## Application for Recognition of Exemption

 Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code- Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

Use the instructions to complete this application and for a definition of all bold items. For additional help, call IRS Exempt Organizations Customer Account Services toll-free at 1-877-829-5500. Visit our website at www.irs.gov for forms and publications. If the required information and documents are not submitted with payment of the appropriate user fee, the application may be returned to you.
Attach additional sheets to this application if you need more space to answer fully. Put your name and EIN on each sheet and identify each answer by. Part and line number. Complete Parts I - XI of Form 1023 and submit only those Schedules (A through H) that apply to you.

## Part I Identification of Applicant

| 1 | Full name of organization (exactly as it appears in your organizing document) |  | 2 c/o Name (if applicable) <br> Dr. Benjamin Burton |  |  |  |  |
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| Restore Native Plants, Wildlife and Landmark Structures, Inc. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | Mailing address (Number and street) (see instructions) | Room/Suite | 4 Employer Identification Number (EIN) |  |  |  |  |
| 13 Ramapo Park |  |  | 82-3559181 |  |  |  |  |
| City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 |  |  | 5 Month the annual accounting period ends (01-12) |  |  |  |  |
| Wanaque, NJ 07465 |  |  | 12-31 |  |  |  |  |
| 6 Primary contact (officer, director, trustee, or authorized representative) a Name: |  |  | b Phone: 973-639-7911 |  |  |  |  |
| Beth Yingling, Esq., Authorized Representative |  |  | c Fax: (optional) 973-624-7070 |  |  |  |  |
| 7 Are you represented by an authorized representative, such as an attorney or accountant? If "Yes," provide the authorized representative's name, and the name and address of the authorized representative's firm. Include a completed Form 2848, Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative, with your application if you would like us to communicate with your representative. <br> See attached Form 2848 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 | Was a person who is not one of your officers, directors, trustees, employees, or an authorized representative listed in line 7, paid, or promised payment, to help plan, manage, or advise you about the structure or activities of your organization, or about your financial or tax matters? If "Yes," provide the person's name, the name and address of the person's firm, the amounts paid or promised to be paid, and describe that person's role. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9 a | Organization's website: www.restorenativeplants.org See also Exhibit D |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Organization's email: (optional) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | Certain organizations are not required to file an information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ). If you are granted tax-exemption, are you claiming to be excused from filing Form 990 or Form 990-EZ? If "Yes," explain. See the instructions for a description of organizations not required to file Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | Date incorporated if a corporation, or formed, if other than a corporation. |  | (MM/DD/YYYY) 10 | $02 / 2017$ |  |  |  |
| 12 | Were you formed under the laws of a foreign country? If "Yes," state the country. |  | $\square$ Yes $\square$ No |  |  |  |  |

## Part Il Organizational Structure

You must be a corporation (including a limited liability company), an unincorporated association, or a trust to be tax exempt.
See instructions. DO NOT file this form unless you can check "Yes" on lines 1, 2, 3, or 4.
1 Are you a corporation? If "Yes," attach a copy of your articles of incorporation showing certification of $\square$ Yes $\square$ No filing with the appropriate state agency. Include copies of any amendments to your articles and be sure they also show state filing certification.

See Exhibit A
$2 \begin{aligned} & \text { Are you a limited liability company (LLC)? If "Yes," attach a copy of your articles of organization showing } \\ & \text { certification of filing with the appropriate state agency. Also, if you adopted an operating agreement, attach }\end{aligned} \square$ No certification of filing with the appropriate state agency. Also, if you adopted an operating agreement, attach a copy. Include copies of any amendments to your articles and be sure they show state filing certification. Refer to the instructions for circumstances when an LLC should not file its own exemption application.
3 Are you an unincorporated association? If "Yes," attach a copy of your articles of association, $\square$ Yes $\square$ No constitution, or other similar organizing document that is dated and includes at least two signatures. Include signed and dated copies of any amendments.
4a Are you a trust? If "Yes," attach a signed and dated copy of your trust agreement. Include signed and $\square$ Yes $\square$ No dated copies of any amendments.
b Have you been funded? If "No," explain how you are formed without anything of value placed in trust. $\square$ Yes $\quad$ No 5 Have you adopted bylaws? If "Yes," attach a current copy showing date of adoption. If "No," explain Yes $\square$ No how your officers, directors, or trustees are selected. See Exhibit B

## Part III Required Provisions in Your Organizing Document

The following questions are designed to ensure that when you file this application, your organizing document contains the required provisions to meet the organizational test under section 501 (c)(3). Unless you can check the boxes in both lines 1 and 2, your organizing document does not meet the organizational test. DO NOT file this application until you have amended your organizing document. Submit your original and amended organizing documents (showing state filing certification if you are a corporation or an LLC) with your application.

1 Section 501 (c)(3) requires that your organizing document state your exempt purpose(s), such as charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purposes. Check the box to confirm that your organizing document meets this requirement. Describe specifically where your organizing document meets this requirement, such as a reference to a particular article or section in your organizing document. Refer to the instructions for exempt purpose language. Location of Purpose Clause (Page, Article, and Paragraph): See Exhibit C
2a Section $501(\mathrm{c})(3)$ requires that upon dissolution of your organization, your remaining assets must be used exclusively for exempt purposes, such as charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purposes. Check the box on line $2 a$ to confirm that your organizing document meets this requirement by express provision for the distribution of assets upon dissolution. If you rely on state law for your dissolution provision, do not check the box on line 2 a and go to line 2 c .
b If you checked the box on line 2a, specify the location of your dissolution clause (Page, Article, and Paragraph). Do not complete line 2c if you checked box 2a. See Exhibit C
c See the instructions for information about the operation of state law in your particular state. Check this box if you rely on operation of state law for your dissolution provision and indicate the state:

## Part IV Narrative Description of Your Activities See Exhibit D

Using an attachment, describe your past, present, and planned activities in a narrative. If you believe that you have already provided some of this information in response to other parts of this application, you may summarize that information here and refer to the specific parts of the application for supporting details. You may also attach representative copies of newsletters, brochures, or similar documents for supporting details to this narrative. Remember that if this application is approved, it will be open for public inspection. Therefore, your narrative description of activities should be thorough and accurate. Refer to the instructions for information that must be included in your description.

## Part V

## Compensation and Other Financial Arrangements With Your Officers, Directors, Trustees,

 Employees, and Independent Contractors1a List the names, titles, and mailing addresses of all of your offlcers, directors, and trustees. For each person listed, state their total annual compensation, or proposed compensation, for all services to the organization, whether as an officer, employee, or other position. Use actual figures, if available. Enter "none" if no compensation is or will be paid. If additional space is needed, attach a separate sheet. Refer to the instructions for information on what to include as compensation.


## Part V Compensation and Other Financial Arrangements With Your Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, and Independent Contractors (Continued)

b List the names, titles, and mailing addresses of each of your five highest compensated employees who receive or will receive compensation of more than $\$ 50,000$ per year. Use the actual figure, if available. Refer to the instructions for information on what to include as compensation. Do not include officers, directors, or trustees listed in line 1a.

| Name | Title | Mailing address | Compensation amount <br> (annual actual or estimated) |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| None |  | $\ldots$ |  |  |
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c List the names, names of businesses, and mailing addresses of your five highest compensated independent contractors that receive or will receive compensation of more than $\$ 50,000$ per year. Use the actual figure, if available. Refer to the instructions for information on what to include as compensation.

| Name | Title | Mailing address | Compensation amount (annual actual or estimated) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| None |  |  |  |
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The following "Yes" or "No" questions relate to past, present, or planned relationships, transactions, or agreements with your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, and 1c.

2a Are any of your officers, directors, or trustees related to each other through family or business relationships? If "Yes," identify the individuals and explain the relationship.
b Do you have a business relationship with any of your officers, directors, or trustees other than through $\square$ Yes $\square$ No their position as an officer, director, or trustee? If "Yes," identify the individuals and describe the business relationship with each of your officers, directors, or trustees.
c Are any of your officers, directors, or trustees related to your highest compensated employees or highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1b or 1c through family or business relationships? If "Yes," identify the individuals and explain the relationship.
3a For each of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1a, 1b, or 1c, attach a list showing their name, qualifications, average hours worked, and duties. See Exhibit E
b Do any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensatedYes $\square$ independent contractors listed on lines 1a, 1b, or 1 c receive compensation from any other organizations, whether tax exempt or taxable, that are related to you through common control? If "Yes," identify the individuals, explain the relationship between you and the other organization, and describe the compensation arrangement.
4 In establishing the compensation for your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1a, 1b, and 1c, the following practices are recommended, although they are not required to obtain exemption. Answer "Yes" to all the practices you use.
a Do you or will the individuals that approve compensation arrangements follow a conflict of interest policy?

| $\square$ Yes | $\square$ No |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\square$ Yes | $\square$ No |
| $\square$ Yes | $\square$ No |

## Part V Compensation and Other Financial Arrangements With Your Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees,

 and Independent Contractors (Continued)d Do you or will you record in writing the decision made by each individual who decided or voted on $\square$ Yes $\square$ No compensation arrangements?
e Do you or will you approve compensation arrangements based on information about compensation paid by similarly situated taxable or tax-exempt organizations for similar services, current compensation surveys compiled by independent firms, or actual written offers from similarly situated organizations? Refer to the instructions for Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c, for information on what to include as compensation.
$f$ Do you or will you record in writing both the information on which you relied to base your decision and its source?
$g$ If you answered "No" to any item on lines 4a through 4f, describe how you set compensation that is reasonable for your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed in Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1 c .
5 a Have you adopted a conflict of interest policy consistent with the sample conflict of interest policy in Appendix A to the instructions? If "Yes," provide a copy of the policy and explain how the policy has been adopted, such as by resolution of your governing board. If "No," answer lines 5 b and 5 c . See
b What procedures will you follow to assure that persons who have a conflict of interest will not have influence over you for setting their own compensation?
c What procedures will you follow to assure that persons who have a conflict of interest will not have influence over you regarding business deals with themselves?
Note: A conflict of interest policy is recommended though it is not required to obtain exemption. Hospitals, see Schedule C, Section I, line 14.
6 a Do you or will you compensate any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, or 1 c through non-fixed payments, such as discretionary bonuses or revenue-based payments? If "Yes," describe all non-fixed compensation arrangements, including how the amounts are determined, who is eligible for such arrangements, whether you place a limitation on total compensation, and how you determine or will determine that you pay no more than reasonable compensation for services. Refer to the instructions for Part V , lines $1 \mathrm{a}, 1 \mathrm{~b}$, and 1 c , for information on what to include as compensation.
b Do you or will you compensate any of your employees, other than your officers, directors, trustees, or your five highest compensated employees who receive or will receive compensation of more than $\$ 50,000$ per year, through non-fixed payments, such as discretionary bonuses or revenue-based payments? If "Yes," describe all non-fixed compensation arrangements, including how the amounts are or will be determined, who is or will be eligible for such arrangements, whether you place or will place a limitation on total compensation, and how you determine or will determine that you pay no more than reasonable compensation for services. Refer to the instructions for Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c, for information on what to include as compensation.
7a Do you or will you purchase any goods, services, or assets from any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, or highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, or 1c? If "Yes," describe any such purchase that you made or intend to make, from whom you make or will make such purchases, how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length, and explain how you determine or will determine that you pay no more than fair market value. Attach copies of any written contracts or other agreements relating to such purchases.
b Do you or will you sell any goods, services, or assets to any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, or highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, or 1 c ? If "Yes," describe any such sales that you made or intend to make, to whom you make or will make such sales, how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length, and explain how you determine or will determine you are or will be paid at least fair market value. Attach copies of any written contracts or other agreements relating to such sales.
8 D Do you or will you have any leases, contracts, loans, or other agreements with your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, or highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines $1 \mathrm{a}, 1 \mathrm{~b}$, or 1 c ? If "Yes," provide the information requested in lines 8 b through 8 f .
b Describe any written or oral arrangements that you made or intend to make.
c Identify with whom you have or will have such arrangements.
d Explain how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length.
e Explain how you determine you pay no more than fair market value or you are paid at least fair market value.
$f$ Attach copies of any signed leases, contracts, loans, or other agreements relating to such arrangements.
9a Do you or will you have any leases, contracts, loans, or other agreements with any organization in which
$\square \mathrm{Y}$ any of your officers, directors, or trustees are also officers, directors, or trustees, or in which any individual officer, director, or trustee owns more than a $35 \%$ interest? If "Yes," provide the information requested in lines 9b through 9f.

