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Form 990

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2009

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

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

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

B Check if applicable	C Name of organization The Morton Arboretum		D Employer identification number 36-1505770
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change	E Telephone number (630) 968-0074		
<input type="checkbox"/> Name change	F Gross receipts \$ 150,395,358		
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return	G Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) 4100 Illinois Route 53		
<input type="checkbox"/> Terminated	H City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 Lisle, IL 605321293		
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return	I Name and address of principal officer Timothy E Wolkober 4100 Illinois Route 53 Lisle, IL 605321293		
<input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	J Tax-exempt status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) (3) <input type="checkbox"/> (insert no) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		K Website: ► www.mortonarb.org

K Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ►	L Year of formation 1972	M State of legal domicile IL
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Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities See Schedule O See description in Part III, Line 1 below	
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 18
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4 18
5 Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5 395
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6 958
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

8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year 5,436,111	Current Year 6,162,739
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	3,179,420	3,254,334
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	75,582,185	-13,930,627
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	3,485,422	3,193,970
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	87,683,138	-1,319,584

13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	0	
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	11,686,853	11,833,103
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	10,701	0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ► 2,379,607		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	14,163,283	13,219,363
18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	25,860,837	25,052,466
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	61,822,301	-26,372,050

20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year 227,183,667	End of Year 263,556,740
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	45,307,916	45,493,287
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	181,875,751	218,063,453

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 Timothy E Wolkober Chief Financial Officer Type or print name and title		2010-07-01 Date

Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature ► Jody A Gauthier	Date	Check if self-employed ► <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's identifying number (see instructions)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ► WOLF & COMPANY LLP 2100 CLEARWATER DRIVE OAK BROOK, IL 605231927			EIN ►
				Phone no ► (630) 545-4500

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission

The mission of The Morton Arboretum is to collect and study trees, shrubs, and other plants from around the world, to display them across beautiful landscapes for people to study and enjoy, and to learn how to grow them in ways that enhance our environment. Our goal is to encourage the planting and conservation of trees and other plants for a greener, healthier and more beautiful world.

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 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 \$ 9,167,615 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
Plant Collections Planted 16,000 trees and other woody plants at the Arboretum in 2009. Maintained 1,700 acres of landscapes, gardens, natural areas, and 190,000 plant specimens. Completed woodland conservation management and research plan. Developed interactive collections map system to improve techniques for locating plants and managing records. Conducted operations involving living plant collections, plant production, natural resources, horticulture, and landscape architecture. Maintained indoor and outdoor facilities and equipment to support the Arboretum overall, upgraded where necessary to improve visitor experience and sustainability.	
4b	(Code) (Expenses \$ 2,582,502 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 841,722)
Education and Information Offered 500 courses on trees, home landscape gardening, natural history, botanical art and illustration, nature photography, and ornithology. Enrolled 40,000 participants in education programs, including 36,000 youth in field trips, summer science camps, and scouting programs. Conducted Animal Houses exhibition to increase awareness of relationship between plants and animals in our environment. Revised website to improve search hits, content, and functionality. Developed marketing initiatives for new social media to further engage the public and expand awareness. With "One Tree Makes a Difference" theme for Arbor Day as signature holiday, coordinated activities off site in prominent locations for maximum exposure, with tree-plantings at 56 events in 24 communities. Children's Garden, Plant Clinic, botanical library, and interpretive displays supported the Arboretum as a leading center of tree expertise.	
4c	(Code) (Expenses \$ 1,208,577 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
Research Collaborated with regional municipalities to develop initiatives to advance the planting and health of urban forests, included are Chicago Trees Initiative, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, Chicago Region Tree Census. Offered major symposium on invasive pests affecting trees. Served as advocate for trees in 270 communities. Furthered studies in plant health care, plant conservation biology, urban soil science, and plant systematics. Authored papers for professional publications and delivered presentations to share knowledge with industry peers and others who benefit from the information. Managed labs dedicated to tree science and herbarium (collection of preserved plant specimens) for botanical research.	
	(Code) (Expenses \$ 7,568,523 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 7,284,108)
Visitor Services Welcomed visitors every day of the year. Set new attendance record in 2009 with 831,113 visitors, positioning the Arboretum as one of the most-visited public gardens in North America. Served membership of 34,000 households. Hosted various special events and seasonal and ongoing activities for visitors and members to engage in mission. Provided opportunities to introduce patrons to mission and programs and accommodate their needs through visitor orientation center, store, restaurant, and banquet and conference facilities.	
4d	Other program services (Describe in Schedule O) (Expenses \$ 7,568,523 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 7,284,108)
4e	Total program service expenses \$ 20,527,217

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

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

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

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

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

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

6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any 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

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

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

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

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

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.

