

# Introduction

In 2002, I wrote and published an ebook called "Prepare Your Own 501(c)(3) Application." My biggest challenge in writing that book and the subsequent revisions has been how much to include.

Specific examples, like sample narratives, may be very useful to some groups but not useful, or even misleading, for others. In Prepare Your Own 501(c)(3) Application, I decided to keep the information general so that it would be useful for the greatest number of people. This also allowed me to keep the book relatively short and reasonably priced.

This new ebook provides specific information for environmental groups. It has sample narratives and sample budgets, with my comments, as well as copies of relevant IRS rulings, and a list of environmental group exemptions.

This ebook for Environmental Organizations is the second of several planned supplements for use in conjunction with Prepare Your Own 501(c)(3) Application. I hope that by writing separate, short, focused books, I can avoid the problem of including a lot of material that very few people need, while at the same time keeping the price low.

I have received very good feedback from the users of my earlier books, and wish to extend the same invitation to you: Please let me know what parts of the book you like or don't like, and what you feel works or doesn't work, so I can make the book better!

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