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Form **990-PF**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Private Foundation
or Section 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust
Treated as a Private Foundation

Note. The foundation may be able to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

OMB No 1545-0052
2009

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

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Check all that apply

☐ Initial return

☐ Initial return of a former public charity

☐ Final return

☐ Amended return

☐ Address change

☐ Name change

Use the IRS label. Otherwise, print or type. See Specific Instructions.	Name of foundation OHIO WETLANDS FOUNDATION		A Employer identification number 31-1357624	
	Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) PO BOX 369		Room/suite	B Telephone number (see page 10 of the instructions) (740) 654-4016
	City or town, state, and ZIP code LANCASTER, OH 43130		C If exemption application is pending, check here ☐	
			D 1. Foreign organizations, check here ☐	

H Check type of organization ☒ Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation		2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation ☐	
☐ Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust		☐ Other taxable private foundation	

I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16) \$ 1,122,041	J Accounting method ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other (specify) (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis.)	E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here ☐	
		F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ☐	

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see page 11 of the instructions))		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc , received (attach schedule)				
	2 Check ☒ if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	9,882	9,882	9,882	
	4 Dividends and interest from securities.	314	314	314	
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss) _____				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	-1,480			
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a _____ 370,600				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV , line 2)				
	8 Net short-term capital gain				
	9 Income modifications				
	10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
	b Less Cost of goods sold				
Operating and Administrative Expenses	c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)				
	11 Other income (attach schedule)	669,350		669,350	
	12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	678,066	10,196	679,546	
	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc	145,475		145,475	
	14 Other employee salaries and wages	112,075		112,075	
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits	33,550		33,550	
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule).	35,034		35,034	
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule).	13,030		13,030	
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)	780		780	
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see page 14 of the instructions)	1,210		1,210	
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion	21,390		21,390	
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings	18,982		18,982	
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule)	92,765		92,765	
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses.				
	Add lines 13 through 23	474,291	0	474,291	0
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	21,950			21,950
	26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	496,241	0	474,291	21,950
	27 Subtract line 26 from line 12				
	a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	181,825			
	b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		10,196		
	c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			205,255	

Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only (See instructions)	Beginning of year	End of year	
			(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing			
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	232,461	555,100	555,100
	3	Accounts receivable ▶ <u>519,070</u>			
		Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____	304,580	519,070	519,070
	4	Pledges receivable ▶ _____			
		Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____			
	5	Grants receivable			
	6	Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see page 15 of the instructions)			
	7	Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ▶ _____			
		Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____			
	8	Inventories for sale or use			
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	5,564	7,461	7,461
	10a	Investments—U S and state government obligations (attach schedule)			
	b	Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule)			
	c	Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule).	287,528	42,584	40,410
	11	Investments—land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____			
	Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____				
12	Investments—mortgage loans				
13	Investments—other (attach schedule)				
14	Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ <u>138,761</u>				
	Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ <u>58,469</u>	94,215	80,292		
15	Other assets (describe ▶ _____)	3,452,920	4,352,879		
16	Total assets (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)	4,377,268	5,557,386	1,122,041	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	38,298	418,547	
	18	Grants payable			
	19	Deferred revenue			
	20	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21	Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)	1,127,420	1,384,352	
	22	Other liabilities (describe ▶ _____)	479,558	840,670	
	23	Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	1,645,276	2,643,569	
Net Assets or Fund Balances		Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☒ and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.			
	24	Unrestricted	2,731,992	2,913,817	
	25	Temporarily restricted			
	26	Permanently restricted			
		Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☐ and complete lines 27 through 31.			
	27	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds			
	28	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg , and equipment fund			
	29	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds			
	30	Total net assets or fund balances (see page 17 of the instructions)	2,731,992	2,913,817	
	31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see page 17 of the instructions)	4,377,268	5,557,386	

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances		
1	Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year—Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year’s return)	12,731,992
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	181,825
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	2,913,817
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 30	2,913,817

