

Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2008

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

▶ 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.*

A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01/01, 2008, and ending 12/31, 20 **08**

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Termination <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.	C Name of organization TRYON LIFE COMMUNITY FARM Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 11640 SW Boones Ferry Road City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 Portland, OR 97219	D Employer identification number 20 1887272 E Telephone number (503) 245-3847 F Group Exemption Number . . . ▶
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• **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: ▶ www.tryonfarm.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 ▶ \$ **84,534**

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	70,690
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	13,024
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	0
	4 Investment income	4	0
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	140
	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	140
	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 \$ <u>4,990</u> of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	680
b Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	274	
c Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	406	
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	0	
b Less: cost of goods sold	7b	0	
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	0	
8 Other revenue (describe ▶ _____)	8	0	
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8. ▶	9	84,260	
Expenses	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	0
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	0
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	1,315
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	9,318
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	25,681
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	2,137
	16 Other expenses (describe ▶ <u>See Statement 2</u>)	16	21,331
17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16. ▶	17	59,782	
Net Assets	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	24,478
	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	297,260
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	0
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20. ▶	21	321,738

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			12,761	22	14,892
23 Land and buildings			579,028	23	576,074
24 Other assets (describe ▶ <u>See Statement 3</u>)			17,288	24	26,884
25 Total assets			609,077	25	617,850
26 Total liabilities (describe ▶ <u>See Statement 4</u>)			311,817	26	296,112
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)			297,260	27	321,738

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? <u>Conserve land; sustainability edu, demo</u> 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 Statement 5 (Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	
29 (Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	
30 (Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	
31 Other program services (attach schedule) (Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	52,958

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
<u>See Statement 6</u>				
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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	✓	
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	✓	
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?		✓
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
36	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		✓
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a 0		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		✓
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still unpaid at the start of the period covered by this return?	✓	
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b 13,500		
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		✓
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.		✓
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶ OR		
42a	The books are in care of ▶ Susanna Romas Telephone no. ▶ (503) 245-3847 Located at ▶ 11640 SW Boones Ferry Rd, Portland, OR 97219 ZIP + 4 ▶ 97219		
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: ▶ 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.? 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 ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> 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		✓
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		✓

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.

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

► **Tod Sloan, Co-President**

► Type or print name and title.

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature ► _____ Date _____ Check if self-employed ► Preparer's Identifying Number (See instructions) _____

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ► _____ EIN ► _____

Phone no. ► () _____

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

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support
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 TRYON LIFE COMMUNITY FARM	Employer identification number 20 1887272
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Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) (see instructions)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (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 33⅓% 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 33⅓% 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?
 - (i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?
 - (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?
 - (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?

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

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 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.")	4,231	156,916	287,265	24,392	70,690	543,494
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Total. Add lines 1-3	4,231	156,916	287,265	24,392	70,690	543,494
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)						114,281
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						429,213

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	4,231	156,916	287,265	24,392	70,690	543,494
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	0	0	0	0	0	0
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)	0	0	0	0	0	0
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						543,494
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	46,723
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 checked="" 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.")						
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 Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 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 June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** ▶

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g	16	%

Section D. 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 % support 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 % support 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 explanation required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; or Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. (see instructions)

Dotted lines for supplemental information entry.

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

2008

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

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

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- If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then**
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and B. Do not complete Part I-C.
 - Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and C below. Do not complete Part I-B.
 - Section 527 organizations: Complete Part I-A only.

- If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then**
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-A. Do not complete Part II-B.
 - Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A.

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax), then

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

Name of organization TRYON LIFE COMMUNITY FARM	Employer identification number 20 1887272
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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 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 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 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.

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

Part II-A 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)														
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)														
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures														
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)														
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.														
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Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.														
g	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)														
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a. Enter -0- if line g is more than line a														
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c. Enter -0- if line f is more than line c														
j	If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No												

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)
 (Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 2a through 2f 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					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots non-taxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
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 1c through 1i)?	✓		
c Media advertisements?		✓	
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?		✓	
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?	✓		13
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?		✓	
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?	✓		0
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any other means?	✓		161
i Other activities? If "Yes," describe in Part IV		✓	
j Total lines 1c through 1i			174
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 Schedule C instructions for details.

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

See Statement 7

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Part IV Supplemental Information *(continued)*

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SCHEDULE L
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Transactions With Interested Persons

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
▶ To be completed by organizations that answered
"Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c,
or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.

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Name of the organization TRYON LIFE COMMUNITY FARM	Employer identification number 20 1887272
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Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3) and section 501(c)(4) organizations only).
To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b.

