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Form 990

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2008

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Check if applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Termination <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM FOUNDATION		D Employer identification number 23-7081057 E Telephone number (952) 443-1400 G Gross receipts \$ 4,550,000	
	Doing Business As			
	Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) 3675 ARBORETUM DRIVE			Room/suite
	City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 CHASKA, MN 55318			
	F Name and address of Principal Officer MARY H MEYER 3675 ARBORETUM DRIVE CHASKA, MN 55318			
I Tax-exempt status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) (3) (Insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
J Web site: ► WWW ARBORETUM UMN EDU		H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If "No," attach a list See instructions)		
K Type of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> trust <input type="checkbox"/> association <input type="checkbox"/> other ►		L Year of Formation 1971	M State of legal domicile MN	

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities See Additional Data Table		
2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its assets		
3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	33
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	33
5 Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5	0
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	720
7a Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, line 12, column (C) . . .	7a	0
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 . . .	7b	0

8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	4,096,625	3,344,708
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		810,685
		859,947
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)		799,883
		-316,384
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		1,422
		-21,481
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)		5,708,615
		3,866,790

13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		0
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)		0
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		70,608
b (Total fundraising expenses, Part IX, column (D), line 25 816,594)		42,119
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)		6,711,997
18 Total expenses—add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, line 25, column (A))		6,782,605
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12		-1,073,990
		-4,867,958

20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Year	End of Year
	29,411,142	23,329,140
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)		440,747
		3,837,840
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20		28,970,395
		19,491,300

Part II Signature Block

Please Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge		
	*****	2009-12-21	
	Signature of officer MARY H MEYER INTERIM DIRECTOR Type or print name and title	Date	

Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature 	Date	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's PTIN (See Gen Inst)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 Ryan J Terry Ltd 550 Main Street St Paul, MN 55112			EIN ►
				Phone no ► (651) 636-3806

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

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission.

See Additional Data Table

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? Yes No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule C.

3 Did the organization cease conducting or make significant changes in how it conducts any program services? Yes No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule C.

4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code) (Expenses \$ 7,728,823 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
EXPENSES INCURRED ARE FOR MAINTENANCE OF ARBORETUM RESEARCH PLOTS, GARDENS AND GROUNDS AND FOR EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS THE ARBORETUM CONSISTS OF 1,137 OF UNIQUE PUBLIC GARDENS, NATURAL SPACES AND RESEARCH AREAS WHICH INCLUDES 32 DISPLAY AND SPECIALTY GARDENS, 48 GENERIC PLANT COLLECTIONS, 5,000 SPECIES OF PLANTS, AND 8 NATIVE AND RESTORED ENVIRONMENTS. WITHIN THE ARBORETUM THERE ARE SEVERAL NATURAL VEGETATIVE COMMUNITIES INCLUDING A SPAGHUM BOG, MAPLE BASSWOOD BIG WOODS, TALLGRASS PRAIRIE, AND RESTORED SEDGE MEADOW. IN ADDITION, THERE IS A THREE MILE DRIVE FOR CARS AND 11 MILES OF WALKING AND HIKING TRAILS FOR VISITORS. THE ARBORETUM SERVES A BROAD AUDIENCE WITH 321,993 VISITORS AND 21,140 MEMBERS IN FISCAL 2009. INNOVATIVE NATURAL SCIENCE AND HORTICULTURAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS ARE OFFERED FOR INDIVIDUALS OF ALL AGES. NEARLY 60,000 CHILDREN, ADULTS, TEACHERS, AND FAMILIES PARTICIPATED IN A WIDE VARIETY OF HORTICULTURAL AND NATURAL SCIENCE EDUCATION PROGRAMS. THE ARBORETUM'S HORTICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTER HAS DEVELOPED 155 VARIETIES OF COLD-HARDY FRUIT AND LANDSCAPE PLANTS.

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$

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

4e Total program service expenses \$ 7,728.823 Must equal Part IX, Line 25, column (B)

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A

2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?

3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II

5 Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III

6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I

7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II

8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III

9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV

10 Did the organization hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V

11 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, lines 10, 12, 13, 15, or 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable

12 Did the organization receive an audited financial statement for the year for which it is completing this return that was prepared in accordance with GAAP? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII

13 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the U.S.?

- b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the U.S.? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I

15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II

16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III

17 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I

18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II

19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III

20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H

21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II

22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III

23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5? If "Yes," complete Schedule J

24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to question 25

- b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?
- c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?
- d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?

