

Form **990-EZ****Short Form**
Return of Organization Exempt From Income TaxUnder section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

► Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$1,000,000 and total assets less than \$2,500,000 at the end of the year may use this form.

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

OMB No. 1545-1150

2008**Open to Public
Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**A** For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning

, 2008, and ending

, 20

B Check if applicable:

- ☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Termination
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

Please
use IRS
label or
print or
type.
See
Specific
Instructions.**C** Name of organization

Harpeth River Watershed Association, Inc.

Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address)

PO Box 1127

Room/suite

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

Franklin, TN 37065

D Employer identification number

62 1802858

E Telephone number

(615) 790-9767

F Group Exemption
Number . . . ►

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

G Accounting method: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual
Other (specify) ►**I** Website: ►**H** Check ☐ if the organization is not
required to attach Schedule B (Form 990,
990-EZ, or 990-PF).**J** Organization type (check only one)— ☒ 501(c) (3) ◀ (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**K** Check ☐ if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.**L** Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts; if \$1,000,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ► \$ **724,457****Part I** Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I.)

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	609,646
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	10,066
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4	Investment income	4	2,400
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) (attach schedule)	5c	
	6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G). If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		
	a	Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	102,345
b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	58,768	
c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	43,577	
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b		
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c		
8	Other revenue (describe ► _____)	8		
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8.	9	665,689	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	425,966
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	48,312
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	42,255
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	15,967
	16	Other expenses (describe ► See Attached Schedule O _____)	16	127,744
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	660,244
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	5,445
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	72,989
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	78,434

Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$2,500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

(See the instructions for Part II.)

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	71,065	22 47,631
23 Land and buildings	18,042	23 11,931
24 Other assets (describe ► See Attached Schedule O _____)	9,736	24 43,168
25 Total assets	98,843	25 102,730
26 Total liabilities (describe ► See Attached Schedule O _____)	25,854	26 24,296
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	72,989	27 78,434

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Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part VI.)

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity	33	✓
34 Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	34	✓
35 If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining your reason for not reporting the income on Form 990-T.		
a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?	35a	✓
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	35b	
36 Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36	✓
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a		
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	✓
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still unpaid at the start of the period covered by this return?	38a	✓
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b	
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a	
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b	
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ 0 ; section 4912 ▶ 0 ; section 4955 ▶ 0		
b Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b	✓
c Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ 0		
d Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ 0		
e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T.	40e	✓
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶ Tennessee		
42a The books are in care of ▶ Roger S. Smitchens Telephone no. ▶ (615) 790-9767		
Located at ▶ 1164 Columbia Ave, Franklin, TN ZIP + 4 ▶ 37064		
b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	42b	✓
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶		
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.?	42c	✓
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶		
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041—Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43		☐
44 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44	✓
45 Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	45	✓

Part VI **Section 501(c)(3) organizations only.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 46-49 and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

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

46	Yes	No
46		✓
- 47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II

47	Yes	No
47		✓
- 48 Is the organization operating a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

48	Yes	No
48		✓
- 49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

49a	Yes	No
49a		✓
- b If "Yes," was the related organization(s) a section 527 organization?

49b	Yes	No
49b		
- 50 Complete this table for the five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
None				
Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶				

- 51 Complete this table for the five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		
Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 . . ▶		


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

Sign Here

Signature of officer _____ Date _____

Type or print name and title. _____

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature  Date 6/11/09 Check if self-employed ☒ Preparer's Identifying Number (See instructions) **P00671940**

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 **Richard Fridge, CPA** EIN **383-7717**

1907 21st Ave. S, Nashville, TN 37212 Phone no. **(615) 383-7717**

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ☐ Yes ☐ No

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2008

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.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1-3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15	%
16a 33⅓% support test—2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33⅓% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 33⅓% support test—2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33⅓% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ► <input type="checkbox"/>		

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	281,532	322,397	439,528	443,653	609,646	2,096,756
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	17,122	29,047	8,781	2,754	10,066	67,770
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 1-5	298,654	351,444	448,309	446,407	619,712	2,164,526
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	55,000	70,500	58,905	111,785	185,000	481,190
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000	9,000	994	941	0	0	10,935
c Add lines 7a and 7b	64,000	71,494	59,846	111,785	185,000	492,125
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						1,672,401

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	309,383	351,444	448,309	446,407	619,712	2,175,255
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	6	180	1,127	3,500	2,400	7,213
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b	6	180	1,127	3,500	2,400	7,213
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.)	1,266	38,524	55,832	56,466	43,577	195,665
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						2,378,133
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 2008 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	70.3 %
16 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g	16	75.7 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2008 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	.003 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h	18	.1 %

- 19a** 33⅓% support tests—2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33⅓%, and line 17 is not more than 33⅓%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► ☒
- b** 33⅓% support tests—2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33⅓%, and line 18 is not more than 33⅓%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► ☐
- 20** Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ► ☐

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990

► Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations to provide additional information for responses to specific questions for the Form 990 or to provide any additional information.

