE
PROGRESS TOWARD IMPROVEMENTS IN WATER QUALITY AND ECOLOGICAL HEALTH OF
MINNESOTA'S WATER RESOURCES; AND, 3) SOLAR WORKS FOR MINNESOTA: TO PASS
A 10% SOLAR ENERGY STANDARD BY 2030.

IN ADDITION TO THE THREE PRIORITY ISSUES, MEP WORKED AT THE STATE
LEGISLATURE TO SAFEGUARD INVESTMENTS FOR MINNESOTA'S FUTURE AND TO
DEFEND MINNESOTA'S ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY FOUNDATION.

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MEP'S CONVENING, COORDINATION AND CAPACITY-BUILDING WORK FOCUSED ON THESE ISSUES. WE PROVIDED VITAL COMMUNICATIONS, EDUCATION, OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT SERVICES TO ACHIEVE OUR GOALS. WHILE MOVING FORWARD ON OUR ISSUE PRIORITIES WAS A CENTRAL FEATURE OF OUR WORK IN THIS PROGRAM AREA, WE ALSO CONDUCTED BROADER COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMBER SERVICE WORK AND LED PROGRAM EFFORTS AROUND GREAT LAKES CONCERNS. DETAILS ARE PROVIDED BELOW.

ACTIVITY DETAIL:

CONVENING AND COORDINATION: MEP CONVENEED REGULAR MEETINGS OF OUR FULL MEMBERSHIP AS WELL AS SMALLER GROUPS OF MEMBERS AND ALLIES, OR CLUSTERS, WORKING ON SPECIFIC ISSUES. THIS COORDINATION ROLE IS HIGHLY VALUED AMONG OUR MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS AND IS ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAYS TO CULTIVATE COORDINATED EFFORTS. MEP PROVIDED MEETING SPACE AS WELL AS CONFERENCE PHONE CAPABILITIES TO HELP FACILITATE GOOD COMMUNICATION AMONG OUR MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS.

COMMUNICATIONS: MEP CONDUCTED ITS ANNUAL PUBLIC OPINION POLL IN JANUARY 2012, WHICH GATHERED DATA FROM 500 MINNESOTANS AND USED THE DATA TO CRAFT MESSAGES ABOUT OUR PRIORITY ISSUES AS. WE THEN PROVIDED TARGETED COMMUNICATIONS TRAININGS TO OUR MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS.

MEP COORDINATED A DIVERSE EARNED MEDIA EFFORT AROUND OUR PRIORITY ISSUES. STRATEGIES INCLUDED EDITORIAL BOARD MEETINGS AND BRIEFINGS WITH REPORTERS FROM NEWS OUTLETS ACROSS THE STATE; MULTIPLE PRESS CONFERENCES; AND NUMEROUS PRESS RELEASES THAT WERE DISTRIBUTED TO MORE THAN 300 MEDIA CONTACTS THROUGHOUT MINNESOTA. MEP'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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DISCUSSED THESE ISSUES DURING REGULAR LIVE INTERVIEWS ON RADIO.

MEP USED SOCIAL MEDIA AS A WAY TO WIDELY DISSEMINATE UP-TO-THE-MINUTE INFORMATION ON PRIORITY ISSUES. THIS INCLUDED UPDATES ON FACEBOOK AND USING A HASHTAG #PROTECTMN WHEN TWEETING ABOUT OUR PRIORITY ISSUES, INCLUDING LIVE-TWEETING DURING LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS.

MEP PROVIDED MANY ONGOING COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES NOT RELATED TO OUR COLLABORATIVE PRIORITY ISSUE WORK. KEY TOOLS INCLUDED A DAILY NEWS WATCH ELECTRONIC NEWS CLIP SERVICE HIGHLIGHTING MEDIA COVERAGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES ACROSS THE STATE, OUR LOON COMMONS BLOG (WWW.LOONCOMMONS.ORG), AND OUR USE OF SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES, SUCH AS FACEBOOK AND TWITTER AND THE PHOTO SHARING SITE FLICKR.

IN APRIL, 2012 MEP PARTICIPATED IN THE NERDERY'S OVERNIGHT WEBSITE CHALLENGE WHERE STAFF SPENT 24 HOURS WORKING WITH A GROUP OF VOLUNTEER WEB DESIGNERS TO CREATE A NEW WEBSITE FOR THE ORGANIZATION - WWW.MEPARTNERSHIP.ORG. THIS NEW SITE HAS A PASSWORD PROTECTED AREA FOR MEMBERS ONLY, A TWITTER FEED, AND A BILL TRACKER THAT LINKS DIRECTLY TO THE MINNESOTA HOUSE AND SENATE WEB PAGES FOR UP TO THE MINUTE INFORMATION.

