

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**  
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung  
benefit trust or private foundation)  
▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2011**

Open to Public Inspection

**A** For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning **04/01/11**, and ending **03/31/12**

<b>B</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	<b>C</b> Name of organization <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Southern Environmental Law Center</div> Doing Business As Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite <b>201 West Main Street 14</b> City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 <b>Charlottesville VA 22902-5065</b>	<b>D</b> Employer identification number <b>52-1436778</b> <b>E</b> Telephone number <b>434-977-4090</b> <b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ <b>28,884,663</b>
<b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer: <b>Frederick S. Middleton III</b> <b>201 West Main Street, Suite 14</b> <b>Charlottesville VA 22902-5065</b>		
<b>I</b> 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		
<b>J</b> Website: <b>www.southernenvironment.org</b>		
<b>K</b> Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other		<b>L</b> Year of formation: <b>1985</b> <b>M</b> State of legal domicile: <b>VA</b>

**H(a)** Is this a group return for affiliates? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
**H(b)** Are all affiliates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
 If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)

**H(c)** Group exemption number ▶

**Part I Summary**

<b>Activities &amp; Governance</b>	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities:		
	To protect the environment of the Southeast United States through law and policy.		
	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	27
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	26
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2011 (Part V, line 2a)	5	118
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	85
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
	b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0
<b>Revenue</b>	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	15,878,731	12,662,422
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	116,211	358,877
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	138,035	788,883
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	0	0
<b>Expenses</b>	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	16,132,977	13,810,182
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	42,000	210,750
	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)	7,846,293	8,434,005
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶	29,215	0
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	989,508	2,865,229
	18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2,865,229	3,439,595
	19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	10,782,737	12,084,350
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	5,350,240	1,725,832
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	31,007,536	32,743,247
		907,557	608,113
		30,099,979	32,135,134

**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.

<b>Sign Here</b>	 Signature of officer	Date <b>10/31/12</b>
	<b>Holly Hueston</b> Type or print name and title <span style="float: right;"><b>Treasurer</b></span>	

<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b> Print/Type preparer's name <b>Robert M. Huff</b>	Preparer's signature 	Date <b>10/31/12</b>	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN <b>P00045082</b>
Firm's name ▶ <b>Robinson Farmer Cox Associates</b>			Firm's EIN ▶ <b>54-1896113</b>	
Firm's address ▶ <b>530 Westfield Rd</b> <b>Charlottesville, VA 22901-1726</b>			Phone no. <b>434-973-8314</b>	

**Part III** Statement of Program Service AccomplishmentsCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III ☒**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:**To protect the environment of the Southeast United States through law and policy.****2** Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

**3** Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

**4** Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

**4a** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ **2,662,383** including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )  
**Clean Energy and Air : To promote and secure a sustainable energy policy across the Southeast that protects people and natural resources from the health, environmental, and economic harm of energy development and air pollution, including greenhouse gases.**

**4b** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ **2,632,679** including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )  
**Land and Community: To promote vibrant communities and the protection of natural and rural areas, and to reduce regional greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful pollutants through smarter growth and more sustainable transportation systems.**

**4c** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ **2,261,913** including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )  
**Coast and Wetlands: To protect and preserve the wetlands and high priority coastal ecosystems in the Southeast for the benefit of wildlife, marine life, and people.**

**4d** Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)(Expenses \$ **2,560,277** including grants of \$ **210,750** ) (Revenue \$ )**4e** Total program service expenses **10,117,252**