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Name of the organization

Harpeth River Watershed Association, Inc.

Employer identification number

62 : 1802858

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16

Insurance \$ 4,092

Travel 9,273

Supplies 86,114

Fees 326

Conference and Meeting Cost 13,227

Miscellaneous 14,712

Total Other Expenses 127,744

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 24

Grants Receivable \$ 25,112

Accounts Receivable 13,916

Prepaid Expenses 4,140

Total Other Assets 43,168

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 26

Accounts and Credit Cards Payable \$ 6,425

Accrued Payroll and Payroll Taxes 15,383

Other Current Liabilities 2,488

Total Liabilities 24,296

I. River Restoration and Wildlife Protection: \$211,977

January – April 2008

- Interviewed and hired Josh Thompson, Watershed Assessment and Restoration Coordinator. He will primarily work on the state 319 (h) grants doing restoration in the Harpeth River Headwaters and Jones Creek, as well as watershed planning grants for the South and West Harpeth.
- HEADWATERS RESTORATION—new 319 grant: Conducted site visits and landowner meetings with key landowners in the Harpeth River Headwaters. Staff prepared and submitted formal proposals for agricultural best management practices and stream restoration projects and finalized a landowner contract to be signed as authorization on all projects. Restoration work will begin on select properties in May.
- Continue to complete impoundment/sediment characterization studies on the lowhead dam in Franklin as part of a grant through Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agencies Instream Flow Program. Final report due end of June 2008.
- Completed two streambank restoration project events in conjunction with Ensworth School on the Little Harpeth River at Warner Park.
- Jones Creek watershed restoration project—new 319 grant: met with Dickson city planning staff, NRDS staff, and various leadership at board members Jeff Carr's house to begin this effort. Staff following issues in Dickson with new subdivisions and the underlying policy dynamics of growth in this area now that sewer is more readily available with the line along 96 W connecting Burns to Fairview.
- Met with Metro Parks/Warner Park staff and have formalized an agreement to partner to identify, prioritize and complete restoration projects in Warner Park on the Little Harpeth and its tributaries. HRWA staff will conduct site assessments and seek to conduct restoration projects with corporate stewardship program sponsors and other groups.
- Participated in an initial group meeting of parties involved in the Williamson County Interlocal Agreement to identify and prioritize stream restoration projects. HRWA staff will help to shape the criteria for priority projects and to identify perspective cooperative landowners.
- HRWA staff formalized and advertised the **Bob Brown Memorial Internship Program** and hired an intern for the Summer 2008 session.

EPA Grant

- HRWA staff continue to work on the EPA grant, which is due to be completed in August. Staff held the second watershed planning meeting for the Fivemile Creek Subwatershed, have been finalizing pollutant reduction runs using the Center For Watershed Protection's Watershed Treatment Model, and are developing State of the Harpeth brochure/analysis.

May - August 2008

- HRWA staff continued working on restoration projects as part of the Headwaters Water Quality Improvement Program in Eagleville. Completed projects to date include livestock exclusion fencing and native grass planting around a sensitive area at the Taylor farm, livestock exclusion fencing and native grass planting around a stream on the Hill property, and a stream bank restoration project at the Taylor property. Work is being lined up to complete heavy use areas for livestock on the Taylor property and installation of ball waterers for cattle at the Taylor property. Staff have also submitted a revised proposal to the Fitzgeralds for various best management practices and are working on a proposal for projects at two of the Hobbes farms.
- HRWA staff helped prepare for state audit of Phase I of the Headwaters 319 grant, which was completed without issue.
- HRWA staff responded to citizen inquires/complaints regarding herbicide spraying near creeks and contacted TDA's pesticide regulation division.
- HRWA staff coordinated and participated in HRWA Landscaping For Water Quality Demonstration Project at the HRWA offices that included the planting of native plants and installation of two rain gardens to collect stormwater runoff.
- HRWA staff completed the **impoundment/sediment characterization study** on the lowhead dam in Franklin as part of a grant through Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agencies Instream Flow Program, submitted the final report, and closed out the grant in July. HRWA distributed it and provided copies to city aldermen and staff at city meeting.
- HRWA staff organized and held two community meetings in the South and West Harpeth Subwatersheds as part of the launching of the "Heart of the Harpeth" Campaign and planning process for development of watershed preservation/restoration plans for the area. Staff have organized an informational meeting with The Land Trust For Tennessee as presenters on conservation easements to be held August 26th in Fairview.
- HRWA staff completed and submitted a final report for the TWRA Clean Streams grant in July.
- HRWA staff completed and submitted an annual report for the TWRA Restoration Grant, highlighting restoration work in Warner Park with Ensworth School students.
- HRWA staff are working with Lipscomb, Father Ryan and Christ Church biology/environmental science classes to do visual stream assessments and sampling on the Little Harpeth River in Warner Park and Brentwood City Parks.