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Part V Compensation and Other Financial Arrangements With Your Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, and Independent Contractors (Continued)
b Describe any written or oral arrangements you made or intend to make.
c Identify with whom you have or will have such arrangements.
d Explain how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length.
e Explain how you determine or will determine you pay no more than fair market value or that you are paid at least fair market value.
f Attach a copy of any signed leases, contracts, loans, or other agreements relating to such arrangements.

## Part VI Your Members and Other Individuals and Organizations That Receive Benefits From You

The following "Yes" or "No" questions relate to goods, services, and funds you provide to individuals and organizations as part of your activities. Your answers should pertain to past, present, and planned activities. See instructions.
1 a In carrying out your exempt purposes, do you provide goods, services, or funds to individuals? If "Yes," $\square$ Yes $\square$ No describe each program that provides goods, services, or funds to individuals.
b In carrying out your exempt purposes, do you provide goods, services, or funds to organizations? If $\quad$ Yes $\square$ No "Yes," describe each program that provides goods, services, or funds to organizations. See Exhibit D
2 Do any of your programs limit the provision of goods, services, or funds to a specific individual or group $\square$ Yes $\square$ No of specific individuals? For example, answer "Yes," if goods, services, or funds are provided only for a particular individual, your members, individuals who work for a particular employer, or graduates of a particular school. If "Yes," explain the limitation and how recipients are selected for each program.

3 Do any individuals who receive goods, services, or funds through your programs have a family or business relationship with any officer, director, trustee, or with any of your highest compensated employees or highest compensated independent contractors listed in Part V , lines $1 \mathrm{a}, 1 \mathrm{~b}$, and 1 c ? If "Yes," explain how these related individuals are eligible for goods, services, or funds.

## Part VII Your History

The following "Yes" or "No" questions relate to your history. See instructions.
1 Are you a successor to another organization? Answer "Yes," if you have taken or will take over the $\square$ Yes $\square$ No activities of another organization; you took over $25 \%$ or more of the fair market value of the net assets of another organization; or you were established upon the conversion of an organization from for-profit to nonprofit status. If "Yes," complete Schedule G.
2 Are you submitting this application more than 27 months after the end of the month in which you were $\square$ Yes $\square$ No legally formed? If "Yes," complete Schedule E.

## Part VIII Your Specific Activities

The following "Yes" or "No" questions relate to specific activities that you may conduct. Check the appropriate box. Your answers should pertain to past, present, and planned activities. See instructions.

| $\mathbf{1}$ | Do you support or oppose candidates in political campaigns in any way? If "Yes," explain. | $\square$ Yes | $\square$ No |
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| 2a | Do you attempt to influence legislation? If "Yes," explain how you attempt to influence legislation and | $\square$ Yes | $\boxed{\square N o}$ |
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| complete line 2b. If "No," go to line 3a. |  |  |  |

3a Do you or will you operate bingo or gaming activities? If "Yes," describe who conducts them, and list all revenue received or expected to be received and expenses paid or expected to be paid in operating these activities. Revenue and expenses should be provided for the time periods specified in Part IX, Financial Data.
b Do you or will you enter into contracts or other agreements with individuals or organizations to conduct
$\qquad$ No bingo or gaming for you? If "Yes," describe any written or oral arrangements that you made or intend to make, identify with whom you have or will have such arrangements, explain how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length, and explain how you determine or will determine you pay no more than fair market value or you will be paid at least fair market value. Attach copies or any written contracts or other agreements relating to such arrangements.
c List the states and local jurisdictions, including Indian Reservations, in which you conduct or will conduct gaming or bingo.

4a Do you or will you undertake fundraising? If "Yes," check all the fundraising programs you do or will $\square$ Yes $\square$ No conduct. See instructions.
$\square$ mail solicitations $\square$ phone solicitations
$\square$ email solicitations
$\square$ accept donations on your website
$\square$ personal solicitations
$\square$ receive donations from another organization's website
$\square$ vehicle, boat, plane, or similar donations
$\square$ government grant solicitations
$\square$ foundation grant solicitations
Attach a description of each fundraising program.

## See Exhibit G

b Do you or will you have written or oral contracts with any individuals or organizations to raise funds forYes $\quad$ N you? If "Yes," describe these activities. Include all revenue and expenses from these activities and state who conducts them. Revenue and expenses should be provided for the time periods specified in Part IX, Financial Data. Also, attach a copy of any contracts or agreements.
c Do you or will you engage in fundraising activities for other organizations? If "Yes," describe these arrangements. Include a description of the organizations for which you raise funds and attach copies of all contracts or agreements.
d List all states and local jurisdictions in which you conduct fundraising. For each state or local jurisdiction listed, specify whether you fundraise for your own organization, you fundraise for another organization, or another organization fundraises for you.

See Exhibit G
e Do you or will you maintain separate accounts for any contributor under which the contributor has the right to advise on the use or distribution of funds? Answer "Yes" if the donor may provide advice on the types of investments, distributions from the types of investments, or the distribution from the donor's contribution account. If "Yes," describe this program, including the type of advice that may be provided and submit copies of any written materials provided to donors.

| 5 | Are you affiliated with a go | Yes | $\square$ No |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Do you or will you engage in economic development? If "Yes," describe your program. Describe in full who benefits from your economic development activities and how the activities promote exempt purposes. | $\square$ Yes | $\checkmark$ No |
| 7 a | Do or will persons other than your employees or volunteers develop your facilities? If "Yes," describe each facility, the role of the developer, and any business or family relationship(s) between the developer and your officers, directors, or trustees. | $\square$ Yes | $\square$ No |
| b | Do or will persons other than your employees or volunteers manage your activities or facilities? If "Yes," describe each activity and facility, the role of the manager, and any business or family relationship(s) between the manager and your officers, directors, or trustees. | $\square$ Yes | $\checkmark$ No |
| c | If there is a business or family relationship between any manager or developer and your officers, directors, or trustees, identify the individuals, explain the relationship, describe how contracts are negotiated at arm's length so that you pay no more than fair market value, and submit a copy of any contracts or other agreements. |  |  |
| 8 | Do you or will you enter into joint ventures, including partnerships or limited liability companies treated as partnerships, in which you share profits and losses with partners other than section 501(c)(3) organizations? If "Yes," describe the activities of these joint ventures in which you participate. | Yes | V |
| 9 a | Are you applying for exemption as a childcare organization under section 501(k)? If "Yes," answer lines 9b through 9d. If "No," go to line 10. | Yes | $\checkmark$ No |
| b | Do you provide childcare so that parents or caretakers of children you care for can be gainfully employed (see instructions)? If "No," explain how you qualify as a childcare organization described in section 501 (k). | $\square \mathrm{Yes}$ | $\square$ No |
| $c$ | Of the children for whom you provide childcare, are $85 \%$ or more of them cared for by you to enable their parents or caretakers to be gainfully employed (see instructions)? If "No," explain how you qualify as a childcare organization described in section $501(\mathrm{k})$. | $\square$ Yes | $\square$ No |
| d | Are your services available to the general public? If "No," describe the specific group of people for whom your activities are available. Also, see the instructions and explain how you qualify as a childcare organization described in section 501(k). | $\square \mathrm{Yes}$ | $\square$ No |
| 10 | Do you or will you publish, own, or have rights in music, literature, tapes, artworks, choreography, scientific discoveries, or other intellectual property? If "Yes," explain. Describe who owns or will own any copyrights, patents, or trademarks, whether fees are or will be charged, how the fees are determined, and how any items are or will be produced, distributed, and marketed. | $\square \mathrm{Yes}$ | No |

