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Form

990-PF

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Private Foundation

or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation

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For calendar year 2014, or tax year beginning 01-01-2014 , and ending 12-31-2014

Name of foundation OHIO WETLANDS FOUNDATION		A Employer identification number 31-1357624	
Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) PO BOX 369		B Telephone number (see instructions) (740) 654-4016	
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code LANCASTER, OH 43130		C If exemption application is pending, check here ☐	
G Check all that apply ☐ Initial return ☐ Initial return of a former public charity ☐ Final return ☐ Amended return ☐ Address change ☐ Name change		D 1. Foreign organizations, check here ☐ 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation ☐	
H Check type of organization ☒ Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation ☐ Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust ☐ Other taxable private foundation		E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here ☐	
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16) \$ 2,373,461		F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ☐	
J Accounting method ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other (specify) _____ (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis.)			

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions))		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc , received (attach schedule)				
	2 Check ☒ if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	3,882	3,882	3,882	
	4 Dividends and interest from securities.	1,693	1,693	1,693	
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss) _____				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	-1,944			
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a <u>139,995</u>				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)				
	8 Net short-term capital gain				
	9 Income modifications				
	10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
Operating and Administrative Expenses	b Less Cost of goods sold				
	c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)				
	11 Other income (attach schedule)	1,559,359		1,559,359	
	12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	1,562,990	5,575	1,564,934	
	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc	226,733			
	14 Other employee salaries and wages	38,363			
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits	47,552		47,552	
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule)	60,051		60,051	
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule)	8,366		8,366	
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)				
	17 Interest	29		29	
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)	411		411	
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion . . .	9,631		9,632	
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings	33,531		33,531	
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule)	136,466		136,466	
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	561,133	0	296,038	0
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	34,306			34,306
	26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	595,439	0	296,038	34,306
	27 Subtract line 26 from line 12				
	a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	967,551			
	b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		5,575		
	c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			1,268,896	

Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only (See instructions)	Beginning of year	End of year	
			(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing			
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	1,099,882	1,637,565	1,637,565
	3	Accounts receivable ▶ <u>12,246</u>			
		Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____	435,624	12,246	12,246
	4	Pledges receivable ▶ _____			
		Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____			
	5	Grants receivable			
	6	Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions)			
	7	Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ▶ _____			
		Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____			
	8	Inventories for sale or use			
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	5,352	4,547	4,547
	10a	Investments—U S and state government obligations (attach schedule)			
	b	Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule)			
	c	Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule).	72,956 	719,103	719,103
	11	Investments—land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____			
Liabilities		Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____			
	12	Investments—mortgage loans			
	13	Investments—other (attach schedule)			
	14	Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ <u>79,377</u>			
		Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ <u>65,130</u>	21,296 	14,247	
	15	Other assets (describe ▶ _____)	 3,960,023 	6,278,296	
	16	Total assets (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)	5,595,133	8,666,004	2,373,461
	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	269,664	26,591	
	18	Grants payable			
	19	Deferred revenue			
	20	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21	Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)	480,004 	2,222,018	
	22	Other liabilities (describe ▶ _____)	 1,127,096 	1,732,956	
	23	Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	1,876,764	3,981,565	
Net Assets or Fund Balances		Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☒ and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.			
	24	Unrestricted	3,718,369	4,173,989	
	25	Temporarily restricted		510,450	
	26	Permanently restricted			
		Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☐ and complete lines 27 through 31.			
	27	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds			
	28	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg , and equipment fund			
	29	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds			
	30	Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)	3,718,369	4,684,439	
	31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)	5,595,133	8,666,004	

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances		
1	Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year—Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year’s return)	1 3,718,369
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2 967,551
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	3
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4 4,685,920
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ 	5 1,481
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 30	6 4,684,439