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	<b>X</b>	
<b>2</b> Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	<b>X</b>	
<b>3</b> Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		<b>X</b>
<b>4</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> 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	<b>X</b>	
<b>5</b> 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		<b>X</b>
<b>6</b> 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I		<b>X</b>
<b>7</b> Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II		<b>X</b>
<b>8</b> Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		<b>X</b>
<b>9</b> 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV		<b>X</b>
<b>10</b> Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	<b>X</b>	
<b>11</b> 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.		
<b>a</b> Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	<b>X</b>	
<b>b</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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII		<b>X</b>
<b>c</b> 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII		<b>X</b>
<b>d</b> 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX		<b>X</b>
<b>e</b> Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	<b>X</b>	
<b>f</b> 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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X		<b>X</b>
<b>12a</b> Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII	<b>X</b>	
<b>b</b> Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional		<b>X</b>
<b>13</b> Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		<b>X</b>
<b>14a</b> Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		<b>X</b>
<b>b</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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV		<b>X</b>
<b>15</b> 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV		<b>X</b>
<b>16</b> 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV		<b>X</b>
<b>17</b> 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)		<b>X</b>
<b>18</b> Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II		<b>X</b>
<b>19</b> Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III		<b>X</b>
<b>20a</b> Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)**

	Yes	No
<b>21</b> 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	<b>X</b>	
<b>22</b> 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 II		<b>X</b>
<b>23</b> 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	<b>X</b>	
<b>24a</b> 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		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
<b>c</b> Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
<b>d</b> Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
<b>25a</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		<b>X</b>
<b>b</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		<b>X</b>
<b>26</b> 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		<b>X</b>
<b>27</b> 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		<b>X</b>
<b>28</b> 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):		
<b>a</b> A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		<b>X</b>
<b>c</b> 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		<b>X</b>
<b>29</b> Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		<b>X</b>
<b>30</b> Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		<b>X</b>
<b>31</b> Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I		<b>X</b>
<b>32</b> Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II		<b>X</b>
<b>33</b> 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		<b>X</b>
<b>34</b> Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1		<b>X</b>
<b>35a</b> Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		<b>X</b>
<b>b</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		<b>X</b>
<b>36</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		<b>X</b>
<b>37</b> 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		<b>X</b>
<b>38</b> Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	<b>X</b>	

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

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		<b>X</b>
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return		
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	<b>X</b>	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		<b>X</b>
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		<b>X</b>
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		<b>X</b>
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		<b>X</b>
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?		<b>X</b>
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
7	<b>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>		
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?		<b>X</b>
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		<b>X</b>
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		<b>X</b>
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		<b>X</b>
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		<b>X</b>
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		<b>X</b>
8	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.</b> Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		<b>X</b>
9	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>		
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		<b>X</b>
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		<b>X</b>
10	<b>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12		
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
11	<b>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter:		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders		
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)		
12a	<b>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		
13	<b>Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</b>		
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? <b>Note.</b> See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.		
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans		
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand		
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		<b>X</b>
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		

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

**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

	1a	27	1b	26	Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year		27				
If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.						
b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent			1b	26		
2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?			2			X
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?			3			X
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?			4			X
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?			5			X
6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?			6			X
7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?			7a			X
b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?			7b			X
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:						
a The governing body?			8a		X	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?			8b		X	
9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O			9			X

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

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

**Section C. Disclosure**

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► **AL, GA, NC, SC, TN, VA, NY, MD, CT, KY, OR, FL, MA**

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

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

20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: ► **Gayle Davis** **201 West Main Street, Suite 14**  
**Charlottesville** **VA 22902-5065**

**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 organizations 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) <b>Frederick S. Middleton III</b> President	50.00	X		X				304,649	0	38,608
(2) <b>Deaderick C. Montague</b> Vice President	0.00	X						0	0	0
(3) <b>Stephen E. O'Day</b> Chairman	0.00	X						0	0	0
(4) <b>Joel B. Adams</b> Trustee	0.00	X						0	0	0
(5) <b>Marcia A. Angle</b> Trustee	0.00	X						0	0	0
(6) <b>Paul K. Brock, Jr</b> Trustee	0.00	X						0	0	0
(7) <b>Dell S. Brooke</b> Trustee	0.00	X						0	0	0
(8) <b>Cathy S. Brown</b> Trustee	0.00	X						0	0	0
(9) <b>Marion A. Cowell, Jr.</b> Trustee	0.00	X						0	0	0
(10) <b>Melvin T. Davis</b> Trustee	0.00	X						0	0	0
(11) <b>J. Stephen Dockery, III</b> Trustee	0.00	X						0	0	0
(12) <b>James G. Hanes, III</b> Trustee	0.00	X						0	0	0
(13) <b>Matthew E. Hapgood</b> Trustee	0.00	X						0	0	0
(14) <b>Mark B. Logan</b> Trustee	0.00	X						0	0	0