- 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

12a Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year?

Yes	No
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If "Yes," completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional

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

14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

	Yes	No
1	Yes	
2	Yes	
3		No
4		No
5		
6		No
7		No
8	Yes	
9		No
10	Yes	
11	Yes	
12	Yes	
13		No
14a		No
14b		No
15		No
16		No
17		No
18	Yes	
19		No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	23	Yes	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25	24a	Yes	
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		No
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		No
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		No
25a	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	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)	28a		No
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c	Yes	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	29	Yes	
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	31		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	32		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II	33		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I	34		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1	35		No
35	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	36		No
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	37		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI	38	Yes	
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			

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	97
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	Yes	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, <i>Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements</i> filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a	395
2b	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)	Yes	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?		No
3b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
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)?		No
4b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country. See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22 1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a	No
5b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	No
5c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?		
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
6b	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).		
7a	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	Yes
7b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	Yes
7c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c	No
7d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
7e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e	No
7f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	No
7g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g	
7h	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?	7h	
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.		
9a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a	
9b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b	
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
10a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a	
10b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b	
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter		
11a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	
11b	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	
12b	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	18	
b Enter the number of voting members that are independent . . .	1b	18	
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 ► IL

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 ►
 Timothy E Wolkober
 4100 Illinois Rte 53
 Lisle, IL 605321293
 (630) 719-2405

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

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

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed.

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

• List all of the organization's **current** key employees. See instructions for definition of "key employee."

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

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

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

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

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

(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			
W Robert Reum Trustee Chairman	4 00	X					0	0	0
James F Dickerson Trustee Vice Chairman	4 00	X					0	0	0
William P Ritchie Trustee Secretary	4 00	X					0	0	0
Walter W Becky II Trustee Treasurer	4 00	X					0	0	0
Stephen W Baird Trustee	4 00	X					0	0	0
Anna Caroline Ball Trustee	4 00	X					0	0	0
James A Crouthamel Trustee	4 00	X					0	0	0
Stephen C Gieser Trustee	4 00	X					0	0	0
Ann Grube Trustee	4 00	X					0	0	0
Charles C Haffner III Trustee	4 00	X					0	0	0
Darrell B Jackson Trustee	4 00	X					0	0	0
Kenneth Koranda Trustee	4 00	X					0	0	0
Randolph R Kurtz Trustee	4 00	X					0	0	0
Timothy M Murray Trustee	4 00	X					0	0	0
Fredrick Paulman Trustee	4 00	X					0	0	0
Henry B Pearsall Trustee	4 00	X					0	0	0
Lee S Selander Trustee	4 00	X					0	0	0

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(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	
Catherine Slark Trustee	4 00	X					0	0
Gerard T Donnelly PhD President and CEO	40 00			X			269,492	0
Timothy E Wolkober CPA VP of Finance and CFO	40 00			X			145,840	0
Kris Bachtell VP of Collections & Fac	40 00			X			124,669	0
Penn French VP of Marketing	40 00			X			149,955	0
Jill Koski VP of Development	40 00			X			166,638	0
Susan Wagner VP of Edu & Info	40 00			X			34,278	0
Grant Gilbert Director of Major Gifts	40 00				X		119,603	0
Gary Watson Head of Research	40 00				X		102,703	0
Kelly Vantine Major Gifts Officer	40 00				X		109,480	0
1b Total							1,222,658	0

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 **►8**

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	3	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	4	Yes
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person	5	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
Kelly Scott & Madison Inc 35 East Wacker Drive Chicago, IL 60601	Advertising	491,458
Aramark Corporation 1101 Market St Philadelphia, PA 19107	Food Service Management	350,398
Buck Services 245 W Roosevelt Rd West Chicago, IL 60185	Janitorial	222,992
Jones Day 77 West Wacker Drive Chicago, IL 60601	Legal	174,348
DBP Chicago 656 West Randolph Street Chicago, IL 60661	Marketing	146,110
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 ►10		