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e g , real estate, 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co)		(b) How acquired P—Purchase D—Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo , day, yr)	(d) Date sold (mo , day, yr)
1a				
(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)	
a				
b				
c				
d				
e				
Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(i) Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col (h))	
(i) F M V as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col (i) over col (j), if any		
a				
b				
c				
d				
e				
2	Capital gain net income or (net capital loss) { If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7 }		2	
3	Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6) If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see instructions) If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8 }		3	

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

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

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

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

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

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

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col (b) divided by col (c))	
2013	3,503			
2012	1,290			
2011	3,068			
2010	22,462	490,367	0 045807	
2009	38,973	549,901	0 070873	
2	Total of line 1, column (d).		2	0 116680
3	Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period—divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years		3	0 058340
4	Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2014 from Part X, line 5.		4	0
5	Multiply line 4 by line 3.		5	
6	Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b).		6	56
7	Add lines 5 and 6.		7	56
8	Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4.		8	34,306

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

Part VIExcise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948—see page 18 of the instructions)

1a	Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here ☐ and enter "N/A" on line 1		
	Date of ruling or determination letter _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary—see instructions)		
b	Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here ☒ and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	1	56
c	All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col. (b)		
2	Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	2	
3	Add lines 1 and 2.	3	56
4	Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	4	
5	Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-	5	56
6	Credits/Payments		
a	2014 estimated tax payments and 2013 overpayment credited to 2014	6a	
b	Exempt foreign organizations—tax withheld at source	6b	
c	Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c	
d	Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d	
7	Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d.	7	
8	Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here ☐ if Form 2220 is attached	8	
9	Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed	9	56
10	Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10	
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2015 estimated tax ☐ Refunded ☐	11	

Part VII-AStatements Regarding Activities

1a	During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?	1a	Yes	No
b	Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see Instructions for definition)?	1b		No
	<i>If the answer is "Yes" to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities.</i>			
c	Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?	1c		No
d	Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year: (1) On the foundation ☐ \$ _____ (2) On foundation managers ☐ \$ _____			
e	Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers ☐ \$ _____			
2	Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS?	2		No
	<i>If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities.</i>			
3	Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? <i>If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes</i>	3		No
4a	Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	4a		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	4b		
5	Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year?	5		No
	<i>If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T.</i>			
6	Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either: • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?	6	Yes	
7	Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Part II, col. (c), and Part XV.</i>	7	Yes	
8a	Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) ☐ OH _____			
b	If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by General Instruction G? <i>If "No," attach explanation.</i>	8b	Yes	
9	Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2014 or the taxable year beginning in 2014 (see instructions for Part XIV)? <i>If "Yes," complete Part XIV</i>	9		No
10	Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses.</i>	10		No

Part VII-A

Statements Regarding Activities *(continued)*

11	At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see instructions).	11		No
12	Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement (see instructions)	12		No
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application?	13	Yes	
Website address ▶ WWW OHIO WETLANDS ORG				
14	The books are in care of ▶ VINCENT MESSERLY Telephone no ▶ (740) 654-4016 Located at ▶ PO BOX 369 LANCASTER OH ZIP +4 ▶ 43130			
15	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here ▶ ☐ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year ▶	15		
16	At any time during calendar year 2014, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country? See instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR) If "Yes", enter the name of the foreign country ▶	16	Yes	No

Part VII-B

Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.			Yes	No
1a	During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly) (1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No (2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person?. ☐ Yes ☒ No (3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No (4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No (5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)?. ☐ Yes ☒ No (6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days). ☐ Yes ☒ No			
b	If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)–(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)? 1b Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here. ▶ ☐			
c	Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2014?. 1c			
2	Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5))			
a	At the end of tax year 2014, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2014?. ☐ Yes ☒ No If "Yes," list the years ▶ 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____			
b	Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement—see instructions). 2b			
c	If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here ▶ 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____			
3a	Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year?. ☐ Yes ☒ No			
b	If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2014 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969, (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest, or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (<i>Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2014.</i>). 3b			
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a		No
b	Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2014?	4b		No

Part VII-B

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

5a

During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to

(1)

Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?

Yes

No

(2)

Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955), or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?

Yes

No

(3)

Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?

