

Form **990-EZ**

**Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

OMB No. 1545-1150

2011

**Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)**
 ▶ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds, organizations that operate one or more hospital facilities, and certain controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990 (see instructions). All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$200,000 and total assets less than \$500,000 at the end of the year may use this form.
 ▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

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A For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning **2011**, and ending _____

B Check if applicable: **C** **AuSable River Association, Inc.**
 Government Building PO Box 217
 Elizabethtown, NY 12932

D Employer identification number
14-1809764

E Telephone number
518-873-3752

F Group Exemption Number _____ ▶

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: ▶ N/A

J Tax-exempt status (ck only one) — 501(c)(3) 501(c) () ◀(insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Check if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization or a section 527 organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$50,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required though Form 990-N (e-postcard) may be required (see instructions). But if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

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, line 25, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$ **78,808.**

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.

REVENUE	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	18,618.
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	60,020.
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4 Investment income	4	170.
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6 Gaming and fundraising events		
	a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
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)	6b		
c Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c		
d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d		
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
b Less: cost of goods sold	7b		
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c		
8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8		
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8. ▶	9	78,808.	
EXPENSES	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	36,342.
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	1,150.
	16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) See Schedule O	16	68,690.
17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16. ▶	17	106,182.	
18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-27,374.	
ASSETS	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	56,097.
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20. ▶	21	28,723.

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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	56,597.	82,074.
23 Land and buildings		
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O) See Schedule O		1,523.
25 Total assets	56,597.	83,597.
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O) See Schedule O	500.	54,874.
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	56,097.	28,723.

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instrs 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 and section 4947(a)(1) trusts; optional for others.)

28		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here		28a
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(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here		29a
30		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here		30a
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here		31a
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)		32

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 address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Form 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 Lafferty PO Box 217 Elizabethtown, NY 12932	Chairman 0	0.	0.	0.
John Eldridge PO Box 217 Elizabethtown, NY 12932	Director 0	0.	0.	0.
Susan Lacy PO Box 217 Elizabethtown, NY 12932	Director 0	0.	0.	0.
Mary Lou Moore PO Box 217 Elizabethtown, NY 12932	Director 0	0.	0.	0.
Kara Page PO Box 217 Elizabethtown, NY 12932	Director 0	0.	0.	0.
Brad Knapp PO Box 217 Elizabethtown, NY 12932	Director 0	0.	0.	0.
Kelley Tucker PO Box 217 Elizabethtown, NY 12932	Director 0	0.	0.	0.
Robert Farkas PO Box 217 Elizabethtown, NY 12932	Director 0	0.	0.	0.

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in See Schedule O the instructions for Part V.) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V. [X]

Table with columns 33-41 and Yes/No columns. Rows include questions about IRS reporting, organizational changes, business income, 501(c) organizations, political expenditures, Form 1120-POL, borrowing, and tax shelter transactions.

42a The organization's books are in care of Marianne O'Connor Telephone no. 518-873-3752 Located at PO Box 217 Elizabethtown NY ZIP + 4 12932

Table with columns 42b-42c and Yes/No columns. Rows include questions about foreign financial accounts and foreign offices.

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

Table with columns 44a-45b and Yes/No columns. Rows include questions about donor advised funds, hospital facilities, indoor tanning services, and controlled entities.

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. 46 Yes No X

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts 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. 47 Yes No X

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E. 48 Yes No X

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

b If 'Yes,' was the related organization a section 527 organization? 49b Yes No

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.'

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000; (b) Title and 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. All rows contain 'None'.

e 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.'

Table with 3 columns: (a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000; (b) Type of service; (c) Compensation. All rows contain 'None'.

e 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 and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A. [X] 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 [Signature], Date 11 May '12, Type or print name and title Kelley Tucker, Chair

Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name Barbara S. Dwyer, CPA; Preparer's signature Barbara S. Dwyer, CPA; Date 5/8/12; Check [X] if self-employed; PTIN P00547734; Firm's name Barbara S. Dwyer, CPA; Firm's address 5694 Cascade Rd., Lake Placid, NY 12946; Firm's EIN 14-1763772; Phone no. (518) 523-9892

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

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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2011

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

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▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

Name of the organization AuSable River Association, Inc.	Employer identification number 14-1809764
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Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, 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.)
- 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)(ii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33-1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions – subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33-1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
 - a Type I
 - b Type II
 - c Type III – Functionally integrated
 - d Type III – Other

- e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box.
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

	Yes	No
(i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?.....	11 g (i)	
(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?.....	11 g (ii)	
(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?.....	11 g (iii)	

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

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in column (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in column (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in column (i) organized in the U.S.?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
(A)									
(B)									
(C)									
(D)									
(E)									
Total									

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2011

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 fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any 'unusual grants.')						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 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) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions)					12	
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here.						<input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2011 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33-1/3% support test – 2011. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and the line 14 is 33-1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
b 33-1/3% support test – 2010. 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		<input type="checkbox"/>
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test – 2011. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test – 2010. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions. ...		<input type="checkbox"/>

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I 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 yr beginning in) ▶	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received. (Do not include any 'unusual grants'.)	37,437.	43,622.	51,301.	47,312.	78,638.	258,310.
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						0.
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513.						0.
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf.						0.
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						0.
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5.	37,437.	43,622.	51,301.	47,312.	78,638.	258,310.
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
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	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
c Add lines 7a and 7b	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						258,310.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in) ▶	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6.	37,437.	43,622.	51,301.	47,312.	78,638.	258,310.
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources.		335.	261.	338.	170.	1,104.
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						0.
c Add lines 10a and 10b.	0.	335.	261.	338.	170.	1,104.
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on.						0.
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						0.
13 Total support. (Add lns 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	37,437.	43,957.	51,562.	47,650.	78,808.	259,414.
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here. ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2011 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)).	15	99.57 %
16 Public support percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 15.	16	0.00 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2011 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)).	17	0.43 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 17.	18	0.00 %

19a 33-1/3% support tests – 2011. 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 – 2010. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33-1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33-1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ▶

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions. ▶

Part IV Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Dashed lines for supplemental information.

SCHEDULE O
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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.**

Name of the organization

AuSable River Association, Inc.

Employer identification number

14-1809764

Form 990-EZ, Part III - Organization's Primary Exempt Purpose

The AuSable River Association is a community supported organization that works cooperatively with landowners, municipalities, and government agencies to preserve the wild, scenic and recreational resources of the Ausable Watershed.

Form 990-EZ, Part V - Regarding Transfers Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts

(a) Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? No

(b) Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? No

Client 16017

AuSable River Association, Inc.

14-1809764

5/11/12

01:55PM

**Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16
Other Expenses**

Fundraising events.....	\$	181.
Grant Contractors.....		59,242.
Information Technology.....		424.
Insurance.....		1,062.
Office Expenses.....		2,751.
Professional development.....		65.
Program costs.....		4,215.
Travel.....		750.
Total	\$	<u>68,690.</u>

**Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24
Other Assets**

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>
Accounts Receivable.....	\$ 0.	\$ 1,056.
Prepaid Expenses and Deferred Charges.....	0.	467.
Total	<u>\$ 0.</u>	<u>\$ 1,523.</u>

**Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 26
Total Liabilities**

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses.....	\$ 500.	\$ 54,874.
Total	<u>\$ 500.</u>	<u>\$ 54,874.</u>