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Form 990



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

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

OMB No 1545-0047

2009

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2009 and ending 12-31-2009

B Check if applicable

☐ Address change

☐ Name change

☐ Initial return

☐ Terminated

☐ Amended return

☐ Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.

C Name of organization

BUFFALO NIAGARA RIVERKEEPER INC

Doing Business As

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)

Room/suite

1250 NIAGARA STREET

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

BUFFALO, NY 14213

F Name and address of principal officer

JULIE BARRETT O'NEILL

1250 NIAGARA STREET

BUFFALO, NY 14213

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates?

☐ Yes ☒ No

H(b) Are all affiliates included?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number

D Employer identification number

22-2993054

E Telephone number

(716) 852-7483

G Gross receipts \$ 695,569

I Tax-exempt status

☒ 501(c) (3) ☐ (Insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website:

☐ www.bnriverkeeper.org

K Form of organization

☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ☐

L Year of formation 1989

M State of legal domicile NY

Part I

Summary

Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities IMPROVE PUBLIC WATERFRONT ACCESS, RESTORE WATERSHED ECOLOGY, CONSERVE RIVER HERITAGE, AND CULTIVATE RIVER STEWARDSHIP		
	2	Check this box ☒ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets		
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	17
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	17
	5	Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5	15
Revenue	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	0
	7a	Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
	b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0
Expenses	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	533,879	660,541
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	4,383	254
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	4	204
	12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	40,045	18,968
			578,311	679,967
	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
Net Assets or Fund Balances	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	320,305	465,877
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ☐ 60,231		
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24f)	171,477	270,600
	18	Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	491,782	736,477
	19	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	86,529	-56,510
			Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	1,168,296	632,482
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	513,720	34,416
	22	Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	654,576	598,066

Part II

Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge

Signature of officer

2010-08-12

Date

JULIE BARRETT O'NEILL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Type or print name and title

Preparer's signature

☐ WILLIAM J SWIERAT CPA

Date

Check if self-employed ☐

Preparer's identifying number (see instructions)

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4

GOULD & SWANSON PC

424 MAIN STREET ROOM 1800

BUFFALO, NY 142023686

EIN

Phone no (716) 854-3110

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

☒ Yes ☐ No

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

1

Briefly describe the organization’s mission

IMPROVE PUBLIC WATERFRONT ACCESS, RESTORE WATERSHED ECOLOGY, CONSERVE RIVER HERITAGE, AND CULTIVATE RIVER STEWARDSHIP

2

Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

Yes

☒

No

If “Yes,” describe these new services on Schedule O

3

Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

Yes

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No

If “Yes,” describe these changes on Schedule O

4

Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization’s three largest program services by expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 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 \$ 124,365 including grants of \$ 22,500) (Revenue \$ 174)	BUFFALO RIVER REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN - REMEDIATION STRATEGY OF STREAM WATER QUALITY MONITORING, CONTAMINATED BOTTOM SEDIMENT ASSESSMENT AND ACTION DETERMINATION, INACTION HAZARDOUS WATER SITE REMEDIATION, POINT AND NONPOINT SOURCE DISCHARGE EVALUATION, COMBINED SEWER AND OVERFLOW ASSESSMENT, REMEDIAL MEASURE IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING, FISH AND WILDLIFE BENEFICIAL USE RESTORATION, AND HABITAT PROTECTION
4b	(Code) (Expenses \$ 51,876 including grants of \$ 25,000) (Revenue \$ 5,130)	BUFFALO RIVER RESTORATION - A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP INCLUDING THE U S EPA'S GREAT LAKES NATIONAL PROGRAM OFFICE, BUFFALO NIAGARA RIVERKEEPER, INC , HONEYWELL, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION (NYSDEC) AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, IS DEVELOPING PLANS TO ADDRESS A NUMBER OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS AFFECTING THE BUFFALO RIVER THE ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES INCLUDE CONTAMINATED RIVER SEDIMENTS, POOR WATER QUALITY, A LACK OF PUBLIC ACCESS, AND INSUFFICIENT FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITATE THE PARTNERSHIP BRINGS TOGETHER RESOURCES AND EXPERTISE TO PLAN COMPREHENSIVE CLEANUP OF THE BUFFALO RIVER ITS GOAL IS TO TRANSFORM THE RIVER INTO A BENEFICIAL ENVIRONMENTAL, ECONOMIC, AND COMMUNITY RESOURCE
4c	(Code) (Expenses \$ 218,897 including grants of \$ 131,500) (Revenue \$)	GREENWAYS - INCLUDING THE NIAGARA RIVER GREEWAY, BUFFALO RIVER GREENWAY AND NIAGARA STREET GREENWAYS THE ORGANIZATION'S GOAL IS TO TRANSFORM THESE AREAS INTO OPEN SPACE THAT WILL RESTORE THE RICH NATURAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE OF OUR LAKE AND RIVER FRONTS
4d	Other program services (Describe in Schedule O) See also Additional Data for Description	
	(Expenses \$ 124,033 including grants of \$ 336,985) (Revenue \$ 34,570)	
4e	Total program service expenses \$ 519,171	

