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Form 990

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

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

OMB No 1545-0047

2011

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning 08-01-2011 and ending 07-31-2012

B Check if applicable

☐ Address change

☐ Name change

☐ Initial return

☐ Terminated

☐ Amended return

☐ Application pending

C Name of organization

NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE ASSOCIATION

Doing Business As

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

342 LAUDHOLM FARM ROAD

Room/suite

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

WELLS, ME 04090

F Name and address of principal officer

PAUL DEST
342 LAUDHOLM FARM ROAD
WELLS, ME 04090

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

H(b) Are all affiliates included?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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

H(c) Group exemption number

I Tax-exempt status

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

J Website:

WWW.NERRA.ORG

K Form of organization

☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other

L Year of formation

2001

M State of legal domicile

ME

Part I

Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities TO INSPIRE THE PROTECTION OF OUR NATION'S ESTUARIES AND TO PROMOTE CONSERVATION-BASED RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND STEWARDSHIP THROUGH THE NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE SYSTEM		
	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	28
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	28
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2011 (Part V, line 2a)	5	0
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	28
	7a Total 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
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	551,550	685,519
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	24,294	65,668
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	4,131	643
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	15,433	11,884
		595,408	763,714
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	415,530	466,035
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	93,447	97,707
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ☐ 11,379		
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	129,367	255,613
	18 Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	638,344	819,355
Net Assets or Fund Balances	19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	-42,936	-55,641
		Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	873,154	1,749,953
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	488,808	1,421,248
	22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	384,346	328,705

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.

Sign Here

Signature of officer

PAUL DEST TREASURER

2013-02-07

Date

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature

KAREN J SEARLE CPA

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

CUMMINGS LAMONT & MCNAMEE PA
305 LAFAYETTE CENTER
KENNEBUNK, ME 04043

Date

Check if self-employed

☐

Preparer's taxpayer identification number (see instructions)

P00384143

EIN

☐ 01-0372413

Phone no

☐ (207) 985-3339

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III

1

Briefly describe the organization’s mission

TO INSPIRE THE PROTECTION OF OUR NATION'S ESTUARIES AND TO PROMOTE CONSERVATION-BASED RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND STEWARDSHIP THROUGH THE NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE SYSTEM