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 3,010,687				
	c Fundraising events	1c 162,620				
	d Related organizations	1d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e 294,281				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f 2,695,151				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ 130,832					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		6,162,739			
Program Service Revenue	2a Visitor Events	Business Code				
		713,990	1,238,246	1,238,246		
	b Admissions	713,990	1,174,366	1,174,366		
	c Education	713,990	841,722	841,722		
	d					
	e					
	f All other program service revenue					
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		3,254,334			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)					
			7,017,818		7,017,818	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5 Royalties					
	6a Gross Rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
		506,620				
	b Less rental expenses					
	c Rental income or (loss)	506,620				
d Net rental income or (loss)			506,620	506,620		
7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
	129,055,170					
b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	150,003,615					
c Gain or (loss)	-20,948,445					
d Net gain or (loss)			-20,948,445	-20,948,445		
8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 33,800 of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18						
	a 162,620					
b Less direct expenses	b 192,848					
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		-159,048	-159,048			
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 4,364,877					
b Less cost of goods sold	b 1,518,479					
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		2,846,398			2,846,398	
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code					
11a						
b						
c						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d						
12 Total revenue. See Instructions		-1,319,584	-17,346,539	0	9,864,216	

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	928,092	322,640	425,752	179,700
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	8,417,382	6,704,027	802,688	910,667
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	424,696	338,250	40,499	45,947
9 Other employee benefits	1,364,398	1,086,675	130,110	147,613
10 Payroll taxes	698,535	556,348	66,613	75,574
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management	184,436	184,436		
b Legal	192,307	113,777	78,530	
c Accounting	330,658	112,311	147,041	71,306
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees	282,755	282,755		
g Other	1,739,630	1,289,105	164,621	285,904
12 Advertising and promotion	546,416	539,492	6,924	
13 Office expenses	3,377,127	2,796,572	84,380	496,175
14 Information technology	98,793		98,793	
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	1,297,161	1,295,487	1,674	
17 Travel	117,388	103,823	5,703	7,862
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	182,557	69,775	39,812	72,970
20 Interest	495,897	495,897		
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	2,752,333	2,731,024	12,979	8,330
23 Insurance	274,370	274,370		
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 Food Service Expense	1,150,234	1,150,234	0	0
b Other Expenses	78,566	2,751	11,713	64,102
c Equipment	56,580	51,787	4,793	0
d Membership Dues	31,106	10,294	11,604	9,208
e Staff Development	31,049	15,387	11,413	4,249
f All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	25,052,466	20,527,217	2,145,642	2,379,607
26 Joint costs. Check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	302,138	1 63,231
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	3,099,305	2 3,208,992
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	1,446,915	3 1,436,898
	4 Accounts receivable, net	647,483	4 251,194
	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	264,391	8 262,148
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	49,063	9 36,233
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	72,670,480	
	b Less accumulated depreciation	10a	24,806,125
		10b	50,319,686
		10c	47,864,355
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	160,729,320	11 192,070,422
	12 Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11	9,999,002	12 18,047,802
	13 Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11		13
	14 Intangible assets		14
	15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11	326,364	15 315,465
	16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	227,183,667	16 263,556,740
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	3,084,863	17 2,964,583
	18 Grants payable		18
	19 Deferred revenue	223,053	19 528,704
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities	42,000,000	20 42,000,000
	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	45,307,916	26 45,493,287
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.		
	27 Unrestricted net assets	177,910,770	27 213,610,809
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	3,149,992	28 3,492,348
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	814,989	29 960,296
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.		
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		31
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	181,875,751	33 218,063,453
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	227,183,667	34 263,556,740

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

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?

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

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

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?

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

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

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(Form 990 or 990EZ)**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.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
The Morton Arboretum

Employer identification number

36-1505770

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

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")	5,206,724	5,185,448	5,608,406	5,436,111	6,162,739	27,599,428
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	5,206,724	5,185,448	5,608,406	5,436,111	6,162,739	27,599,428
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						27,599,428

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	5,206,724	7,171,107	5,608,406	5,436,111	6,162,739	27,599,428
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	6,517,607	7,171,107	7,982,693	7,678,255	7,524,438	36,874,100
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)						64,473,528
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions)					12	28,657,167
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						<input checked="" 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	42 810 %
15 Public Support Percentage for 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	37 440 %
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 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		<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 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 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	

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

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 36-1505770
Name: The Morton Arboretum

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
Food Service Expense	1,150,234	1,150,234	0	0
Other Expenses	78,566	2,751	11,713	64,102
Equipment	56,580	51,787	4,793	0
Membership Dues	31,106	10,294	11,604	9,208
Staff Development	31,049	15,387	11,413	4,249

