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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
2008
Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2008 and ending 06-30-2009

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Termination <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.	C Name of organization MASSACHUSETTS PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP INC	D Employer identification number 04-2536325
		Doing Business As	E Telephone number (617) 292-4800
		Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 44 WINTER STREET	G Gross receipts \$ 1,194,864
		City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 BOSTON, MA 02108	
F Name and address of Principal Officer JANET DOMENITZ 44 WINTER STREET BOSTON, MA 02108		H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If "No," attach a list See instructions) H(c) Group Exemption Number ▶	
I Tax-exempt status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) (4) ▶ (insert no) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527			
J Web site: ▶ WWW.MASSPIRG.ORG			
K Type of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> trust <input type="checkbox"/> association <input type="checkbox"/> other ▶		L Year of Formation 1974	M State of legal domicile MA

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities See Additional Data Table		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its assets		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	5
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	4
	5 Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5	196
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	0
	7a Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, line 12, column (C)	7a	0
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	1,298,703	1,101,433
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	214,224	63,139
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	0	0
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1,512,927	1,194,864
	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	76,071	2,595,791
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	189,092	229,524
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
b (Total fundraising expenses, Part IX, column (D), line 25 <u>159,971</u>)			
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24f)	433,251	471,476	
18 Total expenses—add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, line 25, column (A))	698,414	3,296,791	
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	814,513	-2,101,927	
Net Assets or Fund Balances		Beginning of Year	End of Year
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	8,472,108	5,829,321
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	135,227	323,598
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	8,336,881	5,505,723	

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

Please Sign Here	***** Signature of officer	2010-05-13 Date		
	JANET DOMENITZ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Type or print name and title			
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature ▶ ALFONSO PERILLO	Date 2010-05-13	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's PTIN (See Gen Inst)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ▶ EDELSTEIN AND COMPANY LLP 160 Federal STREET 9TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 021101772			EIN ▶ Phone no ▶ (617) 227-6161

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions.)

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

See Additional Data Table

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 exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 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 \$ 72,164 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
Public Education and Outreach Services This project involves talking and meeting with citizens of roughly 340 Massachusetts cities and towns on a door-to-door basis as well as by telephone. Discussion centers around energy, consumer, and environmental issues of concern to citizens of the Commonwealth. Educational literature is distributed.

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ 2,729,139 including grants of \$ 2,595,791) (Revenue \$ 30,292)
General Program Activity This project involves general research, advocacy, educational activities, and lobbying on the following issues -consumer protection-toxics and toxic use reduction-energy policy legislation-utility reform-student rights legislation-good government/democracy

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ 132,377 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
Membership Education and Services This program entails distributing the MASSPIRG quarterly newsletter and other publications to members of MASSPIRG to keep them informed on consumer, environmental, energy, and other public interest issues

(Code) (Expenses \$ 72,164 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

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

4e Total program service expenses \$ 3,005,844 *Must equal Part IX, Line 25, column (B).*

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>		No
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>		No
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>		
5 Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>		No
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any accounts where 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
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>		No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
9 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
10 Did the organization hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
11 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, lines 10, 12, 13, 15, or 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
12 Did the organization receive an audited financial statement for the year for which it is completing this return that was prepared in accordance with GAAP? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
13 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the U S ?		No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the U S ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I</i>		No
15 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 United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II</i>		No
16 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 United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III</i>		No
17 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i>		No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>		No
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>		No
20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		No
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>		No
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to question 25</i>		No
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		No
b Did the organization become aware that it had engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person from a prior year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		No
26 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>		No
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, or substantial contributor, or to a person related to such an individual? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		No

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules *(Continued)*

	Yes	No
28 During the tax year, did any person who is a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee		
a Have a direct business relationship with the organization (other than as an officer, director, trustee, or employee), or an indirect business relationship through ownership of more than 35% in another entity (individually or collectively with other person(s) listed in Part VII, Section A)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
b Have a family member who had a direct or indirect business relationship with the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
c Serve as an officer, director, trustee, key employee, partner, or member of an entity (or a shareholder of a professional corporation) doing business with the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		No
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		No
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		No
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>		No
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations section 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>		No
34 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>		No
35 Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		No
36 501(c)(3) organizations Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5 percent 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>		No

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, <i>Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns</i> . Enter -0- if not applicable		
	1a 1		
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
	1b 0		
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	Yes	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, <i>Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements</i> filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return		
	2a 196		
b	If at least one is reported in 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note: If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return.	Yes	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		No
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts .		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		No
c	If "Yes," to 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, <i>Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction</i> ?		
6a	Did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?	Yes	
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	Yes	
7	<i>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</i>		
a	Did the organization provide goods or services in exchange for any quid pro quo contribution of \$75 or more?		
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
	7d		
e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		
g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
h	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?		
8	<i>Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.</i> Did the supporting organization, or a fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
9	<i>Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</i>		
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10	<i>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</i> Enter		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12		
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
11	<i>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</i> Enter		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders		
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)		
12a	<i>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</i> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		
	12b		

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure (Sections A, B, and C request information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Section A. Governing Body and Management