- HRWA staff participated in a meeting to discuss restoration project criteria and prioritization as part of the Harpeth River Watershed Initiative that is the first in the state between TDEC and local cities and counties.
- HRWA staff continue to work on finalizing all milestones on the EPA grant, including the State of the Harpeth status report (vulnerability assessment) and the watershed management plan for Five Mile Creek. We have submitted a formal request to extend the grant deadline to December 2008. The intent is to have all of the work completed before the Thanksgiving break.
- HRWA staff met with property owner Dan Cravotta regarding streambank restoration and riparian enhancement on his property in Franklin.
- HRWA staff participated in a site walk at the Verizon call center property in Cool Springs with Cumberland River Compact and Duke Engineering staff to view pervious concrete and stormwater management controls.
- HRWA staff will participate in a site visit with Williamson County at the proposed Laurel Cove development property.
- HRWA staff continue to partner with TSRA on the Harpeth River Blueway Project to create paddling access structures on the Harpeth River. Facilitated a meeting on the Harpeth River Scenic Blueway involving key stakeholders at Warner Park Nature Center on July 15. Proposed sites for access include Hwy. 100, working with the City of Franklin at Pinkerton Park and investigating three potential sites between Franklin and Hwy. 100. Staff also prepared for the September 19th Tennessee Blueway Summit.
- HRWA cancelled the proposed involvement in the Cumberland River Basin Boat Day due to a lack of canoes and kayaks.
- HRWA hired intern Leslie Sanders, who completed the Summer 2008 session.
- HRWA staff met with Boyle Investment Company regarding sponsorship of the Fall 2008 Bob Brown Memorial Internship Program.
- HRWA program staff worked with development staff to write an REI grant in the amount of \$5,000.00, which was awarded in July.
- HRWA staff attended the Southeast Watershed Forum Conference Annual Conference.

August - December 2008

- Staff continued to execute stream bank and agricultural restoration projects in the Harpeth River Headwaters in Eagleville on the Taylor, Hill, and Fitzgerald farms.

- Staff organized and facilitated an Advisory Committee Meeting for Jones Creek/Dickson County Water Quality Improvement Program.
- Staff planned and scheduled the community meetings/speaker's series for Jones Creek/Dickson County. Staff met with landowner Jeff Carr regarding advisory committee invites and made calls to assigned contacts. Staff completed a water quality in Dickson County profile that was disseminated to the Advisory Committee.
- Staff conducted site visits at various properties in the City of Dickson and Dickson County to line up projects for restoration practices (predominantly around stormwater management and focused on rain gardens, bioinfiltration and streambank restoration.
- Staff completed and submitted annual report for 319 (h) grant for Jones Creek/Dickson County Water Quality Improvement Program.
- Staff completed and submitted annual reports for the South and West Harpeth 319 (h) grants to develop subwatershed based plans.
- Staff completed streambank restoration project at the Dan Cravotta property in Franklin.
- Staff strategized with Dr. Ryan Otter of MTSU's CLEAR Water Institute re: monitoring plans for South and West Harpeth.
- Staff trained volunteers and began and completed Dissolved Oxygen data gathering.
- Staff liaised with and trained teachers from David Lipscomb University, Christ Presbyterian and Father Ryan High schools in Benthic Macroinvertebrate, chemical and visual habitat monitoring (Train the Trainer) techniques.
- Staff coordinated and facilitated Heart of the Harpeth Speaker's Series meetings with Southeast Watershed Forum as presenters in Thompson Station. Staff coordinated with Cissy Mynatt, meeting facilitator, regarding the final public meeting and advisory committee meetings to be held in January.
- Staff coordinated and facilitated Heart of the Harpeth Speaker's Series meeting with Brian Corwin of Williamson County Department of Sewage Management re: septic care and maintenance at the Hillsboro-Leiper's Fork Community Center in Leiper's Fork.
- Staff developed and submitted watershed based plans for the South and West Harpeth and Turnbull Creek as part of the FY2009 319 (h) grant submission.

