

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

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)**

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OMB No. 1545-0047

2022**Open to Public Inspection****A For the 2022 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2022, and ending 06-30-2023****B** Check if applicable:

- ☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Final return/terminated
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

C Name of organization
GROWSMART MAINE

Doing business as

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)
227 WATER STREET SUITE 215

Room/suite

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
AUGUSTA, ME 043304651**F** Name and address of principal officer:NANCY E SMITH
SAME AS C ABOVE
AUGUSTA, ME 043304651**D** Employer identification number

81-0620660

E Telephone number

(207) 582-4330

G Gross receipts \$ **482,025****I** Tax-exempt status: ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) () ◀ (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**J** Website: ▶ WWW.GROWSMARTMAINE.ORG**H(a)** Is this a group return for subordinates? ☐ Yes ☒ No**H(b)** Are all subordinates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No," attach a list. See instructions.

H(c) Group exemption number ▶**K** Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶**L** Year of formation: 2003**M** State of legal domicile: ME**Part I Summary**

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>TO BUILD LASTING PROSPERITY WITHOUT SACRIFICING THE QUALITY OF LIFE THAT DEFINES MAINE.</u>		
	2 Check this box ☐		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	15
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	15
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2022 (Part V, line 2a)	5	3
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	26
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	7b		
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
		168,462	255,777
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	54,985	225,847
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	31	401
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		0
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	223,478	482,025
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)		0
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	105,281	164,327
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 0		
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	72,864	254,657
	18 Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	178,145	418,984
	19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	45,333	63,041
Net Assets or Fund Balances		Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	187,876	460,420
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	62,310	271,814
22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	125,566	188,606	

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign
Here

Signature of officer

2024-04-24

Date

NANCY E SMITH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Type or print name and title

Paid
Preparer
Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name

Preparer's signature

Date

2024-04-24

Check ☐ if
self-employedPTIN
P00328190

Firm's name ▶ SMITH & ASSOCIATES CPAS

Firm's EIN ▶ 01-0522395

Firm's address ▶ 500 US ROUTE 1 STE 102

Phone no. (207) 846-8881

YARMOUTH, ME 040966817

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See Instructions.

☒ Yes ☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

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1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

TO BUILD LASTING PROSPERITY WITHOUT SACRIFICING THE QUALITY OF LIFE THAT DEFINES MAINE.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

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

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 41,952 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

POLICY ACTION 2023 OVER THE PAST YEAR, GROWSMART LAUNCHED A BOLD INITIATIVE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BUILD MAINE TO CREATE A COLLABORATIVE, TRANSPARENT PROCESS DEVELOPING PUBLIC POLICY AROUND A SHARED GOAL: TO ADDRESS BARRIERS TO AND CREATE INCENTIVES FOR EQUITABLE, SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT THAT STRENGTHENS DOWNTOWNS AND VILLAGES OF ALL SIZES WHILE PULLING DEVELOPMENT PRESSURE AWAY FROM PRODUCTIVE AND OPEN NATURAL AREAS. WE WORK WITH BIPARTISAN SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS OVER THE TWO YEARS OF THE 131ST LEGISLATURE - FOUR BILLS PASSED AND SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR. THESE WERE INCREMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS TO FUNDING LEVELS AND POLICY, AS WELL AS RESOLVES FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE NEXT SESSION. - ONE BILL WAS WITHDRAWN AND A REVISED PROPOSAL WAS SUBMITTED FOR THE NEXT SESSION - FOUR BILLS WERE VOTED DOWN IN COMMITTEE; WITH ONE PIECE BROUGHT INTO A BILL THAT PASSED. - NINE BILLS CARRIED OVER TO THE NEXT SESSION. OUTCOMES INCLUDE 5.7MILLION IN ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR TRANSIT AND BROADENING REPRESENTATION ON THE PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY COUNCIL, RECOMMENDATIONS ON PLANNING ASSISTANCE TO MAINE COMMUNITIES, ADDING SAFETY METRICS AND CRASH DATA TO MAINEDOT'S PRIORITIZATION AND EVALUATION, AND ESTABLISHING AN ENERGY SCORING SYSTEM FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS GROWSMART MAINE CONTINUES TO PRESS FOR STRATEGIES THAT FACILITATE MORE HOUSING WITHOUT UNDOING THE GOOD WORK IN RESPONSE TO THE CLIMATE CRISIS AND WITHOUT CREATING THE NEXT CRISIS IN ACCESS TO FOOD AND FARMLAND PLANNING FOR AGRICULTURE: GROWSMART SUPPORTED BILLS THAT PROTECT FARMLAND AND SUPPORT FARM VIABILITY. BILLS ADDRESSED PFAS CONTAMINATION AND MAINTAINING THE BALANCE BETWEEN FARMLAND AND SOLAR AND WIND ENERGY PRODUCTION AND CARBON SEQUESTRATION. SMART GROWTH AND BROADBAND: WE SUPPORTED BILLS TO ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT OF ACCESSORY-DWELLING UNITS, INCREASE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING, ENCOURAGE SAFE AND INTERCONNECTED TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS, AND THROUGH OUR POLICY LEADERSHIP IN THE MAINE BROADBAND COALITION, WE ADVOCATED TO SECURE INTERNET PRIVACY, AND EXPAND BROADBAND-RELATED FUNDING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITIES.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 41,530 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 36,010)