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(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.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Employer identification number

36-1505770

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

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

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

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

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, 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 Classroom Education
 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	6,502,087	8,965,785			
b Contributions	740,000	1,163,023			
c Investment earnings or losses	1,716,604	-2,062,683			
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	115,675	1,564,038			
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	8,843,016	6,502,087			

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

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ► 73 850 % %

b Permanent endowment ► 10 860 % %

c Term endowment ► 15 290 % %

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

(i) unrelated organizations Yes No

(ii) related organizations Yes No

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

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

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

	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land	1,266,234			1,266,234
b Buildings	32,120,481	9,875,596		22,244,885
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment	7,403,976	4,853,404		2,550,572
e Other	31,879,789	10,077,125		21,802,664
Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				47,864,355

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

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Financial derivatives		
Closely-held equity interests		
Other		
Real Estate Guggenheim Plus	2,128,892	F
Private Equity Madison Dearborn Capital Partners	1,275,544	F
Hedge Fund Evanston-Weatherlow Offshore	14,035,726	F
Private Equity - Adams Street Partners	489,640	F
Private Equity - Bears Stearns	118,000	F
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12)	18,047,802	

Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12) 18

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

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value

Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13.)

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

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

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

1	(a) Description of Liability	(b) Amount
	Federal Income Taxes	

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

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

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	-1,319,584
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	25,052,466
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-26,372,050
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	62,559,752
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	62,559,752
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	36,187,702

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	62,668,740
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	62,559,752
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	-282,755
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	62,276,997
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	391,743
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	-1,711,327
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	-1,711,327
5	Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	-1,319,584

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	26,481,038
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	1,711,327
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	1,711,327
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	24,769,711
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	282,755
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	282,755
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	25,052,466

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 III, Line 1A Capitalization Policy Arboretum Collections - The Arboretum's rare books and print collections are not capitalized in the accompanying audited financial statements Living woody plants are also not capitalized unless they are a major part of a capital project Purchases of collection items that are not capitalized are recorded as decreases in unrestricted net assets
		Part III, Line 4 Description of Collections and Furtherance of Exempt Purpose Living Collection - Woody plants in categories of taxonomic, geographic, special habitat, horticultural, rare/endangered 190,000 specimens represent 4,200 different kinds of trees, shrubs and other plants from 40 countries in the northern temperate zone Displayed across 1,700 acres of natural landscapes Provided for botanical, horticultural, and artistic study (education and research purposes) and enjoyment (cultural purpose) Herbarium Collection Dried woody plant specimens totaling 187,000 Housed in research lab Supports study of origin and evolution of plant species (scientific research purpose) Library Collection - 27,000 books and 220 periodicals on botany, horticulture, landscape design, natural history, ecology, corresponding rare documents, and other printed materials, 12,000 botanical artworks Available for botanical, horticultural, and artistic study of plants (educational, research, and cultural purposes)
		Part V, Line 4 Intended Use of Endowment Funds The term endowments are spent per the donor's directions The permanent endowment is maintained in perpetuity to support the mission and operations of the Arboretum The board designated endowments are applied to purposes defined by the board in support of the mission and operations of the Arboretum
		Part XII, Line 2D Reconciliation \$282,755 of investment management fees netted against investment income on the audited financial statements
		Part XII, Line 4B Reconciliation Cost of Sales of \$1,518,479 and \$192,848 of fundraising expenses are included in expenses on the audited financial statements
		Part XIII, Line 2D Reconciliation Cost of sales of \$1,518,479 and \$192,848 of fundraising expenses are included in expenses on the audited financial statements
		Part XIII, Line 4B Reconciliation Investment management fees of \$282,755 netted against investment income on the audited financial statements

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

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**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.

Employer identification number

Name of the organization
The Morton Arboretum

Organization

Employer identification number

36-150577C

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

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.

		(a) Event #1 <u>Dinner Party</u> (event type)	(b) Event #2 (event type)	(c) Other Events (total number)	(d) Total Events (Add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts . . .	196,420			196,420
	2 Less Charitable contributions . . .	162,620			162,620
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2) . . .	33,800			33,800
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes . . .				
	5 Non-cash prizes . . .				
	6 Rent/facility costs . . .	88,330			88,330
	7 Food and beverages . . .	54,449			54,449
	8 Entertainment . . .	1,500			1,500
	9 Other direct expenses . . .	48,569			48,569
	10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				192,848
	11 Net income summary Combine lines 3, column d, and line 10.				-159,048

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

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (Add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross revenue				
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Non-cash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
	6 Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> 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				

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities	Yes	No
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	13a	13b
a The organization's facility
b An outside facility
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 ►		
<input type="checkbox"/> Director/officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Employee	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent contractor
17 Mandatory distributions		
a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?	17a
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 J
(Form 990)**Compensation Information**

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For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees
► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, question 23.
► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.