- Staff wrote and submitted annual report for the Harpeth River Headwaters 319 (h) grant and updated grant match tracking logs and completed C-1s for BMP projects in Headwaters.
- Staff met with Joey Woodard of Tennessee Stream Mitigation Program to discuss restoration projects on the West Harpeth River.
- Staff attended the press event for the first restoration project of the Harpeth River Watershed Initiative jointly done by TDEC and the city of Franklin the creek running through the new East Flank Battlefield park adjacent to Carton. Following event, staff participated in the committee meeting to develop candidate restoration site criteria. Staff provided information on potential site for consideration on McCrory Creek.
- Staff attended ESRI Seminar about upgrading analysis capability through upgraded software.

II. Policy and Planning: \$239,491

January – April 2008

- Stillwater golf course and residential subdivision: Staff worked with TDEC staff on ARAP permit and county planning and stormwater waivers for this proposal. Because of HRWA involvement and public hearing on the TDEC permit, the development dramatically improved the project to include stream restoration and avoided all stream relocations which the Williamson County planning specifically codified in their comments. This proposal got approved at the last possible Williamson County planning commission meeting before the county's one year cessation on proposals that are on decentralized alternative sewer.
- HRWA as part of the TN Water Groups and member of the TN Conservation Voters provided information to HRWA membership via DSN and our web site on key legislative bills this state session from the bottle bill, and mountaintop removal, to water supply planning bills. A key growing issue a growing effort by some road builders and home builders to limit state protection of small streams in contradiction of the Clean Water Act.
- Old Natchez County Club ARAP permit application to withdrawal water from the Harpeth. HRWA staff brought in expertise from TWRA and USGS and met with country club management to discuss the permit and devised a more protective minimum flow that must stay in the river than what the Country Club had been using under a former permit (the only withdrawal in Williamson County that had a permit until TDEC issued one for the city of Franklin's drinking water plant). HRWA's work on this was based on what was set in Franklin and from this has been incorporated into the scientific project that USGS and TNC are doing for

TDEC that will apply state wide. From this project, it is clear that country clubs and likely other well users need basic guidance on how to optimize well management and consider location so that shallow wells are not pulling groundwater in the summer that is what is feeding stream and river flow.

- HRWA staff are involved in new state efforts that are linked around the Southeast on water management and “instream flow” to protect river health. HRWA is part of a new “in stream flow” committee for TN that TWRA is leading with TNC. HRWA also attended a new state TDEC committee that is helping set parameters for water supply planning and efforts led by Williamson County mayor, Rogers Anderson, to address water supply management in the county.
- HRWA staff and Aquaeter experts met with TDEC staff to have far ranging discussion of the pending 3 permits for the 3 sewer plants on the Harpeth. Discussion involved the dissolved oxygen data in the river showing years of summer time water quality standard violations at current discharges. Discussion of options with incorporating effluent reuse by Franklin into permit and other strategies to have these reissued permits drive gathering more field data, doing a new TMDL, and solving the oxygen problem in the river in the summer.
- HRWA attended Williamson County Land Use Plan Update Steering Committee meeting with consultant (Clarion) at start of new project to redo the planning, zoning, and subdivision regulations. Focus will also be on where the county will allow alternative sewer projects to be able to direct growth according to the new plan.
- Bolze gave talk at Triune Community Group on watershed, the new land use plan, and how they can be involved in shaping growth around the 840 exit and the Planned growth area for Triune.

Liberty Creek and Harpeth River Contamination from Egyptian Lacquer Manufacturing Company (ELMCO)

- Submitted comment letter in January to TDEC on poor quality of Investigative Workplan particularly lack of definition of contamination with only 2 additional wells
- Conference call with TDEC Corn, Quarles and Bolze on TDEC plans for implementation of Workplan our concerns with shortcomings and request for public hearing
- Hosted a February EPA field visit to ELMCO site, follow up letter thanking them and asking for support.
- Hosted a Field visit with Ryan Durst, Congressman Blackburn’s staff to ELMCO.
- Met with BGA Dr. Graham, Lawrence Sullivan and Dave Lemke about cooperative effort to clean up contamination.
- Hosted April field visit with residents, press, aldermen, Mayor and Senator Johnson. More pressure put on TDEC and ELMCO. Meeting resulted between TDEC and representatives.

- April TV and press coverage of benzene finds from Investigative Workplan results from March.
- Wrote letter on Containment to TDEC in April after CAP deadline not met.
- Official extension provided to ELMCO for another 60 days to do more work on CAP as of May 7.
- Continued discussions with EPA on how to get a RCRA equivalent cleanup of ELMCO.