PLANNING FOR AGRICULTURE PLANNING FOR AG IS A COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE AMERICAN FARMLAND TRUST (AFT) AND GROWSMART MAINE TO MAKE FARM VIABILITY AND FARMLAND PROTECTION AN INTEGRAL PART OF LAND USE PLANNING. THE INITIATIVE IS A RESPONSE TO THE ALARMING RATE OF FARMLAND LOSS IN MAINE AND ACROSS AMERICA. MAINE LOST ALMOST 150,000 ACRES, OR 10%, OF ITS FARMLAND BETWEEN 2012 AND 2017, MUCH OF IT DUE TO "LOW-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT- OR SPRAWL. GSM WORKS WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO LIMIT SPRAWL AND ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT TOWARD EXISTING VILLAGE CENTERS. SMART GROWTH ALLOWS LOCAL BUSINESSES AND FARMERS' MARKETS TO THRIVE ON WALKABLE MAIN STREETS, COMMUNITIES TO BENEFIT FROM RESILIENT LOCAL FOOD NETWORKS, AND FAMILIES TO ACCESS HEALTHY, LOCALLY GROWN FOOD. REDUCING SPRAWL HAS ALSO BEEN SHOWN TO HAVE A POSITIVE FISCAL IMPACT ON TOWN AND MUNICIPAL BUDGETS. OUR EFFORTS ARE FOCUSED ON: 1) ADVOCACY AT THE LOCAL AND STATE LEVELS TO ADVANCE LEGISLATION, PLANNING SOLUTIONS, AND OTHER MEASURES THAT HELP SAFEGUARD FARMLAND AND FARM VIABILITY; 2) CONVENING PARTNERS AND CHANNELING RESOURCES TO AMPLIFY SMART GROWTH AND FARM COMMUNITY VOICES IN TOWN AND MUNICIPAL PLANNING PROCESSES; 3) ENABLING LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND CITIZEN PLANNERS TO INTEGRATE FARM VIABILITY AND FARM PROTECTION STRATEGIES IN COMPREHENSIVE PLANS AND LAND- USE ORDINANCES. WE DO THIS BY MAKING RELEVANT TOOLS AND GUIDANCE READILY AVAILABLE, FOR EXAMPLE THROUGH OUR ONLINE PLANNING FOR AG TOOLBOX. IMPORTANTLY, SUPPORT FROM THE AMERICAN FARMLAND TRUST HAS ENABLED GROWSMART MAINE TO SECURE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND EXPAND OUR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE THREE NEW PROGRAMS OUTLINED BELOW. THE COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PARTNERSHIP MUNICIPALITIES ARE SEEKING WAYS TO ADAPT TO CURRENT AND PROJECTED CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS TO BETTER PROTECT LIVES AND PROPERTY AND ENSURE THEY CAN CONTINUE TO OFFER A GOOD QUALITY OF LIFE AND A THRIVING ECONOMY NOW AND IN THE FUTURE. SMART GROWTH NOT ONLY PREPARES A COMMUNITY AND ITS RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES FOR THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE BUT ALSO IMPROVES EVERYDAY LIFE. WITH SUPPORT FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF POLICY INNOVATION AND THE FUTURE (GOPIF), GROWSMART MAINE HELPS COMMUNITIES ENROLL IN THE COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PARTNERSHIP. ONCE ENROLLED, COMMUNITIES MAY APPLY DIRECTLY FOR GRANTS FROM GOPIF TO SUPPORT PROJECTS THAT REDUCE ENERGY USE AND COSTS AND MAKE THEIR COMMUNITY MORE RESILIENT TO CLIMATE CHANGE EFFECTS, SUCH AS FLOODING, EXTREME WEATHER, DROUGHT, AND PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS. GROWSMART MAINE IS CURRENTLY WORKING WITH THE TOWNS OF MOUNT VERNON AND VIENNA AND IS AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT OTHER TOWNS FOR FUTURE ROUNDS. THE HOUSING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM THROUGH PLANNING FOR AG, GROWSMART MAINE HAS PROVIDED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS IN BOWDOINHAM, FOCUSED ON STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS IMMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM NEEDS IN HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE. BOWDOINHAM IS SITUATED WITHIN COMMUTING DISTANCE OF MAJOR EMPLOYERS AND SERVICE CENTERS AND DEVELOPMENT PRESSURE IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TO INCREASE THREATENING SIGNIFICANT FARM AND BUILDING ON THIS WORK. GROWSMART MAINE WAS

DEVELOPMENT PRESSURE IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TO INCREASE, THREATENING SIGNIFICANT FARMLAND. BUILDING ON THIS WORK, GROWSMART MAINE HAS AWARDED A SERVICE PROVIDER GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S HOUSING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM. THE GRANT ALLOWS GROWSMART MAINE TO DEMONSTRATE FARMLAND PROTECTION AS A KEY COMPONENT OF THE ONGOING STATE AND FEDERAL FOCUS ON INCREASING AFFORDABLE HOUSING. IN ADDITION TO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, GROWSMART WILL DEVELOP EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE STATEWIDE. THE GRANT WILL ALSO ENABLE US TO WORK WITH THE HANCOCK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION (HCPC) TO DEVELOP RESOURCES ON THE SUSTAINABLE SITING OF NEW HOUSING AS A PART OF THEIR REGIONAL PLANNING PROCESS. BUILDING COMMUNITY STRENGTH: A COMMUNITY PLANNING CAPACITY-BUILDING PROGRAM THIS PROPOSED 3-YEAR PROGRAM BUILDS ON EXISTING COMMUNITY STRENGTHS AND WILL PROVIDE TRAINING, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND GRANTS TO RURAL MUNICIPALITIES IN MAINE. THE GOAL IS TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES' ABILITY TO IDENTIFY COMMUNITY PRIORITIES, DEVELOP STRATEGIC AND EFFECTIVE PLANS, AND ACCESS FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT PROJECTS. BY DESIGN, THIS PROGRAM BUILDS LOCAL CAPACITY THAT WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE COMMUNITIES BEYOND THE SPAN OF THIS PROGRAM. THE PROPOSAL WAS SUBMITTED TO USDA: RURAL DEVELOPMENT WITH MATCHING FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN FARMLAND TRUST. TEN MUNICIPALITIES SIGNED UP TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM. IF FUNDED, TRAINEES FROM EACH MUNICIPALITY WILL TACKLE CLIMATE RESILIENCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FARM VIABILITY AND FARMLAND PROTECTION, HOUSING FOR A WELL-ROUNDED COMMUNITY, AND EQUITABLE AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. TRAINEES WILL ALSO BE SUPPORTED IN RESEARCHING AND APPLYING FOR STATE, FEDERAL, AND FOUNDATION FUNDING. THE TRAININGS WILL BE DELIVERED THROUGH THREE PLATFORMS: 1) JOINT WORKSHOPS BRINGING TOGETHER TRAINERS AND TRAINEES FROM ALL ENROLLED COMMUNITIES TO LEARN FROM EACH OTHER, SHARE RESOURCES AND EXPERIENCES, AND SOLVE COMMON CHALLENGES; 2) COMMUNITY VISITS WHERE TRAINERS AND TRAINEES ENGAGE THE BROADER COMMUNITY AND SET COMMUNITY GOALS IN A NEUTRAL AND FACILITATED STRUCTURE, AND; 3) ONGOING LEARNING IS SUPPORTED THROUGH ONLINE TOOLS AND RESOURCES, AS WELL AS A DEDICATED Q&A MEMBERS' FORUM.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ **75,578** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ **189,837**)