Part VIII Your Specific Activities (Continued)
11 Do you or will you accept contributions of: real property; conservation easements; closely held securities; intellectual property such as patents, trademarks, and copyrights; works of music or art; licenses; royalties; automobiles, boats, planes, or other vehicles; or collectibles of any type? If "Yes," describe each type of contribution, any conditions imposed by the donor on the contribution, and any agreements with the donor regarding the contribution. See Exhibit G
12a Do you or will you operate in a foreign country or countries? If "Yes," answer lines 12b through 12d. If $\square$ Yes $\square$ No "No," go to line 13a.
b Name the foreign countries and regions within the countries in which you operate.
c Describe your operations in each country and region in which you operate.
d Describe how your operations in each country and region further your exempt purposes.
13a Do you or will you make grants, loans, or other distributions to organization(s)? If "Yes," answer lines 13b $\square$ Yes $\square$ No through 13g. If "No," go to line 14a.
b Describe how your grants, loans, or other distributions to organizations further your exempt purposes.
c Do you have written contracts with each of these organizations? If "Yes," attach a copy of each contract. $\square$ Yes $\square$ No
d Identify each recipient organization and any relationship between you and the recipient organization.
e Describe the records you keep with respect to the grants, loans, or other distributions you make.
f Describe your selection process, including whether you do any of the following.
(i) Do you require an application form? If "Yes," attach a copy of the form.
YesNo
(ii) Do you require a grant proposal? If "Yes," describe whether the grant proposal specifies yourYes $\square$ No responsibilities and those of the grantee, obligates the grantee to use the grant funds only for the purposes for which the grant was made, provides for periodic written reports concerning the use of grant funds, requires a final written report and an accounting of how grant funds were used, and acknowledges your authority to withhold and/or recover grant funds in case such funds are, or appear to be, misused.
g Describe your procedures for oversight of distributions that assure you the resources are used to further your exempt purposes, including whether you require periodic and final reports on the use of resources.
14a Do you or will you make grants, loans, or other distributions to foreign organizations? If "Yes," answer $\square$ Yes $\square$ No lines 14b through 14f. If "No," go to line 15.
b Provide the name of each foreign organization, the country and regions within a country in which each foreign organization operates, and describe any relationship you have with each foreign organization.
c Does any foreign organization listed in line 14b accept contributions earmarked for a specific country orYes $\square$ No specific organization? If "Yes," list all earmarked organizations or countries.
d Do your contributors know that you have ultimate authority to use contributions made to you at yourYes $\square$ No discretion for purposes consistent with your exempt purposes? If "Yes," describe how you relay this information to contributors.
e Do you or will you make pre-grant inquiries about the recipient organization? If "Yes," describe theseYesNo inquiries, including whether you inquire about the recipient's financial status, its tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code, its ability to accomplish the purpose for which the resources are provided, and other relevant information.
$f$ Do you or will you use any additional procedures to ensure that your distributions to foreignYesNo organizations are used in furtherance of your exempt purposes? If "Yes," describe these procedures, including site visits by your employees or compliance checks by impartial experts, to verify that grant funds are being used appropriately.

## Part VIII Your Specific Activities (Continued)

| 15 | Do you have a close connection with any organizations? If "Yes," explain. | $\square$ Yes | $\boxed{0}$ No |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 16 | Are you applying for exemption as a cooperative hospital service organization under section 501(e)? If | $\square$ Yes | $\boxed{N o}$ | "Yes," explain.


| 17 | Are you applying for exemption as a cooperative service organization of operating education organizations under section 501 ( $f$ )? If "Yes," explain. | $\square$ Yes | No |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 18 | Are you applying for exemption as a charitable risk pool under section 501(n)? If "Yes," explain. | Yes | $\square \mathrm{No}$ |
| 19 | Do you or will you operate a school? If "Yes," complete Schedule B. Answer "Yes," whether you operate a school as your main function or as a secondary activity. | Yes | $\square$ No |
| 20 | Is your main function to provide hospital or medical care? If "Yes," complete Schedule C. | Yes | $\square$ No |
|  | Do you or will you provide low-income housing or housing for the elderly or handicapped? If "Yes," | $\square \mathrm{Ye}$ | $\checkmark$ No | complete Schedule F.

22 Do you or will you provide scholarships, fellowships, educational loans, or other educational grants toYes No individuals, including grants for travel, study, or other similar purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule H.
Note: Private foundations may use Schedule H to request advance approval of individual grant procedures.

## Part IX Financial Data

For purposes of this schedule, years in existence refer to completed tax years.

1. If in existence less than 5 years, complete the statement for each year in existence and provide projections of your likely revenues and expenses based on a reasonable and good faith estimate of your future finances for a total of:
a. Three years of financial information if you have not completed one tax year, or
b. Four years of financial information if you have completed one tax year. See instructions.
2. If in existence 5 or more years, complete the schedule for the most recent 5 tax years. You will need to provide a separate statement that includes information about the most recent 5 tax years because the data table in Part IX has not been updated to provide for a 5th year. See instructions.
A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses

|  | Type of revenue or expense | Current tax year | 3 prior tax years or 2 succeeding tax years |  |  | (e) Provide Total for (a) through (d) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{array}{cc}\text { (a) From } & \text { 10/2017 } \\ \text { To } & 12 / 2017\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{cc}\text { (b) From } & 01 / 2018 \\ \text { To } & 12 / 2018\end{array}$ | (c) From $01 / 2019$ <br> To $12 / 2019$ | $\begin{array}{cc}\text { (d) From } & 01 / 2020 \\ \text { To } & 12 / 2020\end{array}$ |  |
|  | 1 Gifts, grants, and contributions received (do not include unusual grants) | 1,618,126 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 1,918,126 |
|  | 2 Membership fees received | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 3 Gross investment income | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 4 Net unrelated business income | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 5 Taxes levied for your benefit | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 6 Value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit without charge (not including the value of services generally furnished to the public without charge) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 7 Any revenue not otherwise listed above or in lines 9-12 below (attach an itemized list) | 0 | 600 | 600 | 600 | 1,800 |
|  | 8 Total of lines 1 through 7 | 1,618,126 | 100,600 | 100,600 | 100,600 | 1,919,926 |
|  | 9 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is related to your exempt purposes (attach itemized list) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 10 Total of lines 8 and 9 | 1,618,126 | 100,600 | 100,600 | 100,600 | 1,919,926 |
|  | 11 Net gain or loss on sale of capital assets (attach schedule and see instructions) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 12 Unusual grants | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 13 Total Revenue Add lines 10 through 12 | 1,618,126 | 100,600 | 100,600 | 100,600 | 1,919,926 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & \ddot{x} \\ & \text { x } \end{aligned}$ | 14 Fundraising expenses | 0 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | + |
|  | 15 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts paid out (attach an itemized list) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
|  | 16 Disbursements to or for the benefit of members (attach an Itemized list) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
|  | 17 Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees | 0 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 4 |
|  | 18 Other salaries and wages | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
|  | 19 Interest expense | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
|  | 20 Occupancy (rent, utilities, etc.) | 0 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 |  |
|  | 21 Depreciation and depletion | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
|  | 22 Professional fees | 1,228 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |  |
|  | 23 Any expense not otherwise classified, such as program services (attach itemized list)* | 800 | 86,748 | 86,748 | 62,293 |  |
|  | 24 Total Expenses Add lines 14 through 23 | 2,028 | 209,248 | 209,248 | 184,793 |  |
| * See Exhibit H Pro 1023 (Rev. 12-2017) |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Part IX Financial Data (Continued)



## Part X Public Charity Status

Part $X$ is designed to classify you as an organization that is either a private foundation or a public charity. Public charity status is a more favorable tax status than private foundation status. If you are a private foundation, Part X is designed to further determine whether you are a private operating foundation. See instructions.

1a Are you a private foundation? If "Yes," go to line 1 b . If "No," go to line 5 and proceed as instructed. If you $\square$ Yes $\square$ No are unsure, see the instructions.
b As a private foundation, section 508(e) requires special provisions in your organizing document in addition to those that apply to all organizations described in section 501 (c)(3). Check the box to confirm that your organizing document meets this requirement, whether by express provision or by reliance on operation of state law. Attach a statement that describes specifically where your organizing document meets this requirement, such as a reference to a particular article or section in your organizing document or by operation of state law. See the instructions, including Appendix B, for information about the special provisions that need to be contained in your organizing document. Go to line 2.
2 Are you a private operating foundation? To be a private operating foundation you must engage directly in the active conduct of charitable, religious, educational, and similar activities, as opposed to indirectly carrying out these activities by providing grants to individuals or other organizations. If "Yes," go to line 3 . If "No," go to the signature section of Part XI.
3 Have you existed for one or more years? If "Yes," attach financial information showing that you are a $\square$ Yes $\square$ No private operating foundation; go to the signature section of Part XI. If "No," continue to line 4.
4 Have you attached either ( 1 ) an affldavit or opinion of counsel, (including a written affidavit or opinion $\square$ Yes $\square$ No from a certified public accountant or accounting firm with expertise regarding this tax law matter), that sets forth facts concerning your operations and support to demonstrate that you are likely to satisfy the requirements to be classified as a private operating foundation; or (2) a statement describing your proposed operations as a private operating foundation?
5 If you answered "No" to line 1a, indicate the type of public charity status you are requesting by checking one of the choices below. You may check only one box.
The organization is not a private foundation because it is:
a $509(\mathrm{a})(1)$ and $170(\mathrm{~b})(1)(\mathrm{A})(\mathrm{i})$-a church or a convention or association of churches. Complete and attach Schedule A.
b 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)-a school. Complete and attach Schedule B.
c $509(\mathrm{a})(1)$ and $170(\mathrm{~b})(1)(\mathrm{A})(\mathrm{iii})$-a hospital, a cooperative hospital service organization, or a medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital. Complete and attach Schedule C.
d $509(\mathrm{a})(3)$-an organization supporting either one or more organizations described in line 5 a through $\mathrm{c}, \mathrm{f}, \mathrm{h}$, or i or a publicly supported section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organization. Complete and attach Schedule D.

## Part X Public Charity Status (Continued)

e 509(a)(4) - an organization organized and operated exclusively for testing for public safety.
f $509(\mathrm{a})(1)$ and $170(\mathrm{~b})(1)(\mathrm{A})(\mathrm{iv})$ - an organization operated for the benefit of a college or university that is owned or operated by a governmental unit.
g $509(\mathrm{a})(1)$ and $170(\mathrm{~b})(1)(\mathrm{A})(\mathrm{ix})$ - an agricultural research organization directly engaged in the continuous active conduct of agricultural research in conjunction with a college or university.
h $509(\mathrm{a})(1)$ and $170(\mathrm{~b})(1)(\mathrm{A})(\mathrm{v})$ - an organization that receives a substantial part of its financial support in the form of contributions from publicly supported organizations, from a governmental unit, or from the general public.
i 509(a)(2) - an organization that normally receives not more than one-third of its financial support from gross investment income and receives more than one-third of its financial support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions (subject to certain exceptions).
j A publicly supported organization, but unsure if it is described in 5 h or 5 i . You would like the IRS to decide the correct status.
6 If you checked box $h_{1} \mathbf{i}$, or $\mathbf{j}$ in question 5 above, and you have been in existence more than 5 years, you must confirm your public support status. Answer line 6 a if you checked box $h$ in line 5 above. Answer line $6 b$ if you checked box in line 5 above. If you checked box $j$ in line 5 above, answer both lines 6 a and 6 b .
a (i) Enter 2\% of line 8, column (e) on Part IX-A Statement of Revenues and Expenses
(ii) Attach a list showing the name and amount contributed by each person, company, or organization whose gifts totaled more than the $2 \%$ amount. If the answer is "None," state this.
b (i) For each year amounts are included on lines 1, 2, and 9 of Part IX-A Statement of Revenues and Expenses, attach a list showing the name and amount received from each disqualified person. If the answer is "None," state this.
(ii) For each year amounts were included on line 9 of Part IX-A Statement of Revenues and Expenses, attach a list showing the name of and amount received from each payer, other than a disqualified person, whose payments were more than the larger of (1) $1 \%$ of Line 10, Part IX-A Statement of Revenues and Expenses, or (2) $\$ 5,000$. If the answer is "None," state this.
7 Did you receive any unusual grants during any of the years shown on Part IX-A Statement of $\square$ Yes $\square$ No Revenues and Expenses? If "Yes," attach a list including the name of the contributor, the date and amount of the grant, a brief description of the grant, and explain why it is unusual.