May - August 2008

- Franklin drinking water plant: Franklin funded an accounting review of their engineering consultant's financials regarding the cost savings or not with a new 4 mgd drinking water plant. HRWA met with aldermen, the accounting firm, and attended two meetings. Bill Wade, economic expert HRWA hired to do a review in 2006 has also helped out. HRWA staff also reviewed city's pump data from June and July to see if the permit is being met. By early August the city has not pumped and the reservoir is dry. HRWA field work, started last summer, confirms millions of gallons leak from the reservoir into a nearby creek that flows into the Harpeth downstream of the dam and upstream from the USGS gage. HRWA presented tables at a recent city meeting noting possible permit exceedences below the 10 cfs limit or taking more than 20%. HRWA met with city staff August 18 to compare work and found two areas: city and HRWA (guided by TDEC) calculate the pumping rate differently and how to use the USGS gage regarding the river's flow. In general city is trying to meet the permit, but calculations of city pump rate is part of problem that need state and others to address correct approach. HRWA is focusing on this to help standardize how permit holders with this types of water flow limiting permits actually meet the permit requirements.
- HRWA will be fiscal agent for TN Water Groups on projects funded by Mott Foundation. HRWA will receive \$2000 as fiscal agent. One project in process is on stormwater related to permitting.
- Dorie Bolze was asked to serve as one of two conservation stakeholders on the state's new group on stormwater related to aspects of the state's general construction permit that can be handed over to local jurisdictions. This state project is funded by EPA to the state. HRWA is the only conservation group with local jurisdictional expertise, especially with Dorie's services on the Williamson County stormwater appeals board. She is Vice-Chair.

Liberty Creek/Egyptian Lacquer: public hearing August 8, 2008

- Since June 24, 2008 when ELMCO turned in their revised Corrective Action Plan to TDEC for clean up of their contamination of Liberty Creek and the Harpeth River and the area between the two bodies of water and the company's property, there has been much media attention, but as usual, no effective clean up. This has been the same situation for the past twenty months.

- During this quarter HRWA has been working with the citizens most affected by the contamination to help them get their story out to the public to help them raise awareness and funds for technical support for their litigation against ELMCO. They need to raise \$20,000- \$25,000 but are very disorganized. Part of our assistance has been to help focus media attention on their situation and keep the information very scientific and factually based. The fund raising is still in its infancy.
- We have also been working with media, mostly the *Tennessean*, but also Channel 4 and other outlets to relate the story, as you have seen in our updates. Since the public hearing in Franklin of the ELMCO Corrective Action Plan on August 7th after which Franklin's Mayor decided to not replay the broadcast on the public access channel for reasons that he said initially were because a BGA parent made inappropriate and untruthful remarks during the hearing, there has been a lot of attention on the hearing and freedom of speech issues and some on ELMCO.
- Mark Quarles, our consultant, did an excellent job at the hearing of presenting technical remarks which rebutted the copious data that TriAd and their consultants provided showing how they had spent ELMCO's \$1.3M. Essentially, Mark showed fatal flaws in TriAd's methods and assumptions and giant data gaps that do not allow a plan for clean up to be formulated yet as well as complete failures in performance to date. I also had an opportunity to present, and made a less technical and more all-encompassing, "This has been going on for over a year and a half and hazardous chemicals are still flowing in to the river 24/7"-type power point with pictures.

We will turn in our comments this week along with Mark Quarles. TDEC will then compile all public comment and make a decision in about a month. EPA is watching this very closely and it is very hard to see how TDEC could possibly accept this CAP with all of its major shortcomings knowing this to be the case. It is really time to ask the EPA to step in if TDEC gives ELMCO another opportunity to write another CAP over several months and lets the chemicals continue to flow into the river or accepts the CAP as it is or with weak changes.

August - December 2008

- Staff continued to work on EPA grant deliverables, including the Harpeth River watershed assessment of development over the past 10 years (vulnerability assessment), Fivemile Creek Watershed Management Plan, MS4 monitoring plan and more. Draft final report and several draft products submitted to EPA by end of December to satisfy grant requirements.
- Staff continued working on the development of watershed management plans for the South and West Harpeth.
- Franklin drinking water and lowhead dam work:

- Lowhead dam: Franklin held a work session to recognize draft report from city's consultants (Metcalf & Eddy) and HRWA's work. Following was meeting of city staff, M & E and HRWA to discuss findings, areas of agreement, some not, and next steps with TDEC to host a workshop related to the ARAP permit. This will occur in 2009. Tied to this was USFWS request and TDEC offer to help with funding to remove the existing lowhead dam. City has agreed it will remove the dam, but not ready to accept funds until decision is made on if it will build new plant that will require an updated weir that will allow more fish passage and canoe/kayak passage. Bolze asked by Mayor to explain TDEC's offer to city for \$5000 to cover city's consultant study of removal costs. Timing not right for city to accept in October.
- Drinking water plant: City held work session and decided to postpone decision to fund new plant or close old one down until hear the 3 engineering team presentations of the possible new sewer plant that would be upstream of the drinking water intake. See next item.
- Sewage treatment plant permits on Harpeth and future sewer planning for Franklin: HRWA met with and provided HRWA funded analyses to all 3 final engineering teams in the running for Franklin's project for a second sewer plant. During the fall, the city's selection committee decision was over ruled in order to have all 3 teams present to the full city board so that all the aldermen would get a better grasp of the most important issue in planning for Franklin and the largest growth area in the Harpeth watershed. Bolze met with SELC and Aquaeter, HRWA engineering experts, to discuss options to present to TDEC regarding the 3 sewer NPDES permits that are up for renewal. This will provide some framework for the work on the Franklin's long term sewer planning. HRWA and two engineering teams have been advising Franklin to create a long term plan that incorporates sewage effluent discharge, drinking water use and efficiency, reuse of effluent, and stormwater management.
- Sustainability Task Forces: HRWA actively sought to participate in new efforts. Bolze prepared recommendations and invited to meet with Natural Resources subcommittee for Nashville's Green Ribbon Committee. Bolze on Franklin's water Subcommittee. Franklin's work began in the fall and 5 years goals were prepared. Water subcommittee has established water efficiency goals, reduction of sewage effluent into the Harpeth, and stormwater improvement goals. Bolze immediately used the information from the River Network conference in December for these two sustainability task force efforts (see below).
- Tennessee's Water Blueprint: Bolze was one of three (WWF and Obed watershed association) on the committee to oversee the production of this booklet geared to the state legislature and the public as part of the TN water groups. A writer and graphic artist were chosen and managed via this committee. The Blueprint, 16 page full-color report, was final by end of the year to print for legislative session

that begins in January. Bolze lead in getting signatories among utilities and some municipalities.

- Stormwater (not related to the EPA grant): Bolze gave talk on stormwater and MS4 programs at the TEC annual summit. Bolze is Vic-Chair of the Williamson County Stormwater Appeals Board. Went on site visit related to Laurel Cove (large golf course/residential subdivision off I-840 and Peytonsville Road in Southeast Williamson County) appeal regarding expanded stream restoration of McClory Creek in Williamson County. Confusion over county's original plan for full board site visit that would have to be a public meeting on a construction site and HRWA's DownStream News providing information on this meeting generated letter by developer's lawyer calling for Bolze's recusal from proceedings. Bolze read statement noting no bias and not recusing herself and perceived controversy dissipated.
- Stormwater: Bolze attended large meeting in Nashville of TDEC and EPA Region IV staff on the steps by EPA to end law suit in TN on TMDLs. Representatives of litigants, including Lumsden bend represented by former HRWA board member, were present. Bolze focused on issue of process to update TMDLs when more field data gathered post TMDL field work indicate that findings for sewer permits are outmoded based on more recent field data. TMDL on Harpeth for nutrient enrichment/low DO was part of the TMDL state law suit.
- Staff attended the River Network Climate Change Workshop in Nashville in December. The focus was also on water efficiency programs. HRWA attended to be able to bring this expertise to the sustainability efforts and begin work with various water utility districts on joint water efficiency efforts in the region and watershed.
- Executive Director attended the Governor's annual Land and Water Conference in the Cumberland Plateau.
- Staff attended TN Farmland Legacy Conference with and emphasis on land conservation. Staff attended TN GIC conference.
- Bolze met with Executive Director of Land Trust for TN and Cumberland River Compact to discuss opportunities for program development and further collaborations. Bolze met with Associate Exec. Director of Southern Environmental Center as well to solidify working relationship on water quality projects so HRWA has legal water quality expertise partner.
- Egyptian Lacquer/Liberty Creek Contamination: HRWA staff met with David Bridgers of Neal and Harwell who is lead lawyer for the neighbors on Daniels Drive and the property owner with the trenches who filed the 90 day notices of intent to sue. While HRWA is not a party to the suits, HRWA is providing its expertise to them as well as to TDEC and EPA. Lemke, HRWA board member,

prepared a FOIA to EPA on behalf of Mark Quarles. SAIC was hired by TDEC to provide a 3rd party review of ELMCO and their consultant (Triad's) work to date. So far no written review has been submitted. In October, HRWA was informed by lawyers representing the neighbors that movement to get a bonefide clean up is finally underway. TDEC findings of second proposed CAP by ELMCO was also not accepted. HRWA staff reviewed TDEC files in November and provided to WWF and Patagonia for final reports and to interested parties. HRWA staff reviewed the new monitoring plan in November, that was found in the files, and noted that HS-1 seep on the Harpeth closest to Liberty Creek was dropped. Continue to push to keep this monitored since nearest to old sewer lines.