25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I

25b Did the organization become aware that it had engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I

26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II

27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, or substantial contributor, or to a person related to such an individual? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III

	Yes	No
1	Yes	
2	Yes	
3		No
4	Yes	
5		
6		No
7		No
8		No
9		No
10	Yes	
11	Yes	
12	Yes	
13		No
14a		No
14b		No
15		No
16		No
17	Yes	
18	Yes	
19	Yes	
20		No
21		No
22		No
23		No
24a		No
24b		
24c		
24d		
25a		No
25b		No
26		No
27		No

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (Continued)

28 During the tax year, did any person who is a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee

- a** Have a direct business relationship with the organization (other than as an officer, director, trustee, or employee), or an indirect business relationship through ownership of more than 35% in another entity (individually or collectively with other person(s) listed in Part VII, Section A)? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV
- b** Have a family member who had a direct or indirect business relationship with the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV
- c** Serve as an officer, director, trustee, key employee, partner, or member of an entity (or a shareholder of a professional corporation) doing business with the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV

29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M

30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M

31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I

32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II

33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations section 301 7701-2 and 301 7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I

34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1

35 Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2

36 501(c)(3) organizations Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2

37 Did the organization conduct more than 5 percent of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI

	Yes	No
28a		No
28b		No
28c		No
29	Yes	
30		No
31		No
32		No
33		No
34		No
35		No
36		No
37		No

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, <i>Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns</i> . Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	25
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	Yes
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, <i>Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements</i> filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a	0
2b	If at least one is reported in 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <i>Note: If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return.</i>	2b	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?	3a	No
3b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	3b	
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a	No
4b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts .	4b	
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a	No
5b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	No
5c	If "Yes," to 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, <i>Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction</i> ?	5c	
6a	Did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?	6a	No
6b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	
7	<i>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</i>	7a	Yes
7a	Did the organization provide goods or services in exchange for any quid pro quo contribution of \$75 or more?	7b	Yes
7b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7c	No
7c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7d	
7d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7e	No
7e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7f	No
7f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7g	No
7g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7h	No
7h	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?	8	
8	<i>Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.</i> Did the supporting organization, or a fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	9a	
9	<i>Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</i>	9b	
9a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
9b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10	<i>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</i> Enter	10a	
10a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10b	
10b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	11a	
11	<i>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</i> Enter	11b	
11a	Gross income from members or shareholders	12a	
11b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	12b	
12a	<i>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</i> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12b	
12b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		

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

	Yes	No
For each "Yes" response to lines 2-7 below, and for a "No" response to lines 8 or 9b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.		
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body . . .	1a	33
b Enter the number of voting members that are independent . . .	1b	33
2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2	No
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3	No
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4	No
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?	5	No
6 Does the organization have members or stockholders?	6	No
7a Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?	7a	No
b Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?	7b	No
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
a the governing body?	8a	Yes
b each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	Yes
9a Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	9a	No
b If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?	9b	
10 Was a copy of the Form 990 provided to the organization's governing body before it was filed? All organizations must describe in Schedule O the process, if any, the organization uses to review the Form 990	10	Yes
11 Is there any officer, director or trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	11	No

Section B. Policies

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

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed MN

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c) (3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply
 own website another's website upon request

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public. See Additional Data Table

20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization
DEANNA FLATEGRAFF
3675 ARBORETUM DRIVE
CHASKA, MN 55318
(952) 443-1435

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Section A Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed.

* List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations) and key employees regardless of amount of compensation, and current key employees Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid

* List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations

* List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

* List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

List persons in the following order individual trustees or directors, institutional trustees, officers, key employees, highest compensated employees, and former such persons

Check this box if the organization did not compensate any officer, director, trustee or key employee.

