

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 black lung benefit trust or private foundation)**

▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

OMB No 1545-0047  
**2011**  
**Open to Public Inspection**

**A For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2011 and ending 12-31-2011**

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

**C** Name of organization  
 WORCESTER COUNTY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Doing Business As

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
 11 FRENCH DRIVE

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4  
 BOYLSTON, MA 01505

**D** Employer identification number  
 04-1988945

**E** Telephone number  
 (508) 869-6111

**G** Gross receipts \$ 7,632,099

**F** Name and address of principal officer  
 HOWARD PETERSON  
 11 FRENCH DRIVE  
 BOYLSTON, MA 01505

**H(a)** Is this a group return for affiliates?  Yes  No

**H(b)** Are all affiliates included?  Yes  No  
 If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

**H(c)** Group exemption number ▶

**I** Tax-exempt status  501(c)(3)  501(c) ( ) ◀ (insert no )  4947(a)(1) or  527

**J** Website: ▶ TOWERHILLBG.ORG

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

**L** Year of formation 1842 **M** State of legal domicile MA

**Part I Summary**

<b>Activities &amp; Governance</b>	<b>1</b> Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AND ENCOURAGING AND IMPROVING THE PRACTICE OF HORTICULTURE		
	<b>2</b> Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets		
	<b>3</b> Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<b>3</b>	18
	<b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>4</b>	18
	<b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2011 (Part V, line 2a)	<b>5</b>	77
	<b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>6</b>	0
	<b>7a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	<b>7a</b>	0
<b>b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	<b>7b</b>	0	
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	<b>Prior Year</b>	<b>Current Year</b>
	<b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	2,251,412	812,987
	<b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	367,994	384,821
	<b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	468,620	757,241
	<b>12</b> Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	262,463	347,671
		3,350,489	2,302,720
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	0	0
	<b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
	<b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	959,951	1,074,995
	<b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
	<b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ <sup>0</sup>		
	<b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	1,313,288	1,574,298
	<b>18</b> Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2,273,239	2,649,293
<b>19</b> Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	1,077,250	-346,573	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>		<b>Beginning of Current Year</b>	<b>End of Year</b>
	<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16)	30,638,013	28,706,378
	<b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	1,238,174	519,362
<b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	29,399,839	28,187,016	

**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**

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 Signature of officer

2012-06-25  
 Date

HOWARD PETERSON TREASURER  
 Type or print name and title

**Paid Preparer's Use Only**

Preparer's signature ▶ BARBARA E KING Date 2012-06-25 Check if self-employed  Preparer's taxpayer identification number (see instructions) P00005629

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ▶ BOLLUS LYNCH LLP  
 89 SHREWSBURY STREET  
 WORCESTER, MA 01604

EIN ▶ 04-3037870  
 Phone no ▶ (508) 755-7107

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)  Yes  No

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III  Yes  No

**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission

AN EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADVANCING THE SCIENCE AND ENCOURAGING AND IMPROVING THE PRACTICE OF HORTICULTURE

**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 and section 4947(a)(1) trusts 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 \$ 645,312 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 299,555 )  
EDUCATIONAL - THE SOCIETY PROVIDES CLASSES FOR ALL LEVELS AND AGES OF INDIVIDUALS RELATING TO PRACTICE OF HORTICULTURE

**4b** (Code ) (Expenses \$ 518,027 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 176,499 )  
CONSERVATION & PUBLIC SERVICE - THE SOCIETY PROVIDES AN ENVIRONMENT THAT ENCOURAGES THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AND THE ENCOURAGEMENT AND THE PRACTICE OF HORTICULTURE