GROWSMART MAINE HOSTS THE KENNEBEC BROADBAND PARTNERSHIP, A PROGRAM OF THE MAINE CONNECTIVITY AUTHORITY. THIS PARTNERSHIP SUPPORTS BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AND DIGITAL EQUITY AND LITERACY PROJECTS TO CONNECT RESIDENTS IN KENNEBEC COUNTY. IT IS ONE OF 13 REGIONAL AND TRIBAL BROADBAND PROGRAMS IN THE STATE. THE PARTNERSHIP SEEKS TO CREATE ALIGNMENT AND COORDINATION BETWEEN COMMUNITIES, REGIONS, AND THE STATE FOR BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY. IN ADDITION, THIS PROGRAM ADVANCES DIGITAL EQUITY AND LITERACY FOR PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY, COVERING 29 TOWNS. DIGITAL EQUITY IS A CONDITION WHERE ALL INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES HAVE THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CAPACITY NEEDED FOR FULL PARTICIPATION IN OUR SOCIETY, DEMOCRACY, AND ECONOMY. DIGITAL EQUITY IS NECESSARY FOR CIVIC AND CULTURAL PARTICIPATION, EMPLOYMENT, LIFELONG LEARNING, AND ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL SERVICES. WITH SUPPORT FROM THE KENNEBEC COUNTY DIGITAL EQUITY WORKING GROUP, WE CREATED A REGIONAL KENNEBEC COUNTY DIGITAL EQUITY PLAN, DETERMINING THE CONNECTIVITY, DEVICE, AND LEARNING NEEDS OF PEOPLE WITH LOW INCOME, ELDERLY, PEOPLE WITH DIFFERENT ABILITIES, VETERANS, RURAL RESIDENTS, AND PEOPLE WITH LOW-LITERACY OR LEARNING ENGLISH. THIS PLAN IS PART OF MAINE'S DIGITAL EQUITY PLAN, WHICH SERVES AS A FIVE-YEAR ROAD MAP TO BRING THE ECONOMIC, HEALTH, EDUCATIONAL, AND SOCIAL BENEFITS OF HIGH-SPEED INTERNET TO ALL MAINERS. IN 2024, THE PROGRAM WILL IMPLEMENT DIGITAL LITERACY PROGRAMS ACROSS THE REGION AND PROMOTE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE INTERNET AND DEVICES AND REGIONAL BROADBAND SOLUTIONS.

(Code:) (Expenses \$ **150,000** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

GROWSMART RECEIVED AN ANONYMOUS DONATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF A COALITION NAMED MOVING MAINE NETWORK. THE FUNDS ARE HELD IN RESERVES FOR THE COALITION TO UTILIZE WITHIN ITS MISSION, VISION, AND VALUES. THE MOVING MAINE NETWORK CONVENES STAKEHOLDERS FROM ACROSS SECTORS AND PERSPECTIVES TO ELEVATE SOLUTIONS AND CHAMPION POLICY ACTIONS. OUR 2022-23 POLICY PRIORITIES WERE DEVELOPED THROUGH INPUT FROM HUNDREDS OF STAKEHOLDERS REPRESENTING VARIOUS INTERESTS AND LIVED EXPERIENCES ACROSS THE STATE. WE BELIEVE THESE PRIORITIES AND THE RELATED ACTIONS WILL ADVANCE THE KEY MOBILITY ISSUES OUR COMMUNITY SEEKS TO ADDRESS. SELECTION OF THESE PRIORITIES WAS INFORMED BY OUR CORE VALUES. IN 2022 AND 2023, MOVING MAINE WILL FOSTER UNDERSTANDING AMONG POLICYMAKERS ABOUT THE IMPACT OF TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS AND THE MOST PROMISING SOLUTIONS. MOVING MAINE'S POLICY AND ADVOCACY WORKGROUP ACTS AS THE VENUE TO COLLABORATE ON AND ADVANCE OUR POLICY EFFORTS.

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)
(Expenses \$ **150,000** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses **309,060**

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Part IV **Checklist of Required Schedules**

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i> 	Yes	
2	Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> ? See instructions. 	Yes	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i> 		No
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i> 	Yes	
5	Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Rev. Proc. 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i> 		No
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i> 		No
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i> 		No
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i> 		No
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i> 		No
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i> 		No
11	If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		

- a** Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.*
- b** Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII.*
- c** Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII.*
- d** Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX.*
- e** Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.*
- f** Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.*
- 12a** Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII.*
- b** Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? *If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional.*
- 13** Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule E.*
- 14a** Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?
- b** Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV.*
- 15** Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV.*
- 16** Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV.*
- 17** Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I. See instructions.*
- 18** Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II.*
- 19** Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III.*
- 20a** Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? *If "Yes," complete Schedule H.*
- b** If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?
- 21** Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? *If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II.*

11a	Yes	
11b		No
11c		No
11d		No
11e	Yes	
11f		No
12a		No
12b		No
13		No
14a		No
14b		No
15		No
16		No
17		No
18		No
19		No
20a		No
20b		
21		No

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III.</i>		No
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5, about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J.</i>		No
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a.</i>		No
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I.</i>		No
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I.</i>		No
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5 or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II.</i>		No
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity (including an employee thereof) or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete</i>		No

Schedule L, Part III

28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see the Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a	No
b	A family member of any individual described in line 28a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b	No
c	A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in line 28a or 28b? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c	No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29	No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30	No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31	No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	32	No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33	No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	34	No
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a	No
b	If 'Yes' to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35b	
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36	No
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	37	No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations on Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	38	Yes

Part V **Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V ☐

			Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	5	
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included on line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0	
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	Yes	

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Part V **Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance** *(continued)*

2a Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a				
b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?			2b	Yes	
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?			3a		No
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? <i>If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O</i>			3b		
4a At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? . . .			4a		No
b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).					
5a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? . .			5a		No
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?			5b		No
c If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?			5c		
6a Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?			6a		No
b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?			6b		
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).					
a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?			7a		No
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?			7b		

c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c	No
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d	
e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e	No
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? . . .	7f	No
g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g	
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h	No
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8	
9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a	
b Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b	
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a	
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b	
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
a Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	
b Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b	
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	
b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.	12b	
13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
a Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	13a	
b Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b	
c Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c	
14a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a	No
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	14b	
15 Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? If "Yes," see the instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.	15	No
16 Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? . . . If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.	16	No
17 Section 501(c)(21) organizations. Did the trust, or any disqualified or other person engage in any activities that would result in the imposition of an excise tax under section 4951, 4952, or 4953? . . . If "Yes," complete Form 6069.	17	

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI ☒

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.	1a 15		
b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	1b 15		
2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2		No
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3		No
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4		No
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5		No

6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6		No
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	7a	Yes	
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b	Yes	
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:			
a	The governing body?	8a	Yes	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	Yes	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? <i>If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O</i>	9		No

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

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

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► _____

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.

☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)

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

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records:
► NANCY E SMITH SAME AS C ABOVE AUGUSTA, ME 043304651 (207) 582-4330

Form **990** (2022)**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII ☐**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

- 1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.
- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
 - List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See the instructions for definition of "key employee."
 - List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (box 5 of Form W-2, box 6 of Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
 - List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
 - List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

See the instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

See the instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

☐ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) NANCY E SMITH EXECUTIVE DI	40.00			X				79,070	0	13,654
(2) ETHAN BOXER-MACOMBER PAST CHAIR	3.00	X		X				0	0	0
(3) JON BOYNTON EVENTS COMMI	2.00	X						0	0	0
(4) KIRSTEN BREWER MEMBERSHIP C	3.00	X						0	0	0
(5) REBECCA CASEY BOARD CHAIR	3.00	X		X				0	0	0
(6) JEAN CLAVEAU TREASURER	1.00	X						0	0	0
(7) MAGGIE FLEMING SECRETARY	2.00	X		X				0	0	0
(8) ELIZABETH FRAZIER BOARD MEMBER	2.00	X						0	0	0
(9) DANIEL HILDRETH EMERITUS		X						0	0	0
(10) PHILIP HUSSEY BOARD MEMBER	2.00	X						0	0	0
(11) JEFF LEVINE BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0	0	0
(12) ZOE MILLER BOARD MEMBER	2.00	X						0	0	0
(13) CAROL MORRIS PAST CHAIR	2.00	X						0	0	0
(14) EVAN RICHERT EMERITUS		X						0	0	0
(15) LYNNE SEELEY BOARD MEMBER	3.00	X						0	0	0
(16) BEN SMITH BOARD MEMBER	2.00	X						0	0	0
(17) SALLY STOCKWELL BOARD MEMBER	2.00	X						0	0	0

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(18) ANNA MARIE THRON EMERITUS		X						0	0	0
(19) GALEN WEIBLEY BOARD MEMBER	2.00	X						0	0	0
1b Sub-Total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A . . .										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								79,070		13,654

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

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

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ►		

Part VIII **Statement of Revenue**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII ☐

	(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514
1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and other similar amounts				
1a Federated campaigns				
1b Membership dues	22,865			
1c Fundraising events				
1d Related organizations				
1e Government grants (contributions)				
1f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	232,912			
1g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f:	240			
h Total. Add lines 1a-1f	255,777			

		Business Code			
2a BROADBAND FEE FOR SERVICE		900099	189,837	189,837	
	2b SUMMIT FEE FOR SERVICE	900099	32,750	32,750	
	2c SUMMIT/FORUM REGISTRATIONS	900099	2,435	2,435	
	2d FORUMS/SMARTGROWTH WORKSHOPS	900099	825	825	
	2e				
	2f All other program service revenue.				
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f.			225,847		

3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		401			401
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
5 Royalties					
6a Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
6b Less: rental expenses					
6c Rental income or (loss)					
d Net rental income or (loss)					
7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
7b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses					
7c Gain or (loss)					
d Net gain or (loss)					
a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of					

contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a				
b Less: direct expenses	8b				
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events ▶					
9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	9a				
b Less: direct expenses	9b				
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities ▶					
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a				
b Less: cost of goods sold	10b				
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory ▶					
11a	Business Code				
b					
c					
d All other revenue					
e Total. Add lines 11a–11d ▶					
12 Total revenue. See instructions ▶		482,025	225,847		401

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Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses				
Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).				
Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX ☐				
Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	79,070	50,944	28,126	
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	55,527	35,621	19,906	
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	3,809	2,380	1,429	
9 Other employee benefits	15,260	9,793	5,467	
10 Payroll taxes	10,661		10,661	
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	14,100		14,100	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				

g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	30,510	20,914	9,596	
12 Advertising and promotion	714	437	277	
13 Office expenses	13,863	7,381	6,482	
14 Information technology	2,507	587	1,920	
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	6,415		6,415	
17 Travel	2,386	2,190	196	
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	21,294	20,373	921	
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	305		305	
23 Insurance	4,123		4,123	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a FISCAL AGENT RESERVES	150,000	150,000		
b PROGRAM STIPENDS	8,200	8,200		
c EVENT COSTS	240	240		
d				
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	418,984	309,060	109,924	0
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

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Page **11**Part X **Balance Sheet**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX ☐

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	54,760	1	56,316
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	38,200	2	246,395
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	60,000	4	122,349
	5 Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	54,122		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	19,512	34,916	10c 34,610
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		11	
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	750
	16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	187,876	16	460,420

Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	2,310	17	13,660
	18	Grants payable		18	
	19	Deferred revenue	60,000	19	108,350
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22	Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17 - 24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	149,804
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	62,310	26	271,814
	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here ☒ and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.				
	27	Net assets without donor restrictions	91,566	27	154,606
	28	Net assets with donor restrictions	34,000	28	34,000
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here ☐ and complete lines 29 through 33.				
	29	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29	
	30	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		30	
	31	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31	
32	Total net assets or fund balances	125,566	32	188,606	
33	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	187,876	33	460,420	

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Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI ☒

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	482,025
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	418,984
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	63,041
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	125,566
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	-1
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	188,606

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII ☐

1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule O.	Yes	No
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis	2a	No
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis	2b	No
c	If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?	2c	

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If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.

3a		No
3b		

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efile Public Visual Render		ObjectID: 202421629349300212 - Submission: 2024-06-10	TIN: 81-0620660
SCHEDULE A (Form 990) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	Public Charity Status and Public Support Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust. ▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.		OMB No. 1545-0047 2022 Open to Public Inspection
	Name of the organization GROWSMART MAINE		Employer identification number 81-0620660

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.
The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.

2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990).)

3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.

4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:

5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)

6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.

7 ☐ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)

8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)

9 ☐ An agricultural research organization described in **170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land grant college of agriculture. See instructions. Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university:

10 ☒ 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.)

11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.

12 ☐ 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 on lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.

a ☐ **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**

b ☐ **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**

c ☐ **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**

d ☐ **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**

e ☐ Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.

f Enter the number of supported organizations

g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
Total						

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Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III.
If the organization failed to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support
Calendar year

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) 2022	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grant.") . . .						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf. . . .						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge..						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
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) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) 2022	(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 VI.) . . .						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First 5 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

14 Public support percentage for 2022 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	
15 Public support percentage for 2021 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	
16a 33 1/3% support test—2022. 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% support test—2021. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2022. 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 VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2021. 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 VI 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 a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ☐		

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Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) 2022	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .	203,211	157,805	193,632	168,462	255,777	978,887
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	12,703	24,225	21,587	54,985	225,847	339,347
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the						

organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf. . . .						
5	The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge					
6	Total. Add lines 1 through 5					
7a	Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	215,914	182,030	215,219	223,447	1,318,234
b	Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year.	36,000	35,000	15,000	17,500	138,500
c	Add lines 7a and 7b. . . .					
8	Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)	36,000	35,000	15,000	17,500	138,500
						1,179,734

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) 2022	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6. . . .	215,914	182,030	215,219	223,447	481,624	1,318,234
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources. . .	32	56	64	31	401	584
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975.						
c Add lines 10a and 10b.	32	56	64	31	401	584
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included on 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 VI.) . . .						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.) . . .	215,946	182,086	215,283	223,478	482,025	1,318,818
14 First 5 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 2022 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	89.450 %
16 Public support percentage from 2021 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	87.950 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2022 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	0 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2021 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	0 %

- 19a 33 1/3% support tests-2022.** 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-2021.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐
- 20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ☐

Schedule A (Form 990) 2022**Part IV Supporting Organizations**

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 12 of Part I. If you checked box 12a, of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.		
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes?		

