

Form **990-EZ**
 Department of the Treasury
 Internal Revenue Service

Short Form
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)
 Sponsoring organizations 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.

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2008
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A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning 10-01-2008, and ending 09-30-2009

- B** Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Termination
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization: CHARLES RIVER CONSERVANCY INC
 Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite: FOUR BRATTLE STREET
 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4: CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138

D Employer identification number: 04-3503656
E Telephone number: (617) 608-1410
F Group Exemption Number:

G Accounting method: Cash Accrual
 Other (specify):

I Website: www.thecharles.org
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. \$ 858,873

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

Revenue		Expenses		Net Assets	
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1		18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2		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)
3	Membership dues and assessments	3		20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)
4	Investment income	4	17,299	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year (combine lines 18 through 20)
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a			
b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b			
5c	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			
b	Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b			
6c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c			
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a			
b	Less cost of goods sold	7b			
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c			
8	Other revenue (describe _____)	8	615		
9	Total revenue (add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8)	9	858,873		
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	175,662		
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	71,200		
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	41,921		
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	25,228		
16	Other expenses (describe _____)	16	66,690		
17	Total expenses (add lines 10 through 16)	17	380,701		

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	1,302,896	22 1,484,577
23	Land and buildings	7,200	23 3,933
24	Other assets (describe _____)	20,517	24 838,374
25	Total assets	1,330,613	25 2,326,884
26	Total liabilities (describe _____)	72,008	26 26,722
27	Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	1,258,605	27 2,300,162

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

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

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?
 THE CHARLES RIVER CONSERVANCY, INC IS A NONPROFIT CORPORATION THAT PROMOTES THE ACTIVE AND INNOVATIVE USE OF THE 400 ACRES OF URBAN PUBLIC PARKLANDS ALONG THE CHARLES RIVER FROM BOSTON HARBOR TO THE WATERTOWN DAM THE CONSERVANCY AND ITS PARTNERS, THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS AND MANY OTHER COMMUNITY GROUPS ORGANIZE VOLUNTEERS TO BEAUTIFY THE PARKLANDS AND PRESERVE THE LANDSCAPE, ADVOCATE FOR LAND USES THAT ADVANCE HEALTHY LIVING, PUBLIC ACCESS, AND PHYSICAL PARKLAND IMPROVEMENTS, AND BUILD AWARENESS ABOUT THE CHARLES RIVER WITH A MISSION TO MAKE THE PARKLANDS MORE ACTIVE, ATTRACTIVE, AND ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL, THE CONSERVANCY IS SUPPORTED PRIMARILY THROUGH DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS AND GRANTS

Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, or other relevant information for each program title

28 See Additional Data Table

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

28a

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

29a

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

30a

31 Other program services (attach schedule)

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

31a

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

32

224,290

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated (See the instructions for Part IV)

(a) Name and address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
See Additional Data Table				

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		No
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		No
35 <i>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.</i>			
a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	35a		No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N</i>	36		No
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions <input type="checkbox"/> 37a _____ 0			
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		No
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b		
39 <i>501(c)(7) organizations.</i> 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 <i>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</i> Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 <input type="checkbox"/> _____ 0, section 4912 <input type="checkbox"/> _____ 0, section 4955 <input type="checkbox"/> _____ 0			
b <i>Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations.</i> 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I.</i>	40b		No
c Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 <input type="checkbox"/> _____ 0			
d Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization <input type="checkbox"/> _____ 0			
e <i>All organizations.</i> At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	40e		No
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed <input type="checkbox"/> MA			
42a The books are in care of <input type="checkbox"/> renata von tscharner Telephone no <input type="checkbox"/> (617) 608-1410 four brattle street Located at <input type="checkbox"/> cambridge, MA ZIP + 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 02138			
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)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country <input type="checkbox"/> _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.	42b	Yes	No
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U S ? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country <input type="checkbox"/> _____	42c		No
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year <input type="checkbox"/> 43 _____			
44 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? <i>If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.</i>	44		No
45 Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.</i>	45		No

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	Yes	No
47	Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	Yes	
48	Is the organization operating a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "yes," complete Schedule E		No
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?		No
49b	If "Yes," was the related organization(s) a section 527 organization?		

50 Complete this table for the five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees, and key employees) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there are 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 are 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 receiving over \$100,000		

Please Sign Here

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.

