

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND CLARIFYING COMMENTS
BY PART, NUMBER, AND TITLE IN FORM 1023**

Part II, 5 Bylaws

A copy of the bylaws approved by the Board of Directors is attached.

Part IV “Narrative Description of Your Activities”

Lumpkin Coalition will provide a variety of charitable and educational services to help maintain and improve the quality of life for residents of Lumpkin County and North Georgia, including:

- Education of public on relevant issues – environmental and other - primarily through public forums (e.g., understanding land transfer rights), e-mail, regular mail, and provision of information to the public media; providing information to residents, businesses, and government officials on other issues that affect quality of life and continued healthy economy; educational walks or river trips to enlighten persons on environmental issues.
- Fund-raising for causes beneficial to residents of the county, such as through benefit concerts to support fighting the infestation of wooly adelgids (aphids) that threaten continued existence of the hemlock tree, a tree very important especially to the rivers and forests of this area and to attractiveness of the area for tourism, a principal base of local economy. This effort is in cooperation with the National Forest Service, the University System of Georgia, and organizations such as Georgia ForestWatch.
- Supporting the monitoring of water quality in select rivers through biological and chemical sampling, using testing and reporting procedures approved by the State of Georgia. This effort is in cooperation with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.
- Identifying appropriate ways to protect the watersheds of the two main rivers with headwaters that originate in and flow through Lumpkin County – the Etowah and Chestatee – and educating and involving citizens in implementation. This effort is in cooperation with State and local officials and organizations such as The Nature Conservancy.
- Analyzing pertinent issues that arise for impact on Lumpkin County residents. These issues may include proposals/activities of businesses, individuals and government (federal, state, and local) that relate to changes in the natural or physical environment.
- Collaborating with other 501(c)3 organizations in select efforts that relate to the quality of life, preservation of a healthy natural environment, and continuing economic health in Lumpkin County.

Each activity will be conducted on a voluntary basis by individuals, normally resident in the county, who are interested in the particular issue being addressed. Periodic meetings, generally monthly, will be held so that pertinent issues can be identified,

action steps determined, and persons designated to be involved. The amount of time required will depend on the project or issue. No one will give full time (except possibly during short periods as the issue requires). No director, officer, staff, or committee member is receiving compensation or benefit.

Activities will be conducted for the most part in Lumpkin County. Some issues/activities may involve neighboring north Georgia counties.

In accordance with the articles of incorporation, no substantial portion of activity will be influencing legislation, and no activities will constitute intervention in political campaigns on behalf of or in opposition to a candidate or party.

Part V, 1a Compensation of Officers and Directors

One additional director:

Tom Lamb	Director	450 Forrest Hills Dahlonega GA 30533	Compensation: None
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Part V, 2a Officer – Director relationships

One of the Directors, Tom Lamb, is the father of the Vice-Chairman, Murray Lamb. This does not constitute a conflict of interest, since no compensation or benefit is due to either. Murray Lamb was one of the founders of the organization. The father became active and brings skills that are useful as a Board member.

Part V, 3a Hours and duties of officers

The attached bylaws provide specific duties of the officers and directors, but no additional information is provided here because none receives any compensation.

Part V, 4a-f Compensation practices

No compensation is included in the articles of incorporation, and this is expected to remain the policy/practice of the organization. Nevertheless “Yes” is checked for each of these items, since they clearly would be followed if the organization were to grow to the point at which compensation is indicated and the articles of incorporation were amended to allow compensation.

Part V, 5a Conflict of interest policy

A conflict of interest policy consistent with the sample policy in Appendix A of the instructions was developed, discussed in detail, and passed by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors. A copy of the policy is attached.

Part VI, 1a Provision of “goods, services, or funds to individuals.”

No goods are expected to be provided to individuals, except educational materials and as related directly to fund-raising, such as sales of t-shirts.

Services expected to be provided will be primarily in the form of education on issues of import to residents of Lumpkin County. Methods would include through public communications media, public forums in which an issue can be objectively explored, benefit events with education as a component, e-mail, regular mail, and educational walks. All services will be nonpartisan and open to the general public.

The only funds to be provided to individuals will be in direct support of fund-raising for exempt purposes, for example, a fee charged by a musician for a benefit concert. These expenses would be included in the budget in item 14.

Part VI, 1b Provision of “goods, services, or funds to organizations.”

No goods or services are expected to be provided to organizations, unless activities such as support for water quality monitoring workshops are construed to be service to the Department of Natural Resources.

Funds may be contributed to other 501(c)3 or governmental organizations when deemed to be best use of funds in the interest of accomplishing an exempt purpose of Lumpkin Coalition.

Funds may be provided to Lumpkin County and/or the City of Dahlonega to assist in implementing projects for the public good and safety, such as walkways and bike paths.

Part VIII, 2a How attempt to influence legislation.

No substantial effort will be expended to influence legislation. The organization is acutely sensitive to be objective and completely nonpartisan on any issue that may be addressed. The main focus will be on issues of importance to maintenance and improvement of the quality of life and a continued healthy economy for residents of Lumpkin County. These generally will not be legislative in nature.

If an issue were legislative in nature, expected to be rare, the methods of involvement may include public forums where basic information can be presented and various aspects of an issue from all sides can be explored objectively, meetings with local legislators to express the viewpoints expressed, dissemination of information via e-mail regarding status of the issue, petitions from those affected, and provision of information, but not promotion of a position, to the local press. The basic purpose would be for all sides of an issue to be understood so that county residents can make up their own minds where they stand on an issue and so that a legislator can make a sound decision in the role he/she plays in the legislative process.

Part VIII, 4a Description of fundraising programs

Postal mail solicitations are expensive and are expected to be used only selectively. A list of participants and potential donors and interested persons will be developed and maintained and used where determined to be appropriate and worthwhile for fundraising for a specific purpose.

Information will be provided to individuals via e-mail, regular mail, telephone (although no mass phone solicitation is anticipated), or in person regarding an issue in which they may be interested to contribute.

One means of fundraising is expected to be through periodic benefit events that are advertised and open to the general public. Currently a benefit concert is planned to help support a laboratory (at the University of Georgia) that will contribute to saving the hemlock tree from extinction. Government funds are available for the operation, but not the establishment and outfitting, of the laboratory.

“Vehicle, boat, plane, or similar donations” may occasionally include a canoe or kayak for raffle or auction. This is not expected to include motorized or licensed vehicles. Such contributions will be accepted without conditions.

Donations will not be received directly on the website unless a secure system for protecting individual and credit card information is developed, and this manner of receiving funds is determined to be reasonable and practical. However, PayPal will be referenced on the website for general donations and to pay for public awareness and fundraising events. Also it is possible that another organization could donate a percentage of profits that are gained from advertising supportive events on its website that result in donations.

“Yes” is also checked for “foundation grant solicitations” and “government grant solicitations” in the event an issue arises for which one of those avenues of fundraising seems appropriate

Fees for members and participants are not envisioned at the present time. Persons are expected to contribute according to specific causes and needs. There are no overhead costs for such as rent and compensation.

Part VIII, 4c Fundraising for other organizations

No targeted fundraising efforts for other organizations are intended. It is possible, however, that the Coalition, as a non-competitive organization, could support donations to another tax-exempt organization in support of a cause that is consistent with the purposes and bylaws of the Coalition and that is in accord with the principles of 501(c)3 tax exemption. It is also possible that at times the “best use” of funds for an exempt purpose of Lumpkin Coalition may be to make a donation to another 501(c)(3) organization, for example, that organization has a matching fund opportunity for a common purpose.

Part VIII, 4d Areas of fundraising

The focus of fundraising will be in the State of Georgia, for the most part in Lumpkin County. For an event such as a benefit concert that will be advertised broadly, interested persons from a wider area may make a contribution. “Best use” of the funds will be determined on needs related to the specific issue, e.g., whether for educational materials, research efforts, donation to a government entity or other tax exempt organization, or other purposes consistent with the 501(c)3 purposes. It is possible that funds could be contributed to another organization, but only an

organization that also qualifies as tax exempt on the same basis as Lumpkin Coaliton. Conversely, where there is a common objective, another organization could raise funds for or donate funds to Lumpkin Coalition. If partner organizations even outside Georgia wish to provide funds for a local purpose, that would be welcomed. In the event this were to happen, the funds would be received without condition except that they would be used for the tax exempt purposes of the Coalition.

Part VIII, 11 Acceptance of contributions

Same comment as for 4a: The organization does not expect to solicit or receive contributions of the type listed, except possibly occasionally a canoe or kayak (“boats”) or other items of local interest (“collectibles” not anticipated) for raffle or auction. This is not expected to include motorized or licensed vehicles. Such contributions will be accepted without conditions, except that the proceeds will be used for the announced purpose(s).

Part VIII, 13a-g Distributions to organizations

No distributions will be made in the sense of the meaning of “distribution” in the financial world. “No” is checked because that definition does not apply to the intended use of funds.

The organization may make a donation to another 501(c)(3) organization if that is determined to be a “best use” of funds for an exempt purpose. For example, part of the funds currently being raised to save the hemlock tree from extinction have been donated to another 501(c)(3) organization, Georgia Forest Watch, Inc., that is dealing directly with the University of Georgia and the U.S. Forest Service in the establishment of a laboratory that will be involved in the preservation of hemlock trees. This donation decision was made on the basis that the funds can be better managed for the exempt purpose and better accounted for by going through one organization. The University has agreed to provide the facility, and the Forest Service has set aside operating funds, but donated funds are required to renovate the facility and get it ready to operate as a laboratory.

Any time such a donation is made we would expect to enter into our financial records the amount of the donation and recipient organization. We would expect to receive a confirmation letter from that organization stating the amount given, the date, and any specific agreement on the use of funds.

For such a one-time donation, it will be relatively simple to track use of the funds by review of the progress in establishing and operating the laboratory, to use the example given above. Any recipient organization would keep accounting per their usual system, and the information will be readily available if needed. Routine reports are not envisioned, but periodic reports would be requested if they were deemed important to keep track of a donation.