Part VII Continued

2 Total number of individuals (including those in 1a) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization **0**

3 Did the organization list any **former** officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual

4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual

5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
2 Total number of independent contractors (including those in 1) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization		0

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

		(A) Total Revenue	(B) Related or Exempt Function Revenue	(C) Unrelated Business Revenue	(D) Revenue Excluded from Tax under IRC 512, 513, or 514
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a Federated campaigns . . . 1a				
	b Membership dues 1b				
	c Fundraising events 1c	190,745			
	d Related organizations . . . 1d				
	e Government grants (contributions) 1e				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above 1f	3,153,963			
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ 136,578				
	h Total (Add lines 1a-1f) ►	3,344,708			
Program Service Revenue	2a MEMBERSHIP DUES	Business Code 900,099	859,947		859,947
	b				
	c				
	d				
	e				
	f All other program service revenue				
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f ► \$ 859,947				
	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest other similar amounts) ►		27,627		27,627
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . ►					
5 Royalties					
	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
6a Gross Rents					
b Less rental expenses					
c Rental income or (loss)					
d Net rental income or (loss) ►					
7a	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
b	124,909				
c	468,920				
d	-344,011				
d Net gain or (loss) ►		-344,011	-344,011		
8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ <u>159,891</u> of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 Attach Schedule G if total exceeds \$15,000 a	190,745				
b Less direct expenses . . . b	212,609				
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . ►		-52,718	-52,718		
9a Gross income from gaming activities See part IV, line 19 Complete Schedule G if total exceeds \$15,000					
a	15,983				
b Less direct expenses . . . b	1,681				
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . ►		14,302	14,302		
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances					
a					
b Less cost of goods sold . . . b					
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . ►					
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code			
11a BOOK SALES/PUBLICATION	900,099	13,270		13,270	
b GARDEN TRIPS	900,099	3,665		3,665	
c					
d All other revenue					
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d \$ 16,935 ►					
12 Total Revenue. Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e ►	3,866,790	-382,427	0	904,509	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.****All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).**

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U S See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U S See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations and individuals outside the U S See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages				
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management	693,283		19,583	673,700
b Legal				
c Accounting	15,959		15,959	
d Lobbying	7,479	7,479		
e Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17 . . .	42,119			42,119
f Investment management fees	78,727		78,727	
g Other	36,766	35,393	250	1,123
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	525,738	416,006	30,417	79,315
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	136,580	131,439	5,141	
17 Travel	17,247	790	6,444	10,013
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any Federal, state or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance	25,274		25,274	
24 Other expenses—Itemize expenses not covered above (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below)				
a LAND PURCHASE	3,357,780	3,357,780		
b ARB SALARIES & BENEFIT	2,710,060	2,710,060		
c GENERAL SERVICES	337,401	325,643	1,434	10,324
d CENTRAL UM FEE'S	296,231	296,231		
e REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	227,122	227,122		
f All other expenses	226,982	220,880	6,102	
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	8,734,748	7,728,823	189,331	816,594
26 Joint Costs. Check <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
Assets			
1	Cash—non-interest-bearing	809,721	1 794,891
2	Savings and temporary cash investments	2	
3	Pledges and grants receivable, net	2,065,285	3 1,268,350
4	Accounts receivable, net	4	
5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees or other related parties <i>Complete Part II of Schedule L</i>	5	
6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) <i>Complete Part II of Schedule L</i>	6	
7	Notes and loans receivable, net	7	
8	Inventories for sale or use	8	
9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	9	
10a	Land, buildings, and equipment <i>cost basis</i>	10a	
b	Less accumulated depreciation <i>Complete Part VI of Schedule D</i>	10b	10c
11	Investments—publicly traded securities	11	
12	Investments—other securities <i>See Part IV, line 11 Complete Part VII of Schedule D</i>	26,123,847	12 20,755,365
13	Investments—program-related <i>See Part IV, line 11 Complete Part VIII of Schedule D</i>	13	
14	Intangible assets	14	
15	Other assets <i>See Part IV, line 11 Complete Part IX of Schedule D</i>	412,289	15 510,534
16	Total assets. <i>Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)</i>	29,411,142	16 23,329,140
17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	20,503	17 15,187
18	Grants payable	18	
19	Deferred revenue	420,244	19 464,873
20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities	20	
21	Escrow account liability <i>Complete Part IV of Schedule D</i>	21	
22	Payable to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons <i>Complete Part II of Schedule L</i>	22	
23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	23	
24	Unsecured notes and loans payable	24	
25	Other liabilities <i>Complete Part X of Schedule D</i>	0	25 3,357,780
26	Total liabilities. <i>Add lines 17 through 25</i>	440,747	26 3,837,840
Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
27	Unrestricted net assets	3,352,056	27 415,505
28	Temporarily restricted net assets	10,826,607	28 3,845,726
29	Permanently restricted net assets	14,791,732	29 15,230,069
Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	30	
31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund	31	
32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	32	
33	Total net assets or fund balances	28,970,395	33 19,491,300
34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	29,411,142	34 23,329,140
Net Assets or Fund Balances			

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 cash accrual other

2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?

b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?

c If "Yes" to lines 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?