MEP ALSO CONVENED AND COORDINATED OUR COMMUNICATIONS GROUP, WHICH OFFERS A FORUM FOR GENERATING EFFECTIVE, COORDINATED MEDIA COVERAGE OF COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS - AND HELPS OUR MEMBER GROUPS' COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTORS SHARE RESOURCES AND EXPLORE NEW COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES.

EDUCATION, OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT: MEP USED ITS E-MAIL BASED MINNESOTA

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ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION NETWORK AND RAPID RESPONSE PHONE SYSTEM TO ENGAGE CITIZENS IN ENVIRONMENTAL DECISION MAKING. MEP ALSO CARRIED OUT GRASSROOTS ORGANIZING EFFORTS AROUND THE STATE INCLUDING COORDINATION OF MEETINGS BETWEEN ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THEIR CONSTITUENTS, WORKSHOPS AND PROMOTION OF CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION-MAKING OPPORTUNITIES.

IN ADDITION, MEP COORDINATED EFFORTS OF OUR MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE EDUCATION AND OUTREACH TO ELECTED OFFICIALS. WE HOSTED SEVERAL MEETINGS BETWEEN MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS AND MEMBERS OF MINNESOTA'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION AT OUR OFFICE AND PROVIDED REGULAR FORUMS FOR OUR MEMBERS TO MEET WITH STATE LEVEL ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND STATE AGENCY LEADERSHIP. MEP ALSO PRODUCED A WEEKLY EMAIL HOTLIST DURING THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION WHICH ALERTED STATE LEADERS TO UPCOMING ENVIRONMENTAL BILLS THEY WOULD BE MOVING THROUGH COMMITTEES.

MEP'S MEMBERS ONLY WEBSITE HAS A SIGN-ON LETTER TOOL THAT WAS USED REGULARLY BY MEP AND OUR MEMBERS TO QUICKLY AND EASILY CIRCULATE LETTERS AND GATHER SIGNATURES. THIS IS ONE OF THE MANY WAYS MEP WORKS WITH OUR MEMBERS TO 'SPEAK IN ONE VOICE.'

MEMBER SERVICES: MEP USED A RANGE OF STRATEGIES TO STRENGTHEN OUR MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS AND BUILD A STRONG, EFFECTIVE COALITION. IN ADDITION TO THE CAPACITY BUILDING THAT TAKES PLACE THROUGH COLLABORATIVE ISSUE CAMPAIGNS, OUR MEMBER MEETINGS CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR NETWORKING, PROVIDE FORUMS FOR OUR MEMBERS TO SPEAK WITH STATE AGENCIES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES IN TARGETED AREAS.

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MEP ONLINE FORUMS (WEBSITE, WEEKLY E-MAIL UPDATE, BLOG AND ACTION ALERT NETWORK) ARE AVAILABLE TO MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS AS MECHANISMS FOR BUILDING AWARENESS AND SUPPORT FOR THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL EFFORTS. MEP ALSO USED OUR PRESS RELEASE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM TO ASSIST OUR MEMBERS IN GAINING MEDIA ATTENTION FOR THEIR ISSUES.

IN ADDITION, OUR STAFF REGULARLY PROVIDED INFORMATION, COACHING AND STRATEGIC ADVICE IN A VARIETY OF AREAS INCLUDING GRANT WRITING, ISSUE CAMPAIGNS, OUTREACH AND ADMINISTRATIVE RESOURCES.

GREAT LAKES LEADERSHIP: WITH A DULUTH OFFICE COMPLEMENTING OUR SAINT PAUL-BASED HEADQUARTERS, MEP PROVIDED CAPACITY BUILDING AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES SPECIFICALLY FOR NORTHEAST MINNESOTA GROUPS, MANY OF WHICH ARE RUN BY VOLUNTEERS.

MEP CONDUCTED WORK IN TWO NORTH SHORE WATERSHEDS - THE KNIFE AND SUCKER RIVER - TO PROMOTE AND SUPPORT CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT IN WATER CLEANUP EFFORTS. WE CONDUCTED A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES TO INFORM AND ENGAGE LOCAL CITIZENS AND HELP THEM TRANSLATE THEIR CONCERNS INTO ACTIONS TO PROTECT THESE WATERSHEDS INCLUDING INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS, LISTENING SESSIONS, SITE TOURS AND ASSISTANCE TO GROUPS STARTING THEIR OWN ORGANIZATIONS.

MEP WORKED TO FOSTER COLLABORATION AMONG ORGANIZATIONS WORKING ON GREAT LAKES ISSUES, USED MESSAGING, RESEARCH AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS ACTIVITIES TO RAISE THE PROFILE OF GREAT LAKES ISSUES, ENGAGED NORTHEASTERN MINNESOTA CITIZENS IN STATE LEVEL PUBLIC POLICY INITIATIVES TO PROTECT FRESHWATER RESOURCES, AND PARTICIPATED IN AND SHAPED REGIONAL AND NATIONAL EFFORTS AROUND GREAT LAKES CONCERNS.