Yes

No

(4)

Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc , organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? (see instructions).

Yes

No

(5)

Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals?

Yes

No

5b

If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)–(5), did **any** of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)?

Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here.

c

If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant?

Yes

No

If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945–5(d).

6a

Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?

Yes

No

6b

Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?

No

7a

At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?

Yes

No

7b

If yes, did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?

Part VIII

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

1

List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation (see instructions).

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
See Additional Data Table				

2

Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1—see instructions). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
NONE				

Total

number of other employees paid over \$50,000.

Part VIII

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

3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services (see instructions). If none, enter "NONE".

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services.		

Part IX-A

Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.	Expenses
1 WETLANDS MITIGATION PROGRAM IS THE SOLE ACTIVITY THROUGH WHICH THE ORGANIZATION ACCOMPLISHES ITS EXEMPT PURPOSE. IT CONSTRUCTS OR SUPERVISES CONSTRUCTION OF WETLANDS AND SELLS UNITS TO DEVELOPERS AND OTHER CUSTOMERS TO ENABLE THEM TO MEET REQUIRED WETLAND MITIGATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE OHIO EPA. ALL FUNDS ARE RETAINED AND USED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FUTURE PROJECTS.	
2	
3	
4	

Part IX-B

Summary of Program-Related Investments (see instructions)

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

Part X

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

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

Part XI

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

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6.	1	
2a	Tax on investment income for 2014 from Part VI, line 5.	2a	56
b	Income tax for 2014 (This does not include the tax from Part VI).	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b.	2c	56
3	Distributable amount before adjustments Subtract line 2c from line 1.	3	
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions.	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4.	5	
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions).	6	
7	Distributable amount as adjusted Subtract line 6 from line 5 Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1.	7	0

Part XII

Qualifying Distributions (see instructions)

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc , purposes		
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc —total from Part I, column (d), line 26.	1a	34,306
b	Program-related investments—total from Part IX-B.	1b	
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc , purposes.	2	
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required).	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule).	3b	
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	34,306
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b (see instructions).	5	56
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4.	6	34,250

Note: The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years

Part XIII

Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2013	(c) 2013	(d) 2014
1 Distributable amount for 2014 from Part XI, line 7				0
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2014				
a Enter amount for 2013 only.				
b Total for prior years 20____, 20____, 20____				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2014				
a From 2009. 11,682				
b From 2010.				
c From 2011. 3,090				
d From 2012. 1,320				
e From 2013. 3,550				
f Total of lines 3a through e.	19,642			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2014 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ \$ 34,306				
a Applied to 2013, but not more than line 2a				
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required—see instructions).				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required—see instructions).				
d Applied to 2014 distributable amount.				
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	34,306			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2014 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a).)				
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	53,948			
b Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b.				
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed.				
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount—see instructions				
e Undistributed income for 2013 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount—see instructions				
f Undistributed income for 2014 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2015				0
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required - see instructions)				
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2009 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions) . . .	11,682			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2015. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	42,266			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2010. . . .				
b Excess from 2011. . . . 3,090				
c Excess from 2012. . . . 1,320				
d Excess from 2013. . . . 3,550				
e Excess from 2014. . . . 34,306				

Part XIV

1a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2014, enter the date of the ruling. . . .

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

	Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
	(a) 2014	(b) 2013	(c) 2012	(d) 2011	
2a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed					
b 85% of line 2a					
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed					
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities					
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities Subtract line 2d from line 2c					
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon					
a "Assets" alternative test—enter					
(1) Value of all assets					
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					
b "Endowment" alternative test— enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed.					
c "Support" alternative test—enter					
(1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties).					
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii).					
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					
(4) Gross investment income					

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

1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:

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

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

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

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

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

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

c Any submission deadlines

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

Part XV

Supplementary Information (continued)

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

Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a Paid during the year See Additional Data Table				
Total			3a	5,400
b Approved for future payment				
Total			3b	

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated

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

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Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?