For each "Yes" response to lines 2-7 below, and for a "No" response to lines 8 or 9b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body		5
1b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent		4
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?		No
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?		No
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?		No
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?		No
7b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?		No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
8a	the governing body?	Yes	
8b	each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?		No
9a	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		No
9b	If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?		
10	Was a copy of the Form 990 provided to the organization's governing body before it was filed? All organizations must describe in Schedule O the process, if any, the organization uses to review the Form 990	Yes	
11	Is there any officer, director or trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		No

Section B. Policies

		Yes	No
12a	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No", go to line 13		No
12b	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?		
12c	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done		
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?		No
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?		No
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision		
15a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official?		No
15b	Other officers or key employees of the organization? Describe the process in Schedule O		No
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		No
16b	If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable Federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

Section C. Disclosure

17	List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed <u>MA</u>
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 make these available. Check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> own website <input type="checkbox"/> another's website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> upon request
19	Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes 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 PETER CAMPBELL 44 WINTER STREET BOSTON, MA 02108 (617) 292-4800

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

			(A) Total Revenue	(B) Related or Exempt Function Revenue	(C) Unrelated Business Revenue	(D) Revenue Excluded from Tax under IRC 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a	Federated campaigns . . . 1a _____					
	b	Membership dues _____					
	c	Fundraising events _____					
	d	Related organizations . . . 1d _____					
	e	Government grants (contributions) 1e _____					
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above _____ 1,101,433					
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____					
	h	Total (Add lines 1a-1f) 1,101,433	1,101,433				
Program Service Revenue	2a	SERVICE REVENUE _____ Business Code 541,900	30,292	30,292			
	b	_____					
	c	_____					
	d	_____					
	e	_____					
	f	All other program service revenue _____					
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f \$ 30,292					
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest other similar amounts) 63,139	63,139			63,139	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5	Royalties					
	6a		(i) Real				
			(ii) Personal				
			b Less rental expenses				
			c Rental income or (loss)				
	d	Net rental income or (loss)					
	7a		(i) Securities				
			(ii) Other				
			b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses				
			c Gain or (loss)				
	d	Net gain or (loss)					
	8a		Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 Attach Schedule G if total exceeds \$15,000 a				
b Less direct expenses . . . b _____							
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events							
9a		Gross income from gaming activities See part IV, line 19 Complete Schedule G if total exceeds \$15,000 a					
		b Less direct expenses . . . b _____					
		c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
10a		Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . a					
		b Less cost of goods sold . . . b _____					
		c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory					
11a		Miscellaneous Revenue _____ Business Code _____					

		d All other revenue _____					
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d \$						
12	Total Revenue. Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e	1,194,864	30,292	0	63,139		

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).**

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U S See Part IV, line 21	2,595,791	2,595,791		
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U S See Part IV, line 22				
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations and individuals outside the U S See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4	Benefits paid to or for members				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	48,944	40,065	1,909	6,970
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7	Other salaries and wages	156,211	126,226		24,825
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	148	135	13	
9	Other employee benefits	5,791	5,144	455	192
10	Payroll taxes	18,430	14,782	546	3,102
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management				
b	Legal				
c	Accounting	14,500		14,500	
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees				
g	Other	298,709	142,743	104,889	51,077
12	Advertising and promotion	12,318	9,232	13	3,073
13	Office expenses	1,245	853	166	226
14	Information technology				
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy	23,662	19,450	992	3,220
17	Travel	9,649	7,340		2,309
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any Federal, state or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions and meetings	310	310		
20	Interest				
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	492	447	45	
23	Insurance	1,654	1,390	85	179
24	Other expenses—Itemize expenses not covered above (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below)				
a	BANK/DISCOUNT FEES	39,079	5,060	15	34,004
b	PRINTING	28,138	16,691	30	11,417
c	POSTAGE	27,306	11,091	54	16,161
d	TELEPHONE	6,511	4,852	59	1,600
e	DATA & PAYROLL PROCESSI	3,525	1,120	976	1,429
f	All other expenses	4,378	3,122	1,069	187
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	3,296,791	3,005,844	130,976	159,971
26	Joint Costs. Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation	288656	216,492		72,164

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A)		(B)
		Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	1,103,782	1	1,626,978
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	4,303,535	2	1,855,849
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	84,160	4	
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees or other related parties <i>Complete Part II of Schedule L</i>		5	
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) <i>Complete Part II of Schedule L</i>		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	80,000
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	2,672	9	2,298
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost basis	10a 5,585		
	b Less accumulated depreciation <i>Complete Part VI of Schedule D</i>	10b 4,513	224	10c 1,072
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	225,457	11	176,539
	12 Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11 <i>Complete Part VII of Schedule D</i>	2,599,092	12	1,922,661
	13 Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11 <i>Complete Part VIII of Schedule D</i>		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11 <i>Complete Part IX of Schedule D</i>	153,186	15	163,924
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	8,472,108	16	5,829,321	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	135,227	17	323,598
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow account liability <i>Complete Part IV of Schedule D</i>		21	
	22 Payable to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons <i>Complete Part II of Schedule L</i>		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable		24	
	25 Other liabilities <i>Complete Part X of Schedule D</i>		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	135,227	26	323,598
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	8,336,881	27	5,505,723
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
33 Total net assets or fund balances	8,336,881	33	5,505,723	
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	8,472,108	34	5,829,321	

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> accrual <input type="checkbox"/> other		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		No
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	Yes	
2c	If "Yes" to lines 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?		No
3a	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
3b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits?		