**4c** (Code ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

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

**4e Total program service expenses** \$ 1,163,339

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> 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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
<b>2</b> Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
<b>3</b> 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
<b>4</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> 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>		No
<b>5</b> 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 Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III.</i>		No
<b>6</b> 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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>7</b> 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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>8</b> Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>9</b> Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, 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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>10</b> 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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
<b>11</b> 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		
<b>a</b> Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
<b>b</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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>c</b> 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>d</b> 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>e</b> Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
<b>f</b> 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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
<b>12a</b> Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
<b>b</b> Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered 'No' to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>13</b> Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E.</i>		No
<b>14a</b> Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		No
<b>b</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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I.</i>		No
<b>15</b> Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the U S? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II and IV.</i>		No
<b>16</b> Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the U S? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III and IV.</i>		No
<b>17</b> 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I.</i>		No
<b>18</b> Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II.</i>		No
<b>19</b> Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III.</i>		No
<b>20a</b> Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H.</i>		No
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach its audited financial statement to this return? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers that operated one or more hospitals must attach audited financial statements.		

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules** *(continued)*

<b>21</b>	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II . . . . .</i>	<b>21</b>		No
<b>22</b>	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III . . . . .</i>	<b>22</b>		No
<b>23</b>	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 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>	<b>23</b>		No
<b>24a</b>	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 questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25 . . . . .</i>	<b>24a</b>		No
<b>b</b>	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? . . . . .	<b>24b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? . . . . .	<b>24c</b>		
<b>d</b>	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? . . . . .	<b>24d</b>		
<b>25a</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</b> 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>	<b>25a</b>		No
<b>b</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>	<b>25b</b>		No
<b>26</b>	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II . . . . .</i>	<b>26</b>		No
<b>27</b>	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III . . . . .</i>	<b>27</b>		No
<b>28</b>	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties? (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
<b>a</b>	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .</i>	<b>28a</b>		No
<b>b</b>	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .</i>	<b>28b</b>		No
<b>c</b>	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .</i>	<b>28c</b>		No
<b>29</b>	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M . . . . .</i>	<b>29</b>		No
<b>30</b>	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M . . . . .</i>	<b>30</b>		No
<b>31</b>	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I . . . . .</i>	<b>31</b>		No
<b>32</b>	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>	<b>32</b>		No
<b>33</b>	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>	<b>33</b>		No
<b>34</b>	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1 . . . . .</i>	<b>34</b>		No
<b>35a</b>	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the filing organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	<b>35a</b>		No
<b>b</b>	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>	<b>35b</b>		No
<b>36</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 . . . . .</i>	<b>36</b>		No
<b>37</b>	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>	<b>37</b>		No
<b>38</b>	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O . . . . .	<b>38</b>	Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No columns. Includes rows for 1a, 1b, 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a, 3b, 4a, 4b, 5a, 5b, 5c, 6a, 6b, 7, 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 8, 9, 9a, 9b, 10, 10a, 10b, 11, 11a, 11b, 12a, 12b, 13, 13a, 13b, 13c, 14a, 14b.

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 to any question in this Part VI . . . . .

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a (18), 1b (18), 2 (No), 3 (No), 4 (No), 5 (No), 6 (Yes), 7a (Yes), 7b (Yes), 8a (Yes), 8b (Yes), 9 (No).

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a (No), 10b, 11a (No), 11b, 12a (Yes), 12b (Yes), 12c (Yes), 13 (No), 14 (Yes), 15a (No), 15b (No), 16a (No), 16b.

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed MA
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c) (3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
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. See Additional Data Table.
20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization.
HOWARD PETERSON
11 FRENCH DRIVE
BOYLSTON, MA 01505
(508) 869-6111



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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(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)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(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			
See Additional Data Table										
<b>1b Sub-Total</b>										
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b>										
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b>							0	0	0	

**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 **▶**1

	Yes	No
<b>3</b> Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		No
<b>4</b> 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>		No
<b>5</b> 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>		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 **▶**0