## Part XI User Fee Information and Signature

You must include the correct user fee payment with this application. If you do not submit the correct user fee, we will not process the application and we will return it to you. Your check or money order must be made payable to the United States Treasury. User fees are subject to change. Check our website at www.irs.gov and type "Exempt Organizations User Fee" in the search box, or call Customer Account Services at 1-877-829-5500 for current information.

## Enter the amount of the user fee paid:

$\$ 600.00$

I declare under the penalties of perjury that I am authorized to sign this application on behalf of the above organization and that I have examined this application, including the accompanying schedules and attachments, and to the best of my knowledge it is true, correct, and complete.


## Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative

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- Go to www.irs.gov/Form2848 for instructions and the latest information.
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## Part I Power of Attorney <br> Caution: A separate Form 2848 must be completed for each taxpayer. Form 2848 will not be honored for any purpose other than representation before the IRS.

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$\qquad$
1 Taxpayer information. Taxpayer must sign and date this form on page 2, line 7.
Taxpayer name and address

| Restore Native Plants, Wildlife and Landmark Structures, Inc. |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 13 Ramapo Park <br> Oakland, NJ 07436 | Daytime telephone number | Plan number (if applicable) |

hereby appolnts the following representative(s) as attorney(s)-in-fact:
2 Representative(s) must sign and date this form on page 2, Part II.

| Name and address | CAF No. | 2005-41521R |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Both Yingling, Esq | PTIN | P01064549 |  |
| McCarter \& English, LLP | Telephone No. | 973-639-79 |  |
| Four Gateway Center, 100 Mulberry St., Newark, NJ 07102 | Fax No. | 973-297-3933 |  |
| Check if to be sent copies of notices and communications | Check if new: Address $\square$ | Telephone No. $\square$ | Fax No. $\square$ |
| Name and address | CAF No. | 2000-59586R |  |
|  | PTIN | P01327017 |  |
| McCarter \& English, LLP | Telephone No. | 973-639-69 |  |
| Four Gateway Center, 100 Mulberry St., Newark, NJ 07102 | Fax No. | 973-297-3921 |  |
| Check if to be sent copies of notices and communications $\square$ | Check if new: Address $\square$ | Telephone No. $\square$ | Fax No. $\square$ |
| Name and address | CAF No. |  |  |
|  | PTIN |  |  |
|  | Telephone No. |  |  |
| (Note: IRS sends notices and communications to only two representatives.) | Fax No. Check if new: Address $\square$ | Telephone No. $\square$ | Fax No. $\square$ |
| Name and address | CAF No. |  |  |
|  | PTIN |  |  |
|  | Telephone No. |  |  |
|  | Fax No. |  |  |
| (Note: IRS sends notices and communications to only two representatives.) | Check if new: Address $\square$ | Telephone No. $\square$ | Fax No. $\square$ | to represent the taxpayer before the Internal Revenue Service and perform the following acts:

3 Acts authorized (you are required to complete this line 3). With the exception of the acts described in line 5b, I authorize my representative(s) to recelve and inspect my confidential tax information and to perform acts that I can perform with respect to the tax matters described below. For example, my representative(s) shall have the authority to sign any agreements, consents, or similar documents (see Instructions for line 5a for authorizing a representative to sign a return).

| Description of Matter (Income, Employment, Payroll, Excise, Estate, Gift, Whistleblower, <br> Practitioner Discipline, PLR, FOIA, Civil Penalty, Sec. 5000A Shared Responsibility <br> Payment, Sec. 4980H Shared Responsibility Payment, etc.) (see instructions) | Tax Form Number <br> (1040, 941, 720, etc.) (if applicable) | Year(s) or Period(s) (if applicable) <br> (see instructions) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Determination as to tax-exempt status under IRS Sections 501(c)(3) <br> and 509(a) |  | 1020 |
|  |  | 2023 |

4 Specific use not recorded on Centralized Authorization File (CAF). If the power of attorney is for a specific use not recorded on CAF, check this box. See the instructions for Line 4. Specific Use Not Recorded on CAF . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
5a Additional acts authorized. In addition to the acts listed on line 3 above, I authorize my representative(s) to perform the following acts (see instructions for line 5a for more information): $\square$ Access my IRS records via an Intermediate Service Provider; $\square$ Authorize disclosure to third parties; $\square$ Substitute or add representative(s); $\square$ sign a return; $\qquad$Other acts authorized
}
b Specific acts not authorized. My representative(s) is (are) not authorized to endorse or otherwise negotiate any check (including directing or accepting payment by any means, electronic or otherwise, into an account owned or controlled by the representative(s) or any firm or other entity with whom the representative(s) is (are) associated) issued by the government in respect of a federal tax llability. List any other specific deletions to the acts otherwise authorized in this power of attorney (see instructions for line 5b):

6 Retention/revocation of prior power(s) of attorney. The filing of this power of attorney automatically revokes all earlier power(s) of attorney on file with the Internal Revenue Service for the same matters and years or periods covered by this document. If you do not want to revoke a prior power of attorney, check here YOU MUST ATTACH A COPY OF ANY POWER OF ATTORNEY YOU WANT TO REMAIN IN EFFECT.
7 Signature of taxpayer. If a tax matter concerns a year in which a joint return was filed, each spouse must file a separate power of attorney even if they are appointing the same representative(s). If signed by a corporate officer, partner, guardian, tax matters partner, partnership representative, executor, receiver, administrator, or trustee on behalf of the taxpayer, I certify that I have the legal authority to execute this form on behalf of the taxpayer.

- IF NOT COMPLETED, SIGNED, AND DATED, THE IRS WILL RETURN THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY TO THE TAXPAYER.

- IF THIS DECLARATION OF REPRESENTATIVE IS NOT COMPLETED, SIGNED, AND DATED, THE IRS WILL RETURN THE POWER OF ATTORNEY. REPRESENTATIVES MUST SIGN IN THE ORDER LISTED IN PART I, LINE 2.
Note: For designations d-f, enter your title, position, or relationship to the taxpayer in the "Licensing jurisdiction" column.

| Designation- <br> Insert above <br> letter (a-r). | Licensing jurisdiction <br> (State) or other <br> licensing authority <br> (if applicable). | Bar, license, certification, <br> registration, or enrollment <br> number (if applicable). | Signature |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a | New Jersey | 021601982 |  |  |
| a | New Jersey | 003831985 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |

## CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

OF

## RESTORE NATIVE PLANTS, WILDLIFE AND LANDMARK STRUCTURES, INC

The undersigned, of the age of eighteen years or over, for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation pursuant to the provisions of Title 15A of the New Jersey Revised Statutcs, as it may be amended from time to time, known as the "New Jersey Nonprofit Corporation Act," does hereby execute the following Certificate of Incorporation:

FIRST: The name of this Corporation is "Restore Native Plants, Wildlife and Landmark Structures, Inc." (the "Corporation").

SECOND: (A) The Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable, educational, literayy, religious and scientific purposes, within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Intemal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Regulations thereunder as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended (collectively, the "Code"), including without limilation for the purposes more particularly set forth below in this Article SECOND.
(B) More specifically, the purposes of the Corporation are to conserve, protect, maintain and preserve land, native plants and ecology, wildlife, natural resources, and historic places and landmarks, for the benefit of all; and in that connection, provide and/or support educational programs and activities for the moral and mental improvement of people and society, and so that others may learn about the importance of such conservation and preservation for the longevity of the world we live in.

THIRD: As a means of accomplishing the foregoing purposes, the Corporation shall have the following powers:

1. To solicit and receive contributions, donations, bequesis and devises of real or personal property;
2. To make contributions, grants, loans, guarantees and other payments of money and extensions of credit to any organization, public or private, or individual;
3. To make and perform contracts and incur liabilities;
4. To delegate fimctions, conduct its activities through other organizations and individuals and to become a member of any committee or other organization;
5. To accept, acquire, receive, take, and hold by bequest, devise, grant, purchase, gift, exchange, lease, transfer, judicial order or decree, or otherwise, for any of its objects and purposes, any property, both real and personal, of whatever kind, nature, or description and wherever situated;
6. To sell, exchange, convey, mortgage, lease, transfer, or otherwise dispose of, any such property, both real and personal, as the objects and purposes of the Corporation may require, subject to such limitations as may be prescribed by law or this certificate of incorporation;
7. To borrow money and, from time to time, to make, accept, endorse, execute, and issue bonds, debentures, promissory notes, bills of exchange, and other obligalions of the Corporation for moneys bortowed or in payment of property acquired or for any of the other purposes of the Corporation, and to secure the payment of any obligations by mortgage, pledge, deed, indenture, agreement, or other instrument of trust, or by other lien upon, assignment of, or agreement in regard to all or any part of the property, rights or privileges of the Corporation wherever situated, whether now owned or horeafter to be acquired;
8. To invest and reinvest its funds in such common or preferred stocks, bonds, debentures, mortgages, or in such other securities and property as its Board of Trustees shall deem advisable, subject to the limitations and conditions contained in any bequest, devise, grant, or gift, provided such limitations and conditions are not in conflict with the provistons of Code Section 501(c)(3); and
9. In general, and subject to such limitations and conditions as are or may be prescribed by law, to exercise such other powers which now are or hercafter may be conferred by law upon a corporation organixed for the purposes herein above set forth, or necessary or incidental to the powers so conferred, or conducive to the attainment of the putposes of the Corporation, subject to the further limitation and condition that, notwithstanding any other provision of this certificate of incorporation, only such powers shall be exercised as are in furtherance of the tax-exempt purposes of the Corporation and as may be exercised by an organization exempt from federal income tax
under Code Section 501 (c)(3) and by an organization contributions to which are deductible under Code Sections 170, 2055(a)(2) and 2522(a)(2).