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(15) <b>Nimrod W.E. Long III</b> Trustee	0.00	X						0	0	0
(16) <b>Allen L. McCallie</b> Trustee	0.00	X						0	0	0
(17) <b>Edward Miller</b> Trustee	0.00	X						0	0	0
(18) <b>Susan S. Mullin</b> Trustee	0.00	X						0	0	0
(19) <b>Jean C. Nelson</b> Trustee	0.00	X						0	0	0
(20) <b>William H. Schlesinger</b> Trustee	0.00	X						0	0	0
(21) <b>Kathryn S. Smith</b> Trustee	0.00	X						0	0	0
(22) <b>Thomas F. Taft, Sr.</b> Trustee	0.00	X						0	0	0
(23) <b>William L. Want</b> Trustee	0.00	X						0	0	0
(24) <b>Nancy Hanes White</b> Trustee	0.00	X						0	0	0
(25) <b>Anna Kate Hipp</b> Trustee	0.00	X						0	0	0
<b>1b Sub-total</b>								<b>304,649</b>		<b>38,608</b>
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b>								<b>1,351,177</b>		<b>212,644</b>
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b>								<b>1,655,826</b>		<b>251,252</b>

**2** Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization **▶ 10**

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

**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
<b>La Capra Associates, Inc.</b> <b>Boston MA 02108</b>	<b>One Washington Mall, 9th Floor</b> <b>Exprt Testimony</b>	<b>102,815</b>

**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 **▶**

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**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			
(15) Holly Hueston Treasurer	50.00			X				119,995	0	18,453
(16) Hayley M. Parrish Secretary	42.00			X				64,508	0	11,052
(17) Jeffrey M. Gleason Deputy Director	50.00				X			207,354	0	19,403
(18) Marie Hawthorne Dir. of Development	50.00				X			163,624	0	26,590
(19) Derb Carter Dir. of NC Office	50.00				X			151,258	0	25,045
(20) David Pope Dir. of GA Office	50.00					X		147,386	0	24,127
(21) John Suttles Senior Attorney	50.00					X		128,963	0	16,760
(22) David Farren Senior Attorney	50.00					X		127,161	0	22,192
(23) David Carr General Counsel	50.00					X		120,512	0	22,096
(24) Oliver Pollard Senior Attorney	50.00					X		120,416	0	26,926
(25)										
1b Sub-total								1,351,177		212,644
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)										

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

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

**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

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

**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
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1a</b> Federated campaigns	<b>1a</b>				
	<b>b</b> Membership dues	<b>1b</b>				
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events	<b>1c</b>				
	<b>d</b> Related organizations	<b>1d</b>				
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions)	<b>1e</b>	114,739			
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b>	12,547,683			
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$					
	<b>h</b> Total. Add lines 1a-1f		12,662,422			
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2a</b> Attorney Fees Awarded	Busn. Code	358,877	358,877	0	0
	<b>b</b>					
	<b>c</b>					
	<b>d</b>					
	<b>e</b>					
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue					
	<b>g</b> Total. Add lines 2a-2f		358,877			
	<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		539,420	0	
<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
<b>5</b> Royalties						
<b>6a</b> Gross rents		(i) Real (ii) Personal				
<b>b</b> Less: rental exps.						
<b>c</b> Rental inc. or (loss)						
<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss)						
<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory		(i) Securities (ii) Other	15,323,944			
<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis & sales exps.			15,074,481			
<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)			249,463			
<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss)			249,463	0		249,463
<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18		<b>a</b>				
<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses		<b>b</b>				
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events						
<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19		<b>a</b>				
<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses		<b>b</b>				
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances		<b>a</b>				
<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold	<b>b</b>					
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory						
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>		<b>Busn. Code</b>				
<b>11a</b>						
<b>b</b>						
<b>c</b>						
<b>d</b> All other revenue						
<b>e</b> Total. Add lines 11a-11d						
<b>12</b> Total revenue. See instructions.			13,810,182	358,877	0	788,883