**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
<b>Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts</b>	<b>1a</b>	Federated campaigns . . . . . <b>1a</b>					
	<b>b</b>	Membership dues . . . . . <b>1b</b>	354,681				
	<b>c</b>	Fundraising events . . . . . <b>1c</b>					
	<b>d</b>	Related organizations . . . . . <b>1d</b>					
	<b>e</b>	Government grants (contributions) <b>1e</b>					
	<b>f</b>	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above <b>1f</b>	458,306				
	<b>g</b>	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____					
	<b>h</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . . ▶	812,987				
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>			Business Code				
	<b>2a</b>	GENERAL ADMISSION	110000	176,499	176,499		
	<b>b</b>	EVENTS	110000	139,618	139,618		
	<b>c</b>	LECTURES	110000	68,704	68,704		
	<b>d</b>						
	<b>e</b>						
	<b>f</b>	All other program service revenue					
<b>g</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f . . . . . ▶		384,821				
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b>	Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts) . . . . . ▶		392,917		392,917	
	<b>4</b>	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . ▶					
	<b>5</b>	Royalties . . . . . ▶					
	<b>6a</b>		(i) Real				
			(ii) Personal				
		<b>b</b>	Gross rents	256,438			
		<b>c</b>	Less rental expenses				
	<b>d</b>	Rental income or (loss)	256,438				
	<b>e</b>	<b>Net rental income or (loss)</b> . . . . . ▶		256,438		256,438	
	<b>7a</b>		(i) Securities				
			(ii) Other				
		<b>b</b>	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	5,040,965			
		<b>c</b>	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	4,676,641			
	<b>d</b>	Gain or (loss)	364,324				
	<b>e</b>	<b>Net gain or (loss)</b> . . . . . ▶		364,324		364,324	
<b>8a</b>	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 . . . . . <b>a</b>						
<b>b</b>	Less direct expenses . . . . . <b>b</b>						
<b>c</b>	<b>Net income or (loss) from fundraising events</b> . . ▶						
<b>9a</b>	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 . . . . . <b>a</b>						
<b>b</b>	Less direct expenses . . . . . <b>b</b>						
<b>c</b>	<b>Net income or (loss) from gaming activities</b> . . ▶						
<b>10a</b>		Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . . <b>a</b>	730,158				
	<b>b</b>	Less cost of goods sold . . . . . <b>b</b>	652,738				
	<b>c</b>	<b>Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory</b> . . ▶		77,420	77,420		
		Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code				
<b>11a</b>	MISCELLANEOUS	110000	13,813	13,813			
<b>b</b>							
<b>c</b>							
<b>d</b>	All other revenue . . . . .						
<b>e</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . . ▶		13,813				
<b>12</b>	<b>Total revenue.</b> See Instructions . . . . . ▶		2,302,720	476,054	0	1,013,679	

**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) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D)

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part IX

<b>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</b>		<b>(A)</b> Total expenses	<b>(B)</b> Program service expenses	<b>(C)</b> Management and general expenses	<b>(D)</b> Fundraising expenses
<b>1</b>	Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States See Part IV, line 21				
<b>2</b>	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States See Part IV, line 22				
<b>3</b>	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
<b>4</b>	Benefits paid to or for members				
<b>5</b>	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees . . . . .	176,307		176,307	
<b>6</b>	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) . . . . .				
<b>7</b>	Other salaries and wages	720,576	486,690	233,886	
<b>8</b>	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions) . . . . .				
<b>9</b>	Other employee benefits . . . . .	112,036		112,036	
<b>10</b>	Payroll taxes . . . . .	66,076	35,921	30,155	
<b>11</b>	Fees for services (non-employees)				
<b>a</b>	Management . . . . .				
<b>b</b>	Legal . . . . .				
<b>c</b>	Accounting . . . . .	15,850		15,850	
<b>d</b>	Lobbying . . . . .				
<b>e</b>	Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17 . . . . .				
<b>f</b>	Investment management fees . . . . .	35,335		35,335	
<b>g</b>	Other . . . . .	65,210	6,775	58,435	
<b>12</b>	Advertising and promotion . . . . .	124,611	967	123,644	
<b>13</b>	Office expenses . . . . .				
<b>14</b>	Information technology . . . . .				
<b>15</b>	Royalties . . . . .				
<b>16</b>	Occupancy . . . . .	129,633	120,562	9,071	
<b>17</b>	Travel . . . . .	8,025		8,025	
<b>18</b>	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials . . . . .				
<b>19</b>	Conferences, conventions, and meetings . . . . .	3,121		3,121	
<b>20</b>	Interest . . . . .				
<b>21</b>	Payments to affiliates . . . . .				
<b>22</b>	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . . . .	742,219	252,354	489,865	
<b>23</b>	Insurance . . . . .	61,805		61,805	
<b>24</b>	Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24f If line 24f amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24f expenses on Schedule O )				
<b>a</b>	MISCELLANEOUS	114,936	91,417	23,519	
<b>b</b>	SPECIAL EVENTS	90,191	48,678	41,513	
<b>c</b>	REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE, S	72,997	69,436	3,561	
<b>d</b>	SUPPLIES	45,770	37,810	7,960	
<b>e</b>					
<b>f</b>	All other expenses	64,595	12,729	51,866	
<b>25</b>	<b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24f	2,649,293	1,163,339	1,485,954	0
<b>26</b>	<b>Joint costs.</b> Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720) Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