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

		Yes	No	
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A 	1	Yes	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? 	2	Yes	
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	3		No
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4		No
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	5		
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or 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 	6		No
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II 	7		No
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III 	8		No
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV 	9		No
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V 	10		No
11	Is the organization's answer to any of the following questions "Yes"? If so, complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.	11	Yes	
	• Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.			
	• Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII.			
	• Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII.			
	• Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX.			
	• Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.			
	• Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.			
12	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII 	12	Yes	
12A	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year?	Yes	No	
	If "Yes," completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional	12A		No
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13		No
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a		No
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I	14b		No
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the U S ? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II	15		No
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the U S ? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III	16		No
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000, of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I	17		No
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18	Yes	
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	19		No
20	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20		No

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	21		No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	22		No
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5, about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	23		No
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25</i>	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
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?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25a		No
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25b		No
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties? (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b		No
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee of the organization (or a family member) was an officer, director, trustee, or owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M </i>	29	Yes	
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M </i>	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I </i>	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	32		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i>	34		No
35	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35		No
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36		No
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	Yes	

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	3	
		1b	0	
b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a Enter -0- if not applicable			1c	
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?				
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	15	
	b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note: If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return (see instructions)			
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?			3a	No
b 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
b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts				
5a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? . . .			5a	No
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?			5b	No
c If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?			5c	
6a Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?			6a	No
b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?			6b	
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).				
a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?			7a	No
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?			7b	
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?			7c	No
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year			7d	
e Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?			7e	
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? . . .			7f	
g For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?			7g	
h For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?			7h	Yes
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?			8	
9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.				
a Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?			9a	
b Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?			9b	
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter				
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12			10a	
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities			10b	
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter				
a Gross income from members or shareholders			11a	
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)			11b	
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?			12a	
b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year			12b	

Part VI

Governance, Management, and Disclosure

For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Section A. Governing Body and Management

			Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body . . .	1a	17	
b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent . . .	1b	17	
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	
9	Is there any officer, director, 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	9		No

Section B. Policies

(This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

			Yes	No
10a	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a		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?	10b		
11	Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11	Yes	
11A	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review the Form 990			
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	Yes	
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	Yes	
	If "Yes" to line a or b, describe the process in Schedule O (See instructions)			
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▶NY
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 ▶ JULIE BARRETT O'NEILL 1250 NIAGARA STREET BUFFALO, NY 14213 (716) 852-7483

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

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

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1b	Total	0	0	0
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2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization 0

		Yes	No
3	Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		No
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>		No

