

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2019**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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**A For the 2019 calendar year, or tax year beginning** \_\_\_\_\_, **2019, and ending** \_\_\_\_\_,

<p><b>B</b> Check if applicable:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<p><b>C</b></p> <p><b>EPL/ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCATES, INC</b>  <b>353 HAMILTON STREET</b>  <b>ALBANY, NY 12210</b></p>	<p><b>D</b> Employer identification number 13-2736126</p> <p><b>E</b> Telephone number (518) 462-5526</p> <p><b>F</b> Group Exemption Number ▶</p>
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**G** Accounting Method:  Cash  Accrual Other (specify) ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**H** Check  if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

**I** Website: ▶ [EPLSCORECARD.ORG](http://EPLSCORECARD.ORG)

**J** Tax-exempt status (check only one) –  501(c)(3)  501(c) ( 4 ) ◀ (insert no.)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**K** Form of organization:  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other

**L** Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B)) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$ 27,383.

**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (see the instructions for Part I)  
 Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I.

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>1</b> Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	<b>1</b>	27,383.
	<b>2</b> Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	<b>2</b>	
	<b>3</b> Membership dues and assessments	<b>3</b>	
	<b>4</b> Investment income	<b>4</b>	
	<b>5a</b> Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	<b>a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	<b>5b</b>	
	<b>c</b> Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (subtract line 5b from line 5a)	<b>5c</b>	
	<b>6</b> Gaming and fundraising events:		
	<b>a</b> Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	<b>6a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	<b>6b</b>	
<b>c</b> Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	<b>6c</b>		
<b>d</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	<b>6d</b>		
<b>7a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	<b>7a</b>		
<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold	<b>7b</b>		
<b>c</b> Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	<b>7c</b>		
<b>8</b> Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	<b>8</b>		
<b>9 Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	<b>9</b>	27,383.	
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>10</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	<b>10</b>	
	<b>11</b> Benefits paid to or for members	<b>11</b>	
	<b>12</b> Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	<b>12</b>	17,828.
	<b>13</b> Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	<b>13</b>	2,888.
	<b>14</b> Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	<b>15</b>	8,841.
	<b>16</b> Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) SEE SCHEDULE O	<b>16</b>	2,621.
<b>17 Total expenses.</b> Add lines 10 through 16	<b>17</b>	32,178.	
<b>18</b> Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 9)	<b>18</b>	-4,795.	
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>19</b> Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	<b>19</b>	5,192.
	<b>20</b> Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	<b>21</b>	397.

**BAA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.**

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**Part II Balance Sheets** (see the instructions for Part II)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II  **X**

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	6,959.	1,690.
23 Land and buildings		
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O) <u>SEE SCHEDULE O</u>	280.	1,665.
25 <b>Total assets</b>	7,239.	3,355.
26 <b>Total liabilities</b> (describe in Schedule O) <u>SEE SCHEDULE O</u>	2,047.	2,958.
27 <b>Net assets or fund balances</b> (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	5,192.	397.

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

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III  **X**

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? SEE SCHEDULE O

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

**Expenses**  
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)

28 <u>THE ORGANIZATION IS A NONPARTISAN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION WHICH EDUCATES CITIZENS, LAWMAKERS, LEGISLATIVE STAFF &amp; STATE AGENCIES ON NYS ENVIRONMENTAL AND HUMAN HEALTH POLICY.</u> (Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	23,539.
29 _____ (Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	
30 _____ (Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) _____ (Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	
32 <b>Total program service expenses</b> (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	23,539.

**Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees** (list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
JOHN BUTTRICK PRESIDENT	0.25	0.	0.	0.
JOHN MYLOD VICE PRESIDENT	0.25	0.	0.	0.
STEVE ALLINGER SECRETARY TREAS	0.25	0.	0.	0.
DICK AMPER DIRECTOR	0.25	0.	0.	0.
MICHAEL KINK DIRECTOR	0.25	0.	0.	0.
PETER IWANOWICZ EXECUTIVE DIR.	0.5	0.	0.	0.
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Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V.

33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS?
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents?
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities?
35b If 'Yes' to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year?
35c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year?
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year?
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions.
37b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee; or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?
38b If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II, and enter the total amount involved.
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:
39a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9
39b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under:
40b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ?
40c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958.
40d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization.
40e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed

42a The organization's books are in care of PETER IWANOWICZ Telephone no. (518) 462-5526
Located at 353 HAMILTON ST. ALBANY NY ZIP + 4 12210

b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?
42b Yes No
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States?
42c Yes No

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here
and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year. 43 N/A

44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year?
44b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year?
44c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?
44d If 'Yes' to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments?
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?
45b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?



46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part I. Yes No  
46 X

**Part VI Section 501(c)(3) Organizations Only**

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI.

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II. Yes No  
 48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E. 48  
 49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? 49a  
 b If 'Yes,' was the related organization a section 527 organization? 49b

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees, and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter 'None.'

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶

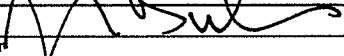
51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter 'None.'

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ▶

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note:** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A. Yes No

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

**Sign Here**  
 Signature of officer:  Date: 11/17/20  
 JOHN BUTTRICK PRESIDENT  
 Type or print name and title

**Paid Preparer Use Only**  
 Print/Type preparer's name: EDWARD S. ROMANZO CPA Preparer's signature: EDWARD S. ROMANZO CPA Date: 11/03/20  
 Check  if self-employed PTIN: P00171741  
 Firm's name: KNAPEK GABRIELE & BOTTINI LLP  
 Firm's address: 43 BRITISH AMERICAN BLVD. LATHAM, NY 12110  
 Firm's EIN: 14-1819005  
 Phone no.: 518-459-5222

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





Schedule B

(Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)
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Schedule of Contributors

Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.
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Name of the organization

EPL/ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCATES, INC

Employer identification number

13-2736126

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

[X] 501(c)( 4 ) (enter number) organization

[ ] 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust not treated as a private foundation

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[ ] 527 political organization

[ ] 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

[X] 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 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 33-1/3% 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, 15a, or 15b, 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 990-PF, 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
1	N/A	\$ 10,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
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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
	N/A		
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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.) ▶ \$                      N/A  
 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
	N/A		

(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

(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





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

**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

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Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on  
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.  
▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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**Open to Public  
Inspection**

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**FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16**  
**OTHER EXPENSES**

ADVERTISING.....	\$	200.
BANK CHARGES.....		186.
FEES & TUITION.....		300.
INSURANCE.....		480.
MISCELLANEOUS.....		330.
PHONE/COMMUNICATIONS.....		1,016.
TRAVEL/MEETINGS.....		109.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,621.</b>

**FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24**  
**OTHER ASSETS**

	<u>BEGINNING</u>	<u>ENDING</u>
PLEDGES RECEIVABLE.....	\$ 280.	\$ 1,665.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 280.</b>	<b>\$ 1,665.</b>

**FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 26**  
**TOTAL LIABILITIES**

	<u>BEGINNING</u>	<u>ENDING</u>
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES.....	\$ 740.	\$ 195.
DUE TO RELATED ORGANIZATION.....	1,307.	2,763.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,047.</b>	<b>\$ 2,958.</b>

**FORM 990-EZ, PART III - ORGANIZATION'S PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE**

THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION IS TO PROVIDE DEPENDABLE AND RELIABLE  
INFORMATION TO CITIZENS, LAWMAKERS, LEGISLATIVE STAFF AND STATE AGENCIES REGARDING  
THE ENVIRONMENT.