3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?

b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits?

	Yes	No
2a		No
2b	Yes	
2c	Yes	
3a		No
3b		

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Inspection**SCHEDULE A**
(Form 990 or 990EZ)**Public Charity Status and Public Support**To be completed by all section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1)
nonexempt charitable trusts.

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. See separate instructions.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Name of the organization**

MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

23-7081057

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (to be completed by all organizations) (See Instructions)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (Please check only one organization)

1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.

2 A school described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E)

3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. (Attach Schedule H)

4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state

5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II)

6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.

7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)

8 A community trust described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)

9 An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See **Section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III)

10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **Section 509(a)(4)**. (See instructions)

11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **Section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h

e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)

f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box

g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

(i) a person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the the supported organization?

(ii) a family member of a person described in (i) above?

(iii) a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?

h Provide the following information about the organizations the organization supports

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

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

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)
Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants")	3,877,206	4,970,926	4,741,698	4,907,310	4,204,655	22,701,795
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add line 1-3	3,877,206	4,970,926	4,741,698	4,907,310	4,204,655	22,701,795
5 The portion of total contribution by each person (other than a government unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceed 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						1,310,840
6 Public Support subtract line 5 from line 4						21,390,955

Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	3,877,206	100,342	4,741,698	4,907,310	4,204,655	22,701,795
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	78,971	100,342	140,382	85,384	27,627	432,706
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)	99,538	130,808	75,634	73,476	16,935	396,391
11 Total Support (Add lines 7 through 10)						23,530,892
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions)					12	1,197,885

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

**Computation of Public Support Percentage**

14 Public Support Percentage for 2008 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	14	90.910 %
15 Public Support Percentage for 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15	82.440 %
16a 33 1/3% Test - 2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
b 33 1/3% Test - 2007. If the organization did not check the box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
17a 10% Facts and Circumstances Test - 2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
b 10% Facts and Circumstances Test - 2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
18 Private Foundation. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a or 17b, check this box and see instructions		

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 509(a)(2)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total Add lines 1-5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000						
c Total of lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public Support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after 30 June, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total Support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12)						
14 First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						►

Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public Support Percentage for 2008 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15
16 Public Support Percentage for 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g	16

Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment Income Percentage for 2008 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17
18 Investment Income Percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h	18
19a 33 1/3% Tests - 2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	►
b 33 1/3% Tests - 2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	►
20 Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a or 19b, check this box and see instructions	►

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the information required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b, or Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. (see instructions)

Facts and Circumstances Test

Part II-A To be completed by organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) that filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)). (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

A Check if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group
B Check if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures— (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing Organization's Totals	(b) Affiliated Group Totals
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)			
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)			
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)			
d Other exempt purpose expenditures			
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)			
f Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns—			
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:		
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e		
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000		
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000		
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000		
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000		
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)			
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a Enter -0- if line g is more than line a			
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c Enter -0- if line f is more than line c			
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 1a through 1f of the instructions.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) Total
2a Lobbying non-taxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots non-taxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B To be completed by organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)). (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

	(a)		(b)	
	Yes	No	Amount	
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of				
a Volunteers?		No		
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines c through i)?		No		
c Media advertisements?		No		
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?		No		
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?		No		
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?		No		
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?		No		
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any other means?		No		
i Other activities If "Yes," describe in Part IV	Yes		7,479	
j Total lines 1c through 1i			7,479	
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			No	
b If "Yes" enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912				
c If "Yes" enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912				
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?				