III. Outreach, Recreation and Public Relations: \$74,662

January – April 2008

- The first quarter (Jan-March) totals for education, outreach and membership events including restoration projects are:
 - 109 volunteer hours and generated 330 contacts
- Staff and/or volunteers participated in the following events to promote HRWA and solicit memberships:
 - Brentwood Rotary Club Little Harpeth Clean Up
 - TWRA Trout Stocking events
 - Press events surrounding canoe access and launch of HPF Campaign
 - Speech to Franklin Garden Club
- HRWA staff working with TSRA on the Harpeth River Blueway Project to create paddling access structures on the Harpeth River. The effort to build a new launch in Pinkerton Park has been delayed as other sites are reviewed to address separating use of launch and cars from pedestrian traffic and problems with the river bank. This site is funded through TSRA with REI funds.
- Bolze helped coordinate visit with Betsy Stern, Jack and Josh May with Jane Polansky to consider transfer of Stern's property in the Narrows to the state park for a much needed canoe access and turn around. Happened in early May. Bob Brandt will help with legal documents and Land Trust for TN also involved.
- **Cumberland Basin Boat Day**-- Staff are working with a volunteer committee to host the Harpeth River location of this Cumberland River wide event at multiple locations. The goal of this event is to offer people an opportunity to try out various canoes and kayaks and increase their awareness and enjoyment of the Harpeth River, and hopefully increase HRWA membership. The event is scheduled to be held Saturday, July 12 at Pinkerton Park in Franklin.
- Attended the AWRA Annual Conference, River Network's Annual River Rally in Huron, Ohio on Lake Erie and Patagonia's Tools Conference for Grassroots Activism.
- Prepared certificates for all HRWA volunteers and hosted volunteer reception at HRWA office.
- Prepared HRWA 2007 Annual Report for Board of Directors.

- Researched and designed new HRWA volunteer manual in electronic format (pdf) to be emailed to volunteers for self-study preparation and put on website.
- Reworked layout for Downstream News and took over preparation of news from part-time staff member. Sent news minimum of twice a month.
- Collected resume's, scheduled and conducted interviews for new Membership and Development Coordinator position.
- Trained 6 volunteers in the Watershed Wonders classroom program, although all but 1 participant came from other nature centers to learn the program for their use.
- Worked with students from Heritage Middle School to plan a science project around using a stream table and relating it to issues on the Harpeth River.
- Worked with Ensworth High School to continue a 4-part restoration project on the Little Harpeth in Warner Parks.
- Developed information and solicitation materials for \$1-99 and \$100-500 levels for Harpeth Protection Campaign. Designed campaign poster for use on materials, web and printed poster size for media events along with piece for River Retailers program.
- Continue to work with JLB Works to redesign HRWA website and is continuing to work to get web info transferred to new site.

Public Relations

- **HRWA was featured in several media outlets this quarter. Coverage included:**

<u>Station/Paper</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Channel 2	"Carcinogen Found in Franklin Groundwater" April
Channel 4	"Carcinogen Found in Franklin Groundwater" April "Holdup to Plan to Clean Franklin Creek" April
Channel 5	"Attracting Attention to Harpeth River" March "Carcinogen Found in Franklin Groundwater" April
Williamson A.M.	Letters to the Editor :March Canoe Launch: March
Tennessean	Water Flow: March Drought Bill: April ELMCO Pollution: April (Front Page)
Tennessean Local News	Harpeth Blueway Project: March ELMCO Officials Tour: April
Franklin Review	Canoe Launch: March Water Plant Study: March

Westview Harpeth River Blueway: 2x March
Harpeth River Campaign : March

Herald Opinion Franklin Water : March

VIP Franklin Magazine Events HPS Party: May

The Journal Canoe Launch: March
(Spring Hill and Thompson's Station)

Brentwood Journal Canoe Launch: March

RADIO

New Lightning 100 news show Dorie interviewed regarding Harpeth
A second radio show Protection Campaign and state legislative issues

May - August 2008

- Annual 2008 newsletter with audited 2007 financials completed and to printer. Will be in mailboxes early September.
- The 2008 second quarter totals for education, outreach and membership events including restoration projects are:
232 volunteer hours, 44 staff hours and generated 3,872 contacts for a year to date contact total of 4,202 contacts
- New HRWA website launched in May 2008 with a total site design update by JLB Works and on a new platform, Site Mason. Site is now maintained in house by Outreach Director. Statistics to date are as follows:
 - May – 10,996 hits to pages within site
 - June - 27, 071 hits to pages within site
 - July – 26,297 hits to pages within site
 - Total Hits to date: 64,364 hits

Days of Peak Site activity are Wednesday and Thursday.

75% of visits are through direct address, 25% are from search engines or external links.