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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4B, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

2. LIVING GREEN EXPO

MEP PRODUCED THE 2012 LIVING GREEN EXPO, AN ANNUAL TWO-DAY EVENT WITH MORE THAN 300 WORKSHOPS, EXHIBITIONS, DEMONSTRATIONS AND HANDS-ON FUN ACTIVITIES. THE LARGEST EVENT OF ITS KIND IN THE REGION, THE EXPO WAS ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 12,000 PEOPLE INTERESTED IN LEARNING HOW TO LIVE BETTER AND SAVE MONEY BY MAKING HEALTHY AND SUSTAINABLE CHOICES. AS PRODUCER OF THE EXPO, MEP FOSTERS NEW CONNECTIONS BETWEEN ENVIRONMENTAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS AND HELPS OUR COALITION TO INSPIRE ENVIRONMENTALLY CONCERNED MINNESOTANS TO ACT ON THEIR VALUES.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4C, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

3. REGIONAL SERVICE PROJECTS

CANDIDATE EDUCATION PROJECT: AS PART OF A MULTI-STATE EFFORT, MEP CONDUCTED MIDWEST REGIONAL PUBLIC OPINION RESEARCH. THIS INCLUDED FOCUS GROUPS IN MINNESOTA, OHIO AND WISCONSIN IN DECEMBER, 2011 AS WELL AS A FOUR-STATE POLL IN JANUARY, 2012 THAT INCLUDED TELEPHONE INTERVIEWS WITH 400 VOTERS IN EACH OF THE STATES OF MICHIGAN, MINNESOTA, OHIO AND WISCONSIN. RESULTS WERE USED TO DEVELOP MESSAGES ON CLEAN ENERGY THAT RESONATED WITH VOTERS. THIS WAS THE BASIS FOR CANDIDATE EDUCATION PROJECTS IN EACH STATE DESIGNED TO EDUCATE CANDIDATES ON OUR ISSUES WITH THE GOAL OF MAKING CLEAN ENERGY ISSUES PART OF THE CAMPAIGN DIALOGUE. MEP PULLED TOGETHER THE MINNESOTA CLEAN ENERGY AND JOBS COALITION - A PARTNERSHIP OF BUSINESS, FARM, LABOR, FAITH, HEALTH AND CLEAN ENERGY ADVOCATES TO ADVANCE THE MINNESOTA'S CANDIDATE EDUCATION PROJECT. WWW.CLEANENERGYJOBS.MN

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ENGAGING THE BASE PROJECT: MEP WORKED WITH PARTNERS IN WISCONSIN, OHIO AND MICHIGAN TO ENHANCE AND EXPAND THEIR DATABASES THROUGH THIS MODELING PROJECT DESIGNED TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTIVE OF CLEAN ENERGY ISSUES AND TO CONTACT THEM AT KEY TIMES.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 2: CLEAN WATER ACTION HAS A CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH LUTHERAN COALITION FOR PUBLIC POLICY IN MINNESOTA.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6: THE ORGANIZATION HAS APPROXIMATELY 80 MINNESOTA ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE VOTING MEMBERS UNDER STATE LAW.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A: ALL MEMBERS ARE ENTITLED TO ONE VOTE ON ANY MATTER PROPERLY PRESENTED TO THE MEMBERS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11: ALL BOARD MEMBERS ARE GIVEN A COPY OF THE DRAFT FORM 990 FOR REVIEW. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REVIEWS THE FORM 990 IN DETAIL AND MAKES A RECOMMENDATION TO THE FULL BOARD ON APPROVAL.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C: BOARD MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO COMPLETE A CONFLICT DISCLOSURE FORM AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH FISCAL YEAR AND ARE ASKED TO UPDATE THAT FORM WITH ANY NEW CONFLICTS AT EACH BOARD MEETING.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15A: COMPENSATION PROCESS FOR TOP OFFICIAL

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ORGANIZATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONDUCTS A

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REVIEW OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S PERFORMANCE UTILIZING INPUT FROM BOARD, STAFF AND MEMBERS. IT ALSO REVIEWS THE SALARY IN RELATION TO THE MN COUNCIL OF NONPROFITS SALARY SCHEDULE. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS USES THIS INFORMATION IN RELATION TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL STAFF POSITIONS TO SET THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMPENSATION FOR THE YEAR.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15B:

THERE ARE NO OTHER KEY EMPLOYEES SO THIS IS NOT APPLICABLE.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19: IF THERE IS A REQUEST FOR ONE OF THESE DOCUMENTS, IT WOULD GO TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL.

FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C

THIS PROCESS HAS NOT CHANGED FROM THE PRIOR YEAR.