Part III-A To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6). (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

	Yes	No
1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1	
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	
3 Did the organization agree to carryover lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3	

Part III-B To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) if BOTH Part III-A, questions 1 and 2 are answered "No" OR if Part III-A, question 3 is answered "Yes." (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1 \$
2 Section 162(e) non-deductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).	
a Current Year	2a \$
b Carryover from last year	2b \$
c Total	2c \$
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3 \$
4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (line 2c total minus 3 and 4)	4 \$
	5 \$

Part IV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Part II-B, Line 1i	Explanation of Other Lobbying Activities	LOBBYING EXPENDITURES RELATE TO THE FOUNDATION'S PROPOSAL TO THE LEGISLATIVE CITIZENS COMMISSION ON MINNESOTA RESOURCES (LCCMR) THE PROPOSAL REQUESTS FUNDING FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST FUND TO PROVIDE MATCHING MONEY TO THE FOUNDATION FOR PURCHASING ADJOINING PARCELS OF LAND THE LCCMR IS COMPOSED OF STATE SENATORS, REPRESENTATIVES AND CITIZENS THE LOBBYIST TALKS TO LCCMR COMMITTEE MEMBERS, INVITES THEM TO TOUR THE ARBORETUM AND WORKS TO SHOW STATEWIDE IMPACT OF FUNDING RECEIVED BY THE FOUNDATION

Part IV Supplemental Information

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Inspection**SCHEDULE D**
(Form 990)**Supplemental Financial Statements**

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

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Name of the organization**

MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

23-7081057

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

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate Contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate Grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor or other impermissible private benefit?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or pleasure) Preservation of an historically important land area

Protection of natural habitat Preservation of certified historic structure

Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a-2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

	Held at the End of the Year
2a	
2b	
2c	
2d	

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

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ►

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

Yes No

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

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing easements during the year ► \$

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

Yes No

9 In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$

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

3 Using the organization's accession and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

a Public exhibition d Loan or exchange programs
 b Scholarly research e Other
 c Preservation for future generations

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

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV Trust, Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain why in Part XIV and complete the following table

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

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

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

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

	(a) Current Year	(b) Prior Year	(c) Two Years Back	(d) Three Years Back	(e) Four Years Back
1a Beginning of year balance	27,672,990				
b Contributions	427,415				
c Investment earnings or losses	-4,933,339				
d Grants or scholarships	1,265,424				
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	21,901,642				

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

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ► 21 000 %

b Permanent endowment ► 79 000 %

c Term endowment ►

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

(i) unrelated organizations

(ii) related organizations

b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

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

	Yes	No
3a(i)	Yes	
3a(ii)	Yes	
3b		

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

	Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land					
b Buildings					
c Leasehold improvements					
d Equipment					
e Other					

Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) ► 0

Part VII Investments—Other Securities. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Financial derivatives and other financial products		
Closely-held equity interests		
Other INVESTMENTS HELD AT UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA FOUNDATION INVESTMENT ADVISORS	20,755,365	F
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12.)	20,755,365	

Part VIII Investments—Program Related. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13.)		

Part IX Other Assets. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.)	

Part X Other Liabilities. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

(a) Description of Liability	(b) Amount
Federal Income Taxes	
LAND PAYABLE	3,357,780
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25.)	3,357,780

In Part XIV, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48

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

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	3,866,790
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	8,734,748
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-4,867,958
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	-4,630,134
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	18,997
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9	-4,611,137
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	-9,479,095

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	-608,784
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	-4,630,134
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	-59,730
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	-4,689,864
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	4,081,080
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	-214,290
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	-214,290
5	Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	3,866,790

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	8,870,311
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Losses reported on Form 990, Part IX, line 25	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	214,290
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	214,290
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	8,656,021
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	78,727
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	78,727
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	8,734,748

Part XIV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part XIV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, Part XI, line 8, Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Part V, Line 4	Description of Intended Use of Endowment Funds	THE FOUNDATION'S ENDOWMENTS CONSIST OF FUNDS ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE FOR GARDENS, BUILDING AND GROUND MAINTENANCE, LIBRARY, RESEARCH, DIRECTORSHIP, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, AND GENERAL OPERATIONS
Part X	Description of Uncertain Tax Positions Under FIN 48	It is the policy of the Foundation, in accordance with FASB Interpretation No 48 (FIN 48) Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, to assess any uncertain tax positions and, if necessary, record a tax asset or liability, and the related income tax expense, for any uncertain tax positions. The Foundation does not have any uncertain tax positions or unrelated business income

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

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► **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. Must be completed by organizations that answer "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, and by organizations that enter more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.**

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Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17.

1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- a Mail solicitations
- b Email solicitations
- c Phone solicitations
- d In-person solicitations
- e Solicitation of non-government grants
- f Solicitation of government grants
- g Special fundraising events

2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising activities?

Yes No

b If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this table.