**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 U.S. See Part IV, line 21	210,750	210,750		
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	1,094,110	641,121	300,741	152,248
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	5,812,930	5,058,665	327,436	426,829
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	406,799	350,268	20,050	36,481
9 Other employee benefits	607,412	528,871	39,203	39,338
10 Payroll taxes	512,754	427,755	42,500	42,499
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management	10,644	10,644		
b Legal	90,539	90,539		
c Accounting	27,975	23,241	2,421	2,313
d Lobbying	4,100	4,100		
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees	106,380		106,380	
g Other	240,904	150,010	1,057	89,837
12 Advertising and promotion	65,650	65,650		
13 Office expenses	529,977	464,827	32,474	32,676
14 Information technology	156,710	141,078	7,862	7,770
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	813,037	719,454	57,090	36,493
17 Travel	357,851	279,097	14,725	64,029
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	160,119	146,443	4,669	9,007
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance	50,798	46,717	2,087	1,994
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 Program Communication/Ed	289,996	289,996		
b Depreciation	113,233	97,695	9,336	6,202
c Professional Training	72,651	66,551	3,244	2,856
d Professional Dues	56,252	53,218	1,025	2,009
e All other expenses	292,779	250,562	5,290	36,927
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	12,084,350	10,117,252	977,590	989,508
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 <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

**Part X Balance Sheet**

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	1 Cash—non-interest bearing	400	1	700
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	29,701,597	2	31,663,583
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	345,012	3	180,000
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	62,910
	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	60,058	9	114,036
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 2,059,943		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 1,448,357	787,040	10c 611,586
	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	113,429	15	110,432
16 <b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	31,007,536	16	32,743,247	
<b>Liabilities</b>	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	814,791	17	526,155
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	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	92,766	25	81,958
	26 <b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25	907,557	26	608,113
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	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	20,931,626	27	23,594,572
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	5,068,353	28	4,440,562
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	4,100,000	29	4,100,000
	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 <b>Total net assets or fund balances</b>	30,099,979	33	32,135,134	
34 <b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b>	31,007,536	34	32,743,247	

**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	13,810,182
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	12,084,350
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	1,725,832
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	30,099,979
5	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	5	309,323
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	32,135,134

**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	
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	X	
c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	X	
d If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input 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
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

Form **990** (2011)

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.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2011

Open to Public  
Inspection

Name of the organization

Southern Environmental Law Center

Employer identification number

52-1436778

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
- 2 ☐ A school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Attach Schedule E.)
- 3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
- 4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Complete Part II.)
- 6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
- 7 ☒ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II.)
- 8 ☐ A community trust described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II.)
- 9 ☐ An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See section 509(a)(2). (Complete Part III.)
- 10 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See section 509(a)(4).
- 11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See section 509(a)(3). Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
- a ☐ Type I      b ☐ Type II      c ☐ Type III—Functionally integrated      d ☐ Type III—Other
- e ☐ By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).
- f ☐ If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box \_\_\_\_\_
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
- (i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization? \_\_\_\_\_
- (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above? \_\_\_\_\_
- (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above? \_\_\_\_\_
- h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