**Part X Balance Sheet**

		(A)		(B)
		Beginning of year		End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .	78,323	<b>1</b>	146,597
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .	703,862	<b>2</b>	411,418
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .	1,598,633	<b>3</b>	693,819
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net . . . . .	106,732	<b>4</b>	99,280
	<b>5</b> Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .		<b>5</b>	
	<b>6</b> Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .		<b>7</b>	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .	41,755	<b>8</b>	53,146
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .	32,321	<b>9</b>	30,634
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D . . . . .	22,240,953		
	<b>b</b> Less accumulated depreciation . . . . .	8,496,599	<b>10c</b>	13,744,354
	<b>11</b> Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .	13,768,168	<b>11</b>	13,527,130
	<b>12</b> Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b> Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>13</b>	
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets . . . . .		<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Other assets See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>15</b>	
<b>16</b> <b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) . . . . .	30,638,013	<b>16</b>	28,706,378	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	255,457	<b>17</b>	219,330
	<b>18</b> Grants payable . . . . .		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .		<b>19</b>	
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .		<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D . . . . .		<b>21</b>	
	<b>22</b> Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .		<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .	773,554	<b>23</b>	75,000
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>24</b>	
	<b>25</b> 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 . . . . .	209,163	<b>25</b>	225,032
	<b>26</b> <b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .	1,238,174	<b>26</b>	519,362
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets . . . . .	15,870,691	<b>27</b>	15,608,427
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets . . . . .	2,855,490	<b>28</b>	1,800,830
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets . . . . .	10,673,658	<b>29</b>	10,777,759
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
	<b>30</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .		<b>30</b>	
	<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund . . . . .		<b>31</b>	
	<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds . . . . .		<b>32</b>	
<b>33</b> Total net assets or fund balances . . . . .	29,399,839	<b>33</b>	28,187,016	
<b>34</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances . . . . .	30,638,013	<b>34</b>	28,706,378	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	2,302,720
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	2,649,293
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	-346,573
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	<b>4</b>	29,399,839
<b>5</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	<b>5</b>	-866,250
<b>6</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	<b>6</b>	28,187,016

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII

		Yes	No
<b>1</b>	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
<b>2a</b>	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		No
<b>b</b>	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	Yes	
<b>c</b>	If "Yes," to 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? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	Yes	
<b>d</b>	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separated basis		
<b>3a</b>	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		No
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

**SCHEDULE A**  
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

OMB No 1545-0047

**2011**

**Open to Public Inspection**

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. ▶ See separate instructions.