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

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

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.
To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 26, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a.

(a) Name of interested person and purpose	(b) Loan to or from the organization?		(c) Original principal amount	(d) Balance due	(e) In default?		(f) Approved by board or committee?		(g) Written agreement?	
	To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
See Statement 8										
Total				▶ \$	13,500					

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.
To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

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

Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.
To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No

Statement 1 : General Explanations

Statement 2 : Other Expenses Schedule

Statement 3 : Other Assets

Statement 4 : Liabilities Schedule

Statement 5 : Program Service Accomplishments

Statement 6 : Officers, Directors, Trustees and Key Employees Compensation

Statement 7 : Supplemental Information

Statement 8 : Description of Loans to and/or From Interested Persons

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GeneralExplanationAttachment

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General Explanations

Reference:	Form 990-EZ, Part V, Line 33
Identifier:	F99Z_P05_S00_L33
Explanation:	TLC Farm launched a project called "Recode", bringing together various stakeholders in community-led processes to change regulations to better support sustainability. This involves educational presentations, facilitated brainstorming and problem-solving sessions, and grassroots organizing for specific legislative and administrative changes.

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OtherExpensesSchedule2

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Other Expenses Schedule

Description	Amount
Supplies	\$11,581
Telephone and communications	\$958
Travel	\$1,687
Interest -general	\$1,381
Insurance	\$4,466
Permits and related fees	\$235
Staff development	\$338
Advertising expenses	\$600
Other expenses	\$10
Organizational (corp) expenses	\$75
Total:	\$21,331

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Line Number: Part II Line 24

OtherAssetsSchedule3

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Other Assets

Description	BOY Amount	EOY Amount
Accounts receivable	\$6,258	\$14,734
Inventories for auction	\$3,808	\$5,679
Prepaid expenses	\$3,763	\$3,093
Furnitures, fixtures and equipment	\$3,272	\$2,987
Funds held in trust by others	\$187	\$391
Total:	\$17,288	\$26,884

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Line Number: Part II Line 26

OtherLiabilitiesSchedule3

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Liabilities Schedule

Description	BOY Amount	EOY Amount
Accounts payable	\$1,340	\$474
Accrued payroll taxes	\$170	\$41
Accrued expense, other	\$1,050	\$1,050
Payroll tax withholdings payable	\$201	\$0
Trustee and employee loan payable	\$15,500	\$13,500
Short term liabilities, other	\$25,000	\$18,000
Mortgages payable	\$232,564	\$229,823
Long term liabilities, other	\$35,992	\$33,224
Total:	\$311,817	\$296,112

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Line Number: Part III Line 28

ProgramServiceAccomplishmentStatement

Program Service Accomplishments

Achievement	Grants And Allocations	includes Foreign Grants	Program Service Expenses
<p>Land Conservation, General/Other: TLC Farm continued to conserve its remarkable program site by demonstrating deeply valuable public human uses that also improve native habitat function, biodiversity, and ecological health. This included volunteer activities with youth and adult participants to selectively discourage highly active pioneer species (like English Ivy, Himalayan Blackberry, and the like), especially in maturing areas bordering Tryon Creek State Park. We also maintained food forests that create a perennial polyculture with ecological function and human-useful production. (7 acres)</p>	\$0		\$7,509
<p>Community Capacity Building programs: TLC Farm acted as a catalyst for building relationships with many other organizations in the context of a holistic relationship with the earth. This is done in a wide variety of ways: by making the farm available for events to many different kinds of organizations, who then build relationships with each other; by specifically creating our own events that bring diverse communities and organizations together; and by developing ongoing partnerships of many kinds. In 2008, TLC Farm built global-scale relationships between sustainability learning centers as part of the Berkana Exchange annual meeting in Kufunda Village, Zimbabwe. Over a dozen deeply rooted learning centers from all continents exchanged experiences, skills, and wisdom. We also continued to host Mother Earth Kindergarten, a bio-immersion program which doubled the number of children spending most of their time outside learning through direct experience with the environment. (est. 25 organizations)</p>	\$0		\$13,639
<p>Environmental & Sustainable Design, General/Other: TLC Farm continued to grow its research and demonstration projects exploring and illustrating integration of human and non-human habitat. TLC Farm volunteers transformed approximately a quarter acre from invasive blackberries into food forests and organic gardens. TLC Farm improved its infrastructure to support our programs by starting construction on a beautiful 1400 sq. ft. round-wood roof for the outdoor kitchen. The structure demonstrates a variety of techniques for efficiently using a widely available renewable resource in Oregon: small-diameter poles. We also initiated construction of an office loft in the barn, demonstrating a variety of natural and green building techniques, such as light clay/straw insulation, earthen plaster, and recycled materials. Sustainable animal husbandry was also showcased at TLC Farm through a Nubian dairy goat herd, which allowed city residents a rare opportunity to see and learn about traditional farm animals. Our two does had three baby goats in 2008, who dazzled farm visitors with their adorable antics. The goats also helped with invasive species removal, by browsing down fields of blackberries. Finally, the ReCode project gathered steam in its regional campaign to identify and remove legal and other barriers to sustainable building and land use. A city grant funded a part-time coordinator, who helped establish regular monthly educational meetings and five active working groups. (est. 0.25 acre converted to gardens; 2 major structures initiated)</p>	\$0		\$19,296
<p>Environmental Education Programs, General/Other: Various educational programs were carried out by TLC Farm in 2008. The Hands-on Sustainability program brought 65 student field trips to TLC, providing an estimated 1615 learning hours. Participants, ranging from pre-school to college, were led in farm tours and a variety of interactive sustainable-living programs. These include ecological gardening and food activities (e.g. "healthy soil," "food system," and garden tasks such as seeding, harvesting, transplanting,</p>	\$0		\$12,514