If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.

- 4a** Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes" and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.
- b** Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.
- c** Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.
- 5a** Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer lines 5b and 5c below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in **Part VI**, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).
- b Type I or Type II only.** Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?
- c Substitutions only.** Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?
- 6** Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in **Part VI**.
- 7** Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).
- 8** Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described on line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).
- 9a** Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons, as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in **Part VI**.
- b** Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined on line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in **Part VI**.
- c** Did a disqualified person (as defined on line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in **Part VI**.
- 10a** Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer line 10b below.
- b** Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings).

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Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

	Yes	No
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described on lines 11b and 11c below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
b A family member of a person described on 11a above?		
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described on line 11a or 11b above? If "Yes" to 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in Part VI .		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the officers, directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.		
2 Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised or controlled the supporting organization.		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of		

each of the organization's supported organization(s)? If "No," describe in **Part VI** how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).

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Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
1		
2 Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).		
2		
3 By reason of the relationship described in line 2 above, did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.		
3		

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (**see instructions**):

a ☐ The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete **line 2** below.

b ☐ The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete **line 3** below.

c ☐ The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in **Part VI** how you supported a government entity (see instructions)

2 Activities Test. **Answer lines 2a and 2b below.**

	Yes	No
a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.		
2a		
b Did the activities described on line 2a, above constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.		
2b		
3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a and 3b below.		
a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? If "Yes" or "No," provide details in Part VI .		
3a		
b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.		
3b		

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Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

- 1 ☐ Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 (explain in **Part VI**). See instructions. All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1 Net short-term capital gain	1		
2 Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2		
3 Other gross income (see instructions)	3		
4 Add lines 1 through 3	4		
5 Depreciation and depletion	5		
6 Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6		
7 Other expenses (see instructions)	7		
8 Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	8		
Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1 Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):	1		
a Average monthly value of securities	1a		
b Average monthly cash balances	1b		
c Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c		
d Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d		
e Discount claimed for blockage or other factors			

Assets exempt from coverage of other sections (explain in detail in Part VI):			
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by 0.035	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	
Section C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	
7	☐ Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions)		

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Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section D - Distributions		Current Year	
1	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	1	
2	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	2	
3	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	3	
4	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	4	
5	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required - provide details in Part VI)	5	
6	Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions	6	
7	Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	7	
8	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions	8	
9	Distributable amount for 2022 from Section C, line 6	9	
10	Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	10	
Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)		(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2022
1 Distributable amount for 2022 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2022 (reasonable cause required-- explain in Part VI). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2022:			
a From 2017.			
b From 2018.			
c From 2019.			
d From 2020.			
e From 2021.			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2022 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2017 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2022 from Section D, line 7:			
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a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2022 distributable amount			

d Applied to 2022 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2022, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. If the amount is greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2022. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. If the amount is greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2023. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2018. . . .			
b Excess from 2019. . . .			
c Excess from 2020. . . .			
d Excess from 2021. . . .			
e Excess from 2022. . . .			

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Part VI Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

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GROWSMART MAINE

Employer identification number

81-0620660

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

- ☐ 501(c)() (enter number) organization
- ☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation
- ☐ 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

- ☐ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation
- ☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation
- ☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.**Note:** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

- ☐ For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or other property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.
- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ▶ \$ _____

Caution: An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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Part I

Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
RESTRICTED		\$ RESTRICTED	☐ Person
			☐ Payroll
			☐ Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
-		\$	☐ Person
			☐ Payroll
			☐ Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
-		\$	☐ Person
			☐ Payroll
			☐ Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
-		\$	☐ Person
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			☐ Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
-		\$	☐ Person
			☐ Payroll
			☐ Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
-		\$	☐ Person
			☐ Payroll
			☐ Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
-		\$	☐ Person
			☐ Payroll
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Part II **Noncash Property** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
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(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
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Part III Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.) ► \$ _____

Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
-			
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
-			
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee

No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
-			
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
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	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee

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SCHEDULE C
(Form 990)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities**

OMB No. 1545-0047

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

▶ **Complete if the organization is described below. ▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.**If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then**

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

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

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

Name of the organization GROWSMART MAINE	Employer identification number 81-0620660
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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV. See instructions for definition of "political campaign activities."
- 2 Political campaign activity expenditures. See instructions ▶ \$ _____
- 3 Volunteer hours for political campaign activities. See instructions ▶

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

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

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

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

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-.
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

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Section 501(h).

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

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)	(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)														
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.														
<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"><thead><tr><th style="width: 50%;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th><th style="width: 50%;">The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Not over \$500,000</td><td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td><td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td><td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$1,000,000.</td></tr></tbody></table>	If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:													
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.													
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.													
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.													
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.													
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.													
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)														
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-														
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -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?		☐ Yes ☐ 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 separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

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

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

	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
a Volunteers?	Yes		
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?	Yes		
c Media advertisements?		No	
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?		No	
e Publications or published or broadcast statements?		No	

c	Contributions, or published or broadcast statements:		No	
f	Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?		No	
g	Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?	Yes		6,297
h	Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?		No	
i	Other activities?		No	
j	Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			6,297
2a	Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?		No	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d	If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

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

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

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

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

Part IV Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; Part II-A (affiliated group list); Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions), and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE C, PART II-B, LINE 1	POLICY ACTION 2023 OVER THE PAST YEAR, GROWSMART LAUNCHED A BOLD INITIATIVE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BUILD MAINE TO CREATE A COLLABORATIVE, TRANSPARENT PROCESS DEVELOPING PUBLIC POLICY AROUND A SHARED GOAL: TO ADDRESS BARRIERS TO AND CREATE INCENTIVES FOR EQUITABLE, SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT THAT STRENGTHENS DOWNTOWNS AND VILLAGES OF ALL SIZES WHILE PULLING DEVELOPMENT PRESSURE AWAY FROM PRODUCTIVE AND OPEN NATURAL AREAS. WE WORK WITH BIPARTISAN SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS OVER THE TWO YEARS OF THE 131ST LEGISLATURE. - FOUR BILLS PASSED AND SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR. THESE WERE INCREMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS TO FUNDING LEVELS AND POLICY, AS WELL AS RESOLVES FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE NEXT SESSION. - ONE BILL WAS WITHDRAWN AND A REVISED PROPOSAL WAS SUBMITTED FOR THE NEXT SESSION - FOUR BILLS WERE VOTED DOWN IN COMMITTEE; WITH ONE PIECE BROUGHT INTO A BILL THAT PASSED. - NINE BILLS CARRIED OVER TO THE NEXT SESSION. OUTCOMES INCLUDE 5.7MILLION IN ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR TRANSIT AND BROADENING REPRESENTATION ON THE PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY COUNCIL, RECOMMENDATIONS ON PLANNING ASSISTANCE TO MAINE COMMUNITIES, ADDING SAFETY METRICS AND CRASH DATA TO MAINEDOT'S PRIORITIZATION AND EVALUATION, AND ESTABLISHING AN ENERGY SCORING SYSTEM FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