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization  
WORCESTER COUNTY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Employer identification number  
04-1988945

**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 **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)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state
  
- 5  An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II )
- 6  A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7  An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II )
- 8  A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II )
- 9  An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III )
- 10  An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 11  An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h  
 a  Type I      b  Type II      c  Type III - Functionally integrated      d  Type III - Other
- e  By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)
- f  If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?  
 (i) a person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the the supported organization?  
 (ii) a family member of a person described in (i) above?  
 (iii) a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?
- h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

	Yes	No
<b>11g(i)</b>		
<b>11g(ii)</b>		
<b>11g(iii)</b>		

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

**Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I 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
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	7,553,591	1,938,201	2,577,181	2,251,412	812,987	15,133,372
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3	7,553,591	1,938,201	2,577,181	2,251,412	812,987	15,133,372
<b>5</b> 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)						6,259,856
<b>6 Public Support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4						8,873,516

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4	7,553,591	1,938,201	2,577,181	2,251,412	812,987	15,133,372
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	999,335	644,998	520,119	9,096,962	5,690,320	16,951,734
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>10</b> Other income (Explain in Part IV ) Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets	17,452	24,985	41,771			84,208
<b>11 Total support</b> (Add lines 7 through 10)						32,169,314
<b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions )					<b>12</b>	4,807,881

**13 First Five Years** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>14</b> Public Support Percentage for 2011 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	<b>14</b>	27.580 %
<b>15</b> Public Support Percentage for 2010 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	<b>15</b>	36.870 %

**16a 33 1/3% support test—2011.** 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—2010.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—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

**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

**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

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

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

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
<b>13 Total support</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12.)						
<b>14 First Five Years</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and <b>stop here</b> <input type="checkbox"/>						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>15</b> Public Support Percentage for 2011 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	<b>15</b>	
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	<b>16</b>	

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for <b>2011</b> (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	<b>17</b>	
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from <b>2010</b> Schedule A, Part III, line 17	<b>18</b>	

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

<b>Facts And Circumstances Test</b>
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<b>Explanation</b>
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SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

OMB No 1545-0047

Supplemental Financial Statements

2011

Open to Public Inspection

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b. Attach to Form 990. See separate instructions.

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization WORCESTER COUNTY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Employer identification number 04-1988945

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows 1-4: Total number at end of year, Aggregate contributions to (during year), Aggregate grants from (during year), 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?
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may 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?

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to 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, Protection of natural habitat, Preservation of open space, Preservation of an historically importantly land area, Preservation of a certified historic structure.

2 Complete lines 2a-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 with 2 columns: Description, Held at the End of the Year. Rows 2a-2d: Total number of conservation easements, Total acreage restricted by conservation easements, Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a), Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06.

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable 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?

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting and enforcing conservation easements during the year

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, 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 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

9 In Part XIV, 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" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, 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 XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, 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) Revenues included in 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 SFAS 116 relating to these items

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1
b Assets included in Form 990, Part X

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets** *(continued)*

**3** Using the organization's 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
- b**  Scholarly research
- c**  Preservation for future generations
- d**  Loan or exchange programs
- e**  Other

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

**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" to 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 XIV and complete the following table

	Amount
<b>1c</b> Beginning balance	
<b>1d</b> Additions during the year	
<b>1e</b> Distributions during the year	
<b>1f</b> Ending balance	

**2a** Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21?  Yes  No

**b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV

**Part V Endowment Funds.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current Year	(b) Prior Year	(c) Two Years Back	(d) Three Years Back	(e) Four Years Back
<b>1a</b> Beginning of year balance . . . . .	14,123,028	12,401,337	10,018,228	14,045,332	
<b>b</b> Contributions . . . . .	142,770	390,720	152,200	135,429	
<b>c</b> Investment earnings or losses . . . . .	-132,989	1,762,401	2,311,782	-3,683,187	
<b>d</b> Grants or scholarships . . . . .					
<b>e</b> Other expenditures for facilities and programs . . . . .	587,573	431,430	80,873	336,148	
<b>f</b> Administrative expenses . . . . .					
<b>g</b> End of year balance . . . . .	13,545,236	14,123,028	12,401,337	10,161,426	

**2** Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ 16 590 %
- b** Permanent endowment ▶ 77 510 %
- c** Term endowment ▶ 5 900 %