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 but not limited to those listed above) 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 sections 512, 513, or 514
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a	Federated campaigns . . .	1a				
	b	Membership dues	1b				
	c	Fundraising events	1c	34,381			
	d	Related organizations	1d				
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	47,500			
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	578,660			
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ 46,894					
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		660,541			
Program Service Revenue	2a	MISCELLANEOUS	Business Code				
			900,099	254	254		
	b						
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f	All other program service revenue					
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f		254			
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)		204			204
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . .					
	5	Royalties					
	6a	Gross Rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
	b	Less rental expenses					
	c	Rental income or (loss)					
	d	Net rental income or (loss)					
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses					
	c	Gain or (loss)					
	d	Net gain or (loss)					
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 34,381 of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18					
			a	0			
	b	Less direct expenses	b				
	c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . .		0			
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19					
			a				
	b	Less direct expenses	b				
	c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . .					
	10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a	34,570			
b	Less cost of goods sold	b	15,602				
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . .		18,968	18,968			
	Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code					
11a							
b							
c							
d	All other revenue						
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d						
12	Total revenue. See Instructions		679,967	19,222	0	204	

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	428,717	273,286	103,986	51,445
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9	Other employee benefits	1,636		1,636	
10	Payroll taxes	35,524	23,683	11,841	
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management				
b	Legal				
c	Accounting	11,500		11,500	
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees				
g	Other	121,252	119,452	1,500	300
12	Advertising and promotion	35,426	35,075	351	
13	Office expenses	3,734	2,800	934	
14	Information technology	5,129	3,847	1,282	
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy	4,700	3,525	1,175	
17	Travel				
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	7,076	5,334	1,742	
20	Interest				
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	10,117	7,588	2,529	
23	Insurance				
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	SPECIAL EVENTS	29,140	22,131	528	6,481
b	EQUIPMENT AND MAINTENAN	13,037	9,778	3,259	
c	INSURANCE	8,051	3,579	4,472	
d	PRINTING	5,941	3,646	290	2,005
e	UTILITIES	4,527	3,395	1,132	
f	All other expenses	10,970	2,052	8,918	
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	736,477	519,171	157,075	60,231
26	Joint costs. Check here ☐ 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)		(B)
					Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing			535,684	1	40,920
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments				2	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net				3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net			4,393	4	4,037
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L				5	
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L				6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net				7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use				8	16,675
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			5,252	9	9,732
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment. cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	89,176			
	b	Less accumulated depreciation	10b	22,574	51,020	10c	66,602
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities				11	
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11				12	
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11				13	
	14	Intangible assets				14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11			571,947	15	494,516
	16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)			1,168,296	16	632,482
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			38,539	17	14,416
	18	Grants payable			475,181	18	20,000
	19	Deferred revenue				19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities				20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D				21	
	22	Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L				22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties				23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties				24	
	25	Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D				25	
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25			513,720	26	34,416
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here ☒ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.						
	27	Unrestricted net assets			-74,985	27	-50,549
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets			729,561	28	648,615
	29	Permanently restricted net assets				29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ☐ 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			654,576	33	598,066
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances			1,168,296	34	632,482

Part XI **Financial Statements and Reporting**

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? . . .		No
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? 	Yes	
c If "Yes," to 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? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O . . .	Yes	
d If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a consolidated basis, separate basis, or both ☒ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separated basis		
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133? .		No
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits . .		

SCHEDULE A

(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

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

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Name of the organization BUFFALO NIAGARA RIVERKEEPER INC	Employer identification number 22-2993054
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Part I

Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box)

1

☐

A church, convention of churches, or association of churches **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).**

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).**

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

a

☐

Type I

b

☐

Type II

c

☐

Type III - Functionally integrated

d

☐

Type III - Other

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 supported organization(s)

	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.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
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 lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public Support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income (Explain in Part IV) Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets						
11 Total support (Add lines 7 through 10)						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions)					12	
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						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public Support Percentage for 2009 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	14	
15 Public Support Percentage for 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	
16a 33 1/3% support test—2009. 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% support test—2008. 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—2009. 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—2008. 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 a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a or 17b, check this box and see instructions		