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 organization’s program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured 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 \$ 41,311 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 41,311)
COOP 2005-2011 PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY NERRA UNDER NOS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT 2009 -12 (YEARS 2 & 3) FOR THE ONE YEAR PERIOD INCLUDED STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS WITH OTHER NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, DEVELOPING JOINT PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES WITH PARTNERS, DEVELOPING IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS, SUPPORTING THE ANNUAL MEETING OF NERRA AND THE NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE SYSTEM (NERRS) AS CO-HOSTS, IMPROVING THE NATIONAL FRIENDS AND FOUNDATION NETWORK (FFN) AND COORDINATING PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL CAMPAIGNS FOR ESTUARINE AWARENESS SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES INCLUDED 1) NERRA PARTICIPATED WITH OCEAN AND COASTAL COMMUNITY NONPROFIT GROUPS TO PRODUCE COLLECTIVE MESSAGES AND OUTREACH TO A VARIETY OF AUDIENCES, INCLUDING FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES 2) NERRA PROVIDED WRITTEN FEEDBACK TO THE NATIONAL OCEAN POLICY (NOP) COUNCIL THAT SUGGESTED AREAS WHERE GREATER EFFICIENCIES BETWEEN FEDERAL AND STATE PARTNERS FEEDBACK ALSO INCLUDED SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATION FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF NOP ACTION PLANS BY EXISTING NOS/NOAA PROGRAMS COLLECTIVE PROGRAM FUNDING NEEDS WERE ALSO SPECIFIED 3) NERRA CONTRIBUTED INFORMATION FOR CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING THAT WAS CONDUCTED BY MORE THAN 20 PARTNERS DISCUSSING COAST AND OCEAN PROGRAM NEEDS THE INFORMATION WAS DESIGNED TO INCREASE VISIBILITY OF NOS COASTAL MANAGEMENT AND NERRS 4) NERRA, COASTAL STATES ORGANIZATION, AND SEA GRANT ASSOCIATION WROTE A COMBINED LETTER TO NOAA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET (OMB) DISCUSSING THE NEED TO IMPROVE STATE FEDERAL PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS AMONG ALL PROGRAMS ADDITIONALLY NERRA ATTENDED A JOINT MEETING WITH ALL PARTIES (EXCEPT OMB) DISCUSSING STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVING PROGRAM UNDERSTANDING 5) NERRA PARTICIPATED IN NUMEROUS MEETINGS WITH NGO PARTNERS SUCH AS RAE, ANEP, TPL, AMERICAN RIVERS, DUCKS UNLIMITED, AND TNC FOCUSING ON HOW TO EFFECTUATE LONG TERM ESTUARY PROTECTION FOR COASTAL COMMUNITIES PURSUING LAND ACQUISITION MOST RECENTLY, NERRA ATTENDED A JOINT MEETING WITH NOAA'S ADMINISTRATOR TO DISCUSS HOW TO IMPROVE PROGRAM INTEGRATION AND EFFICIENCIES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NOAA 6) NERRA MANAGED NERRS/NERRA EVENT WEB SITE INCLUDING POSTING DOCUMENTS, UPDATING MEETING LOGISTICS, AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS NEEDED PRIOR TO AND POST MEETING 7) NERRA WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING INCLUDING PROCESSING AND FOLLOW UP ON REGISTRATION PAYMENTS 8) NERRA WORKED WITH THE ERD AN11 PLANNING COMMITTEE AND THE LOCAL HOSTS, GTM, TO PLAN THE MEETING AND TO DETERMINE MEETING NEEDS 9) NERRA COORDINATED ALL ASPECTS OF THE MEETING INCLUDING MEETING SPACE NEEDS, AV SUPPORT, MEALS, TRANSPORTATION, ETC 10) NERRA WORKED WITH FFN ANNUAL MEETING PLANNING COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP AN AGENDA FOR THE 2011 NERRA/NERRA ANNUAL MEETING FEEDBACK FROM THE FFN COMMUNITY WAS USED TO PRIORTIZE TOPICS OF INTEREST 11) NERRA WORKED WITH EACH FFN TO IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE CONTACT FOR OUTREACH EFFORTS 12) NERRA'S BLOG HAS BEEN ACTIVE DURING THIS PERFORMANCE PERIOD RESULTING IN GREATER FFN PARTICIPATION IN AND UNDERSTANDING OF NATIONAL CAMPAIGNS 13) NERRA DEVELOPED SEVERAL ECONOMIC STATEMENTS THAT ASSIST IN QUANTIFYING THE BENEFITS OF PROTECTING AND RESTORING ESTUARIES THAT ARE DESIGNATED PART OF THE NERRS THE STATEMENTS WERE DEVELOPED ON A NATIONAL LEVEL AND A WORKSHEET WAS CREATED TO ASSIST FFN IN CREATING SIMILAR STATEMENTS THAT CAN BE USED TO SHOW THE SAME IMPACTS ON A COUNTY AND/OR STATE LEVEL FOR EACH RESERVE 14) NERRA CONDUCTED FOUR WEB SEMINARS TO FFN GROUPS AND CREATED A PROTOCOL FOR CONDUCTING MONTHLY MEETINGS THE MEETINGS HAVE RANGED IN PARTICIPATION ATTENDEES INCLUDE MEMEBERS OF THE FRIENDS AND FOUNDATIONS ORGANIZATIONS, VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS, SEVERAL MANAGERS AND AT LEAST 1 EDUCATION COORDINATOR TOPICS COVERED INCLUDED THE BUDGET AND HOW THE FFN CAN PROVIDE SUPPORT, PARTNERSHIPS, MARKETING PLANS, 2012 ANNUAL MEETING- MEETING DETAILS AND AGENDA DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION 15) NERRA PREPARED A WEB-BASED PRESENTATION AND PARTICIPATED IN THE KACHEMAK BAY NERR ADVISORY AND CONSTITUENT GROUP MEETINGS TO ASSIST WITH PROGRAM SUPPORT 16) NERRA'S BLOG HAS BEEN ACTIVE DURING THIS PERFORMANCE PERIOD RESULTING IN GREATER FFN PARTICIPATION IN AND UNDERSTANDING OF NATIONAL CAMPAIGNS	
4b	(Code) (Expenses \$ 137,565 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 271,165)
NERRA RECEIVED FUNDS FROM UNH'S SCIENCE COLLABORATIVE TO FUND THE WAQUOIT BAY NERR CARBON MANAGEMENT OF COASTAL WETLANDS PROJECT THAT BEGAN IN OCTOBER 2011 AS PART OF START-UP ACTIVITIES THE PROJECT TEAM MEMBERS FOCUSED ON SIX MAIN TASKS (I) CONVENING A PROJECT KICK-OFF MEETING TO BETTER FAMILIARIZE CORE TEAM MEMBERS WITH EACH COMPONENT OF THE PROJECT AND DISCUSS HOW WE COULD BEST WORK TOGETHER GOING FORWARD, (II) IDENTIFYING AND AGREEING ON SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES FOR ENGAGING WITH INTENDED USERS AND A STRATEGY FOR CONNECTING WITH THEM, (III) SELECTING RESEARCH SITES, SECURING FIELD EQUIPMENT, AND MAPPING OUT A SAMPLING STRATEGY AND FIELD INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS, (IV) DEVELOPING A DRAFT WETLANDS GHG OFFSET METHODOLOGY, (V) ISSUING SUB-AWARDS THROUGH OUR FISCAL AGENT, THE NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE ASSOCIATION (NERRA), AND (VI) HIRING FIELD SUPPORT STAFF AS WELL AS A COLLABORATION ASSISTANT ADDITIONAL WORK RELATED TO THE SIX MAIN TASKS INCLUDED A) TAKING SOIL AND PLANT SAMPLES FROM SITES TO MEASURE CARBON AND NITROGEN CONTENT, B) REVISITING DISCUSSIONS ON THE TYPE OF FIELD SITES NEEDED TO ALLOW EXAMINATION OF NITROGEN LOADING EFFECTS ON GHG FLUXES, C)ANALYZING FORTY SITES BASED ON CERTAIN PHYSICAL AND BIOLOGICAL CRITERIA DURING A MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 16, NARROWING THE LIST TO ELEVEN AND COMPARING SITE CHANNEL DRAINAGE CHARACTERISTICS (INCLUDING WATER DEPTH, TEMPERATURE, SALINITY, AND PH DURING HIGH AND LOW TIDE), NITROGEN LOAD (BOTH IN TERMS OF GROUNDWATER INPUT AND TIDAL WATER INPUT), AND PLAND COMMUNITY, D) MEETINGS TO DISCUSS DIGITAL ELEVATION MODELING AT SAGE LOT MARSH (PRISTINE SITE) TO CHARACTERIZE WATER FLOW FROM THE MARSH, E) ACQUIRING