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

	Yes	No
<b>(i)</b> unrelated organizations . . . . .	<b>3a(i)</b>	No
<b>(ii)</b> related organizations . . . . .	<b>3a(ii)</b>	No
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? . . . . .	<b>3b</b>	

**4** Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

**Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.** 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
<b>1a</b> Land . . . . .		746,456		746,456
<b>b</b> Buildings . . . . .		16,224,016	4,829,773	11,394,243
<b>c</b> Leasehold improvements . . . . .		3,544,585	2,191,177	1,353,408
<b>d</b> Equipment . . . . .		1,716,421	1,475,649	240,772
<b>e</b> Other . . . . .		9,475		9,475
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) . . . . .				13,744,354



**Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements**

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	2,302,720
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	2,649,293
<b>3</b>	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	-346,573
<b>4</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>4</b>	-866,250
<b>5</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	Investment expenses	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	<b>9</b>	-866,250
<b>10</b>	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	<b>10</b>	-1,212,823

**Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return**

<b>1</b>	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements . . . . .	<b>1</b>	2,089,208
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
<b>a</b>	Net unrealized gains on investments . . . . .	<b>2a</b>	-866,250
<b>b</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Recoveries of prior year grants . . . . .	<b>2c</b>	
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIV) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>	652,738
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .	<b>2e</b>	-213,512
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .	<b>3</b>	2,302,720
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line <b>1</b>		
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIV) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .	<b>4c</b>	0
<b>5</b>	Total Revenue Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12 ) . . . . .	<b>5</b>	2,302,720

**Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return**

<b>1</b>	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements . . . . .	<b>1</b>	3,302,031
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
<b>a</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Prior year adjustments . . . . .	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Other losses . . . . .	<b>2c</b>	
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIV) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>	652,738
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .	<b>2e</b>	652,738
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .	<b>3</b>	2,649,293
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line <b>1</b> :		
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIV) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .	<b>4c</b>	0
<b>5</b>	Total expenses Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18 ) . . . . .	<b>5</b>	2,649,293

**Part XIV Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to 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, Part XI, line 8, Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b Also complete this part to provide any additional information