FOURTH: The following provisions shall govern the organization, operation and dissolution of the Corporation:

1. The Corporation shall neither have nor exercise any power, nor shall it directly or indirectly engage in any activity, that would (a) prevent it from obtaining exemption from federal income taxation as a corporation described in Code Section 501(c)(3), or (b) cause it to lose such exempt status;
2. The Corporation shall not be operated for the purpose or carrying on a trade or business for profit;
3. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any trustee or officer of the Corporation, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Corporation affecting one or more of its purposes), and no trustee or officer of the Corporation, or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the Corporation's assets on dissolution of the Corporation;
4. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the catrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office;
5. Notwithstanding any other provision of this certificate of incorporation, the Corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Code Section 501(c)(3), or by an organization contributions to which are deductible under Code Sections 170, 2055(a)(2), and 2522(a)(2), nor shall the Corporation carry on, otherwise than as an insubstantial part of its activities, activities that are not in furtherance of the purposes specified in Article SECOND of this Certificate of Incorporation;
6. During any period in which the Corporation may be classified as a private foundation within the meaning of Code Section 509, the Corporation shall distribute its income at such times and in such manner as to avoid taxation under Code Section 4942, and the Corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing (as defined in Code Section 4941(d)), shall not retain any excess business holdings (as defined in Code Section 4943(c)), shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject the Corporation to tax under Code Section 4944, and shall not make any taxable expenditures (as . defined in Code Section 4945(d)); and
7. In the event of a liquidation, dissolution, termination or winding up of the Corporation, whether voluntary, involuntary or by operation of law, the Board of Trustees shall, after provision for all liabilities, distribute any remaining assets or property of the Corporation for one or more axempt purposes within the meaning of Code Section 501(c)(3) to such organization or organizations then located in the United States and qualified under Code Section 501 (c)(3), or to a state or local government for a public purpose, as the Board of Trustees shall deem appropriate. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Superior Court of New Jersey, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as such Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for suoh purposes.

FIFTH: $\quad$ The Corporation does not have any members.
SLXTH: The method of electing the trusteas of the Corporation, the terms of their incumbency, their voting rights and their qualifications, if any, shall be as set forth in the bylaws of the Corporation. The Corporation's bylaws shall provide the number (not less than 3) of the trustees of the Corporation, which number may be changed from time to time by resolution of the Board of Trustees without requiring an amendment of such bylaw provision, or as atherwise provided in the Corporation's bylaws.

SEVENTH: The number of trustees constituting the first Board of Trustees shall be three (3) and the names and addresses of the initial trustees are as follows:

Name
Dr. Benjamin Burton

## Jayson Hajek

James Preisendanz

ElGHTH: A trustee or officer of the Corporation shall not be personally liable to the Corporation for damages for breach of any duty owed to the Corporation, except that a trustee or officer shall not be relieved of liability for any breach of duty based upon an act or omission (a) in
. breach of such person's duty of loyalty to the Corporation, (b) not in good faith or involving a knowing violation of law or (c) resulting in receipt by such person of an improper personal benefit.

NDNTH: - The address of the registered office of the Corporation, as well as the name of the registered agent at such address upon whom service of process against the Corporation may be served, are as follows:

Dr. Benjamin Burton

The name and address of the incorporator is as follows:
TENTH:
Beth Mingling, Esq.
coo McCarter \& English LLP
100 Mulberry Street - Four Gateway Center Newark, NJ 07102

ELEVENTH: The duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.
TWELFTH: This Certificate of Incorporation shall become effective upon filing with the New Jersey Department of the Treasury.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, the incorporator of this Corporation, has hereunto signed this Certificate of Incorporation on the 2 day of October, 2017.


## BYLAWS

## OF

# RESTORE NATIVE PLANTS, WILDLIFE AND LANDMARK STRUCTURES, INC. 

ARTICLE I<br>NAME, SEAL, AND OFFICES

1.1 Name. The name of this Corporation is "Restore Native Plants, Wildlife and Landmark Structures, Inc." (the "Corporation").
1.2 Seal. If the Board of Trustees shall determine that the Corporation shall have a corporate seal, it shall be circular in form and shall bear on its outer edge the words "Restore Native Plants, Wildlife and Landmark Structures, Inc." and in the center, the words and figures "Incorporated 2017 New Jersey." The Board of Trustees may change the form of the seal or the inscription thereon at its pleasure.
1.3 Offices. The principal office of the Corporation shall be located in Bergen County, New Jersey. The Corporation may move the location of its principal office and have other offices at such other places as the Board of Trustees from time to time may determine.

## ARTICLE II

## PURPOSES

2.1 Purposes. The Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable, educational, literary, religious and scientific purposes, within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Regulations thereunder as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended (collectively, the "Code"). The purposes of the Corporation are as more particularly set forth in Article SECOND of the Corporation's Certificate of Incorporation.

ARTICLE III
MEMBERS, TRUSTEES, CORPORATE POWERS AND ADVISORY COUNCILS
3.1 Members. The Corporation does not have any members.
3.2 Trustees. The number of trustees constituting the Board of Trustees shall be three (3). The Board of Trustees shall have authority to increase or decrease the number of trustees (but not above nine (9) or below three (3)) by resolution of the Board from time to time without amendment of this section of these Bylaws.
3.3 Corporate Powers. All of the corporate powers of the Corporation shall be exercised by the Board of Trustees, except to the extent specifically provided otherwise by law or by these Bylaws.
3.4 Advisory Councils. Without in any way imposing this as a legal requirement, from time to time the Board of Trustees may appoint one or more persons who are able to provide expertise or assistance with the activities of the Corporation, or are active in other charitable organizations, to serve on an Advisory Council to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees may establish more than one Advisory Council. Members of an Advisory Council shall serve for an indefinite term, or a term established by the Board of Trustees upon the member's appointment to the Advisory Council, and may be removed from office with or without cause by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Trustees. Members of an Advisory Council shall not be entitled to vote on any matter presented to the Board of Trustees for decision, and they are not "trustees" or "members" of the Corporation.

ARTICLE IV

## TERM AND ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

4.1 Terms of Office. There shall be two classes of trustees; one class shall hold office for a term of six (6) years ("Class A Trustees") and the other shall hold office for a term of one (1) year ("Class B Trustees"). The terms of each of the initial trustees of the Corporation shall be deemed to have begun on the date of the Corporation's incorporation. Of the initial trustees
named in the Corporation's Certificate of Incorporation, Dr. Benjamin Burton (the "Founding Trustee") ${ }^{1}$ shall be a Class A Trustee, and the others shall be Class B Trustees. Otherwise, the determination of a trustee's class (other than the Founding Trustee) shall be made upon the trustee's election (or re-election) by the Board of Trustees. The Founding Trustee shall determine his class. As used herein, the term "trustee" or "trustees" shall include all the trustees of the Corporation, whether Class A, Class B or the Founding Trustee, unless the context clearly requires otherwise. The term of each trustee shall expire at the close of the annual meeting of the Corporation in the last year of such trustee's term, provided, however, that a trustee shall remain in office, beyond the expiration of his or her term, until such time as a successor shall be duly elected and shall have assumed office. A trustee shall leave office prior to the expiration of his or her term immediately upon death, incapacity, removal or resignation, or if he or she becomes ineligible to serve as trustee.

There shall be no limit on the number of terms that a trustee may serve.
4.2 Eligibility and Election of Trustees. Trustees must be eighteen years of age or older, and shall be selected for their willingness to serve the Corporation and for the knowledge and skills they may contribute to the conduct of the affairs of the Corporation. The trustees shall be elected by the Board of Trustees at the annual meeting, by a majority vote of the trustees then in office, which such majority shall also be required to include the Founding Trustee in order to be effective.
4.3 Assumption of Office. Newly-elected trustees shall assume office upon the expiration of their predecessor's term, if any, and if there is no predecessor a newly-elected trustee shall assume office immediately.
4.4 Removal of Trustees. Any trustee of the Corporation may be removed

[^0]from office with cause by the affirmative vote of a majority of the other trustees then in office.
4.5 Vacancies. The Board of Trustees may fill any vacancy among the trustees, including a vacancy caused by death, incapacity, removal, resignation, ineligibility, or otherwise, by electing a successor trustee to serve the remainder of the vacating trustee's term. The trustees may fill a vacancy even if they lack a quorum to decide other matters. Any person elected or appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Trustees shall hold office until the later of the expiration of his or her predecessor's term or the date on which a successor is duly elected and assumes office.
4.6 Duties and Responsibilities. Trustees shall attend Board meetings regularly, serve without remuneration for their services as trustee, and shall advise the Board of any conflict of interest that might affect their ability to serve in an unprejudiced manner.

## ARTICLE V

## MEETINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

5.1 Annual Meetings. The annual meeting of the trustees for the election of trustees and officers, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting, shall be held on the second Wednesday in January at the principal office of the Corporation, or at such other place within or outside the State of New Jersey as the Board of Trustees shall designate on such other date and time as the Board of Trustees shall determine by resolution.
5.2 Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the trustees of the Corporation (one of which shall be the annual meeting) shall be held at least four (4) times each year, unless otherwise scheduled by the Board of Trustees, at the principal office of the Corporation or at such other place within or outside the State of New Jersey as the Board of Trustees shall designate, on such dates and at such times as the Board of Trustees may determine by resolution.
time by the President and shall be held at the principal office of the Corporation or at such other place as the President shall designate.
5.4 Notice of Meetings. Notice of the time, place, manner, and purpose or purposes of annual, regular or special meetings shall be given or served personally, by mail, by email (to those persons having email), by fax or by telephone, upon each person who appears upon the books of this Corporation as trustee; provided, however that the business which may be transacted at any meeting shall not be limited to the purpose or purposes set forth in such notice. Notice of any annual, regular or special meeting shall be given not less than five (5) or more than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the meeting. Such notice, if mailed, shall be directed to each trustee at the trustee's address as it appears on the books of the Corporation, unless the trustee shall have filed with the Secretary of the Corporation a written request that such notice be mailed to some other address, in which case the notice shall be mailed to the address designated in such request. The President shall send, or cause to be sent, notice of meetings.
5.5 Waiver of Notice. Notice of any meeting need not be given to any trustee who signs a waiver of notice, whether before or after the meeting, or such waiver is signed by his or her duly authorized attorney. The attendance of any trustee at a meeting without protesting prior to the conclusion of the meeting the lack of notice of the meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice by that trustee.