 Signature of officer _____ Date 2010-05-25

RENATA VON TSCHARNER president
 Type or print name and title _____

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature DAVID P MCMANUS CPA Date _____ Check if self-employed

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ALEXANDER ARONSON FINNING & CO PC
 21 EAST MAIN STREET
 WESTBORO, MA 01581

Preparer's PTIN (See Gen Inst X) _____
 EIN _____
 Phone no (508) 366-9100

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

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No 1545-0047

2008

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To be completed by all section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts.
Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization
CHARLES RIVER CONSERVANCY INC

Employer identification number

04-3503656

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (to be completed by all organizations) (See Instructions)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (Please check only **one** organization)

- 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)**. (Attach Schedule H)
- 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)**. (See instructions)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **Section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h
 a Type I b Type II c Type III - Functionally Integrated d Type III - Other
- e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

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

- (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 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 organizations the organization supports

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

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 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.)

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")	496,522	528,093	604,814	1,047,827	840,959	3,518,215
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 line 1-3	496,522	528,093	604,814	1,047,827	840,959	3,518,215
5 The portion of total contribution by each person (other than a government unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceed 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						1,110,133
6 Public Support subtract line 5 from line 4						2,408,082

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	496,522	817	604,814	1,047,827	840,959	3,518,215
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	1,426	817	8,034	35,932	17,914	64,123
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)						3,582,338
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions)					12	13,987
13 First Five Years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public Support Percentage for 2008 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	14	67.220 %
15 Public Support Percentage for 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15	68.650 %

- 16a 33 1/3% Test - 2008.** 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
- b 33 1/3% Test - 2007.** If the organization did not check the 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
- 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
- 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
- 18 Private Foundation.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a or 17b, check this box and see instructions

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 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.")						
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 1-5						
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 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000						
c Total of lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public Support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

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						
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 30 June, 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 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/>						

Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public Support Percentage for 2008 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15	
16 Public Support Percentage for 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g	16	

Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment Income Percentage for 2008 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17	
18 Investment Income Percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h	18	

- 19a 33 1/3% Tests - 2008.** 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% Tests - 2007.** 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 information required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b, or Part III, line 12. Provide and any other additional information. (see instructions)

Facts and Circumstances Test

SCHEDULE C (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No 1545-0047

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

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To be completed by organizations described below. Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ

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

- 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)

- 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
Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations complete Part III

Name of the organization CHARLES RIVER CONSERVANCY INC

Employer identification number 04-3503656

Part I-A To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c) and section 527 organizations. (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

- 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 To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3). (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

- 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 in 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 To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3). (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

- 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 internal funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities \$
3 Total of direct and indirect exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 and enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b \$
4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? Yes No
5 State the names, addresses and Employer Identification Number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which payments were made Enter the amount paid and indicate if the amount was paid from the filing organization's own internal funds or were political contributions received and 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

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name, (b) Address, (c) EIN, (d) Amount paid from filing organization's internal funds, (e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization.

Part II-A To be completed by organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) that filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)). (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

- A** Check if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group
B Check if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures— (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)	(a) Filing Organization's Totals	(b) Affiliated Group Totals
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)		
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	24,000	
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	24,000	
d Other exempt purpose expenditures	356,701	
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	380,701	
f Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns— If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	76,140	
Not over \$500,000		
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000		
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000		
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000		
Over \$17,000,000		
The lobbying nontaxable amount is:		
20% of the amount on line 1e		
\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000		
\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000		
\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000		
\$1,000,000		
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)	19,035	
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a Enter -0- if line g is more than line a	0	
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c Enter -0- if line f is more than line c	0	
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)
 (Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 1a through 1f of the instructions.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) Total
2a Lobbying non-taxable amount	73,910	86,260	122,164	76,140	358,474
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					537,711
c Total lobbying expenditures	24,795	24,850	24,750	24,000	98,395
d Grassroots non-taxable amount	18,477	21,565	30,541	19,035	89,618
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line d, column (e))					134,427
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B To be completed by organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)). (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

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

Part III-A To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6). (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

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

Part III-B To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) if BOTH Part III-A, questions 1 and 2 are answered "No" OR if Part III-A, question 3 is answered "Yes." (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

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

Part IV Supplemental Information

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

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation

TY 2008 Other Assets Schedule

Name: CHARLES RIVER CONSERVANCY INC

EIN: 04-3503656

Description	Beginning of Year Amount	End of Year Amount
grants and pledges receivable	12,278	220,278
prepaid expenses	8,239	8,869
skatepark construction	0	609,227