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composting, and weeding), cob building projects (a natural building technique) such as cob benches and sculptures, habitat restoration (invasive plant removal), medicinal plant activities (identifying and labeling plants), environmental arts & crafts projects, and more. In addition, some groups were given forest ecology and watershed health lessons in the adjacent Tryon Creek State Park. Eight interns immersed themselves in TLC Farm during 2008, staying for 1 to 10 weeks. Interns participated in a wide variety of projects, from curriculum development and teaching, to extensive gardening and animal husbandry, to fundraising development, to building projects. TLC Farm hosted 18 community workshops on a wide variety of sustainability-related topics, including several weekend-long workshops. Workshops covered topics such as: Food Forests, Animal Husbandry, Graywater Systems, Earthen Plaster, Cheese Making and more. (est. 1615 student learning hours; 8 interns; 18 workshops)

Total: **\$52,958**

Statement 6

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Line Number: Part IV

OfficersDirectorsEtcStatement

Officers, Directors, Trustees and Key Employees Compensation

Name	Title and Hrs	Compensation	Benefits	Expense
Brenna Bell 11640 SW Boones Ferry Road Portland, OR 97219	President 4	\$0	\$0	\$0
Jacqueline Medford 11640 SW Boones Ferry Road Portland, OR 97219	Board Member 2	\$0	\$0	\$0
Al Thieme 11640 SW Boones Ferry Road Portland, OR 97219	Board Member 2	\$0	\$0	\$0
Tod Sloan 11640 SW Boones Ferry Road Portland, OR 97219	Board Member 2	\$0	\$0	\$0
Oso Martin 11640 SW Boones Ferry Road Portland, OR 97219	Secretary (on leave) 0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Samantha Backer 11640 SW Boones Ferry Road Portland, OR 97219	Acting Secretary 2	\$0	\$0	\$0
Miles Uchida 11640 SW Boones Ferry Road Portland, OR 97219	Treasurer 2	\$0	\$0	\$0
Judy BlueHorse Skelton 11640 SW Boones Ferry Rd 2 Portland, OR 97219	Board Member	\$0	\$0	\$0
Toby Hemenway 11640 SW Boones Ferry Rd 2 Portland, OR 97219	Board Member	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total:		\$0	\$0	\$0

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Form990ScheduleCPartIV

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Supplemental Information

Explanation:

Reference: Schedule C, Part II-B, Line 1 As one part of its "Recode" project, TLC Farm encouraged the formulation by community groups and adoption by legislative and administrative bodies of regulations to support sustainable practices. Recode's primary lobbying effort in 2008 was to encourage Oregon state legislation to enable the reuse of graywater. Most of this grassroots-based lobbying was accomplished by volunteers using the internet and in-person meetings; some of it was indirectly supported by a paid coordinator (who primarily worked on matters not directly related to lobbying).

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LoanTable

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Description of Loans to and/or From Interested Persons

Name and purpose	Loan to	Loan from	Default	Approved	Written	Original principal amount	Balance due
Brenna Bell Acquiring and servicing contract to purchase program site	Yes		No	Yes	Yes	\$15,500	\$13,500

Total: **\$13,500**

Loan to = Loan to organization?

Loan from = Loan from organization?

Approved = Approved by board?

Written = Written agreement?