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit funds or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing

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Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

	(a) Event #1 GALA/TOAST & TASTE (event type)	(b) Event #2 AUXILIARY EVENTS (event type)	(c) Other Events (total number)	(d) Total Events (Add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	191,515	159,121	350,636
	2 Less Charitable contributions	190,745		190,745
	3 Gross revenue (line 1 minus line 2)	770	159,121	159,891
Direct Expenses	4 Cash Prizes			
	5 Non-cash Prizes			
	6 Rent/Facility costs			
	7 Other direct expenses	98,178	114,431	212,609
	8 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 7 in column (d) ►			212,609
	9 Net income summary Combine lines 3 and 8 in column (d) ►			-52,718

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

	(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (Add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross revenue		15,983	15,983
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes			
	3 Non-cash prizes		500	500
	4 Rent/facility costs			
	5 Other direct expenses		1,181	1,181
	6 Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes 100 000 % <input type="checkbox"/> No
	7 Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ►			1,681
	8 Net gaming income summary Combine lines 1 and 7 in column (d) ►			14,302

9	Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities	MN	Yes	No
a	Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states?	.....	9a	Yes
b	If "No," Explain	.....	
10a	Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?	.....	10a	No
b	If "Yes," Explain	.....	
11	Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?	.....	11	Yes
12	Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?	.....	12	No

	Yes	No
13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in		
a The organization's facility	13a	100 000 %
b An outside facility	13b	
14 Provide the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records		
Name ► <u>JERRY HAUS</u>		
Address ► <u>3675 ARBORETUM DRIVE</u> <u>CHASKA, MN 55318</u>		
15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?	15a	No
b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ► \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ► \$ _____		
c If "Yes," enter name and address		
Name ► _____		
Address ► _____		
16 Gaming manager information		
Name ► _____		
Gaming manager compensation ► \$ _____		
Description of services provided ► _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Director/officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Employee	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent contractor
17 Mandatory distributions		
a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?	17a	No
b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ► \$ _____		

SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Non-Cash Contributions

OMB No 1545-0047

To be completed by organizations that answered
"Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
Attach to Form 990

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Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of Contributions	(c) Revenues reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining revenues
1 Art—Works of art				
2 Art—Historical treasures				
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded	X	18	136,578	
10 Securities—Closely held stock				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution (historic structures)				
14 Qualified conservation contribution (other)				
15 Real estate—Residential				
16 Real estate—Commercial				
17 Real estate—Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other (describe _____)				
26 Other (describe _____)				
27 Other (describe _____)				
28 Other (describe _____)				
29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee			29	

Acknowledgement

	Yes	No
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1-28 that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?		
30a		No
b If "Yes", describe the arrangement in Part II		
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions?	Yes	
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell non-cash contributions?		
32a	Yes	
b If "Yes", describe in Part II		
33 If the organization did not report revenues in Column (c) for a type of property for which Column (a) is checked, describe in Part II		

Part II **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Identifier	ReturnReference	Explanation
Third Party Use	Part I, Line 32b	ALL STOCK DONATIONS ARE RECEIVED IN AN FOUNDATION INVESTMENT ACCOUNT ADMINISTERED BY A THIRD PARTY. ALL STOCK DONATIONS ARE SOLD UPON RECEIPT.

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(Form 990)**Supplemental Information to Form 990**

► **Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations to provide additional information for responses to specific questions for the Form 990 or to provide any additional information.**

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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 10		THE FORM 990 IS PREPARED BY AN OUTSIDE ACCOUNTANT A DRAFT FORM 990 IS PROVIDED TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS FOR THEIR REVIEW THE BOARD HAS GIVEN THE RESPONSIBILITY TO THE AUDIT/FINANCE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE FORM 990 AND RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO THE BOARD

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c		ANNUALLY, THERE IS A REVIEW OF INTERESTS OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS OR TRUSTEES, OR KEY EMPLOYEES THAT COULD GIVE RISE TO CONFLICTS

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15		THE FOUNDATION DOES NOT HAVE ANY EMPLOYEES THERE IS NOT A NEED FOR A PROCESS TO DETERMINE COMPENSATION EMPLOYEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE FOUNDATION THE FOUNDATION REIMBURSES THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA FOR THE FOUNDATION'S USE OF UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA EMPLOYEES REIMBURSEMENT IS FOR WAGES, BENEFITS AND PAYROLL TAXES