### 5.6 Quorum and Board Actions. At any meeting of the trustees, the presence

 of a majority of the trustees serving at that time shall constitute a quorum for all purposes except as otherwise provided by law or by these Bylaws; provided, however, that in order to be effective such majority shall also be required to include the Founding Trustee. The act of a majority of those trustees present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Corporation exceptas otherwise may be provided specifically by law or by these Bylaws; provided, however, that in order to be effective in connection with the following Board actions such majority shall also be required to include the Founding Trustee: (a) election of any and all of the trustees, (b) election of any and all of the officers, (c) making, altering, amending or repealing the Bylaws of the Corporation, (d) altering or amending the Certificate of Incorporation, (e) merging, consolidating or dissolving the Corporation or any similar transaction involving the Corporation, and (f) any borrowing by the Corporation or any use or transfer of the Corporation's assets in excess of $\$ 10,000.00$, individually or in the aggregate. Notwithstanding the foregoing or any provision in these Bylaws to the contrary, the presence or the affirmative vote of the Founding Trustee shall not be required in connection with consideration of any action by the Corporation that involves a conflict of interest involving the Founding Trustee, and shall not be required if the Founding Trustee has died or does not have the capacity to act. At any committee meeting, the presence of a majority of the committee members serving at that time shall constitute a quorum and the act of a majority of those present at any committee meeting shall be the act of the committee, except as otherwise may be provided specifically by law or by these Bylaws. Either in the absence of a quorum or when a quorum is present, a trustee or committee meeting may be adjourned from time to time by vote of the majority of those present in person, without notice to those in attendance other than by announcement at the meeting. At least twelve (12) hours notice of the date of the postponement shall be given to any absent trustee or committee member. At any adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the original meeting.
5.7 Voting. At every meeting of trustees, each trustee shall be entitled to one (1) vote in person and not by proxy.
5.8 Action by Consent. Any action required or permitted to be taken at any
meeting of the Board of Trustees or any committee thereof may be taken without a meeting, if prior or subsequent to such action, a written consent to such action is signed by all trustees or by all members of such committee, as the case may be, and if such written consent is filed with the minutes of proceedings of the Board of Trustees or the committee.
5.9 Meetings by Conference Call. Any or all trustees may participate in a meeting of the Board of Trustees or a committee by means of a conference telephone or by any means of communication by which all persons are able to hear each other.
5.10 Contracts and Services. The trustees and officers of the Corporation may be interested directly or indirectly in any contract relating to or incidental to the operations conducted by the Corporation, and may freely make contracts, enter transactions, or otherwise act for and on behalf of the Corporation, notwithstanding that they also may be acting as individuals, or as trustees of trusts, or as agents for other persons or corporations, or may be interested in the same matters as stockholders, directors, trustees, or otherwise. However, any contract, transaction, or act on behalf of the Corporation in a matter in which any trustee or officer is personally interested as a stockholder, director, trustee, or otherwise shall be disclosed to the trustees, conducted at arm's length, and shall not violate the proscription in the Corporation's Certificate of Incorporation, as amended from time to time, against the Corporation's use or application of its funds for private benefit. In addition, no contract, transaction, or act shall be taken on behalf of the Corporation if such contract, transaction or act would result in the denial of any tax exemption, deduction, or benefit under any provision of the Code. In no event, however, shall any person or other entity dealing with the trustees or officers be obligated to inquire into the authority of the trustees and officers to enter into and consummate any contract, transaction, or other action. In addition, the Board of Trustees shall adopt a separate Conflicts of Interest Policy and if there is any conflict between this Section and such policy, the terms of such policy shall govern.

## ARTICLE VI

## COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

6.1 Committees. From time to time the Board of Trustees may authorize by resolution such standing committees and ad hoc committees as the Board shall deem necessary.
6.2 Appointment. All committee members and committee chairpersons shall be appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees. Non-trustees shall be eligible for appointment as members of committees (except as members of the Executive Committee, if any), but may not serve as the chairperson of any committee in the absence of specific authorization by the Board of Trustees. In addition, non-trustee committee members may not vote in connection with any action that may bind the Corporation.

## ARTICLE VII

## OFFICERS

7.1 Officers; Term; Election. The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, Secretary and Treasurer. The President shall be a trustee, and the Treasurer and Secretary may, but need not be trustees. In addition, the trustees may appoint or elect a Vice President, assistant officers and other officers. If a Vice President is elected, he or she shall be a trustee; the assistant and other officers need not be trustees. Assistant officers and other officers shall have such duties and powers as are determined by the Board of Trustees, provided that such powers and duties are consistent with these Bylaws. Any person may hold more than one office. The officers shall be elected by the Board of Trustees at its annual meeting by a majority vote of the trustees then in office, which such majority shall also be required to include the Founding Trustee in order to be effective. All officers shall be elected for a term of one (1) year, and shall hold office until their successors are duly elected and assume office. There shall be no limit on the number of terms that an officer may serve.
7.2 Vacancies. In case any office of the Corporation becomes vacant by death, incapacity, resignation, retirement, removal, disqualification or any other cause, the Board of Trustees may elect an officer to fill such vacancy, and the officer so elected shall hold office and serve until the later of the next annual meeting or the date on which a successor is elected and assumes office. In the event that any officer cannot conduct the duties of the office for a period exceeding sixty (60) days, the Board of Trustees has the authority to determine the position to be vacant.
7.3 President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the trustees of the Corporation. The President shall develop the agenda for meetings with the assistance of the other officers. The President shall appoint the members and chairpersons of all standing and ad hoc committees, with the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees, and shall do and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Trustees.
7.4 Vice President. At the request of the President, or in the event of the President's absence or incapacity, the Vice President, if any, shall perform the duties and possess and exercise the powers of the President. To the extent authorized by law, the Vice President, if any, shall have such other powers as the Board of Trustees may determine, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Trustees.
7.5 Secretary. The Secretary shall be in charge of such of the Corporation's books, documents and papers as the Board of Trustees may determine, and shall have custody of the corporate seal, if any. In the absence of a recording secretary, the Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings. With the President, the Secretary may sign any contracts or agreements authorized by the Board of Trustees, in the name and on behalf of the Corporation, and when so authorized or ordered by the Board of Trustees, the Secretary may affix the seal of the Corporation, if any. The Secretary shall, in general, perform all the duties incident to the office of Secretary, subject to the
control of the Board of Trustees, and shall do and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Trustees.
7.6 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds, property, and securities of the Corporation, subject to such regulations as may be imposed by the Board of Trustees. When necessary or proper the Treasurer may endorse for collection on behalf of the Corporation checks, notes and other obligations, and shall deposit the same to the credit of the Corporation at such bank or banks or depository as the Board of Trustees may designate. The Treasurer shall sign all receipts and vouchers and, together with the other officer or officers, if any, designated by the Board of Trustees, the Treasurer shall sign all checks of the Corporation, except in cases where the authority to sign or execute checks has been expressly delegated by the Board of Trustees or by these Bylaws to some other officer or agent of the Corporation. The Treasurer shall make such payments as may be necessary or proper to be made on behalf of the Corporation. The Treasurer shall enter regularly on the books of the Corporation to be kept by the Treasurer for the purpose full and accurate account of all moneys and obligations received and paid or incurred by the Treasurer for or on account of the Corporation and, upon request by any trustee, shall exhibit such books to such trustee at a reasonable time at the offices of the Corporation. The Treasurer shall, in general, perform all the duties incident to the office of Treasurer, subject to the control of the Board of Trustees.
7.7 Removal. Any officer of the Corporation may be removed from office with or without cause by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Trustees.

## ARTICLE VIII

## AGENTS AND REPRESENTATIVES

8.1 Authority. The Board of Trustees may appoint additional agents and representatives of the Corporation to perform such acts or duties on behalf of the Corporation as the

Board of Trustees may see fit, so far as may be consistent with these Bylaws, and to the extent authorized or permitted by law.

## ARTICLE IX

## CONTRACTS AND ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS

9.1 Contracts and Administration of Funds. The Board of Trustees, except as these Bylaws otherwise provide, may authorize any officer or agent to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to a specific instance.

## ARTICLE X

## FISCAL YEAR

10.1 Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be such year as determined by resolution of the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE XI
PROHIBITION AGAINST SHARING IN CORPORATE EARNINGS; DISSOLUTION
11.1 No Private Inurement. No trustee, officer, employee, committee member, or other person connected with the Corporation, or any other private individual, shall receive any of the net earnings or pecuniary profit from the operations of the Corporation at any time, provided, however, that this shall not prevent the payment to any such person of reasonable compensation, as determined by the Board of Trustees, for services rendered to or for the Corporation and/or for reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred in connection with such services.
11.2 Procedure Upon Dissolution. In the event of a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or winding up of the Corporation, whether voluntary, involuntary or by operation of law, the Board of Trustees shall, after provision for all liabilities, distribute any remaining assets or property of the Corporation for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Code Section

501(c)(3) to such organization or organizations then located in the United States and qualified under Code Section 501(c)(3), or to a state or local government for a public purpose, as the Board of Trustees shall deem appropriate. In order for such dissolution and distribution of the Corporation's assets to be effective, they must be approved by a majority of the trustees then in office and such majority shall also be required to include the Founding Trustee. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Superior Court of New Jersey, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as such Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

## ARTICLE XII

## INVESTMENTS

12.1 Reinvestment. The Corporation shall have the right to retain all or any part of any securities or property acquired by it in whatever manner, and to invest and reinvest any funds held by it, according to the judgment of the Board of Trustees, without being restricted to the class of investments which a trustee is or may hereafter be permitted by law to make or any similar restriction. However, no action shall be taken by or on behalf of the Corporation if such action would result in the denial of the Corporation's income tax exemption under Code Section 501(c)(3).
12.2 Commingling. The Board of Trustees shall incorporate as assets of the Corporation all property received and accepted by the Corporation and, subject to any limitations, conditions, or requirements which may be a part of any gift, may commingle any assets of the Corporation with any other of the Corporation's assets, or may maintain any asset or assets in segregated funds or accounts whenever in their sole discretion they shall determine such segregation to be in the best interest of the Corporation or when the conditions, limitations, or instructions of any gift, grant, bequest, or devise shall require such segregation.

## ARTICLE XIII

## EXEMPT ACTIVITIES

13.1 Preservation of Exempt Status. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, no trustee, officer, employee, or representative of this Corporation shall take any action or carry on any activity by or on behalf of the Corporation which is not permitted to be taken or carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Code Section 501(c)(3), or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Code Sections 170, 2055(a)(2), or 2522(a)(2).
13.2 Lobbying and Political Activities. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene (including the publishing or distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office.
13.3 Public Inspection of Annual Returns. The Corporation shall make available for public inspection a copy of its three most recent annual returns, and upon request shall provide copies of such returns and any other documents, all as may be required by law.

## ARTICLE XIV

## INDEMNIFICATION

14.1 Indemnification by Corporation. Each present and future trustee of the Corporation, each present and future officer of the Corporation and each present and future member of any committee of the Board of Trustees, and the legal representatives of such persons, shall be indemnified by the Corporation to the fullest extent permitted by the New Jersey Nonprofit Corporation Act, as may be amended from time to time.
14.2 Indemnification Not in Restriction of Other Privileges. The right of indemnification described in section 14.1 above shall be in addition to, and not in restriction or
limitation of, any other privilege or power with respect to indemnification or reimbursement which the Corporation or the individual seeking indemnification may have, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 15A:3-4 or any other source.