Yes	No
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No

a Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of

(1) Cash.

1a(1)

No

(2) Other assets.

1a(2)

No

b Other transactions

(1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization.

1b(1)

No

(2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization.

1b(2)

No

(3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets.

1b(3)

No

(4) Reimbursement arrangements.

1b(4)

No

(5) Loans or loan guarantees.

1b(5)

No

(6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations.

1b(6)

No

c Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees.

1c

No

d If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule. Column **(b)** should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting foundation. If the foundation received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column **(d)** the value of the goods, other assets, or services received.

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

b If "Yes," complete the following schedule

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

Sign Here	*****	2015-04-30	*****	May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below (see instr)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
	Signature of officer or trustee	Date	Title	

Sign Here

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

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2015-04-30

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Signature of officer or trustee

Date

Title

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below (see instr)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

☒ Yes ☐ No

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Form **990-PF** (2014)

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

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
VINCE MESSERLY	PRESIDENT 40 00	226,733	0	0
1220 STONE RUN COURT LANCASTER, OH 43130				
SCOTT DORAN	SECRETARY 1 00	0	0	0
65 EAST STATE ST SUITE 1000 COLUMBUS, OH 43215				
RANDY STRAUSS	TREASURER 1 00	0	0	0
1025 MILIAN AVENUE AMHERST, OH 44001				
BOB MONCHEIN	CHAIRMAN 1 00	0	0	0
1050 TERMINAL TOWER 50 PUBLIC CLEVELAND, OH 44113				
DON BARR	TRUSTEE 1 00	0	0	0
7059 OLD MILL ROAD CHESTERLAND, OH 44026				
BAILEY STANBERY	TRUSTEE 1 00	0	0	0
2604 TREMAINSVILLE ROAD TOLEDO, OH 43613				
FRED TOBIN	TRUSTEE 1 00	0	0	0
7694 STRAUSSER STREET NORTH CANTON, OH 44720				
JOHN PAVLIS	TRUSTEE 1 00	0	0	0
6239 FRANK AVE NW NORTH CANTON, OH 44720				

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

Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a Paid during the year				
JDRF 1550 OLDE HENDERSON RD COLUMBUS,OH 43220	NONE	501C3	JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH	100
BSTRONG 309 E CHESTNUT LANCASTER,OH 43130	NONE	501C3	SPONSORSHIP	200
FMC MEMORIAL TWIG 401 N EWING ST LANCASTER,OH 43130	NONE	501C3	SPONSOR-FMC EVENT	250
UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON FOOTBALL 300 COLLEGE PARK DAYTON,OH 45469	NONE	501C3	SPONSOR-TONY ERNST MEMORIAL GOLF	500
LANCASTER FESTIVAL 117 WHEELING ST LANCASTER,OH 43130	NONE	501C3	DONATION	600
WILLIAM V FISHER CATHOLIC HS 1803 GRANVILLE PIKE LANCASTER,OH 43130	NONE	501C3	2014 BID O'LUCK DONATION	1,000
AHA PO BOX 1212 LANCASTER,OH 43130	NONE	501C3	FUNDRAISER SPONSORSHIP	1,000
NAIOP OF OH 88 E BROAD ST COLUMBUS,OH 43215	NONE	501C3	DONATION	250
WESTERN RESERVE LAND CONSERVANCY 3850 CHAGRIN RIVER RD MORELAND HILLS,OH 44022	NONE	501C3	DONATION	1,000
CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATIONAL HIST 1 WADE OVAL DR CLEVELAND,OH 44106	NONE	501C3	SPONSORSHIP	500
Total  3a				5,400

Form **4562**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service (99)

Depreciation and Amortization
(Including Information on Listed Property)

► **Attach to your tax return.**

► **Information about Form 4562 and its separate instructions is at www.irs.gov/form4562.**

OMB No 1545-0172

2014

Attachment
Sequence No **179**

Name(s) shown on return OHIO WETLANDS FOUNDATION	Business or activity to which this form relates INDIRECT DEPRECIATION	Identifying number 31-1357624
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Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179
Note: If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.