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SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)**Supplemental Financial Statements**

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InspectionDepartment of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990,
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.**▶ **Attach to Form 990.**▶ **Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.****Name of the organization**
GROWSMART MAINE**Employer identification number**

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?		☐ Yes ☐ No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?		☐ Yes ☐ No

Part II Conservation Easements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply). ☐ Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education) ☐ Preservation of an historically important land area ☐ Protection of natural habitat ☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure ☐ Preservation of open space											
2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.	<table><thead><tr><th></th><th>Held at the End of the Year</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>a Total number of conservation easements</td><td>2a</td></tr><tr><td>b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements</td><td>2b</td></tr><tr><td>c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)</td><td>2c</td></tr><tr><td>d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after July 25, 2006, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register</td><td>2d</td></tr></tbody></table>		Held at the End of the Year	a Total number of conservation easements	2a	b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b	c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c	d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after July 25, 2006, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d
	Held at the End of the Year										
a Total number of conservation easements	2a										
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b										
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c										
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after July 25, 2006, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d										
3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶											
4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶											
5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?	☐ Yes ☐ No										
6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶											
7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$											
8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?	☐ Yes ☐ No										
9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.											

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.	
b If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items: (i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ (ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$	
2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under FASB ASC 958 relating to these items: a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$	

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3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):

- a** ☐ Public exhibition **d** ☐ Loan or exchange programs
- b** ☐ Scholarly research **e** ☐ Other
- c** ☐ Preservation for future generations

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:

- c** Beginning balance
- d** Additions during the year
- e** Distributions during the year
- f** Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII ☐

Part V Endowment Funds.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶
- b** Permanent endowment ▶
- c** Term endowment ▶

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

(i) Unrelated organizations

(ii) Related organizations

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

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

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		20,122	19,512	610
e Other		34,000		34,000
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) . . . ▶				34,610

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Part VII Investments - Other Securities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other _____		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.)		

Part VIII Investments - Program Related.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 13.)		

Part IX Other Assets.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.)	

Part X Other Liabilities.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	

(1) Federal income taxes

MOVING MAINE NETWORK RESERVES	145,200
ACCRUED PAYROLL	4,277
PAYROLL LIABILITIES	327
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 25.)	149,804

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII ☐

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Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1 :		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1 :		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	