## ARTICLE XV

## AMENDMENTS

15.1 Amendments to Bylaws. The Board of Trustees shall have the power to make, alter, amend, and repeal the Bylaws of the Corporation by affirmative vote of a majority of those trustees present at any duly-convened meeting (except where a greater majority is required by law), or by unanimous written consent of all trustees without a meeting; provided, however that unless adopted by unanimous written consent, the proposed alteration, amendment, or repeal shall be specified in the notice of the meeting of this Corporation provided for in Article V of these Bylaws, and provided further that in order to be effective, any such majority shall also be required to include the Founding Trustee.
15.2 Amendments to Certificate of Incorporation. The Board of Trustees shall have the power to alter or amend the Certificate of Incorporation by an affirmative vote of a majority of those trustees present at any duly-convened meeting (except where a greater majority is required by law), or by unanimous written consent of all trustees without a meeting; provided, however, that in connection with the Board's approval, unless adopted by unanimous written consent, advance notice of the proposed alteration, amendment or repeal shall be provided to the Corporation's Board of Trustees and shall be specified in the notice of the meeting provided for in Article V of these Bylaws, and provided further that in order to be effective, any such majority shall also be required to include the Founding Trustee.

Dated: October 2, 2017

# RESTORE NATIVE PLANTS, WILDLIFE AND LANDMARK STRUCTURES, INC. EIN: 82-3559181 

## Exhibit C to Form 1023 - Part III, Lines 1 and 2(b)

Part III, Line 1: The Purpose Clause for Restore Native Plants, Wildlife and Landmark Structures, Inc. ("RNPWLS") is in Article SECOND of RNPWLS's Certificate of Incorporation, on page 1; and in Section 2.1 of RNPWLS's Bylaws, on page 1. A copy of the Certificate of Incorporation is attached to this Form 1023 as Exhibit A, and a copy of the Bylaws is attached to this Form 1023 as Exhibit B.

Part III, Line 2(b): The Dissolution Clause for RNPWLS is in Section 7 of Article FOURTH of RNPWLS's Certificate of Incorporation, on page 4; and in Section 11.2 of RNPWLS's Bylaws, on pages 11 and 12. A copy of the Certificate of Incorporation is attached to this Form 1023 as Exhibit A, and a copy of the Bylaws is attached to this Form 1023 as Exhibit B.

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Exhibit D to Form 1023 - Part IV; and Part VI, Lines 1(a) and 1(b)

## Description of Activities:

Restore Native Plants, Wildlife and Landmark Structures, Inc. ("RNPWLS") was incorporated in 2017 by its founder, Dr. Benjamin Burton, to continue more formally his ongoing work with other individuals and organizations to promote conservation and solve environmental problems, particularly to restore native plant species and animal species, many of which have become threatened and endangered. These efforts have focused on bringing local ecosystems back to their original, self-sustaining state through restoration and management efforts, including the removal of non-native or invasive plant species and replacing them with indigenous species with high wildlife value.

Dr. Burton has been an environmental advocate for over 20 years and was enlightened and inspired by the book, "Bringing Nature Home" by Douglas W. Tallamy regarding the importance of native plants and species for our ecosystem. Dr. Burton has volunteered, financially supported, and conducted environmental cleanup programs, research, native plant restoration activities and identification of threatened and endangered wildlife, working with other nonprofit conservation and wildlife organizations as well as on his own. As a nonprofit and IRC Section 501(c)(3) organization, RNPWLS will be able more formally to pursue these important conservation and environmental activities and programs, to ensure the preservation of threatened and endangered species, to prevent their extinction, and to maintain genetic bio-diversity for all future generations.

RNPWLS is a new organization and has not yet developed all of its activities and programs. However, it expects to focus on promoting conservation, specifically rare and endangered species, and solving environmental problems, including educating others about these important topics, and being based in the State of New Jersey it expects to conduct most of its activities and programs in New Jersey. In 2017 RNPWLS received gifts of two tracts of wooded and undeveloped land located in West Milford, New Jersey, totaling approximately 185 acres. It expects primarily to conduct its activities and programs at State and local parks in New Jersey, and land owned by other nonprofit, IRC Section 501(c)(3) conservation organizations located in New Jersey, and its own properties.

RNPWLS will work to save threatened and endangered plants and wildlife from extinction, which will include identifying such species in their native habitats and restoring the plants that feed and shelter them. Native plants are indigenous to where they currently grow. In order for a plant to be considered native, it cannot be introduced intentionally or unintentionally by humans. Native plants have evolved and lived for thousands of years in a defined geographic region. Some native plants have adapted to such specific habitats that they can only be found in an extremely limited range. Native plants are critical to the survival and of nearly all threatened and endangered animals. They provide significantly more habitat and food for native wildlife species
than invasive species, which have taken over lawns and forests in the last century. By removing invasive plant species and replacing them with native plants, wildlife habitats are restored.

RNPWLS also expects to conduct field reconnaissance which has already been done on a volunteer basis and will continue forward. Observations have been documented and sent to the DEP noting uncommon, rare and threatened native plant species. These sightings will continue to be thoroughly documented and the information made available to State botanists and ecology experts. In addition, propagation research will be conducted to explore and document the vast, varied, and specific germination requirements of native species found throughout the region, as well as the differences between ecotypes of common and uncommon species.

RNPWLS expects to plan and regularly conduct State and local park cleanups, including at New Jersey's Ramapo Mountain State Forest. It also will carry out events to extract invasive, nonnative plant species and replace them with native plants. In conducting its activities, it will work with volunteers, the public sector, school groups, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, other youth organizations, and all interested members of the community, to improve the environment and give native wildlife the healthy, nourishing habitats they need to thrive. RNPWLS currently has no paid staff but as its financial resources increase, it expects to hire staff to assist with and manage its operations and programs.

In addition, RNPWLS expects to establish seasonal high school and college internship programs, as well as seasonal volunteer programs for those interested in regularly volunteering their time to help RNPWLS pursue its goals. The internship programs are expected to be offered for 2 and 3 month time-periods, to college students in good standing majoring in biology, environmental studies or comparable topic, and to high school students with a strong interest in preserving local plant and wildlife populations. The interns' work would likely include execution of native plant propagation techniques, removing invasive plant species, planting native plants, and general maintenance.

In the future, to the extent RNPWLS receives contributions of real property where historic and/or landmark structures are located, or to the extent State or local parks or public lands contain such structures, it expects to expand its activities and programs to conserve and protect, as well as educate the public about, such structures.

In connection with its work RNPWLS expects eventually to develop three websites, one for each of its three areas of focus. The Restore Native Plants website is up and running. Its address is www.restorenativeplants.org, as provided in response to Line 9(a) of Part I of this Form 1023 (on page 1). It is expected that the second website, Restore Wildlife, will be developed and completed in the next several months and that the third website, Restore Landmark Structures will be developed and completed later this year or early next year.

# RESTORE NATIVE PLANTS, WILDLIFE AND LANDMARK STRUCTURES, INC. EIN: 82-3559181 

Exhibit E to Form 1023 - Part V, Line 3(a)

## Qualifications of Trustees and Officers:

Dr. Benjamin Burton has been a life-long advocate for those in need, especially children, the environment, and animals. Specifically within the last 20 years he has long been a pioneer and proponent for our ecosystem and environmental sustainability, and within the past 5 years his focus has been on flora and fauna species native to North America. He has volunteered, financially supported, and conducted environmental cleanup programs, research, native plant restoration activities and identification of threatened and endangered wildlife, working with other nonprofit conservation and wildlife organizations, as well as pursuing these activities on his own.

Four years ago, alongside the Bergen County Audubon (in Bergen County, New Jersey), Ben helped to establish the Dr. Ben Burton Native Plant Garden at Teaneck Creek, part of Bergen County's Overpeck County Park. This garden serves as a learning center for schools, scout groups, and County residents who want to learn more about the benefits of native plants in the landscape. For all of his efforts, Dr. Burton was awarded the 2015 Environmental Excellence Award from the Teaneck Creek Conservancy and the 2015 Environmental Advocate of the Year Award from the Bergen County Audubon Society. In addition, Ben has created his own rare native plant propagation facility in conjunction with many renowned environmentalists.

Professionally, Ben is a Doctor of Physical Therapy, currently semi-retired. He is the owner of four physical therapy clinics, and several related businesses, all in Northern New Jersey. Fueled by principles of emotional intelligence and a deeply-held commitment to helping others, Ben has continued to lead his businesses to the top of their respective fields. He is a mentor to his team of 100 associates, creating a thriving, self-directed workforce dedicated to those same altruistic goals.

Dr. Burton received his Doctorate in Physical Therapy from Rocky Mountain University of Health Professionals. He is a summa cum laude graduate from the Rutgers School of Health Related Professions (formerly the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey). He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Therapy from Kean University, and received his Athletic Training Certification from Montclair State University. He is Board Certified by the American Physical Therapy Association in both Orthopedic and Sports Physical Therapy. He recently retired his Certifications with the National Athletic Training Association as a Certified Athletic Trainer, and with the National Strength and Conditioning Association as a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist. He has served as an adjunct instructor at Montclair State University.

Jayson Hajek attended Clarkson University from 2007-2011, receiving a B.S. Degree in Biology with Distinction. He returned to Clarkson and completed his Masters Degree in Basic Science, with a concentration in Wildlife Conservation, in 2013. While at Clarkson, Jayson was a member of four different laboratories, working on numerous projects and developing high-level
field and lab skills. In particular, Jayson dedicated several years to an initiative to construct roadside turtle fences, promoting safe passage for turtles across high-traffic roadways. During his graduate studies at Clarkson, Jayson also served as the president of the university's Biological Honor Society. By the end of his term, both funding and membership of the honor society had more than doubled, and it continues to thrive today.

Since 2013, Jayson has worked with Dr. Burton in support of his conservation initiatives. To date, Jayson has assisted in the identification of 25 threatened and endangered wildlife species. These species were reported to the NJDEP to enhance their protection in local areas. As an avid birder, Jayson has also identified and cataloged over 100 local and migrating bird species. Knowing what bird species call the area home is crucial in determining the appropriate native plant selection, ensuring that selected species provide the greatest habitat and food sources.

Working with others, Jayson has rescued, raised, and released over 130 monarch butterfly caterpillars, whose numbers have declined over $90 \%$ since the mid-1990's due to habitat loss. To combat the loss of this iconic species, Jayson has co-directed a milkweed for monarchs initiative, which focuses on the growth and restoration of the milkweed plant--the only plant monarch butterflies use to lay their eggs. To date, they have grown and introduced over 3,000 milkweed plants into the surrounding landscape. This initiative was ahead of the curve, with new legislation just passed in 2017 authorizing groups, organizations, businesses, and individuals to "adopt" assigned portions of state-owned lands to develop and maintain monarch butterfly waystations. Over the past 5 years, he has also helped organize 5 State park cleanups, removing oil drums, car parts, discarded appliances, and over 400 bags of trash from the Ramapo Mountain area. These events have helped provide a safer environment for both wildlife and visitors to the park.