1 Maximum amount (see instructions)	1	500,000
2 Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3 Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	3	2,000,000
4 Reduction in limitation Subtract line 3 from line 2 If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5 Dollar limitation for tax year Subtract line 4 from line 1 If zero or less, enter -0- If married filing separately, see instructions	5	

6	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
7	Listed property Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8	Total elected cost of section 179 property Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9	Tentative deduction Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2013 Form 4562	10	
11	Business income limitation Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instructions)	11	
12	Section 179 expense deduction Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12	
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2015 Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12 .►	13	

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

Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property) (See instructions)

14 Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year (see instructions)	14	
15 Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16 Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	2,531

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

Section A

17 MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2014	17	
18 If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here ☐		

Section B—Assets Placed in Service During 2014 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

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

Section C—Assets Placed in Service During 2014 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

20a Class life					S/L	
b 12-year			12 yrs		S/L	
c 40-year			40 yrs	MM	S/L	

Part IV Summary (see instructions.)

21 Listed property Enter amount from line 28	21	7,100
22 Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21 Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return Partnerships and S corporations—see instructions . .	22	9,631
23 For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

Part V

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

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

24a Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed? ☒ Yes ☐ No						24b If "Yes," is the evidence written? ☒ Yes ☐ No			
(a) Type of property (list vehicles first)	(b) Date placed in service	(c) Business/ investment use percentage	(d) Cost or other basis	(e) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only)	(f) Recovery period	(g) Method/ Convention	(h) Depreciation/ deduction	(i) Elected section 179 cost	
25Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use (see instructions)							25		
26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use									
2011 FORD EXPLORER (	2011-04-22	100 00 %	35,498	35,498	5 0	S/L-S/L	7,100		
		%							
		%							
27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use									
		%				S/L -			
		%				S/L -			
		%				S/L -			
28 Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27 Enter here and on line 21, page 1						28	7,100		
29 Add amounts in column (i), line 26 Enter here and on line 7, page 1							29		

Section B—Information on Use of Vehicles

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

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

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

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

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

Part VI Amortization

(a) Description of costs	(b) Date amortization begins	(c) Amortizable amount	(d) Code section	(e) Amortization period or percentage	(f) Amortization for this year
42 Amortization of costs that begins during your 2014 tax year (see instructions)					
43 Amortization of costs that began before your 2014 tax year				43	
44 Total. Add amounts in column (f) See the instructions for where to report				44	

TY 2014 Accounting Fees Schedule**Name:** OHIO WETLANDS FOUNDATION**EIN:** 31-1357624

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
BOOKKEEPING & TAX RETURN PREP	8,366		8,366	

TY 2014 Depreciation Schedule

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TY 2014 Gain/Loss from Sale of Other Assets Schedule

Name: OHIO WETLANDS FOUNDATION

EIN: 31-1357624

Name	Date Acquired	How Acquired	Date Sold	Purchaser Name	Gross Sales Price	Basis	Basis Method	Sales Expenses	Total (net)	Accumulated Depreciation
OFFICE FURNITURE	2007-05	PURCHASE	2014-04			930				930
DELL OPTIPLEX COMPUTER	2008-02	PURCHASE	2014-06			1,492				1,492
WIS ST GEN	2014-05	PURCHASE	2014-07		5,000	5,000				
MONTGOMERY CNTY OH	2014-03	PURCHASE	2014-11		5,000	5,003			-3	
NY NY PREREF	2014-03	PURCHASE	2014-08		10,000	10,004			-4	
MARYLAND STATE HEALTH	2014-03	PURCHASE	2014-07		10,000	10,004			-4	
NC MED CARE	2014-01	PURCHASE	2014-10		5,000	5,004			-4	
SC TRANSN	2014-01	PURCHASE	2014-10		5,000	5,004			-4	
MS DEV SPL	2014-01	PURCHASE	2014-09		15,000	15,005			-5	
MO DEV FIN	2014-01	PURCHASE	2014-06		20,000	20,000				
JEFFERSON CNTY WV	2014-01	PURCHASE	2014-05		5,050	5,054			-4	
OGLESBY IL GO ALT	2013-09	PURCHASE	2014-01		5,000	5,003			-3	
LORD ABBETT SHORT DUR INC	2011-06	PURCHASE	2014-12		53,309	55,166			-1,857	
LORD ABBETT SHORT DUR INC	2011-06	PURCHASE	2014-12		1,636	1,692			-56	