Name of the organization

The Morton Arboretum

Employer identification number

36-1505770

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

Yes No

1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items

<input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use
<input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions	<input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence
<input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments	<input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees
<input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)

b If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

1b Yes

2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?

2 Yes

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization uses to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract
<input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee

4 During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization

4a No

a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?

4b Yes

b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?

4c No

c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?

If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III

Only 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations only must complete lines 5-9.

5 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of

5a No

a The organization?

5b No

b Any related organization?

If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III

6a No

6 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of

6b No

a The organization?

b Any related organization?

If "Yes," to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III

7 No

7 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III

8 No

8 Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regs. section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III

9

9 If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use Schedule J-1 if additional space needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) must equal the applicable column (D) or column (E) amounts on Form 990, Part VII, line 1a.

Part III Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8. Also complete this part for any additional information

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	Part I, Line 1a	A residence is provided for the President and CEO of the Arboretum, currently Gerard T. Donnelly, as a condition of employment and for the convenience of the Arboretum. The value of this residence is not treated as taxable compensation. Landscaping services are also provided for all Arboretum properties, including the President's residence.
	Part I, Line 4a	The following individuals participated in a section 457(b) Supplemental Non-Qualified Retirement Plan. The individuals are listed with the respective amounts of their deferrals: Gerard Donnelly - \$16,500 Penn French - \$16,500 Timothy Wolkober - \$5,855

**Schedule K
(Form 990)**

OMB No 1545-0047

Supplemental Information on Tax Exempt Bonds

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 24a. Provide descriptions, explanations, and any additional information in Schedule O (Form 990).
 ► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.

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36-1505770**Part I Bond Issues**

	(a) Issuer Name	(b) Issuer EIN	(c) CUSIP #	(d) Date Issued	(e) Issue Price	(f) Description of Purpose	(g) Defeased	(h) On Behalf of Issuer
							Yes	No
A	The County of Dupage Illinois	36-6006551	262668AC0	12-17-2003	42,000,000	See Schedule O	X	X

Part II Proceeds

	A	B	C	D	E
1 Total proceeds of issue	42,155,070				
2 Gross proceeds in reserve funds					
3 Proceeds in refunding or defeasance escrows					
4 Other unspent proceeds					
5 Issuance costs from proceeds	326,250				
6 Working capital expenditures from proceeds	1,482,400				
7 Capital expenditures from proceeds	40,346,420				
8 Year of substantial completion	2005				
9 Were the bonds issued as part of a current refunding issue?	X				
10 Were the bonds issued as part of an advance refunding issue?	X				
11 Has the final allocation of proceeds been made?	X				
12 Does the organization maintain adequate books and records to support the final allocation of proceeds?	X				

Part III Private Business Use

	A	B	C	D	E
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
1 Was the organization a partner in a partnership, or a member of an LLC, which owned property financed by tax-exempt bonds?	X				
2 Are there any lease arrangements with respect to the financed property which may result in private business use?	X				

Part III Private Business Use (Continued)

	A Yes	B No	C Yes	D No	E Yes	
						No
3a Are there any management or service contracts with respect to the financed property which may result in private business use?		X				
3b Are there any research agreements with respect to the financed property which may result in private business use?		X				
3c Does the organization routinely engage bond counsel or other outside counsel to review any management or service contracts or research agreements relating to the financed property?	X					
4 Enter the percentage of financed property used in a private business use by entities other than a section 501(c)(3) organization or a state or local government	X					
5 Enter the percentage of financed property used in a private business use as a result of unrelated trade or business activity carried on by your organization, another section 501(c)(3) organization, or a state or local government	X					
6 Total of lines 4 and 5						
7 Has the organization adopted management practices and procedures to ensure the post-issuance compliance of its tax-exempt bond liabilities?	X					