FIELD EQUIPMENT, F) DEVELOPING A DRAFT WETLANDS GREENHOUSE GASES OFFSET METHODOLOGY FOR ADOPTION BY THE VERIFIED CARBON STANDARD (VCS), F) PROPOSING ANALYSIS OF WETLAND BIOGEOCHEMICAL SIMILTUDES AND SCALING AS THE FIRST STEP TO DEVELOPING A SIMPLE, USER-FRIENDLY MODEL TO ROBUSTLY PREDICT WETLAND GHG EMMISIONS AND CARBON SEQUESTRATION UNDER CHANGING CLIMATE AND LAND USE SCENARIOS, DEVELOPING A PRELIMINARY VERSION OF THE THEORECTICAL MODEL FRAMEWORK, AND G) PREPARING A BRIEFING FOR THE PROJECT TEAM ON THE ECONOMIC POLOICY ASSESSMENT TO BE DONE AS PART OF THIS PROJECT OTHER COMPONENTS OF THE PROJECT WORK INVOLVED THE FOLLOWING FOUR ITEMS (I) CONDUCTING AN INTENSIVE EFFORT TO PREPARE FOR AND CONDUCT INITIAL SCIENTIFIC MEASUREMENTS AT SELECTED SITES, (II) DESIGNING AND CONSTRUCTING A MOVABLE BOARDWALK WHICH WBNERR SCIENCE STAFF INNOVATED TO PROVIDE RELIABLE SCIENTIFIC ACCESS WHILE MINIMIZING ADVERSE IMPACTS TO THE MARSH ECOSYSTEM, (III) CONDUCTING INITIAL GREENHOUSE GASES AND ASSOCIATED MEASUREMENTS, AND (IV) DEVELOPING THE GHG OFFSET METHODOLOGY	
4c	(Code) (Expenses \$ 483,607 including grants of \$ 466,035) (Revenue \$ 320,543)
OWC VISITOR CENTER THE DESIGN PHASE FOR EXHIBITS CONCLUDED IN AUGUST 2011 INITIAL INSTALL OF DISPLAYS TOOK PLACE IN SEPTEMBER 2011 TO ALLOW FOR A PUBLIC UNVEILING ON NATIONAL ESTUARIES DAY PUNCH LIST REVIEW AND REDESIGN COMPLETED IN DECEMBER 2011 AN INITIAL ON-SITE VISIT BY THE FABRICATOR TO FIX PROBLEM AREAS TOOK PLACE IN FEBRUARY 2012 AT THIS TIME, SEVERAL ADDITIONAL DISPLAYS LIKE THE GALLERY WALK OF RESERVES WAS COMPLETED A SECOND VISIT BY THE FABRICATOR TOOK PLACE IN JUNE 2012 ALL ITEMS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED THE GRANTS HAD ADDITIONAL DELIVERABLES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE RESERVE'S EDUCATION PROGRAM A SMART PHONE APP HAS BEEN DEVELOPED AND APPROVED CURRICULUM AND GRADE SPECIFIC LESSON PLAN THAT FEATURE THE NEW DISPLAYS WERE CREATED THE DESIGN FIRM RIGGS WARD DESIGN COMPLETED AN OUTDOOR INTERPRETIVE PLAN THAT USES THE DESIGN COLOR PALATE FOR A SET OF INTERPRETIVE SIGNS A CABINET MAKER WAS HIRED TO BUILD SEVERAL REFURBISHED TAXIDERMY MOUNTS ADDITIONAL TOUCH SCREEN MONITORS WERE PURCHASED, WHICH WILL ALLOW OWC NERR TO TAKE ITS INTERACTIVE DISPLAYS TO CONFERENCES AND OTHER OUTREACH FACILITIES	
	(Code) (Expenses \$ 79,583 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 65,668)
OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES INCLUDES THE NERRS/NERRA ANNUAL MEETING NERRA SERVED AS THE ORGANIZER AND FISCAL MANAGER FOR THE 2012 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NERRS AND NERRA THE MEETING WAS HELD FOR FIVE DAYS IN LATE NOVEMBER 2012 AT A HOTEL NEAR THE GTM NERR, WHICH IS LOCATED 50 MILES SOUTH OF JACKSONVILLE, FL OVER 150 EMPLOYEES FROM THE 28 NERRS ATTENDED THE MEETING, INCLUDING ADMINISTRATORS, SCIENTISTS, EDUCATORS, AND RESOURCE MANAGERS PERSONNEL FROM OUR FEDERAL PARTNER, NOAA, ALSO ATTENDED THE MEETING INCLUDED WORKSHOPS RELATED TO SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, CLIMATE CHANGE, K-12 EDUCATION, AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR DECISION-MAKERS THERE WERE ALSO PRESENTATIONS BY EXPERTS IN THE VARIOUS FIELDS OF THE NERRS GTM STAFF ASSISTED NERRA IN THE SITE COORDINATION AT THE HOTEL AND WITH FIELD TRIPS	
4d	Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)
	(Expenses \$ 79,583 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 65,668)
4e	Total program service expenses➤\$ 742,066