Part XIII Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

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FORM 990, PAGE 2, PART III, LINE 4A	POLICY ACTION 2023 OVER THE PAST YEAR, GROWSMART LAUNCHED A BOLD INITIATIVE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BUILD MAINE TO CREATE A COLLABORATIVE, TRANSPARENT PROCESS DEVELOPING PUBLIC POLICY AROUND A SHARED GOAL: TO ADDRESS BARRIERS TO AND CREATE INCENTIVES FOR EQUITABLE, SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT THAT STRENGTHENS DOWNTOWNS AND VILLAGES OF ALL SIZES WHILE PULLING DEVELOPMENT PRESSURE AWAY FROM PRODUCTIVE AND OPEN NATURAL AREAS. WE WORK WITH BIPARTISAN SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS OVER THE TWO YEARS OF THE 131ST LEGISLATURE - FOUR BILLS PASSED AND SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR. THESE WERE INCREMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS TO FUNDING LEVELS AND POLICY, AS WELL AS RESOLVES FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE NEXT SESSION. - ONE BILL WAS WITHDRAWN AND A REVISED PROPOSAL WAS SUBMITTED FOR THE NEXT SESSION - FOUR BILLS WERE VOTED DOWN IN COMMITTEE; WITH ONE PIECE BROUGHT INTO A BILL THAT PASSED. - NINE BILLS CARRIED OVER TO THE NEXT SESSION. OUTCOMES INCLUDE 5.7MILLION IN ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR TRANSIT AND BROADENING REPRESENTATION ON THE PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY COUNCIL, RECOMMENDATIONS ON PLANNING ASSISTANCE TO MAINE COMMUNITIES, ADDING SAFETY METRICS AND CRASH DATA TO MAINEDOT'S PRIORITIZATION AND EVALUATION, AND ESTABLISHING AN ENERGY SCORING SYSTEM FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS GROWSMART MAINE CONTINUES TO PRESS FOR STRATEGIES THAT FACILITATE MORE HOUSING WITHOUT UNDOING THE GOOD WORK IN RESPONSE TO THE CLIMATE CRISIS AND WITHOUT CREATING THE NEXT CRISIS IN ACCESS TO FOOD AND FARMLAND PLANNING FOR AGRICULTURE: GROWSMART SUPPORTED BILLS THAT PROTECT FARMLAND AND SUPPORT FARM VIABILITY. BILLS ADDRESSED PFAS CONTAMINATION AND MAINTAINING THE BALANCE BETWEEN FARMLAND AND SOLAR AND WIND ENERGY PRODUCTION AND CARBON SEQUESTRATION. SMART GROWTH AND BROADBAND: WE SUPPORTED BILLS TO ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT OF ACCESSORY-DWELLING UNITS, INCREASE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING, ENCOURAGE SAFE AND INTERCONNECTED TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS, AND THROUGH OUR POLICY LEADERSHIP IN THE MAINE BROADBAND COALITION, WE ADVOCATED TO SECURE INTERNET PRIVACY, AND EXPAND BROADBAND-RELATED FUNDING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITIES.
FORM 990, PAGE 2, PART III, LINE 4B	PLANNING FOR AGRICULTURE PLANNING FOR AG IS A COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE AMERICAN FARMLAND TRUST (AFT) AND GROWSMART MAINE TO MAKE FARM VIABILITY AND FARMLAND PROTECTION AN INTEGRAL PART OF LAND USE PLANNING. THE INITIATIVE IS A RESPONSE TO THE ALARMING RATE OF FARMLAND LOSS IN MAINE AND ACROSS AMERICA. MAINE LOST ALMOST 150,000 ACRES, OR 10%, OF ITS FARMLAND BETWEEN 2012 AND 2017, MUCH OF IT DUE TO "LOW-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT- OR SPRAWL. GSM WORKS WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO LIMIT SPRAWL AND ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT TOWARD EXISTING VILLAGE CENTERS. SMART GROWTH ALLOWS LOCAL BUSINESSES AND FARMERS' MARKETS TO THRIVE ON WALKABLE MAIN STREETS, COMMUNITIES TO BENEFIT FROM RESILIENT LOCAL FOOD NETWORKS, AND FAMILIES TO ACCESS HEALTHY, LOCALLY GROWN FOOD. REDUCING SPRAWL HAS ALSO BEEN SHOWN TO HAVE A POSITIVE FISCAL IMPACT ON TOWN AND MUNICIPAL BUDGETS. OUR EFFORTS ARE FOCUSED ON: 1) ADVOCACY AT THE LOCAL AND STATE LEVELS TO ADVANCE LEGISLATION, PLANNING SOLUTIONS, AND OTHER MEASURES THAT HELP SAFEGUARD FARMLAND AND FARM VIABILITY; 2) CONVENING PARTNERS AND CHANNELING RESOURCES TO AMPLIFY SMART GROWTH AND FARM COMMUNITY VOICES IN TOWN AND MUNICIPAL PLANNING PROCESSES; 3) ENABLING LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND CITIZEN PLANNERS TO INTEGRATE FARM VIABILITY AND FARM PROTECTION STRATEGIES IN COMPREHENSIVE PLANS AND LAND- USE ORDINANCES. WE DO THIS BY MAKING RELEVANT TOOLS AND GUIDANCE READILY AVAILABLE, FOR EXAMPLE THROUGH OUR ONLINE PLANNING FOR AG TOOLBOX. IMPORTANTLY, SUPPORT FROM THE AMERICAN FARMLAND TRUST HAS ENABLED GROWSMART MAINE TO SECURE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND EXPAND OUR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE THREE NEW PROGRAMS OUTLINED BELOW. THE COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PARTNERSHIP MUNICIPALITIES ARE SEEKING WAYS TO ADAPT TO CURRENT AND PROJECTED CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS TO BETTER PROTECT LIVES AND PROPERTY AND ENSURE THEY CAN CONTINUE TO OFFER A GOOD QUALITY OF LIFE AND A THRIVING ECONOMY NOW AND IN THE FUTURE. SMART GROWTH NOT ONLY PREPARES A COMMUNITY AND ITS RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES FOR THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE BUT ALSO IMPROVES EVERYDAY LIFE. WITH SUPPORT FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF POLICY INNOVATION AND THE FUTURE (GOPIF), GROWSMART MAINE HELPS COMMUNITIES ENROLL IN THE COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PARTNERSHIP. ONCE ENROLLED, COMMUNITIES MAY APPLY DIRECTLY FOR GRANTS FROM GOPIF TO SUPPORT PROJECTS THAT REDUCE ENERGY USE AND COSTS AND MAKE THEIR COMMUNITY MORE RESILIENT TO CLIMATE CHANGE EFFECTS, SUCH AS FLOODING, EXTREME WEATHER, DROUGHT, AND PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS. GROWSMART MAINE IS CURRENTLY WORKING WITH THE TOWNS OF MOUNT VERNON AND VIENNA AND IS AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT OTHER TOWNS FOR FUTURE ROUNDS. THE HOUSING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM THROUGH PLANNING FOR AG, GROWSMART MAINE HAS PROVIDED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS IN BOWDOINHAM, FOCUSED ON STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS IMMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM NEEDS IN HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE. BOWDOINHAM IS SITUATED WITHIN COMMUTING DISTANCE OF MAJOR EMPLOYERS AND SERVICE CENTERS AND DEVELOPMENT PRESSURE IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TO INCREASE, THREATENING SIGNIFICANT FARMLAND. BUILDING ON THIS WORK, GROWSMART MAINE WAS AWARDED A SERVICE PROVIDER GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S HOUSING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM. THE GRANT ALLOWS GROWSMART MAINE TO DEMONSTRATE FARMLAND PROTECTION AS A KEY COMPONENT OF THE ONGOING STATE AND FEDERAL FOCUS ON INCREASING AFFORDABLE HOUSING. IN ADDITION TO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, GROWSMART WILL DEVELOP EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE STATEWIDE. THE GRANT WILL ALSO ENABLE US TO WORK WITH THE HANCOCK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION (HCPC) TO DEVELOP RESOURCES ON THE SUSTAINABLE SITING OF NEW HOUSING AS A PART OF THEIR REGIONAL PLANNING PROCESS. BUILDING COMMUNITY STRENGTH: A