Part IV Arbitrage

	A Yes	B No	C Yes	D No	E Yes	No
1 Has a Form 8038-T, Arbitrage Rebate, Yield Reduction and Penalty in Lieu of Arbitrage Rebate, been filed with respect to the bond issue?		X				
2 Is the bond issue a variable rate issue?	X					
3a Has the organization or the governmental issuer identified a hedge with respect to the bond issue on its books and records?	X					
b Name of provider						
c Term of hedge						
4a Were gross proceeds invested in a GIC?	X					
b Name of provider	CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS					
c Term of GIC	1 500000000000					
d Was the regulatory safe harbor for establishing the fair market value of the GIC satisfied?	X					
5 Were any gross proceeds invested beyond an available temporary period?	X					
6 Did the bond issue qualify for an exception to rebate?	X					

Schedule L
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**Transactions with Interested Persons**

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► Complete if the organization answered
"Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c,
or Form 990-EZ, Part V lines 38a or 40b.

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

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Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3) and section 501 (c)(4) organizations only).

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b

1	(a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Description of transaction	(c) Corrected?
			Yes No

2 Enter the amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 ► \$ _____

3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization ► \$ _____

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 26, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a

(a) Name of interested person and purpose	(b) Loan to or from the organization?	(c) Original principal amount	(d) Balance due	(e) In default?	(f) Approved by board or committee?	(g) Written agreement?
	To From			Yes No	Yes No	Yes No

Total ► \$ _____ | _____ | _____ | _____

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefitting Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of grant or type of assistance
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Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?
				Yes No
James Dickerson	Bank of America Director	482,073	Int Exp	No
Darrell Jackson	Northern Trust Exec	114,343	Inv Mgmt	No
Lee Selander	Northern Trust Exec	0		No
William Ritchie	Partner Jones Day	174,348	Legal	No

SCHEDULE M
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NonCash Contributions

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Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of Contributions	(c) Revenues reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining revenues
1 Art—Works of art				
2 Art—Historical treasures				
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded	X	16	98,832	Fair Market Value
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				
Tree Lightning				
25 Other ► (<u>Protection</u>)	X	1	10,000	Fair Market Value
Restroom				
26 Other ► (<u>Services</u>)	X	1	22,000	Fair Market Value
27 Other ► (_____)				
28 Other ► (_____)				
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		

	Yes	No
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1-28 that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?	30a	No
b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II		
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions?	31	Yes
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell non-cash contributions?	32a	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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(Form 990)**Supplemental Information to Form 990**

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.
► Attach to Form 990.

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Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11		Form 990 is prepared by the Arboretum's accountants, reviewed by the Audit Committee and distributed to the Board of Trustees prior to filing
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c		The Morton Arboretum requires that all trustees, employees, and volunteers disclose and declare any personal, familial, or business relationships, situations, or activities that have the potential to create a conflict of interest or the perception of a conflict of interest. For trustees and employees, the declaration must be made before beginning a relationship with the institution and must be renewed annually or when applicable changes in status occur. The Arboretum supplies a Conflict of Interest Declaration form to all trustees and employees for this purpose. Volunteers are informed of this policy at the onset of their service, in the published volunteer handbook, and in periodic communications. For all trustees, employees, and volunteers, relationships or situations that arise that may create or appear to create a conflict of interest must be brought to the attention of the President or the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15		The process for determining compensation of officers and key employees includes a market analysis of comparable positions from peer gardens and other similar organizations for benchmarking purposes. This information is reviewed by internal Human Resources professionals and the compensation committee of the Board of Trustees. The full Board reviews and approves recommendations of compensation matters for the President and CEO. The compensation of other officers and key employees is approved by the compensation committee of the Board.
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19		Financial statements are available to the public on our website (www.mortonarb.org) and in our Annual Report. Governing documents and Conflict of Interest Policy are available upon request.
Form 990, Part XI, line 2c		This process has not changed from the prior year.
SCHEDULE K PART I LINE A COLUMN F		The proceeds of the bonds were used for the costs of certain capital improvements to the facilities of the borrower located in Lisle, Illinois, including (a) the construction of a Visitor Center and Tram Road, (b) visitor facilities and a Prairie Visitor Station, (c) the expansion and improvement of the main entrance to The Morton Arboretum, (d) the restoration of the riverbank, (e) the construction of parking lots and support facilities, (f) the construction of a children's garden, maze garden, Arbor Court and Meadow Lake courtyard facilities and (g) landscaping, stormwater facility and related improvements, (ii) pay a portion of the interest to accrue on the bonds and (iii) pay a portion of certain expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the bonds.
SCHEDULE K PART IV LINE 1		No, there was no arbitrage rebate or penalty due. The net rebate liability was negative.