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Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A.</i> 	1	Yes
2	Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)? 	2	Yes
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I.</i> 	3	No
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II.</i> 	4	Yes
5	Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III.</i> 	5	No
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I.</i> 	6	No
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II.</i> 	7	No
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III.</i> 	8	No
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV.</i> 	9	No
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V.</i> 	10	No
11	If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is 'Yes,' then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a	Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.</i> 	11a	Yes
b	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII.</i> 	11b	No
c	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII.</i> 	11c	No
d	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX.</i> 	11d	Yes
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i> 	11e	Yes
f	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 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i> 	11f	Yes
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII.</i> 	12a	Yes
b	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered 'No' to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional.</i> 	12b	No
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E.</i>	13	No
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I.</i>	14b	No
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the U S ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II and IV.</i>	15	No
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the U S ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III and IV.</i>	16	No
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000, of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I.</i>	17	No
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II.</i>	18	No
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III.</i>	19	No
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H.</i>	20a	No
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach its audited financial statement to this return? Note. All Form 990 filers that operated one or more hospitals must attach audited financial statements	20b	

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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

Part V		Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance			
Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V				☐	
				Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable. .	1a	4		
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.	1b	0		
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	Yes		
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return. .	2a	0		
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions).	2b			
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a			No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.	3b			
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account or securities account)?	4a			No
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____ See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.				
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a			No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b			No
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c			
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?	6a			No
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b			
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).				
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a			No
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b			
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c			No
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.	7d			
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e			
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f			
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g			
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	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.				
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a			
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b			
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter				
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.	10a			
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.	10b			
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter				
a	Gross income from members or shareholders.	11a			
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them).	11b			
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a			
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.	12b			
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.				
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. All 501(c)(29) organizations must list in Schedule O each state in which they are licensed to issue qualified health plans, the amount of reserves required by each state, and the amount of reserves the organization allocated to each state.	13a			
b	Enter the aggregate amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans.	13b			
c	Enter the aggregate amount of reserves on hand.	13c			
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a			No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.	14b			

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.
Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year		
1b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent		
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?		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?		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	Yes	
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	Yes	
7b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
8a	The governing body?	Yes	
8b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	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		No

Section B. Policies

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

		Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		No
10b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?		
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	Yes	
11b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review the Form 990		
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	Yes	
12b	Were officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?		No
12c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done		No
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	Yes	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	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?		
15a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	Yes	
15b	Other officers or key employees of the organization		No
	If "Yes," to line 15a or 15b, 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?		No
16b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

Section C. Disclosure

17	List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed
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 made 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 made 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. PAUL DEST TREASURER 342 LAUDHOLM FARM ROAD WELLS, ME 04046 (207) 646-1555

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII

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.

- 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 neither the organization nor any related organizations compensated any current or former officer, director, or trustee

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Part VII

1b	Sub-Total	▼			
c	Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A	▼			
d	Total (add lines 1b and 1c)	▼	0	0	0

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

		Yes	No
3	Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	4	No
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>	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. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ►0

Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a	Federated campaigns . . .	1a				
	b	Membership dues	1b	52,250			
	c	Fundraising events	1c				
	d	Related organizations	1d				
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	633,019			
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	250			
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____					
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		685,519			
Program Service Revenue	2a	MEETINGS & REGISTRATIO	Business Code 900099	65,668	65,668		
	b						
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f	All other program service revenue					
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f		65,668			
	Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)		643		
4		Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . .					
5		Royalties					
6a		Gross rents	(i) Real (ii) Personal				
b		Less rental expenses					
c		Rental income or (loss)					
d		Net rental income or (loss)					
7a		Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities (ii) Other				
b		Less cost or other basis and sales expenses					
c		Gain or (loss)					
d		Net gain or (loss)					
8a		Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a 14,739				
b		Less direct expenses	b 2,855	11,884			11,884
c		Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . .					
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				
b		Less cost of goods sold . . .	b				
c		Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . .					
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
11a							
b							
c							
d	All other revenue						
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d						
12	Total revenue. See Instructions		763,714	65,668	0	12,527	

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)
Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part IX

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 United States See Part IV, line 21	466,035	466,035		
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States See Part IV, line 22				
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4	Benefits paid to or for members				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	97,707	31,784	55,778	10,145
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7	Other salaries and wages				
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9	Other employee benefits				
10	Payroll taxes				
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management				
b	Legal				
c	Accounting	27,986		27,986	
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees				
g	Other				
12	Advertising and promotion				
13	Office expenses	1,900		666	1,234
14	Information technology	571		571	
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy	3,535		3,535	
17	Travel	18,886	5,324	13,562	
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20	Interest				
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	6,800	6,800		
23	Insurance	1,961		1,961	
24	Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24f If line 24f amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24f expenses on Schedule O)				
a	CONTRACT EXPENDITURES	104,878	100,796	4,082	
b	MEETINGS AND CONFERENCE	84,102	83,818	284	
c	MISCELLANEOUS	2,302	290	2,012	
d	MEMBERSHIPS	1,500		1,500	
e					
f	All other expenses	1,192	47,219	-46,027	
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	819,355	742,066	65,910	11,379
26	Joint costs. Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720) Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X

Balance Sheet

					(A)		(B)
					Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing			108,490	1	38,491
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments			297,971	2	0
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net				3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net			200	4	431
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L				5	
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L				6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net				7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use				8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			4,160	9	4,337
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	140,400	0	10c	133,600
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	6,800			
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities				11	
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11				12	
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11				13	80,536
	14	Intangible assets				14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11			462,333	15	1,492,558
	16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)			873,154	16	1,749,953
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			10,205	17	196,865
	18	Grants payable				18	
	19	Deferred revenue			460,417	19	1,208,672
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities				20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D				21	
	22	Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L				22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties				23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties				24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D			18,186	25	15,711
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25			488,808	26	1,421,248
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here ☒ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.						
	27	Unrestricted net assets			212,546	27	190,105
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets			171,800	28	138,600
	29	Permanently restricted net assets				29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ☐ and complete lines 30 through 34.						
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds				30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund				31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds				32	
	33	Total net assets or fund balances			384,346	33	328,705
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances			873,154	34	1,749,953

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	763,714
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	819,355
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-55,641
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	384,346
5	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	5	0
6	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	6	328,705

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		No
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	Yes	
c	If "Yes," to 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	Yes	
d	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a separate basis, consolidated 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?	Yes	
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	

SCHEDULE A

(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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

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

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Inspection

Name of the organization NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE ASSOCIATION	Employer identification number 22-3004888
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Part I

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

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

1

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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 Se**section 509(a)(4).**

11

☐

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

a

☐

Type I

b

☐

Type II

c

☐

Type III - Functionally integrated

d

☐

Type III - Other

e

☐

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

f

☐

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

g

☐

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

(i)

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

(ii)

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

(iii)

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

h

☐

Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

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

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

Part II

Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants ")	354,797	582,622	234,172	551,550	688,734	2,411,875
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	354,797	582,622	234,172	551,550	688,734	2,411,875
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						2,411,875

Section B. Total Support							
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)		(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
7	Amounts from line 4	354,797	582,622	234,172	551,550	688,734	2,411,875
8	Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	565	1,150	1,989	4,131	643	8,478
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	8,072		673	119		8,864
11	Total support (Add lines 7 through 10)						2,429,217
12	Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions)					12	120,015
13	First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage			
14	Public Support Percentage for 2011 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	14	99 290 %
15	Public Support Percentage for 2010 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	99 240 %
16a	33 1/3% support test—2011. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
b	33 1/3% support test—2010. If the organization did not check the box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
17a	10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2011. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
b	10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2010. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
18	Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a or 17b, check this box and see instructions		

Part IIIPart III

Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 509(a)(2)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(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) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(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 2011 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage		
17 Investment income percentage for 2011 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	
19a 33 1/3% support tests—2011. 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—2010. 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. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Facts And Circumstances Test

Explanation

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

▶ Complete if the organization is described below.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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If the organization answered “Yes,” to Form 990, Part IV, Line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations Complete Parts I-A and B Do not complete Part I-C
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations Complete Parts I-A and C below Do not complete Part I-B
- Section 527 organizations Complete Part I-A only

If the organization answered “Yes,” to Form 990, Part IV, Line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-A Do not complete Part II-B
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-B Do not complete Part II-A

If the organization answered “Yes,” to Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) or Form 990-EZ, line 35c (Proxy Tax), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations Complete Part III

Name of the organization NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE ASSOCIATION	Employer identification number 22-3004888
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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

1	Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office in Part IV	
2	Political expenditures	▶ \$
3	Volunteer hours	

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

1	Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955	▶ \$
2	Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955	▶ \$
3	If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?	☐ Yes ☐ No
4a	Was a correction made?	☐ Yes ☐ No
b	If "Yes," describe in Part IV	

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) except section 501(c)(3).

1	Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities	▶ \$
2	Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt funtion activities	▶ \$
3	Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b	▶ \$
4	Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	☐ Yes ☐ No
5	Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV	

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0-

Part II-A

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

- A

Check

☐

if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures)
- B

Check

☐

if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

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

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)
(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 2a through 2f on page 4.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) Total
2a Lobbying non-taxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots non-taxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

		(a)		(b)
		Yes	No	Amount
1	During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of			
a	Volunteers?	Yes		
b	Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?	Yes		
c	Media advertisements?		No	
d	Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?		No	
e	Publications, or published or broadcast statements?	Yes		1,234
f	Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?		No	
g	Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?	Yes		10,145
h	Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?		No	
i	Other activities? If "Yes," describe in Part IV		No	
j	Total lines 1c through 1i			11,379
2a	Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?		No	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d	If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

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

Part III-B

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) if BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2 are answered "No" OR if Part III-A, line 3 is answered "Yes".

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

Part IV

Supplemental Information

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

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

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► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b
► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.

Name of the organization
NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE ASSOCIATION

Employer identification number
22-3004888

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
a	Total number of conservation easements
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06

3

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

4

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

5

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

6

Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► _____

7

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

8

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

9

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

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a

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

b

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

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

► \$ _____

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X

► \$ _____

2

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

a

Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

► \$ _____

b

Assets included in Form 990, Part X

► \$ _____

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Schedule D (Form 990) 2011

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

b

☐ Scholarly research

c

☐ Preservation for future generations

d

☐ Loan or exchange programs

e

☐ Other

4

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

5

During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Part IV

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

1a

Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

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

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV

Part V

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

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

2

Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶

b

Permanent endowment ▶

c

Term endowment ▶

3a

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

	Yes	No
(i) unrelated organizations	3a(i)	
(ii) related organizations	3a(ii)	
b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?	3b	

4

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

Part VI

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b)Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		140,400	6,800	133,600
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) ▶				133,600

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	763,714
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	819,355
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-55,641
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9	
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	-55,641

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	769,784
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	3,215
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	2,855
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	6,070
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	763,714
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	763,714

Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return			
1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	825,425
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	3,215
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	2,855
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	6,070
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	819,355
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	819,355

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
DESCRIPTION OF UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS UNDER FIN 48	PART X	THE FEDERAL RETURN OF ORGANIZATION EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAX OF THE ASSOCIATION IS SUBJECT TO EXAMINATION GENERALLY FOR THREE YEARS AFTER IT WAS FILED. THE ASSOCIATION DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE ANY UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS TAKEN IN PREPARATION OF THE RETURN THAT WOULD IMPACT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.
PART XII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS		DIRECT FUNDRAISING EXPENSE - AUCTION
PART XIII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS		DIRECT FUNDRAISING EXPENSE - AUCTION

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information Regarding
Fundraising or Gaming Activities

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

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Name of the organization
NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE ASSOCIATION

Employer identification number
22-3004888

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

1

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

a

☐ Mail solicitations

b

☐ Internet and e-mail solicitations

c

☐ Phone solicitations

d

☐ In-person solicitations

e

☐ Solicitation of non-government grants

f

☐ Solicitation of government grants

g

☐ Special fundraising events

2a

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

b

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

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

3

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

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Part II Fundraising Events.

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

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other Events	(d) Total Events
		AUCTION (event type)	(event type)	(total number)	(Add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1	Gross receipts	14,739		14,739
	2	Less Charitable contributions			
	3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	14,739		14,739
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes			
	5	Non-cash prizes			
	6	Rent/facility costs			
	7	Food and beverages			
	8	Entertainment			
	9	Other direct expenses	2,855		2,855
	10	Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶			
	11	Net income summary Combine lines 3 and 10 in column (d). ▶			
					11,884

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			
	2	Cash prizes			
Direct Expenses	3	Non-cash prizes			
	4	Rent/facility costs			
	5	Other direct expenses			
	6	Volunteer labor	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
	7	Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ▶			
	8	Net gaming income summary Combine lines 1 and 7 in column (d) ▶			

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities _____

a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "No," Explain _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," Explain _____

- 11

Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?

☐ Yes ☐ No
- 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?

☐ Yes ☐ No

13

Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in

a	The organization's facility	13a
b	An outside facility	13b

14

Provide the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records

Name

Address

15a

Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?

☐ Yes ☐ No

b

If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization \$ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party \$

c

If "Yes," enter name and address

Name

Address

16

Gaming manager information

Name

Gaming manager compensation

\$

Description of services provided

☐ Director/officer

☐ Employee

☐ Independent contractor

17

Mandatory distributions

a

Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?

☐ Yes ☐ No

b

Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year \$

Part IV

Complete this part to provide additional information for responses to question on Schedule G (see instructions.)

Identifier	ReturnReference	Explanation
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Schedule I
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments and Individuals in the United States

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
▶ Attach to Form 990

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Name of the organization
NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE ASSOCIATION

Employer identification number
22-3004888

Part IGeneral Information on Grants and Assistance

1

Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?

Yes

No

2

Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

Part IIGrants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000. Use Part IV and Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed▶

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC Code section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) OLD WOMAN CREEK NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE2514 CLEVELAND ROAD EAST HURON,OH 44839	31-1334820	N/A	466,035		CASH		GRANT MAKE UNDER THE TERMS OF A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS AT THE OLD WOMAN CREEK NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE ADDITIONAL GRANT PROVIDED TO THE RESERVE TO PURCHASE A CONSERVATION EASEMENT

2

Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table▶

3

Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table▶

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990.

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Part III

Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 22.
Use Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed.

(a)Type of grant or assistance	(b)Number of recipients	(c)Amount of cash grant	(d)Amount of non-cash assistance	(e)Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f)Description of non-cash assistance

Part IV

Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, and any other additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ****Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.**

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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6	THE ORGANIZATION HAS 28 MEMBERS, EACH MEMBER REPRESENTS ONE OF THE NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A	THE MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION VOTE TO ELECT MEMEBRS OF THE GOVERNING BODY
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11	FORM 990 WAS REVIEWED BY THE BOARD PRIOR TO FILING
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15A	THE EXECUTIVE COMITTEE COMPARES COMPENSATION PACKAGES OF OTHER NON-PROFITS, UTILIZING THE RESOURCES SUCH AS THE MAINE ASSOCIATION OF NON-PROFITS, IN DETERMINING COMPENSATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE ORGANIZATIONS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMETNS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST
		FORM 990 PART X11, LINE 2C THERE IS NO CHANGE IN THE PROCESS FOR SELECTION OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 22-3004888
Name: NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE
ASSOCIATION

Form 990, Special Condition Description:

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

4d. Other program services
(Code) (Expenses \$ 79,583 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 65,668) OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES INCLUDES THE NERRS/NERRA ANNUAL MEETING NERRA SERVED AS THE ORGANIZER AND FISCAL MANAGER FOR THE 2012 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NERRS AND NERRA THE MEETING WAS HELD FOR FIVE DAYS IN LATE NOVEMBER 2012 AT A HOTEL NEAR THE GTM NERR, WHICH IS LOCATED 50 MILES SOUTH OF JACKSONVILLE, FL OVER 150 EMPLOYEES FROM THE 28 NERRS ATTENDED THE MEETING, INCLUDING ADMINISTRATORS, SCIENTISTS, EDUCATORS, AND RESOURCE MANAGERS PERSONNEL FROM OUR FEDERAL PARTNER, NOAA, ALSO ATTENDED THE MEETING INCLUDED WORKSHOPS RELATED TO SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, CLIMATE CHANGE, K-12 EDUCATION, AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR DECISION-MAKERS THERE WERE ALSO PRESENTATIONS BY EXPERTS IN THE VARIOUS FIELDS OF THE NERRS GTM STAFF ASSISTED NERRA IN THE SITE COORDINATION AT THE HOTEL AND WITH FIELD TRIPS

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099- MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
REBECCA ELLIN PAST PRESIDENT	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
JAMIE KOOSER BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
DAVID RUPLE PRESIDENT	5 00	X		X				0	0	0
PAUL DEST TREASURER	5 00	X		X				0	0	0
TOM GASKILL SECRETARY	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
SALLY MOREHEAD BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
MIKE DELUCA MEMBER-AT-LARGE	1 00	X						0	0	0
PHIL MAIER BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
LEE EDMISTON BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
BETH EBERSOLE BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
WILLY REAY BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
KIMBERLY COLE BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
DAVE FELIZ BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
PETER WELLENBERGER BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
MICHAEL SHIRLEY VICE PRESIDENT	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
BETSY BLAIR BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
CARMEN GONZALEZ BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
TERRY THOMPSON MEMBER-AT-LARGE	1 00	X						0	0	0
BOB STANKELIS BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
WENDY ALLEN BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
FRANK LOPEZ BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
TERRY STEVENS BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
GARY LYTTON BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
BUDDY SULLIVAN BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
MIKE GRAYBILL BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0

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CLAYTON PHILLIPS BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
ALISON LESCHEN BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
LG ADAMS BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
RALPH GARONO BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
JENNIFER HOLMES BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
CHRIS SNOW BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
DORSET HURLEY BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
MICHAEL SHELTON BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
KAY REINHARDT BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0