Part IIISupport 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) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	184,830	805,498	330,578	603,241	660,984	2,585,131
2Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose	16,252	31,857	47,747	4,383	34,381	134,620
3Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6Total. Add lines 1 through 5	201,082	837,355	378,325	607,624	695,365	2,719,751
7aAmounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						0
bAmounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						0
cAdd lines 7a and 7b						0
8Public Support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						2,719,751

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9Amounts from line 6	201,082	837,355	378,325	607,624	695,365	2,719,751
10aGross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
bUnrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
cAdd lines 10a and 10b						
11Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)				4	204	208
13Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12.)	201,082	837,355	378,325	607,628	695,569	2,719,959
14First 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	☐					

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15Public Support Percentage for 2009 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15	99.990 %
16Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	100.000 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17	0 %
18Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	
19a33 1/3% support tests—2009. 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	☒	
b33 1/3% support tests—2008. 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	☐	
20Private 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. Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanation required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; or Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. See instructions

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.
► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization BUFFALO NIAGARA RIVERKEEPER INC	Employer identification number 22-2993054
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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?	☐ Yes ☐ 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 for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit	☐ Yes ☐ 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 importantly land area ☐ Protection of natural habitat ☐ Preservation of a 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
a	Total number of conservation easements
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06
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, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? ☐ Yes ☐ No
6	Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► _____
7	Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation 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

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 the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a

Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV

Part V

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

	(a)Current Year	(b)Prior Year	(c)Two Years Back	(d)Three Years Back	(e)Four Years Back
1a	Beginning of year balance				
b	Contributions				
c	Investment earnings or losses				
d	Grants or scholarships				
e	Other expenditures for facilities and programs				
f	Administrative expenses				
g	End of year balance				

2

Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ %

b

Permanent endowment ▶ %

c

Term endowment ▶ %

3a

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

(i)

unrelated organizations

3a(i)

☐ Yes

☐ No

(ii)

related organizations

3a(ii)

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

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

3b

☐ Yes

☐ No

4

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

Part VI

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

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b)Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment				
e Other		89,176	22,574	66,602
Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				66,602

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	679,967
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	736,477
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-56,510
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9	0
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	-56,510

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	695,569
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	15,602
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	15,602
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	679,967
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	679,967

Part XIII

Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	752,079
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	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	15,602
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	15,602
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	736,477
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	736,477

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 IV, 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. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Part XII, Line 2d - Other Adjustments		COST OF GOODS SOLD 15602
Part XIII, Line 2d - Other Adjustments		COST OF GOODS SOLD 15602

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
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Supplemental Information Regarding
Fundraising or Gaming Activities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19,
or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17.
Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

1

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

a

☐ Mail solicitations

e

☐ Solicitation of non-government grants

b

☐ Internet and e-mail solicitations

f

☐ Solicitation of government grants

c

☐ Phone solicitations

g

☐ Special fundraising events

d

☐ In-person solicitations

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.

(i) Name of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
Total ▶						

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

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.

Revenue			(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other Events	(d) Total Events
			BIRTHDAY BASH ANNIVERSARY PARTY, (event type)	SPONSORSHIPS, AND TRAINING EVENTS (event type)	(total number)	(Add col (a) through col (c))
	1	Gross receipts		34,381		34,381
	2	Less Charitable contributions				
	3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)		34,381		34,381
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes				
	5	Non-cash prizes				
	6	Rent/facility costs				
	7	Food and beverages				
	8	Entertainment				
	9	Other direct expenses		29,140		29,140
	10	Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				29,140
	11	Net income summary Combine lines 3, column d, and line 10. ▶				5,241

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.