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e g , real estate, 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co)		(b) How acquired P—Purchase D—Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo , day, yr)	(d) Date sold (mo , day, yr)
1a	See Additional Data Table			
b				
c				
d				
e				

(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
a See Additional Data Table			
b			
c			
d			
e			

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(I) Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col (h))
(i) F M V as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col (i) over col (j), if any	
a See Additional Data Table			
b			
c			
d			
e			

2	Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	{ If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7 }	2	-1,480
3	Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6) If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see pages 13 and 17 of the instructions) If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8	}	3	-1,480

Part V Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income)

If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," the foundation does not qualify under section 4940(e) Do not complete this part

1 Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year, see page 18 of the instructions before making any entries

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col (b) divided by col (c))
2008	311,018	5,081,234	0 061209
2007	632,746	1,456,238	0 434507
2006	861,824	1,445,773	0 596099
2005	820,383	1,724,643	0 475683
2004	304,148	1,572,645	0 193399

2	Total of line 1, column (d).	2	1 760897
3	Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period—divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years	3	0 352179
4	Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2009 from Part X, line 5.	4	549,901
5	Multiply line 4 by line 3.	5	193,664
6	Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b).	6	102
7	Add lines 5 and 6.	7	193,766
8	Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4.	8	38,973

If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate See the Part VI instructions on page 18

Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948—see page 18 of the instructions)		
1a Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here ☐ and enter "N/A" on line 1 Date of ruling or determination letter _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary—see instructions)		
b Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here ☐ and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b		1 204
c All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col (b)		
2 Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only Others enter -0-)		2
3 Add lines 1 and 2.		3 204
4 Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only Others enter -0-)		4
5 Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3 If zero or less, enter -0-		5 204
6 Credits/Payments		
a 2009 estimated tax payments and 2008 overpayment credited to 2009	6a 41	
b Exempt foreign organizations—tax withheld at source	6b	
c Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c	
d Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d	
7 Total credits and payments Add lines 6a through 6d.		7 41
8 Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax Check here ☐ if Form 2220 is attached		8
9 Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed		9 163
10 Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid.		10
11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2010 estimated tax 0 Refunded		11

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities			
1a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?			Yes No
b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see page 19 of the instructions for definition)? If the answer is "Yes" to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities.		1a No	1b No
c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?.		1c No	
d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year (1) On the foundation \$ (2) On foundation managers \$			
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers \$			
2 Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities.		2 No	
3 Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		3 No	
4a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?.		4a No	
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?.		4b	
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T.		5 No	
6 Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?		6 Yes	
7 Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? If "Yes," complete Part II, col (c), and Part XV		7 Yes	
8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see page 19 of the instructions) OH			
b If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by General Instruction G? If "No," attach explanation .		8b Yes	
9 Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2009 or the taxable year beginning in 2009 (see instructions for Part XIV on page 27)? If "Yes," complete Part XIV		9 No	
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses		10 No	

Part VII-A

Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

11	At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see page 20 of the instructions).	11		No
12	Did the foundation acquire a direct or indirect interest in any applicable insurance contract before August 17, 2008?	12		No
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address ▶ WWW OHIO WETLANDS ORG	13	Yes	
14	The books are in care of ▶ VINCENT MESSERLY Telephone no ▶ (740) 654-4016 Located at ▶ PO BOX 369 LANCASTER OH ZIP+4 ▶ 43130			
15	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here ▶ ☐ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year ▶ 15			

Part VII-B

Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.			Yes	No
1a	During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly) (1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No (2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person?. ☐ Yes ☒ No (3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No (4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No (5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)?. ☐ Yes ☒ No (6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days). ☐ Yes ☒ No			
b	If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)–(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see page 20 of the instructions)?. . . Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here. ▶ ☐	1b		
c	Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2009?.	1c		No
2	Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5))			
a	At the end of tax year 2009, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2009?. ☐ Yes ☒ No If "Yes," list the years ▶ 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____			
b	Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement—see page 20 of the instructions).	2b		
c	If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here ▶ 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____			
3a	Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year?. ☐ Yes ☒ No			
b	If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2009 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969, (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest, or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (<i>Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2009.</i>).	3b		
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a		No
b	Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2009?	4b		No