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19		THE FOUNDATION MAKES ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 2C	OVERSIGHT OF AUDIT	THE FOUNDATION HAS NOT CHANGED ITS PRACTICES FOR OVERSIGHT OF THE AUDIT AND SELECTION OF THE INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Schedule G, Part I, Line 2b, Column (v)	Explanation of Fundraising Payments	PAYMENTS WERE MADE TO ARIA COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION FOR SOLICITATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM FOUNDATION

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11A	FEES PAID FOR MANAGEMENT	THE FOUNDATION HAS NO EMPLOYEES EMPLOYEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE FOUNDATION THEREFORE, NO W-2S AND PAYROLL TAX RETURNS ARE FILED BY THE FOUNDATION THE FOUNDATION REIMBURSES THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA FOR THE FOUNDATION'S USE OF UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA EMPLOYEES REIMBURSEMENT IS FOR WAGES, BENEFITS AND PAYROLL TAXES

Additional Data

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Form 990, Part VII - Section Aaa

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)					(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099- MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual Trustee or Director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee			
RICHARD SPIEGEL , PRESIDENT	30	X		X			0	0	0
PATRICK BAILEY , VICE-PRESIDENT	30	X		X			0	0	0
JOHN HELLING , TREASURER	30	X		X			0	0	0
PEGGY SCHUSTER , SECRETARY	30	X		X			0	0	0
JULIAN ANDERSEN , BOARD MEMBER	30	X					0	0	0
GAIL BUUCK , BOARD MEMBER	30	X					0	0	0
DONNA BECK , BOARD MEMBER	30	X					0	0	0
JOAN CAPEN , BOARD MEMBER	30	X					0	0	0
DAVID COLE , BOARD MEMBER	30	X					0	0	0
SUSAN CAMPBELL , BOARD MEMBER	30	X					0	0	0
MEGAN DAYTON , BOARD MEMBER	30	X					0	0	0
DEIDRE DEANE , BOARD MEMBER	30	X					0	0	0
WILLIAM DOLAN , BOARD MEMBER	30	X					0	0	0
LUCIUS FOWLER , BOARD MEMBER	30	X					0	0	0
GEOFFREY GRASSLE , BOARD MEMBER	30	X					0	0	0
BOB GRAVIER , BOARD MEMBER	30	X					0	0	0
RUTH HAGGERTY , BOARD MEMBER	30	X					0	0	0
PATRICIA JAFFRAY , BOARD MEMBER	30	X					0	0	0
GARY ALKIRE , BOARD MEMBER	30	X					0	0	0
EMILY HOOVER , BOARD MEMBER	30	X					0	0	0
SARAH LINDAHL , BOARD MEMBER	30	X					0	0	0
DAVID MAISER , BOARD MEMBER	30	X					0	0	0
SALLY HAUSER , BOARD MEMBER	30	X					0	0	0
POLLY MCCREA , BOARD MEMBER	30	X					0	0	0
WILLIAM MESSERLI , BOARD MEMBER	30	X					0	0	0
CHRIS O'BRIEN , BOARD MEMBER	30	X					0	0	0
KATHLEEN MURPHY , BOARD MEMBER	30	X					0	0	0
KANDI OSBORN , BOARD MEMBER	30	X					0	0	0
GARY PETRUCCI , BOARD MEMBER	30	X					0	0	0
JULIETTE PRIMEAU , BOARD MEMBER	30	X					0	0	0

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		Individual Trustee or Director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee			
JEANNINE RIVET , BOARD MEMBER	30	X					0	0	0
KIM CROSBY SNOW , BOARD MEMBER	30	X					0	0	0
JOHN POHLAD , BOARD MEMBER	30	X					0	0	0
MARY MEYER , INTERIM DIRECTOR	10 00			X			0	0	0

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

SEE SCHEDULE OTHE MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM FOUNDATION (THE FOUNDATION) OPERATES EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA. THE MISSION OF THE MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM AS PART OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA IS TO PROVIDE A COMMUNITY AS WELL AS A NATIONAL RESOURCE FOR HORTICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT INFORMATION, RESEARCH AND PUBLIC EDUCATION; TO DEVELOP AND EVALUATE PLANTS AND HORTICULTURE PRACTICES FOR COLD CLIMATES; AND TO INSPIRE AND DELIGHT ALL VISITORS WITH QUALITY PLANTS IN WELL-DESIGNED AND MAINTAINED DISPLAYS, COLLECTIONS AND MODEL LANDSCAPES.

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

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