In December 2015, Jayson was awarded the Bergen County Audubon Society Harold Feinberg Conservation Award. This award is presented annually to an individual who demonstrates a commitment to conservation and bettering the environment for both wildlife and the local community. Currently, Jayson is pursuing his federal and state license in avian wildlife rehabilitation, and is leading his team's wildlife division. After his licensure, Jayson plans on directing an avian wildlife rehabilitation center, providing help for injured wildlife in an area that locally has no local resource to help birds.

James Preisendanz attended Rutgers University, Cook College from 2006-2011, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Ecology and Natural Resources and a Certificate in Environmental Planning. His academic experience included research assistance in the study of cranberry fields undergoing secondary succession in the Pinelands and the role of voles in restoring them to their natural state. James also assisted with sample and data collection of native plant seeds in rural and urban locations to study the effects of urbanized soil on plant species viability.

In the summers of 2010 and 2011, James was hired as a biological intern at Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge where he discovered his passion for native plant propagation and bat conservation. During his time at Wallkill, James planned, organized and led educational programs for both children and adults including lessons in dendrology, herpetology and the effects of White Nose Syndrome specifically on myotis bat populations. Exposed to a breadth of ecological field techniques, James was trained by Wildlife Biologist Marilyn Kitchell in mist netting, telemetry and emergence counts of local bat species. This data was utilized to track a
noticeable decline in species abundance and richness due to effects of White Nose Syndrome. During the construction of a pipeline in the refuge, James assisted with mounting transmitters on the carapace of wood turtles and tracking their movement to ensure the protection of this species. Mentored by Field Biologists Ken Witkowski and Michele Gandy, James also participated in upland songbird, waterfowl, and botanical surveys

In 2012-2013, James served as an AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassador leading water monitoring programs and conducting stream assessments in Passaic, Bergen and Morris Counties, New Jersey. During his time with AmeriCorps, James actively participated in professional development workshops including Project WILD, Developing Wetland Condition Assessments, and Stormwater Management workshops. Certificates received included Appreciation for Valuable Contributions of Volunteer Efforts and a Jefferson Award for Outstanding Community Service.

James first met Dr. Benjamin Burton during his time of service with AmeriCorps at an environmental commission meeting in West Milford, New Jersey. After reading the book "Bringing Nature Home" by Douglas Tallamy, James gained a deeper understanding for the need to reintroduce native plants not only to Wildlife Refuges and State Parks, but also to the developed landscape. To date, James has assisted with planting over 38,000 native plants to provide food, shelter, nesting sites, pollen and nectar to support local wildlife. He also managed the NY/NJ Trail Conference Invasive Strike Force and with the help from Matt Simonelli, developed an invasive management team which has recovered over 65 acres from invasive plant infestation.

With James' leadership, working with others, amazing contributions have been made to protecting natural resources. To date, they have grown over $30+$ species of native plants including the $100 \%$ American Chestnut. In April 2017, James organized a tree planting event, planting 150 native trees with PSE\&G volunteers and plans to partner with the NJ Watershed Ambassador Program to continue hosting tree planting events.

In December 2015, James was awarded the Bergen County Audubon Society Harold Feinberg Conservation Award. This award is presented annually to individuals who demonstrate a commitment to conservation and bettering the environment for both wildlife and the local community. Motivated to increase his skillset, in 2017, James became a certified arborist with the International Society of Arboriculture and received his private pesticide license through the NJDEP. James is currently pursuing becoming a New Jersey Board Certified Tree Expert.

## Duties, Activities and Average Hours Worked

The duties and activities of the trustees and officers are set forth in Articles IV, V, VII and XIII of RNPWLS's Bylaws, attached to this Form 1023 as Exhibit B. They will also be key participants in the programs and activities of RNPWLS as further described in Exhibits D and G to this Form 1023.

It is expected that the trustees and officers of RNPWLS will work the following estimated hours per week: Ben Burton - 40 hours; Jayson Hajek - 20 hours; and James Preisendanz - 20 hours.

## RESTORE NATIVE PLANTS, WILDLIFE AND LANDMARK STRUCTURES, INC.

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RNPWLS's Board of Trustees adopted a Conflict of Interest Policy, and an annual disclosure form, copies of which are attached to this Exhibit F.

# RESTORE NATIVE PLANTS, WILDLIFE AND LANDMARK STRUCTURES, INC. 

## Conflict of Interest Policy

## Article I

## Purpose

The purpose of the Conflict of Interest policy is to protect the interest of Restore Native Plants, Wildlife and Landmark Structures, Inc. (the "Corporation") when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or trustee of the Corporation or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

## Article II

## Definitions

## 1. Interested Person

Any trustee, principal officer, or member of a committee with governing board delegated powers, who has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined below, is an interested person.

## 2. Financial Interest

A person has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family:
a. An ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the Corporation has a transaction or arrangement,
b. A compensation arrangement with the Corporation or with any entity or individual with which the Corporation has a transaction or arrangement, or
c. A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the Corporation is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.

Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are not insubstantial.

A financial interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. Under Article III Section 2, a person who has financial interest may have a conflict of interest only if the appropriate governing board or committee decides that a conflict of interest exists.

## Article III <br> Procedures

## 1. Duty to Disclose

In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an interested person must disclose the existence of the financial interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the trustees and members of committees with governing board delegated powers considering the proposed transaction or arrangement.

## 2. Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists

After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, he/she shall leave the governing board or committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining board or committee members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.

## 3. Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest

a. An interested person may make a presentation at the governing board or committee meeting, but after the presentation, he/she shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.
b. The chairperson of the governing board or committee shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.
c. After exercising due diligence, the governing board or committee shall determine whether the Corporation can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.
d. If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible under circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the governing board or committee shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested trustees whether the transaction or arrangement is in the Corporation's best interest, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. In conformity with the above determination it shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.

## 4. Violations of the Conflict of Interest Policy

a. If the governing board or committee has reasonable cause to believe a member has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the member of the basis for such belief and afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.
b. If, after hearing the member's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the governing board or committee determines the member has
failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.

## Article IV Records of Proceedings

The minutes of the governing board and all committees with board delegated powers shall contain:
a. The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a financial interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the financial interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the governing boards or committee's decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.
b. The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement, and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.

## Article V Compensation

a. A voting member of the governing board who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Corporation for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.
b. A voting member of any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Corporation for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.
c. No voting member of the governing board or any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Corporation, either individually or collectively, is prohibited from providing information to any committee regarding compensation.

## Article VI Annual Statements

Each trustee, principal officer and member of a committee with governing board delegated powers shall annually sign a statement which affirms such person:
a. Has received a copy of the conflict of interest policy,
b. Has read and understands the policy,
c. Has agreed to comply with the policy, and
d. Understands the Corporation is charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

## Article VII <br> Periodic Reviews

To ensure the Corporation operates in a manner consistent with its charitable purposes and does not engage in activities that could jeopardize its tax-exempt status, periodic reviews shall be conducted. The periodic reviews shall, at a minimum, include the following subjects:
a. Whether compensation arrangements and benefits are reasonable, based on competent survey information, and the result of arm's length bargaining.
b. Whether partnerships, joint ventures, and arrangements with management organizations conform to the Corporation's written policies, are properly recorded, reflect reasonable investment or payments for goods and services, further charitable purposes and do not result in inurement, impermissible private benefit or in an excess benefit transaction.

## Article VIII Use of Outside Experts

When conducting the periodic reviews as provided for in Article VII, the Corporation may, but need not, use outside advisors. If outside experts are used, their use shall not relieve the governing board of its responsibility for ensuring periodic reviews are conducted.

# RESTORE NATIVE PLANTS, WILDLIFE AND LANDMARK STRUCTURES, INC. 

## Trustee/Officer Disclosure Statement

I am a trustee and/or officer of Restore Native Plants, Wildlife and Landmark Structures, Inc. (the "Corporation") and this will serve to confirm that I:
A. have received a copy of the Corporation's Conflict of Interest Policy;
B. have read and understand the Conflict of Interest Policy;
C. have agreed to comply with the Conflict of Interest Policy;
D. have disclosed below all known conflicts of interest in accordance with the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
E. understand that the Corporation is a charitable and tax-exempt organization, and that in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities that accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

Date: 3/12/2018


Benjamin Burton
Print name
Trustee
Print title(s)

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Exhibit G to Form 1023 - Part VIII, Lines 4(a), 4(d) and 11

## Part VIII, Line 4(a) and (d):

RNPWLS is a new organization and is still in the process of developing its fundraising programs. RNPWLS will endeavor to attract funds for its operations from a wide variety of sources, on an ongoing basis. RNPWLS is in the process of developing its fundraising materials and a current draft of one item is attached to this Exhibit G.

RNPWLS anticipates that its fundraising activities could include direct mail, email and phone solicitations, donations through its website, special events, individual major gift solicitations and applying for foundation and government grants. RNPWLS expects that it will conduct all of its fundraising activities itself, through its officers and trustees (and staff, if eventually it has its own staff), and not use any paid/professional fundraisers.

It is expected that RNPWLS will conduct fundraising primarily from its home base in New Jersey, and will conduct fundraising only on behalf of itself, not on behalf of other organizations.

## Part VIII, Line 11:

In connection with its fundraising and solicitation activities, RNPWLS will accept contributions of real property, and possibly conservation easements, but it does not expect to receive contributions of the other types of property listed under Line 11 of Part VIII.

As a conservation organization, RNPWLS expects to work to conserve real property, and received gifts of two tracts of wooded and undeveloped land in 2017, totaling approximately 185 acres. Going forward it will accept additional gifts of real property to the extent they are consistent with the purposes of RNPWLS and the conservation of such property will be consistent with the purposes of RNPWLS. Although outright gifts of real estate are preferred, and the type of real property contributions received so far, RNPWLS may accept contributions of conservation easements if they can successfully be used by RNPWLS in furthering its conservation and other exempt purposes.

RNPWLS does not expect a donor to impose any conditions on the contribution of real property, and does not expect to enter into any agreements with a donor of real property, other than those that would be consistent with RNPWLS's conservation and other exempt purposes. RNPWLS expects it will receive, and strongly prefers receiving, outright and complete transfers of real property as contributions, without any conditions or restrictions imposed by the donor.



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## Exhibit H to Form 1023 - Part IX(A), Lines 7 and 23

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[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ If Dr. Burton chooses to designate a successor Founding Trustee (or more than one), or make any change to such a designation, he may do so by notifying the Board of Trustees in writing, which is dated and signed by him. If more than one, the written designation shall also address how the Founding Trustee's quorum and voting rights shall be exercised.