TY 2008 Other Changes in Net Assets Schedule

Name: CHARLES RIVER CONSERVANCY INC

EIN: 04-3503656

Description	Amount
Prior period net asset adjustment	469,174
capitalized donated legal Services	94,211

TY 2008 Other Expenses Schedule**Name:** CHARLES RIVER CONSERVANCY INC**EIN:** 04-3503656

Description	Amount
insurance	15,346
events and entertainment	10,629
dues and subscriptions	6,946
training and workshops	4,434
miscellaneous	1,578
travel	499
depreciation	3,268
supplies	23,990

TY 2008 Other Liabilities Schedule

Name: CHARLES RIVER CONSERVANCY INC

EIN: 04-3503656

Description	Beginning of Year Amount	End of Year Amount
accounts payable	72,008	16,672
deferred revenue	0	10,050

TY 2008 Other Revenues Schedule

Name: CHARLES RIVER CONSERVANCY INC

EIN: 04-3503656

Description	Amount
miscellaneous	615

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
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Name: CHARLES RIVER CONSERVANCY INC

Form 990EZ, Part III - Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, or other relevant information for each program title.	Expenses (Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947 (a)(1) trusts; optional for others.)	
28 CONSERVANCY VOLUNTEERS - This program is the conservancy's largest, which organizes 2,500 volunteers each year to improve the landscape, health, and safety of 400 acres of the urban Charles River Parklands. Projects include erosion control, debris removal, brush cutting, tree pruning, bench and rail painting, plantings, and the restoration of bridge embankments. (Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	98,028
29 ACTIVE PARKLANDS - This initiative seeks to increase opportunities within the Charles River Parklands for active recreation and community engagement. To this end, the Conservancy has formed partnerships with the state Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and other organizations in order to offer free games for families (bocce, tetherball, sack races, etc.) on Sunday afternoons, support masters swim races in the Charles River and explore the feasibility of returning public swimming to the Charles, produce and inspire community celebrations along the river. (Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	60,828
30 SKATEPARK - The Conservancy has spearheaded a campaign for a world-class skatepark to be built under the ramps leading to the Zakim/Bunker Hill Bridge. Design and fundraising has included the involvement of over 500 youths and the nationally renowned firm, Grindline Skateparks, Inc. Final design and construction will be in partnership with the state Department of Conservation and Recreation. (Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	34,566
OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY - The Conservancy provides advocacy on behalf of the Parklands on a variety of issues, both on an ad-hoc basis and as part of a long-term vision regarding how the Parklands can realize their full potential. Advocacy efforts include increasing the DCR's urban parks budget, preserving the parkway character of Storrow and Memorial Drives, improving bridge rehabilitations and the related pathways overhaul, strengthening bike and pedestrian access, and calling for more bridge underpasses. The Conservancy also provides community education about the Charles River Parklands through a variety of outlets, including the co-publication with The MIT Press in 2002 of the book <i>Inventing the Charles River</i> , print and electronic newsletters, and hosting a television show on Cambridge Community Television (CCTV). (Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/>		30,868

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

(A) Name and address	(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(C) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(E) Expense account and other allowances
Renata von Tscharnier four brattle street Cambridge, MA 02138	President 40 00	0	0	0
Catherine Henn four brattle street Cambridge, MA 02138	Board chair 1 00	0	0	0
Virginia Foote four brattle street Cambridge, MA 02138	Board treasurer 1 00	0	0	0
Catherine Donaher four brattle street Cambridge, MA 02138	board Clerk 1 00	0	0	0
Michael Epstein four brattle street Cambridge, MA 02138	Board Member 1 00	0	0	0
Nancy Schon four brattle street Cambridge, MA 02138	Board Member 1 00	0	0	0
Daniel Calano four brattle street Cambridge, MA 02138	Board Member 1 00	0	0	0
Mark Krackiewicz four brattle street Cambridge, MA 02138	board member 1 00	0	0	0
Linda Lerner four brattle street Cambridge, MA 02138	Board Member 1 00	0	0	0
Matthew Petrie four brattle street Cambridge, MA 02138	Board Member 1 00	0	0	0
Karen Schwartzman four brattle street Cambridge, MA 02138	Board Member 1 00	0	0	0
Jay Baldwin four brattle street Cambridge, MA 02138	board MEMBER 1 00	0	0	0