Part VII-B

Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (continued)

5a	During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to			
	(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?	☐ Yes	☒ No	
	(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955), or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?	☐ Yes	☒ No	
	(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?	☐ Yes	☒ No	
	(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc , organization described in section 509(a)(1), (2), or (3), or section 4940(d)(2)? (see page 22 of the instructions).	☐ Yes	☒ No	
	(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals?	☐ Yes	☒ No	
b	If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)–(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see page 22 of the instructions)? Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here.	5b		
c	If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant? <i>If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945–5(d).</i>			
6a	Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?			
b	Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? <i>If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870.</i>	6b		No
7a	At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?			
b	If yes, did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?	7b		

Part VIII

Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors

1 List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation (see page 22 of the instructions).				
(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
See Additional Data Table				
2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1—see page 23 of the instructions). If none, enter "NONE."				
(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
AARAON VAN OSTRAN	ENGINEER	86,913		
1246 PEMBROKE RD	40 00			
NEWARK, OH 43055				
Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000.				

Part VIII

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

1	
2	
3	
4	

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2	Amount
1 N/A	
2	
All other program-related investments See page 24 of the instructions	
3	

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Part X

Minimum Investment Return (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see page 24 of the instructions.)

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc , purposes		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities.	1a	39,332
b	Average of monthly cash balances.	1b	518,943
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see page 24 of the instructions).	1c	0
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c).	1d	558,275
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation).	1e	
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets.	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	558,275
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see page 25 of the instructions).	4	8,374
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3 Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	549,901
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5.	6	27,495

Part XI

Distributable Amount (see page 25 of the instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations check here ☒ and do not complete this part.)

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6.	1	27,495
2a	Tax on investment income for 2009 from Part VI, line 5.	2a	204
b	Income tax for 2009 (This does not include the tax from Part VI).	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b.	2c	204
3	Distributable amount before adjustments Subtract line 2c from line 1.	3	27,291
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions.	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4.	5	27,291
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see page 25 of the instructions).	6	
7	Distributable amount as adjusted Subtract line 6 from line 5 Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1.	7	27,291

Part XII

Qualifying Distributions (see page 25 of the instructions)

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc , purposes		
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc —total from Part I, column (d), line 26.	1a	21,950
b	Program-related investments—total from Part IX-B.	1b	
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc , purposes.	2	17,023
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required).	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule).	3b	
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	38,973
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b (see page 26 of the instructions).	5	
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4.	6	38,973
Note: The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years			

Part XIII

Undistributed Income (see page 26 of the instructions)

		(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2008	(c) 2008	(d) 2009
1	Distributable amount for 2009 from Part XI, line 7				27,291
2	Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2008				
a	Enter amount for 2008 only.				
b	Total for prior years 20____, 20____, 20____				
3	Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2009				
a	From 2004.				225,790
b	From 2005.				734,861
c	From 2006.				790,723
d	From 2007.				561,054
e	From 2008.				57,664
f	Total of lines 3a through e.	2,370,092			
4	Qualifying distributions for 2009 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ \$ 38,973				
a	Applied to 2008, but not more than line 2a				
b	Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required—see page 26 of the instructions)				
c	Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required—see page 26 of the instructions). . .				
d	Applied to 2009 distributable amount.				27,291
e	Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	11,682			
5	Excess distributions carryover applied to 2009 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a).)				
6	Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a	Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	2,381,774			
b	Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b.				
c	Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed.				
d	Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount—see page 27 of the instructions . . .				
e	Undistributed income for 2008 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount—see page 27 of the instructions				
f	Undistributed income for 2009 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2010				0
7	Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (see page 27 of the instructions).				
8	Excess distributions carryover from 2004 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see page 27 of the instructions).	225,790			
9	Excess distributions carryover to 2010. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	2,155,984			
10	Analysis of line 9				
a	Excess from 2005.	734,861			
b	Excess from 2006.	790,723			
c	Excess from 2007.	561,054			
d	Excess from 2008.	57,664			
e	Excess from 2009.	11,682			

Part XIVPrivate Operating Foundations (see page 27 of the instructions and Part VII-A, question 9)

1a

If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2009, enter the date of the ruling.

b

Check box to indicate whether the organization is a private operating foundation described in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)

☐ 4942(j)(3) or ☐ 4942(j)(5)

2a	Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed	Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
		(a) 2009	(b) 2008	(c) 2007	(d) 2006	
b	85% of line 2a					
c	Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed					
d	Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities					
e	Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities Subtract line 2d from line 2c					
3	Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon					
a	"Assets" alternative test—enter (1) Value of all assets (2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					
b	"Endowment" alternative test— enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed. . . .					
c	"Support" alternative test—enter (1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties) (2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii). (3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization (4) Gross investment income					

Part XVSupplementary Information (Complete this part only if the organization had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year—see page 27 of the instructions.)

1

Information Regarding Foundation Managers:

a

List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000) (See section 507(d)(2))

b

List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest

2

Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs:

Check here ☒ if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc (see page 28 of the instructions) to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d

a

The name, address, and telephone number of the person to whom applications should be addressed

b

The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include

c

Any submission deadlines

d

Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors

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Part XV

Supplementary Information (continued)

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a Paid during the year See Additional Data Table				
Total			3a	21,950
b Approved for future payment				
Total			3b	

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated

Part XVI-B Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes

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Part XVII Information Regarding Transfers To and Transactions and Relationships With Noncharitable Exempt Organizations

1 Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?		Yes	No
a Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of			
(1) Cash.	1a(1)		No
(2) Other assets.	1a(2)		No
b Other transactions			
(1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization.	1b(1)		No
(2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization.	1b(2)		No
(3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets.	1b(3)		No
(4) Reimbursement arrangements.	1b(4)		No
(5) Loans or loan guarantees.	1b(5)		No
(6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations.	1b(6)		No
c Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees.	1c		No
d If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule. Column (b) should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting foundation. If the foundation received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column (d) the value of the goods, other assets, or services received.			

[illegible]

2a Is the foundation directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If "Yes," complete the following schedule		
(a) Name of organization	(b) Type of organization	(c) Description of relationship

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 taxpayer or fiduciary) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge				
*****			2010-04-30	
Signature of officer or trustee			Title	

Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's Signature KENT R SWINEHART	Date 2010-05-06	Check if self-employed ☒	Preparer's identifying number (see Signature on page 30 of the instructions)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP code MCLAIN HILL RUGG & ASSOC INC 137 S BROAD ST LANCASTER, OH 431304303		EIN *****	
	Phone no (740) 687-6313			

Additional Data

Software ID: 09000034
Software Version: 09510950
EIN: 31-1357624
Name: OHIO WETLANDS FOUNDATION

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(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e g , real estate, 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co)	(b) How acquired P—Purchase D—Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo , day, yr)	(d) Date sold (mo , day, yr)
UNION CENTER NATIONAL BANK CD	P	2008-07-30	2009-02-06
WACHOVIA BANK CD	P	2008-07-30	2009-05-01
BANCO POPULAR PUERTO RICO CD	P	2007-11-26	2009-05-28
SECURITY BANK NORTH METRO CD	P	2007-12-04	2009-06-08
FARMERS BANK CD	P	2008-07-31	2009-07-08
HOUSTON TX WTR & SWR	P	2009-08-25	2009-12-01
WA STATE HLTH CARE FACS	P	2009-08-25	2009-12-01

Form 990PF Part IV - Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income - Columns e - h

(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
50,000		50,000	
50,000		50,000	
50,000		50,000	
50,000		50,000	
50,000		50,000	
60,000		60,695	-695
60,600		61,385	-785

Form 990PF Part IV - Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income - Columns i - l

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(l) Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col (h))
(i) F M V as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col (i) over col (j), if any	
			-695
			-785

Form 990PF Part VIII Line 1 - List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
VINCE MESSERLY	PRESIDENT 40 00	140,875	0	0
729 CREEKSIDE DRIVE LANCASTER, OH 43130				
SCOTT DORAN	SECRETARY 1 00	600	0	0
52 EAST GAY ST PO BOX 1008 COLUMBUS, OH 432161008				
RANDY STRAUSS	TREASURER 1 00	600	0	0
1025 MILIAN AVENUE AMHERST, OH 44001				
BOB MONCHEIN	CHAIRMAN 1 00	600	0	0
1050 TERMINAL TOWER 50 PUBLIC CLEVELAND, OH 44113				
DON BARR	TRUSTEE 1 00	600	0	0
7059 OLD MILL ROAD CHESTERLAND, OH 44026				
JIM ERNST	TRUSTEE 1 00	600	0	0
3412 ALDERSGATE ROAD BEAVERCREEK, OH 45440				
BAILEY STANBERY	TRUSTEE 1 00	600	0	0
2604 TREMAINSVILLE ROAD TOLEDO, OH 43613				
FRED TOBIN	TRUSTEE 1 00	600	0	0
7694 STRAUSSER STREET NORTH CANTON, OH 44720				
JOHN PAVLIS	TRUSTEE 1 00	400	0	0
1401 S MAIN STREET NORTH CANTON, OH 44720				

Form 990PF Part XV Line 3 - Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a Paid during the year				
THE OHIO STATE FOUNDATION 1480 W LANE AVE COLUMBUS, OH 43221	NONE	501C3	WETLAND RESEARCH	19,850
ASCE CENTRAL OHIO SECTION970 DUBLIN RD COLUMBUS, OH 43215	NONE	501C3	HOLE SPONSORSHIP FOR GOLF OUTING	100
FISHER CATHOLIC ATHLETICPO BOX 2299 LANCASTER, OH 43130	NONE	501C3	GOLF OUTING SPONSORSHIP	100
WARREN CNTY PARK DISTRICT300 E SILVER ST LEBANON, OH 45036	NONE	501C3	SUPPORT PARK DISTRICT	500
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY 10501 EUCLID AVE CLEVELAND, OH 44106	NONE	501C3	CANCER RESEARCH	50
FRIENDS OF METRO PARKSPO BOX 681 WESTERVILLE, OH 43086	NONE	501C3	SUPPORT PARK DISTRICT	1,000
THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION2241 BAUMAN HILL RD LANCASTER, OH 43130	NONE	501C3	BRENDEN KRANNITZ SCHOLARSHIP	250
HDSA NE OHIO CHAPTER10176 LUMAN LANE TWINSBURG, OH 44087	NONE	501C3	HUNTINGTON DISEASE RESEARCH	100
Total ▶ 3a				21,950

Form

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Depreciation and Amortization
(Including Information on Listed Property)

OMB No 1545-0172

2009

Attachment
Sequence No 67

Name(s) shown on return OHIO WETLANDS FOUNDATION	Business or activity to which this form relates INDIRECT DEPRECIATION	Identifying number 31-1357624
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Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179

Note: If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.

1 Maximum amount See the instructions for a higher limit for certain businesses	1	250,000
2 Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3 Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	3	800,000
4 Reduction in limitation Subtract line 3 from line 2 If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5 Dollar limitation for tax year Subtract line 4 from line 1 If zero or less, enter -0- If married filing separately, see instructions	5	

6 (a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost	
6			
7 Listed property Enter the amount from line 29	7		
8 Total elected cost of section 179 property Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8		
9 Tentative deduction Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9		
10 Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2008 Form 4562	10		
11 Business income limitation Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instructions)	11		
12 Section 179 expense deduction Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12		
13 Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2010 Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12 .	13		

Note: Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V.

Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property) (See instructions)		
14 Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year (see instructions)	14	
15 Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16 Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	6,108

Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions.)

Section A		
17 MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2009	17	276
18 If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here		

Section B—Assets Placed in Service During 2008 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System						
(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only—see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5-year property						
c 7-year property						
d 10-year property						
e 15-year property						
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs		S/L	
h Residential rental property			27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
			27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property			39 yrs	MM	S/L	
				MM	S/L	

Section C—Assets Placed in Service During 2009 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System						
20a Class life					S/L	
b 12-year			12 yrs		S/L	
c 40-year			40 yrs	MM	S/L	

Part IV Summary (see instructions)

21 Listed property Enter amount from line 28	21	15,006
22 Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21 Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return Partnerships and S corporations—see instructions	22	21,390
23 For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

Part V

Listed Property (Include automobiles, certain other vehicles, cellular telephones, certain computers, and property used for entertainment, recreation, or amusement.)
Note: For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete **only** 24a, 24b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A, all of Section B, and Section C if applicable.

Section A—Depreciation and Other Information (Caution: See the instructions for limits for passenger automobiles.)

24a Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed? ☒ Yes ☐ No						24b If "Yes," is the evidence written? ☒ Yes ☐ No		
(a) Type of property (list vehicles first)	(b) Date placed in service	(c) Business/ investment use percentage	(d) Cost or other basis	(e) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only)	(f) Recovery period	(g) Method/ Convention	(h) Depreciation/ deduction	(i) Elected section 179 cost
25 Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use (see instructions)						25		
26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use								
2008 NISSAN PATHFIND	2008-01-12	100 00 %	41,063	41,063	5 0	S/L-S/L	5,100	
2007 CHEVY SUBURBAN	2007-03-15	100 00 %	49,532	49,532	5 0	S/L-S/L	9,906	
		%						
27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use								
		%				S/L -		
		%				S/L -		
		%				S/L -		
28 Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27 Enter here and on line 21, page 1						28	15,006	
29 Add amounts in column (i), line 26 Enter here and on line 7, page 1							29	

Section B—Information on Use of Vehicles

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other "more than 5% owner," or related person
If you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles

30 Total business/investment miles driven during the year (do not include commuting miles)	(a) Vehicle 1		(b) Vehicle 2		(c) Vehicle 3		(d) Vehicle 4		(e) Vehicle 5		(f) Vehicle 6	
31 Total commuting miles driven during the year												
32 Total other personal(noncommuting) miles driven												
33 Total miles driven during the year Add lines 30 through 32												
34 Was the vehicle available for personal use during off-duty hours?	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
35 Was the vehicle used primarily by a more than 5% owner or related person?												
36 Is another vehicle available for personal use?												

Section C—Questions for Employers Who Provide Vehicles for Use by Their Employees

Answer these questions to determine if you meet an exception to completing Section B for vehicles used by employees who **are not** more than 5% owners or related persons (see instructions)

37 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits all personal use of vehicles, including commuting, by your employees?	Yes	No
38 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits personal use of vehicles, except commuting, by your employees? See the instructions for vehicles used by corporate officers, directors, or 1% or more owners		No
39 Do you treat all use of vehicles by employees as personal use?		No
40 Do you provide more than five vehicles to your employees, obtain information from your employees about the use of the vehicles, and retain the information received?		No
41 Do you meet the requirements concerning qualified automobile demonstration use? (See instructions)		No
Note: If your answer to 37, 38, 39, 40, or 41 is "Yes," do not complete Section B for the covered vehicles		

Part VI Amortization

(a) Description of costs	(b) Date amortization begins	(c) Amortizable amount	(d) Code section	(e) A mortization period or percentage	(f) A mortization for this year
42 A mortization of costs that begins during your 2009 tax year (see instructions)					
43 A mortization of costs that began before your 2009 tax year				43	2,713
44 Total. Add amounts in column (f) See the instructions for where to report				44	2,713

TY 2009 Accounting Fees Schedule

Name: OHIO WETLANDS FOUNDATION

EIN: 31-1357624

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
BOOKKEEPING & TAX RETURN PREP	13,030		13,030	

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TY 2009 Amortization Schedule

Name: OHIO WETLANDS FOUNDATION

EIN: 31-1357624

Description of Amortized Expenses	Date Acquired, Completed, or Expended	Amount Amortized	Deduction for Prior Years	Amortization Method	Current Year Amortization	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Total Amount of Amortization
AUTOCAD SOFTWARE	2007-09-23	8,140	3,618	3	2,713		2,713	6,331

**TY 2009 Investments Corporate
Bonds Schedule**

Name: OHIO WETLANDS FOUNDATION
EIN: 31-1357624

Name of Bond	End of Year Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
	42,584	40,410

TY 2009 Land, Etc. Schedule

Name: OHIO WETLANDS FOUNDATION

EIN: 31-1357624

Category / Item	Cost / Other Basis	Accumulated Depreciation	Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
EQUIPMENT	138,761	58,469	80,292	

TY 2009 Legal Fees Schedule

Name: OHIO WETLANDS FOUNDATION

EIN: 31-1357624

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
MITIGATION CONSULTING	35,034			

TY 2009 Mortgages and Notes Payable Schedule**Name:** OHIO WETLANDS FOUNDATION**EIN:** 31-1357624**Total Mortgage Amount:**

Item No.	1
Lender's Name	
Lender's Title	
Relationship to Insider	
Original Amount of Loan	
Balance Due	1384352
Date of Note	
Maturity Date	
Repayment Terms	
Interest Rate	
Security Provided by Borrower	
Purpose of Loan	
Description of Lender Consideration	
Consideration FMV	

TY 2009 Other Assets Schedule

Name: OHIO WETLANDS FOUNDATION

EIN: 31-1357624

Description	Beginning of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Fair Market Value
CAPITALIZE CONSTRUCTION COSTS	3,452,920	4,352,879	

TY 2009 Other Expenses Schedule**Name:** OHIO WETLANDS FOUNDATION**EIN:** 31-1357624

Description	Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Invest ment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
EXPENSES				
BANK CHARGES	9,192		9,192	
COMPUTER REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	1,697		1,697	
INSURANCE	8,018		8,018	
INTERNET EXPENSE	1,539		1,539	
LICENSE & PERMITS	130		130	
MEALS AND ENTERTAINMENT	22,638		22,638	
MISC CONSULTING EXPENSE	11,831		11,831	
MISC EXPENSE	533		533	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	6,179		6,179	
POSTAGE	1,484		1,484	
PROMOTION	17,075		17,075	
SEMINARS	2,209		2,209	
TELEPHONE	6,627		6,627	
MEMBERSHIP DUES	900		900	

TY 2009 Other Income Schedule

Name: OHIO WETLANDS FOUNDATION

EIN: 31-1357624

Description	Revenue And Expenses Per Books	Net Invest ment Income	Adjusted Net Income
SALE OF MITIGAT CREDIT	669,350		669,350

TY 2009 Other Liabilities Schedule

Name: OHIO WETLANDS FOUNDATION

EIN: 31-1357624

Description	Beginning of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Book Value
DEPOSITS	136,324	42,250
RESERVES	243,000	480,663
MAINTENANCE RESERVES	14,756	31,815
MONITORING RESERVES	5,400	5,400
ACCRUED CONSTRUCTION COSTS	49,828	260,692
ACCRUED OSU PLEDGE	30,250	19,850

TY 2009 Other Professional Fees Schedule

Name: OHIO WETLANDS FOUNDATION

EIN: 31-1357624

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS	780		780	

TY 2009 Taxes Schedule**Name:** OHIO WETLANDS FOUNDATION**EIN:** 31-1357624

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
WORKERS COMPENSATION	1,060		1,060	
OTHER TAXES	150		150	