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

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

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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
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	9,548,469	12,712,358	11,587,626	15,227,564	12,367,683	61,443,700
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>4</b> <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3	9,548,469	12,712,358	11,587,626	15,227,564	12,367,683	61,443,700
<b>5</b> 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)						25,481,570
<b>6</b> <b>Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4						35,962,130

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4	9,548,469	12,712,358	11,587,626	15,227,564	12,367,683	61,443,700
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	423,904	413,799	465,024	540,857	539,420	2,383,004
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)				10,000		10,000
<b>11</b> <b>Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						63,836,704
<b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
<b>13</b> <b>First five years.</b> 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**

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2011 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	56.33 %
<b>15</b> Public support percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	56.64 %
<b>16a</b> <b>33 1/3% support test—2011.</b> 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>b</b> <b>33 1/3% support test—2010.</b> 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"/>	
<b>17a</b> <b>10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2011.</b> 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>b</b> <b>10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2010.</b> 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"/>	
<b>18</b> <b>Private foundation.</b> 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 <input type="checkbox"/>						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

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

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

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

19a **33 1/3% support tests—2011.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐

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

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



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

**Part II, Line 10 - Other Income Detail**

\$ 10,000

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

**Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2011**

**Open to Public Inspection**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527  
▶ **Complete if the organization is described below.** ▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**  
▶ **See separate instructions.**

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

**Southern Environmental Law Center**

Employer identification number

**52-1436778**

**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-
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				

**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												
<b>1a</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying) .....	214													
<b>b</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying) .....	333,758													
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b) .....	333,972													
<b>d</b> Other exempt purpose expenditures .....	11,633,359													
<b>e</b> Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d) .....	11,967,331													
<b>f</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.	748,367													
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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.													
<b>g</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f) .....	187,092													
<b>h</b> Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0- .....	0													
<b>i</b> Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0- .....	0													
<b>j</b> 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
<b>2a</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount	613,958	653,582	672,691	748,367	2,688,598
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					4,032,897
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures	122,484	567,018	235,793	333,972	1,259,267
<b>d</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount	153,490	163,396	168,173	187,092	672,151
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					1,008,227
<b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures	77	33	61	214	385

**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
<b>1</b> 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:			
<b>a</b> Volunteers?			
<b>b</b> Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
<b>c</b> Media advertisements?			
<b>d</b> Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
<b>e</b> Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
<b>f</b> Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
<b>g</b> Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
<b>h</b> Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
<b>i</b> Other activities?			
<b>j</b> Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			
<b>2a</b> Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
<b>c</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
<b>d</b> 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
<b>1</b> Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?		
<b>2</b> Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?		
<b>3</b> 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) if Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

<b>1</b> Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b> Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
<b>a</b> Current year	<b>2a</b>	
<b>b</b> Carryover from last year	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b> Total	<b>2c</b>	
<b>3</b> Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b> 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?	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b> Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	<b>5</b>	

**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.

Part IV Supplemental Information (continued)

Supplemental information area with horizontal lines for text entry.

**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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**2011**

**Open to Public  
Inspection**

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

**Southern Environmental Law Center**

**52-1436778**

**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.

1 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	

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

	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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 3** Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):
- a** ☐ Public exhibition **d** ☐ Loan or exchange programs
- b** ☐ Scholarly research **e** ☐ Other .....
- c** ☐ Preservation for future generations
- 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          |
|--|-----------------|
| <b>c</b> Beginning balance .....             | <b>1c</b> ..... |
| <b>d</b> Additions during the year .....     | <b>1d</b> ..... |
| <b>e</b> Distributions during the year ..... | <b>1e</b> ..... |
| <b>f</b> Ending balance .....                | <b>1f</b> ..... |
- 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
<b>1a</b> Beginning of year balance .....	5,732,504	5,440,662	4,100,000	100,000	
<b>b</b> Contributions .....				4,000,000	
<b>c</b> Net investment earnings, gains, and losses .....	215,211	291,842	1,340,662		
<b>d</b> Grants or scholarships .....					
<b>e</b> Other expenditures for facilities and programs .....					
<b>f</b> Administrative expenses .....					
<b>g</b> End of year balance .....	5,947,715	5,732,504	5,440,662	4,100,000	

**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:

- (i) unrelated organizations .....
- (ii) related organizations .....