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
DESCRIPTION OF INTENDED USE OF ENDOWMENT FUNDS	PART V, LINE 4	THE SOCIETY'S ENDOWMENT CONSISTS OF INDIVIDUAL DONOR RESTRICTED FUNDS ESTABLISHED FOR A VARIETY OF PURPOSES ITS ENDOWMENT INCLUDES BOTH DONOR RESTRICTED ENDOWMENT FUNDS AND FUNDS DESIGNATED BY THE SOCIETY TO FUNCTION AS ENDOWMENTS AS REQUIRED BY GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES, NET ASSETS ASSOCIATED WITH ENDOWMENT FUNDS ARE CLASSIFIED AND REPORTED BASED ON THE EXISTENCE OR ABSENCE OF DONOR-IMPOSED OR LEGAL RESTRICTIONS ENDOWMENT FUNDS INCLUDE INVESTED GIFTS AS REQUIRED BY GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES, THE SOCIETY CLASSIFIES AS PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS (A) THE ORIGINAL VALUE OF GIFTS DONATED TO THE PERMANENT ENDOWMENT, (B) THE ORIGINAL VALUE OF SUBSEQUENT GIFTS TO THE PERMANENT ENDOWMENT, AND (C) ACCUMULATIONS TO THE PERMANENT ENDOWMENT MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DIRECTION OF THE APPLICABLE DONOR GIFT INSTRUMENT AT THE TIME THE ACCUMULATION IS ADDED TO THE FUND THE REMAINING PORTION OF THE DONOR-RESTRICTED ENDOWMENT FUND THAT IS NOT CLASSIFIED IN PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS IS CLASSIFIED AS TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS UNTIL THOSE AMOUNTS ARE APPROPRIATED FOR EXPENDITURE BY THE SOCIETY IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE STANDARD OF PRUDENCE PRESCRIBED BY STATE LAW IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNIFORM PRUDENT MANAGEMENT OF INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS ACT, THE SOCIETY CONSIDERS THE FOLLOWING FACTORS IN MAKING A DETERMINATION TO APPROPRIATE OR ACCUMULATE DONOR-RESTRICTED ENDOWMENT FUNDS - THE DURATION AND PRESERVATION OF THE FUND - THE PURPOSES OF THE ORGANIZATION AND THE DONOR-RESTRICTED ENDOWMENT FUND - GENERAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS - THE POSSIBLE EFFECT OF INFLATION AND DEFLATION - THE EXPECTED TOTAL RETURN FROM INCOME AND THE APPRECIATION OF INVESTMENTS - OTHER RESOURCES OF THE ORGANIZATION - THE INVESTMENT POLICIES OF THE ORGANIZATION THE SOCIETY HAS ADOPTED INVESTMENT AND SPENDING POLICIES APPLICABLE TO THE SOCIETY'S DONOR RESTRICTED ENDOWMENT FUND ASSETS AND TO THE TRUSTEE DESIGNATED FUND ASSETS THE PURPOSE OF THESE POLICIES IS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE SOCIETY'S ACTIVITIES WHILE SEEKING TO MAINTAIN THE PURCHASING POWER OF THOSE ENDOWMENT ASSETS, WITH SECONDARY EXPECTATION OF MODERATE GROWTH THE SOCIETY EXPECTS ITS ENDOWMENT FUNDS OVER TIME TO PROVIDE AN AVERAGE TOTAL RETURN OF 8% ALTHOUGH ACTUAL RETURNS IN ANY GIVEN YEAR MAY VARY FROM THIS AMOUNT, THE S&P 500 EQUITY INDEX AND THE BARCLAYS AGGREGATE BOND INDEX PROVIDE THE BROAD MEASURES OF BENCHMARK PERFORMANCE TO SATISFY ITS LONG-TERM RATE-OF-RETURN OBJECTIVES, THE SOCIETY RELIES ON A TOTAL RETURN STRATEGY IN WHICH INVESTMENT RETURNS ARE ACHIEVED THROUGH BOTH CAPITAL APPRECIATION (REALIZED AND UNREALIZED) AND DIVIDEND AND INTEREST YIELD THE SOCIETY HAS INVESTED IN SEVERAL MUTUAL FUNDS TO PROVIDE DIVERSIFIED ASSET ALLOCATION WITH MODERATE RISK THE ALLOCATION PLACES A GREATER EMPHASIS ON EQUITY-BASED INVESTMENTS WITH CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES AND RISK THE SOCIETY HAS A PRESENT POLICY OF APPROPRIATION FOR DISTRIBUTION EACH YEAR OF 4% OF ITS ENDOWMENT FUND'S AVERAGE MARKET VALUE OVER THE PRIOR TWELVE QUARTERS THROUGH THE THIRD QUARTER OF THE YEAR PRECEDING THE YEAR IN WHICH THE DISTRIBUTION IS TO BE MADE THIS POLICY TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION THE LONG-TERM EXPECTED RETURN ON ITS ENDOWMENT AND THE OBJECTIVE TO MAINTAIN ITS PURCHASING POWER ASSUMING 4% FOR INFLATION AND THE NEED TO RECOVER THE 4% DISTRIBUTION, THE CURRENT SPENDING POLICY EXPECTS THE ENDOWMENT TO GROW AN AVERAGE RATE OF 8% ANNUALLY TO MAINTAIN THE PURCHASING POWER OF THE ENDOWMENT FROM TIME TO TIME, THE FAIR VALUE OF ASSETS ASSOCIATED WITH INDIVIDUAL DONOR-RESTRICTED ENDOWMENT FUNDS MAY FALL BELOW THE LEVEL THAT THE DONOR IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS REQUIRE THE SOCIETY TO RETAIN AS A FUND OF PERPETUAL DURATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES, DEFICIENCIES OF THIS NATURE ARE REPORTED IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS SUCH DEFICIENCIES AMOUNTS TO (\$466,263) AND (\$232,308) AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010 RESPECTIVELY
DESCRIPTION OF UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS UNDER FIN 48	PART X	THE SOCIETY QUALIFIES AS A TAX-EXEMPT, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE ACCORDINGLY, NO PROVISION FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX IS REQUIRED MANAGEMENT ANNUALLY REVIEWS FOR UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS ALONG WITH ANY RELATED INTEREST AND PENALTIES AND BELIEVES THAT THE SOCIETY HAS NO UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS THAT WOULD HAVE A MATERIAL ADVERSE EFFECT, INDIVIDUALLY OR IN THE AGGREGATE, UPON THE SOCIETY'S STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION, OR THE RELATED STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES OR CASH FLOWS
PART XII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS		COST OF GOODS SOLD 652,738
PART XIII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS		COST OF GOOD SOLD 652,738