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 04-2536325

Name: MASSACHUSETTS PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH
GROUP INC

Form 990, Part I, Line 1 - Briefly describe the Organization's mission or most significant activities:

MASSPIRG is an advocate for the public interest. When consumers are cheated or the voices of ordinary citizens are drowned out by special interest lobbyists, MASSPIRG speaks up and takes action. We uncover threats to public health and well-being and fight to end them, using the time-tested tools of investigative research, media exposes, grassroots organizing, advocacy and litigation. MASSPIRG's mission is to deliver persistent, result-oriented public interest activism that protects consumers, encourages a fair, sustainable economy, and fosters responsive, democratic government.

Form 990, Part III, Line 1 - Briefly describe the organization's mission:

MASSPIRG is an advocate for the public interest. When consumers are cheated or the voices of ordinary citizens are drowned out by special interest lobbyists, MASSPIRG speaks up and takes action. We uncover threats to public health and well-being and fight to end them, using the time-tested tools of investigative research, media exposes, grassroots organizing, advocacy and litigation. MASSPIRG's mission is to deliver persistent, result-oriented public interest activism that protects consumers, encourages a fair, sustainable economy, and fosters responsive, democratic government.

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Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.

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Employer identification number 04-2536325

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 3 columns: Question, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include total number at end of year, aggregate contributions, grants, and value, and questions about donor advisement.

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

Table with 2 columns: Question, Held at the End of the Year. Rows include purpose of easements, number of easements, acreage, and monitoring details.

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.

Table with 2 columns: Question, Amount. Rows include questions about reporting art and historical treasures.

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 Trust, 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 why in Part XIV and complete the following table

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

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
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Investment earnings or losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

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

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

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

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

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

Part VI Investments—Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		2,458	1,386	1,072
e Other		3,127	3,127	0
Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				1,072

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

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,194,864
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	3,296,791
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-2,101,927
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	-52,800
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	-676,431
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9	-729,231
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	-2,831,158

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	465,633
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	-52,800
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	-676,431
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	-729,231
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,194,864
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c . (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	1,194,864

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	3,296,791
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Losses reported on Form 990, Part IX, line 25	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	3,296,791
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c . (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	3,296,791

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 XIV, 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

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Part XI, Line 8 - Other Adjustments		LOSS FROM INVESTMENT IN PARADIGM PARTNERS - 676431
Part XII, Line 2d - Other Adjustments		LOSS FROM INVESTMENT IN PARADIGM PARTNERS - 676431

Schedule I (Form 990)

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations, Governments and Individuals in the U.S.

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, lines 21 or 22. Attach to Form 990.

Name of the organization MASSACHUSETTS PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP INC

Employer identification number 04-2536325

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?
2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000. Use Part IV and Schedule I-1 if additional space is needed.

Table with 8 columns: (a) Name and address of organization or government, (b) EIN, (c) IRC section if applicable, (d) Amount of cash grant, (e) Amount of non-cash assistance, (f) Method of valuation, (g) Description of non-cash assistance, (h) Purpose of grant or assistance. Includes rows for ENVIRONMENT MASSACHUSETTS INC, US PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP INC, and FUND FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST INC.

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations
3 Enter total number of other organizations

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22.
Use Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance

Part IV Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, and any other additional information.
See Additional Data Table

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Procedure for Monitoring Grants in the U S	Part I, Line 2	Schedule I, Part I, Line 2 The organization monitors that a recipient is an eligible tax-exempt, non-profit organization, and that the recipient's programmatic activity align with the goals of the organization

SCHEDULE O
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Name of the organization

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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part III, line 4d	Other Program Services	Citizen Lobbying This program mobilizes citizens to take action on MASSPIRG supported issues This includes encouraging citizens to write or call legislators or to attend meetings regarding these issues Expenses \$ 72164 including grants of \$ 0 Revenue \$ 0

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 8b		THE ORGANIZATION DOES NOT HAVE COMMITTEES WITH THE AUTHORITY TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 10		THE FORM 990 IS PREPARED BY AN OUTSIDE ACCOUNTING FIRM AND A DRAFT IS REVIEWED BY THE ORGANIZATION'S SENIOR ACCOUNTANT AND CONTROLLER ONCE THEIR REVIEW IS COMPLETE, AN OFFICER OF THE ORGANIZATION REVIEWS THE DRAFT AND RAISES ANY ISSUES WITH THE ORGANIZATION'S STAFF AND OUTSIDE ACCOUNTANTS ONCE THE OFFICER APPROVES THE DRAFT, THE FORM 990 IS FILED

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19		NO DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC