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Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-1150

2009

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Form **990-EZ**

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

▶ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$500,000 and total assets less than \$1,250,000 at the end of the year may use this form.
▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the **2009** calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending

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
Owl Creek Conservancy
 Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
P.O. Box 291
 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

D Employer identification number
31-1696161

E Telephone number
740-392-5050

F Group Exemption Number ▶

G Accounting method: Cash Accrual
Other (specify) ▶

I Website: ▶ **www.owlcreekconservancy.org**

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — 501(c) (3) ◀ (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

K Check if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts; if \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ \$ **38,753.**

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I.)			
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	35,524.
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4 Investment income	4	1,594.
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6 Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G). If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		
	a Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	1,635.
b Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b		
c Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	1,635.	
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
b Less: cost of goods sold	7b		
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c		
8 Other revenue (describe ▶ _____)	8		
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9	38,753.	
Expenses	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	5,136.
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	853.
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	3,788.
	16 Other expenses (describe ▶ See Statement 1)	16	4,287.
	17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	14,064.
18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	24,689.	
Net Assets	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	91,841.
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation) See Statement 2	20	5,243.
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	121,773.

Part II Balance Sheets. If total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$1,250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. (See the instructions for Part II.)

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	22	91,841.	22	121,773.
23 Land and buildings	23		23	
24 Other assets (describe ▶ _____)	24		24	
25 Total assets	25	91,841.	25	121,773.
26 Total liabilities (describe ▶ _____)	26	0.	26	0.
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	27	91,841.	27	121,773.

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions for Part III.)		Expenses	
What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? <u>See Statement 5</u>		(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others.)	
Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.			
28	<u>Obtaining easements. Land acquisition expenses - surveying, appraising, legal and related expenses (state registration, insurance and memberships).</u> (Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	1,404.
29	<u>Monitoring easements.</u> (Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	1,396.
30	<u>See Statement 4</u> (Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	3,091.
31	<u>Other program services (attach schedule) See Statement 6</u> (Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	2,568.
32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) <input type="checkbox"/>	32	8,459.

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated (See the instructions for Part IV)

(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 & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
Richard Stallard, 202 S Edgewood Rd, Mt Vernon, OH 43050	President 9.00	0.	0.	0.
Howard Gratz, 6021 Mt Gilead Rd, Fredericktown, OH 43019	Vice-President 1.54	0.	0.	0.
Ian Watson 1100 Colville Rd, Mt Vernon, OH 43050	Treasurer 3.00	0.	0.	0.
David Pressler, 4 South Edgewood Road, Mt Vernon, OH 43050	Secretary 0.46	0.	0.	0.
James Henry 212 Tamarack Dr, Mt Vernon, OH 43050	Board Member 0.85	0.	0.	0.
Nancy Ingling PO Box 414, Gambier, OH 43022	Board Member 2.92	0.	0.	0.
Judy Klavins PO Box 5, Danville, OH 43014	Board Member 0.16	0.	0.	0.
Charles McCluskey 4340 Ewart Rd, Mt Vernon, OH 43050	Board Member 1.42	0.	0.	0.
Patricia Tuttle, 10510 Springwater Dr, Mt Vernon, OH 43050	Board Member 0.46	0.	0.	0.
William Lawhon 7051 Beckholt Rd, Mt Vernon, OH 43050	Board Member 0.40	0.	0.	0.
Raymond Heithaus, 18576 Yauger Road, Mt Vernon, OH 43050	Board Member 1.38	0.	0.	0.
John Urton 1335 Gambier Rd, Mt Vernon, OH 43050	Board Member 0.96	0.	0.	0.

Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.)

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity		X
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		X
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T.		
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?		X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	N/A	
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Sch. N		X
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a 0.		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?		X
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b N/A	
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a N/A	
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b N/A	
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ 0. ; section 4912 ▶ 0. ; section 4955 ▶ 0.		
b	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b	X
c	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ 0.		
d	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ 0.		
e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	40e	X
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶ OH		
42a	The organization's books are in care of ▶ Ian Watson Telephone no. ▶ 740-392-5050 Located at ▶ 1100 Colville Road, Mount Vernon, OH ZIP + 4 ▶ 43050-0262		
b	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)? 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.	42b	X
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ _____	42c	X
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43 N/A		
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44	X
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	45	X

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Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46-49b and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

- | | | Yes | No |
|---|-----|-----|----|
| 46 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 | 46 | | X |
| 47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II | 47 | | X |
| 48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E | 48 | | X |
| 49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? | 49a | | X |
| b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? | 49b | | |
- 50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
NONE				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶ _____

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

NONE

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ▶ _____

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.

Sign Here Signature of officer: IAN WATSON Date: 7/28/10
 Type or print name and title: IAN WATSON, TREASURER

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature: Sally A. Nelson Date: 07/25/10 Check if self-employed:

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: Nelson & Nelson CPAs Inc
1684 Venture Drive, Suite B
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Preparer's identifying number (See instr.): _____
 EIN: _____
 Phone no.: 740-397-0779

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

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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 **Owl Creek Conservancy** Employer identification number **31-1696161**

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 described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
- 2 A school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Attach Schedule E.)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
- 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 supported organization?
 - (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?
 - (iii) A 35% controlled entry 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									

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Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 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.")	16,826.	391,487.	28,870.	26,470.	35,524.	499,177.
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	16,826.	391,487.	28,870.	26,470.	35,524.	499,177.
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)						11,860.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						487,317.

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	16,826.	391,487.	28,870.	26,470.	35,524.	499,177.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	446.	2,410.	10,722.	6,077.	1,594.	21,249.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)	5,500.					5,500.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						525,926.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	8,701.
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	92.66	%
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	92.92	%
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 ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
b 33 1/3% support test - 2008. If the organization did not check a 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 ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>			
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 ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>			
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 ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>			
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 ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>			

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 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
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)						

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

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

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33 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

b 33 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

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

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Form 990-EZ	Other Expenses	Statement	1
Description		Amount	
Insurance		962.	
Web Expense		410.	
Dues		325.	
Ohio Annual Fee/Sales Tax		149.	
Easement Expenses		1,090.	
Meetings		402.	
In-kind Donations		949.	
Total to Form 990-EZ, line 16		4,287.	

Form 990-EZ	Other Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances	Statement	2
Description		Amount	
Unrealized gain on investments		5,243.	
Total to Form 990-EZ, line 20		5,243.	

Education. Education through annual meeting and report, workshops or private consultations regarding easements with interested parties coordinated with another land trust, website and public events highlighting nature.

Conserving land in Knox and surrounding counties.

Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

OMB No. 1545-1709

▶ File a separate application for each return.

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** and check this box
 - If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** (on page 2 of this form)
- Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.**

Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed)

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension - check this box and complete Part I only

All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns.

Electronic Filing (e-file). Generally, you can electronically file Form 8868 if you want a 3-month automatic extension of time to file one of the returns noted below (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T). However, you cannot file Form 8868 electronically if (1) you want the additional (not automatic) 3-month extension or (2) you file Forms 990-BL, 6069, or 8870, group returns, or a composite or consolidated Form 990-T. Instead, you must submit the fully completed and signed page 2 (Part II) of Form 8868. For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit www.irs.gov/efile and click on *e-file for Charities & Nonprofits*.

Type or print	Name of Exempt Organization Owl Creek Conservancy	Employer identification number 31-1696161
File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. P.O. Box 291	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. Mount Vernon, OH 43050	

Check type of return to be filed (file a separate application for each return):

- | | | |
|---|---|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (corporation) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870 |

Ian Watson

• The books are in the care of ▶ **1100 Colville Road - Mount Vernon, OH 43050-0262**
Telephone No. ▶ **740-392-5050** FAX No. ▶ _____

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____ If this is for the whole group, check this box . If it is for part of the group, check this box and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension will cover.

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6-months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until **August 15, 2010**, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:
▶ calendar year **2009** or
▶ tax year beginning _____, and ending _____

2 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason: Initial return Final return Change in accounting period

3a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	3a	\$	
b If this application is for Form 990-PF or 990-T, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit.	3b	\$	
c Balance Due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	3c	\$	N/A

Caution. If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions.

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OCC Highlights of Meeting Our Mission in 2009

Made new contacts with landowners through out-reach and educational efforts (detailed below) and renewed contacts made in previous years.

Continued meeting the challenging opportunity of addressing violations of the terms of two of our conservation easements. We are especially grateful for the assistance of Attorneys Rick Mayhew and Edward F. Meyers with the violations.

Initiated a new system for communicating effectively with landowners about their land-protecting agreements so as to minimize the possibility of violations of those agreements.

Harvested additional benefits from our collaborations with the Philander Chase Corporation at Kenyon College, especially a seminar led by Sally Nelson, CPA in November of 2008 focused on informing landowners and the general public about land-protecting agreements and about changes in the federal tax code, favoring the donation of such agreements. Our collaborations resulted in the donation of a conservation easement on 245 acres this year and another owner of 385 acres planning participation in the ODA agricultural easement program.

Continued our efforts to obtain grants to conserve lands along the Kokosing State Scenic River. We submitted a request to the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund for a grant to purchase a conservation easement on 274 acres of land enclosing the Kokosing for 1.3 miles. The acreage is almost entirely within the five-year time-of-travel zone for the water supply for the City of Mount Vernon, which supplies water to more than 40% of the citizens of Knox County, including the Village of Gambier. The acreage also includes 186 acres of FEMA-designated 100-year floodplain. We also submitted a request for a grant from the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District's new "Partners in Watershed Management Program" for part of local matching funds required for any grant from the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund.

Cooperated with the Brown Family Environmental Center at Kenyon College, the Knox County Park District, and the Ramser Arboretum in presenting the eighth series of experiences to "Explore the Nature of Knox County." Explorations for 2010 will be announced in February.

Cooperated in the Heritage Centre Association's tour of downtown Mount Vernon on October 3rd thanks to John Urton.

Cosponsored the Annual Garden Contest of the Mount Vernon News for the seventh year. Please watch the News in March for information about the contest in 2010 and our joint effort to draw attention to interactions with nature.

Participated with the Knox Soil and Water Conservation District in the Envirothon to increase public understanding of our mission and to promote agriculture as a career.

Kept memberships steady for 2008 at nearly 200. Please, invite your friends to join!

Stayed within budget and grew the Conservancy's two permanent supporting funds, the Stewardship Endowment by 5.4% and the Memorial Endowment by 6.6%.

Welcomed new trustee, Dave Pressler, and returning trustee, Ray Heithaus, to the Board.