	COMMUNITY PLANNING CAPACITY-BUILDING PROGRAM THIS PROPOSED 3-YEAR PROGRAM BUILDS ON EXISTING COMMUNITY STRENGTHS AND WILL PROVIDE TRAINING, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND GRANTS TO RURAL MUNICIPALITIES IN MAINE. THE GOAL IS TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES' ABILITY TO IDENTIFY COMMUNITY PRIORITIES, DEVELOP STRATEGIC AND EFFECTIVE PLANS, AND ACCESS FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT PROJECTS. BY DESIGN, THIS PROGRAM BUILDS LOCAL CAPACITY THAT WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE COMMUNITIES BEYOND THE SPAN OF THIS PROGRAM. THE PROPOSAL WAS SUBMITTED TO USDA: RURAL DEVELOPMENT WITH MATCHING FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN FARMLAND TRUST. TEN MUNICIPALITIES SIGNED UP TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM. IF FUNDED, TRAINEES FROM EACH MUNICIPALITY WILL TACKLE CLIMATE RESILIENCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FARM VIABILITY AND FARMLAND PROTECTION, HOUSING FOR A WELL-ROUNDED COMMUNITY, AND EQUITABLE AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. TRAINEES WILL ALSO BE SUPPORTED IN RESEARCHING AND APPLYING FOR STATE, FEDERAL, AND FOUNDATION FUNDING. THE TRAININGS WILL BE DELIVERED THROUGH THREE PLATFORMS: 1) JOINT WORKSHOPS BRINGING TOGETHER TRAINERS AND TRAINEES FROM ALL ENROLLED COMMUNITIES TO LEARN FROM EACH OTHER, SHARE RESOURCES AND EXPERIENCES, AND SOLVE COMMON CHALLENGES; 2) COMMUNITY VISITS WHERE TRAINERS AND TRAINEES ENGAGE THE BROADER COMMUNITY AND SET COMMUNITY GOALS IN A NEUTRAL AND FACILITATED STRUCTURE, AND; 3) ONGOING LEARNING IS SUPPORTED THROUGH ONLINE TOOLS AND RESOURCES, AS WELL AS A DEDICATED Q&A MEMBERS' FORUM.
FORM 990, PAGE 2, PART III, LINE 4C	GROWSMART MAINE HOSTS THE KENNEBEC BROADBAND PARTNERSHIP, A PROGRAM OF THE MAINE CONNECTIVITY AUTHORITY. THIS PARTNERSHIP SUPPORTS BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AND DIGITAL EQUITY AND LITERACY PROJECTS TO CONNECT RESIDENTS IN KENNEBEC COUNTY. IT IS ONE OF 13 REGIONAL AND TRIBAL BROADBAND PROGRAMS IN THE STATE. THE PARTNERSHIP SEEKS TO CREATE ALIGNMENT AND COORDINATION BETWEEN COMMUNITIES, REGIONS, AND THE STATE FOR BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY. IN ADDITION, THIS PROGRAM ADVANCES DIGITAL EQUITY AND LITERACY FOR PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY, COVERING 29 TOWNS. DIGITAL EQUITY IS A CONDITION WHERE ALL INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES HAVE THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CAPACITY NEEDED FOR FULL PARTICIPATION IN OUR SOCIETY, DEMOCRACY, AND ECONOMY. DIGITAL EQUITY IS NECESSARY FOR CIVIC AND CULTURAL PARTICIPATION, EMPLOYMENT, LIFELONG LEARNING, AND ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL SERVICES. WITH SUPPORT FROM THE KENNEBEC COUNTY DIGITAL EQUITY WORKING GROUP, WE CREATED A REGIONAL KENNEBEC COUNTY DIGITAL EQUITY PLAN, DETERMINING THE CONNECTIVITY, DEVICE, AND LEARNING NEEDS OF PEOPLE WITH LOW INCOME, ELDERLY, PEOPLE WITH DIFFERENT ABILITIES, VETERANS, RURAL RESIDENTS, AND PEOPLE WITH LOW-LITERACY OR LEARNING ENGLISH. THIS PLAN IS PART OF MAINE'S DIGITAL EQUITY PLAN, WHICH SERVES AS A FIVE-YEAR ROAD MAP TO BRING THE ECONOMIC, HEALTH, EDUCATIONAL, AND SOCIAL BENEFITS OF HIGH-SPEED INTERNET TO ALL MAINERS. IN 2024, THE PROGRAM WILL IMPLEMENT DIGITAL LITERACY PROGRAMS ACROSS THE REGION AND PROMOTE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE INTERNET AND DEVICES AND REGIONAL BROADBAND SOLUTIONS.
FORM 990, PAGE 2, PART III, LINE 4D	GROWSMART RECEIVED AN ANONYMOUS DONATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF A COALITION NAMED MOVING MAINE NETWORK. THE FUNDS ARE HELD IN RESERVES FOR THE COALITION TO UTILIZE WITHIN ITS MISSION, VISION, AND VALUES. THE MOVING MAINE NETWORK CONVENES STAKEHOLDERS FROM ACROSS SECTORS AND PERSPECTIVES TO ELEVATE SOLUTIONS AND CHAMPION POLICY ACTIONS. OUR 2022-23 POLICY PRIORITIES WERE DEVELOPED THROUGH INPUT FROM HUNDREDS OF STAKEHOLDERS REPRESENTING VARIOUS INTERESTS AND LIVED EXPERIENCES ACROSS THE STATE. WE BELIEVE THESE PRIORITIES AND THE RELATED ACTIONS WILL ADVANCE THE KEY MOBILITY ISSUES OUR COMMUNITY SEEKS TO ADDRESS. SELECTION OF THESE PRIORITIES WAS INFORMED BY OUR CORE VALUES. IN 2022 AND 2023, MOVING MAINE WILL FOSTER UNDERSTANDING AMONG POLICYMAKERS ABOUT THE IMPACT OF TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS AND THE MOST PROMISING SOLUTIONS. MOVING MAINE'S POLICY AND ADVOCACY WORKGROUP ACTS AS THE VENUE TO COLLABORATE ON AND ADVANCE OUR POLICY EFFORTS.
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 7A	EACH MEMBER SHALL BE ENTITLED TO CAST ONE VOTE AT ANNUAL OR SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE CORPORATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS.
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 7B	THE ORGANIZATION HAS ONE CLASS OF MEMBERS, "REGULAR MEMBERS", AND THEY MAY BE WITHER INDIVIDUALS OR CORPORATIONS. EACH MEMBER MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE, AND SHALL HAVE AGREED TO TAKE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN AND BE WILLING TO SUPPORT AND SERVE THE ORGANIZATION. ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS OR CORPORATIONS BECOME A MEMBER UPON PAYMENT OF THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES AS SET BY DIRECTORS, AND SHALL CONTINUE AS A MEMBER UNTIL REMOVAL OR RESIGNATION. EACH MEMBER SHALL BE ENTITLED TO CAST ONE VOTE AT ANNUAL OR SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE CORPORATION FOR SUCH PURPOSES OR SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE MEMBERS BY THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, THE BY-LAWS OF THE CORPORATION, AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND THE LAWS AND STATUTES OF THE STATE OF MAINE, AS FROM TIME TO TIME CONSTITUTED. MEMBERS SHALL NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO CUMULATE THEIR VOTES. SPECIFICALLY, THE MEMBERS SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS: A) EXPANSION OR CONTRACTION OF THE SIZE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS; AMENDMENTS, MODIFICATION, OR RESTATEMENT OF THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION; DISSOLUTION, MERGER OR CONSOLIDATION OF THE CORPORATION; ANY OTHER MATTERS WHICH A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD VOTING ON THE MATTER VOTES TO SUBMIT TO THE MEMBERS.
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 11B	A COPY OF FORM 990 WAS PROVIDED TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO PRESENT TO THE BOARD FOR REVIEW PRIOR TO THE FILING OF THE RETURN.
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 12C	AT THE FIRST MEETING OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR, EACH BOARD MEMBER SHALL REAQUAINT HIMSELF OR HERSELF WITH THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST SECTION OF THE CORPORATE BYLAWS AND SO INDICATE THIS BY SIGNING A BOARD DEVISED DOCUMENT INDICATING THIS AND CIRCULATED BY THE CHAIR AMONGST THE MEMBERS.
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 15A	THE BOARD OBTAINS AND REVIEWS COMPARATIVE SALARY DATA IN ORDER TO DETERMINE COMPENSATION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.
FORM 990,	THE ORGANIZATION MAKES GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON

PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 19	REQUEST.
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