- Staff organized the Nissan Corporate Float and the Member's Family Floats with a total of 100 participants. Member's also enjoyed a Wildflower Hike program and a Fly Fishing Introduction Class.
- The fifth annual Lost Loon Triathlon on May 4 was a huge success with nearly 150 participants.

- The first Harpeth Happy Hours event held at the Blue Moon Lagoon was a great social event for members and to encourage new memberships. There were approximately 50 people in attendance.
- Staff attended the National River Rally Conference to network and to learn new techniques in watershed education that will help improve outreach programs.
- Staff attended the Patagonia Grassroots Activism conference to network and learn new skills for grassroots motivation, honing messages and web/email improvements.
- Staff and volunteers hosted information booths at public events including Franklin Arbor Day, Nashville Earth Day, MTSU Earth Day, Williamson County Bloom and Garden Show and the Core of Engineers Education Event in Cheatham County. Volunteers hosted booth and shared information on river and water conservation and better gardening practices.
- Staff attended the teacher workshop for the River Inside photographic exhibit featuring the work of John Guider at the Tennessee State Museum. Staff supplied four activities for the Newspapers In Education guide to accompany the exhibit.
- Staff delivered outreach program, Watershed Wonders, to Hunter's Bend Elementary School, Franklin's Montessori School, Akiva School and the Jr. Master Gardner's Camp. Staff participated in the Ensworth School Social Issues and Career Fair.
- Staff gave a talk to the University School of Nashville in the hopes of being awarded a portion of their Penny Harvest proceeds. HRWA was awarded \$250.
- Restoration projects took place on the Little Harpeth with Ensworth School, in Brentwood City Parks with Bob Parks Realty and at the HRWA office with a rain garden installation with the help of volunteers from the Franklin United Methodist Church.
- HRWA staff attended the Franklin Tomorrow Shrimp Boil.
- HRWA staff participated in Warner Park River Romp Event.

Public Relations

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Station/Paper

Topic

Channel 4

Liberty Creek Contamination covered June 24th, August 7th, 8th, 15th, and 18th

Channel 5	Egyptian Lacquer Public Hearing covered August 7 th and August 14 th
Williamson A.M.	Nissan Opening - July 22 nd West Harpeth Meetings- July
Tennessean	Nissan Opening and \$50,0000 to HRWA - July 23 rd July Community Calendar- Dorie and Pam Canoeing
Tennessean Local News	Fly Fishing Class featuring Chuck Robinson- June 19 th "Reservoir Empty..." August 11 th Nissan Opening- July 23 rd Egyptian Lacquer- August 7 th , August 8 th , August 10 th , August 14 th
Franklin Review	"Rains have helped, but conservation still encouraged." July 23 rd
Westview	"Harpeth River Launches 'Heart of the Harpeth' Campaign" July 23 rd
Dickson Herald	Family Float Announcement- June
Williamson Herald	Egyptian Lacquer Hearing- August 7 th , August 14 th

* Egyptian Lacquer Public Hearing coverage also occurred through local radio and Channel 10.

August - December 2008

- Staff participated in Eagleville Co-op Customer Appreciation Day to recruit prospects for the Headwaters Water Quality Improvement Program.
- Staff met with Randy Young of Tranquil Waterscapes regarding biological ponds and water reclamation and asked him to be an add sponsor for Jam
- Conducted site visit at Ladd property with Gwen Griffith of CRC. Discussed sign design and locations. Gardner conducted site visit of Ladd property with Paul Arnold of Trillium Ventures. Began getting sign quotes and working on design options.
- Cain conducted Tennessee Blueway Summit (Short Mountain, TN).

- Staff hosted TSRA Canoe Access Committee meetings.
- Staff, led by Bolze, worked with Craig Owensby of Tennessee Wild Side to produce video for Harpeth River Jam. Owensby graciously donated his time to produce the 7.5 minute film about HRWA.
- Staff supervised HRWA/TSRA installation of canoe access structure at Hwy 100.
- Staff participated in/hosted Nissan Float.
- Staff attended the NRCS/SCD Annual Awards Dinner and Co-op Customer Appreciation Day.

Public Relations

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<u>Station/Paper</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Williamson A.M.	“Creek Clean-up may take until 2011” December 26 th “Test for creek pollution missing” – October 6 th
Tennessean	Water Supply- August 27 th Egyptian Lacquer- September 9 th
Tennessean Local News	“State advises new steps in Franklin creek clean-up”- November 7 th “Neighbors anticipate creek clean-up”-November 11 th Egyptian Lacquer- August 7 th , August 8 th , August 10 th , August 14 th
Franklin Review	“A Look Back at 2008: The Year’s Top Stories” December 31 st “Water Supply Questions Linger” – August 27 th “It’s dry, but not tapped out”- October 1 st
Williamson Herald	Egyptian Lacquer – November 13 th



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