Revenue			(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming
						(Add col (a) through col (c))
Direct Expenses	1	Gross revenue				
	2	Cash prizes				
	3	Non-cash prizes				
	4	Rent/facility costs				
	5	Other direct expenses				
	6	Volunteer labor	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	
	7	Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ▶				
	8	Net gaming income summary Combine lines 1, column d, and line 7 ▶				

		Yes	No
9	Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities _____		
a	Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states?	9a	
b	If "No," Explain _____ _____		
10a	Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?	10a	
b	If "Yes," Explain _____ _____		
11	Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?	11	
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	

		Yes	No
13	Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in		
a	The organization's facility 13a		
b	An outside facility 13b		
14	Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records		
Name ► _____			
Address ► _____			
15a	Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?	15a	
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 ► _____			
☐ Director/officer ☐ Employee ☐ 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	
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)

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NonCash Contributions

►Complete if the organization 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	X	1	2,500	COMPARABLE SALES
7 Boats and planes	X	1	4,200	COMPARABLE SALES
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded				
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 ► (<u>ADVERTISING</u>)	X	1	34,475	COMPARABLE SALES
26 Other ► (<u>COPY</u> <u>MACHINE</u>)	X	1	1,000	COMPARABLE SALES
27 Other ► (<u>WEBSITE & OTHER</u> <u>DESIGN</u>)	X	3	4,442	COMPARABLE SALES
28 Other ► (<u>SMALL OFFICE</u> <u>EQUIPMENT</u>)	X	3	277	COMPARABLE SALES
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 Acknowledgement		29		
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?				Yes 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?				No
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell non-cash contributions?				No
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	Return Reference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE O

(Form 990)

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Supplemental Information to Form 990

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on

Form 990 or to provide any additional information.

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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11		FORM 990 IS REVIEWED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BEFORE IT IS FILED
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c		CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES ARE COMPLETED ANNUALLY BY ALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS, STAFF MEMBERS AND OTHER BOARD COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15		COMPENSATION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND OTHER STAFF IS DETERMINED UPON PERFORMANCE REVIEWS CONDUCTED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MANAGEMENT, RESPECTIVELY
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19		GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST
		THE ORGANIZATION'S FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT OVERSIGHT AND INTERNAL CONTROL

Form 990, Part IX - Statement of Functional Expenses - 24a - 24e Other Expenses

<i>Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</i>	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
SPECIAL EVENTS	29,140	22,131	528	6,481
EQUIPMENT AND MAINTENAN	13,037	9,778	3,259	
INSURANCE	8,051	3,579	4,472	
PRINTING	5,941	3,646	290	2,005
UTILITIES	4,527	3,395	1,132	

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(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	Former			
ANTHONY ARMSTRONG DIRECTOR		X						0	0	0
RICHARD BUTZ DIRECTOR		X						0	0	0
MAX COYKENDALL DIRECTOR		X						0	0	0
THOMAS DESANTIS VICE PRESIDENT		X		X				0	0	0
TIMOTHY FULTON DIRECTOR		X						0	0	0
SCOTT KITCHEN TREASURER		X		X				0	0	0
JOCK MITCHELL DIRECTOR		X						0	0	0
RICHARD ROACH DIRECTOR		X						0	0	0
LYNDA SCHNEEKLOTH DIRECTOR		X						0	0	0
RANDAL SNYDER DIRECTOR		X						0	0	0
MEGAN TOOHEY DIRECTOR		X						0	0	0
GREG STEVENS PRESIDENT		X		X				0	0	0
ANNE WADSWORTH DIRECTOR		X						0	0	0
BARRY BOYER EMERITUS		X						0	0	0
PAUL DYSTER EMERITUS		X						0	0	0
MICHAEL HAMILTON EMERITUS		X						0	0	0
RICHARD LIPPES CORPORATION COUNSEL		X						0	0	0

Additional Data

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Form 990, Part III - 4 Program Service Accomplishments (See the Instructions)

4d. Other program services			
(Code	) (Expenses \$	124,033	including grants of \$ 336,985) (Revenue \$ 34,570)
RIVERWATCH AND RIVERCARE PROGRAMS - VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDES AN OPPROTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ASSIST IN MONITORING WATERWAYS, PARTICIPATE IN TRAINING WORKSHOPS TO IMPROVE THEIR UNDERSTANDING ON WATER ISSUES, AND THE SALE OF RAIN BARRELS AS AN EASY AND IMPORTANT WAY FOR EVERYONE TO CONSERVE WATER AND REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF POLLUTION BEING CARRIED INTO OUR WATERWAYS			