	Yes	No
<b>3a(i)</b> .....	X	
<b>3a(ii)</b> .....		X
<b>3b</b> If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? .....		

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

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

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
<b>1a</b> Land .....				
<b>b</b> Buildings .....				
<b>c</b> Leasehold improvements .....		583,366	155,760	427,606
<b>d</b> Equipment .....		1,158,543	1,024,685	133,858
<b>e</b> Other .....		318,034	267,912	50,122
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) ▶				611,586

**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)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (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)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (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)	
<b>Total.</b> (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) <b>Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust</b>	<b>81,958</b>	
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		
(11)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.)	<b>81,958</b>	

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	13,810,182
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	12,084,350
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	1,725,832
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	309,323
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	309,323
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per audited financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9	10	2,035,155

**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	14,061,036
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	309,323
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	47,911
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	357,234
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	13,703,802
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	106,380
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	106,380
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	13,810,182

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	12,025,881
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	47,911
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	47,911
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	11,977,970
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	106,380
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	106,380
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	12,084,350

**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 XIV - Supplemental Financial Information**

**Part V, Line 4 To generate revenue and capital growth**



**SCHEDULE I**  
**(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,  
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.

▶ Attach to Form 990.

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**Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance**

**1** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?

**2** Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

☒ Yes ☐ No

**Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000.

Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed

1	(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1)	Southern Appalachian Forest Co 46 Haywood Street, Suite 323 Asheville NC 28801	30-0066360		13,500				Forest
(2)	Partnership for Smarter Growth 2319 East Broad Street Richmond VA 23223	51-0523792		6,250				Land & Community
(3)	Appalachian Voices 191 Howard Street Boone NC 28607	56-2049956		40,000				Clean Energy and Air
(4)	NC Conservation Network 19 E. Martin Street, Suite 300 Raleigh NC 27601	58-2504713		70,000				Clean Energy and Air
(5)	Southern Alliance for Clean Energy PO Box 1842 Knoxville TN 37901	58-1620669		81,000				Clean Energy and Air
(6)								
(7)								
(8)								
(9)								

**2** Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table

▶ 5

**3** Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table

▶ 0

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**Part III** Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 22.  
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					

**Part IV** Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, and any other additional information.

Part I, Line 2 - Procedures for Monitoring the Use of Grant Funds

When SELC receives grant award correspondence, essential information is recorded in the donor database about the grantor's intentions and restrictions on how the grant monies are to be utilized. All grant agreements and pertinent correspondence is kept permanently on file in the Development department and is forwarded annually to SELC's accounting department for audit purposes. Grant revenue received during the fiscal year, and the various restrictions on it, is tracked and reconciled annually against the records of SELC's accounting department. Grantees are given written grant award letters that require them to use the funds in

**Part III****Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 22.  
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					

**Part IV** **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, and any other additional information.

accordance with the grant letters.

**SCHEDULE J**  
**(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

**Compensation Information**

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest  
Compensated Employees

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990,  
Part IV, line 23.