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WORCESTER COUNTY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

**Employer identification number**

04-1988945

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6	THE ORGANIZATION HAS MEMBERS THAT MEET ANNUALLY TO ELECT THE GOVERNING BOARD AND MUST APPROVE ANY CHANGES TO THE ORGANIZATION'S BY-LAWS
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A	THE ORGANIZATION HAS MEMBERS THAT MEET ANNUALLY TO VOTE ON THE GOVERNING BOARD
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7B	THE ORGANIZATION'S MEMBERS MEET ANNUALLY AND MUST APPROVE ANY CHANGES TO THE BY-LAWS
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11	UPON RECEIPT, THE FORM 990 IS REVIEWED BY THE FINANCE DIRECTOR AND FORWARDED TO THE TREASURER FOR REVIEW AND SIGNATURE ANY MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION CAN REVIEW THE COPY DURING BUSINESS HOURS IF REQUESTED
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REVIEWS THE SOCIETY'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY ANNUALLY IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT MEMBERS OF THE LEAGUE ARE REGULARLY AND CONSISTENTLY MONITORING AND ENFORCING IT
		EMPLOYEE REVIEW IS DONE BY THE MANAGER THE MANAGER REVIEWS THE EMPLOYEES PROGRESS AND MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE FOR FINALIZING CHANGES IN COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE BUSINESS OFFICE FOR REVIEW DURING THE BUSINESS HOURS OF 10AM TO 5PM
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 5	NET UNREALIZED LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS -866,250

**Additional Data**

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**Form 990, Special Condition Description:**

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**Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(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			
ALLEN A KRAUSE HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
GAYLE Y MORGAN HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
ALLEN D BERRY VICE PRESIDENT	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
SCOTT EWING HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
KENNETH B HEDENBURG HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
RICHARD W DEARBORN HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
PAUL E ROGERS HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
MARY V CALLAHAN HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
JOYCE I FULLER HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
PENNY DEWAR TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
RICHARD LEIF TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
HOWARD PETERSON TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
LINWOOD ERSKINE HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
SARAH RIBEIRO TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
KENT DUR RUSSELL TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
HERBERT E BERG HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
CUSHING BOZENHARD HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
GLADYS BOZENHARD HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
DIANE DALTON HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
DALE R HARGER TREASURER	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
SARAH PETTIT HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
CHRISTOPHER S REECE PRESIDENT	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
JOHN STODDARS HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
MARILLYN ZACHARIS VICE PRESIDENT	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
MRS R HOUGHTON HOOKER HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0

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GEORGE BERNARDIN HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
JOHN JEPSON HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
MARTHA PAPPAS VICE PRESIDENT	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
RUSSELL WARD NADEAU HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
ISABEL K ARMS HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
THEODORE E SHASTA ASST TREASURER	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
WILLIAM DAVIS TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
CHRISTOPHER HAYES TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
ROBERT FLORSHEIM HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
R WAYNE MEZITT HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
BEVERLY V HARRIS TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
JOHN LEE TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
BARBARA L MORSE TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
JEREMY O'CONNELL SECRETARY	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
ROBIN WHITNEY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0