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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**Part I** Questions Regarding Compensation

**1a** Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel             | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account            | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef) |

**b** If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

**2** Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?

**3** Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization uses to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director. Explain in Part III.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee          | <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |

**4** During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:

- a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment? **4a** ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan? **4b** ☐ Yes ☒ No
- c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement? **4c** ☐ Yes ☒ No
- If "Yes" to any of lines 4a–c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

**Only section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete lines 5–9.**

**5** For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:

- a** The organization? **5a** ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b** Any related organization? **5b** ☐ Yes ☒ No
- If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

**6** For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:

- a** The organization? **6a** ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b** Any related organization? **6b** ☐ Yes ☒ No
- If "Yes" to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

**7** For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III **7** ☐ Yes ☒ No

**8** Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III **8** ☐ Yes ☒ No

**9** If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)? **9** ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2011

**Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees.** Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

**Note.** The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name	(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported as deferred in prior Form 990
	(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
<b>Frederick S. Middleton III</b>	(i) 256,447	(ii) 25,000	(iii) 23,202	(C) 27,183	(D) 11,425	(E) 343,257	(F) 276,146
1 (ii) 0					0	0	0
<b>Jeffrey M. Gleason</b>	(i) 170,992	(ii) 15,000	(iii) 21,362	(C) 18,521	(D) 882	(E) 226,757	(F) 197,236
2 (ii) 0					0	0	0
<b>Marie Hawthorne</b>	(i) 126,458	(ii) 20,000	(iii) 17,166	(C) 15,165	(D) 11,425	(E) 190,214	(F) 163,183
3 (ii) 0					0	0	0
<b>Derb Carter</b>	(i) 140,624	(ii) 10,000	(iii) 634	(C) 13,620	(D) 11,425	(E) 176,303	(F) 163,201
4 (ii) 0					0	0	0
<b>David Pope</b>	(i) 136,748	(ii) 10,000	(iii) 638	(C) 13,642	(D) 10,485	(E) 171,513	(F) 162,026
5 (ii) 0					0	0	0
6 (i) 0							
6 (ii) 0							
7 (i) 0							
7 (ii) 0							
8 (i) 0							
8 (ii) 0							
9 (i) 0							
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14 (i) 0							
14 (ii) 0							
15 (i) 0							
15 (ii) 0							
16 (i) 0							
16 (ii) 0							

**Part III** Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Area with horizontal dotted lines for supplemental information.



**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.  
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**Form 990, Part III, Line 4d - All Other Accomplishment**

**National Forests and Parks/Private Forests:** To ensure that Southern Appalachian national forests are managed primarily for wildlife, recreation and scenic beauty; to protect the integrity of the Great Smoky Mountains and Shenandoah National Parks; and to promote conservation-oriented management of private forests.

**Clean Water:** To protect and restore water quality and water flow to ensure surface and ground waters in our region can meet long-term human and ecological needs.

**Form 990, Part VI, Line 11b - Organization's Process to Review Form 990**

The Form 990 was distributed to all board members before filing.

The Board Audit Committee met and discussed the document with independent auditors, Executive Director and Director of Finance.

**Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c - Enforcement of Conflicts Policy**

The conflict of interest policy is a section of SELC's Code of Ethics which is included in the employee's policies available on the company intranet.

The conflict of interest policy is distributed to all Trustees and any potential conflicts of interest are to be immediately disclosed to the Audit committee.

**Form 990, Part VI, Line 15a - Compensation Process for Top Official**

The Executive Committee meets annually and in the absense of the Executive

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Director to discuss the Executive Director's performance. The committee determines compensation and benefits using comparative data from other organizations' Form 990 and salary surveys. The committee chair communicates the decisions made by the committee to the Executive Director and Director of Finance in a signed memo.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 15b - Compensation Process for Officers

The Executive Director discusses his recommendations with the Executive Committee during their annual meeting. The committee discusses compensation and benefits using comparative data from other organization's Form 990 and salary survey.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 17 - Other States Where Copy of Return is Filed  
California, New Jersey, Dist of Columbia, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Maine

Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 - Governing Documents Disclosure Explanation

These documents are available to the public upon written request.

Form 990, Part XII, Line 2c - Change in Financial Review Process

The Audit Committee selects and engages the independent accountant. The Audit Committee meets with the independent accountant to review the cooperation of management and confirm proper procedures.