**TY 2014 Investments Corporate
Bonds Schedule**

Name: OHIO WETLANDS FOUNDATION
EIN: 31-1357624

Name of Bond	End of Year Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
	719,103	719,103

TY 2014 Land, Etc. Schedule

Name: OHIO WETLANDS FOUNDATION

EIN: 31-1357624

Category / Item	Cost / Other Basis	Accumulated Depreciation	Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
EQUIPMENT	79,377	65,130	14,247	

TY 2014 Legal Fees Schedule

Name: OHIO WETLANDS FOUNDATION

EIN: 31-1357624

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
MITIGATION CONSULTING	60,051		60,051	

TY 2014 Mortgages and Notes Payable Schedule**Name:** OHIO WETLANDS FOUNDATION**EIN:** 31-1357624**Total Mortgage Amount:**

Item No.	1
Lender's Name	
Lender's Title	
Relationship to Insider	
Original Amount of Loan	
Balance Due	2,222,018
Date of Note	
Maturity Date	
Repayment Terms	
Interest Rate	
Security Provided by Borrower	
Purpose of Loan	
Description of Lender Consideration	
Consideration FMV	

TY 2014 Other Assets Schedule

Name: OHIO WETLANDS FOUNDATION

EIN: 31-1357624

Description	Beginning of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Fair Market Value
CAPITALIZE CONSTRUCTION COSTS	3,960,023	4,257,248	
INVESTMENT IN SHAW HWY PROPERTIES		2,021,048	

TY 2014 Other Decreases Schedule

Name: OHIO WETLANDS FOUNDATION

EIN: 31-1357624

Description	Amount
UNREALIZED LOSS ON INVESTMENTS	1,481

TY 2014 Other Expenses Schedule

Name: OHIO WETLANDS FOUNDATION

EIN: 31-1357624

Description	Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
EXPENSES				
BANK CHARGES	23		23	
COMPUTER REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	2,698		2,698	
INSURANCE	8,320		8,320	
INTERNET EXPENSE	1,003		1,003	
MEALS AND ENTERTAINMENT	11,774		11,774	
MISC CONSULTING EXPENSE	38,925		38,925	
MISC EXPENSE	22,226		22,226	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,418		2,418	
POSTAGE	1,374		1,374	
PROMOTION	35,515		35,515	
SEMINARS	2,505		2,505	
TELEPHONE	3,835		3,835	
MEMBERSHIP DUES	3,887		3,887	
COPYING	1,963		1,963	

TY 2014 Other Income Schedule

Name: OHIO WETLANDS FOUNDATION

EIN: 31-1357624

Description	Revenue And Expenses Per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income
SALE OF MITIGATION CREDIT	1,538,311		1,538,311
SHAW HWY PROPERTIES LLC	21,048		21,048

TY 2014 Other Liabilities Schedule**Name:** OHIO WETLANDS FOUNDATION**EIN:** 31-1357624

Description	Beginning of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Book Value
RESERVES	563,400	397,000
ACCRUED CONSTRUCTION COSTS	352,264	740,749
DEPOSITS	90,120	433,510
MAINTENANCE	82,790	97,090
ACCRUED GRANTS	27,350	36,200
ACCRUED SEP CONTRIBUTION	11,172	28,407

TY 2014 Taxes Schedule**Name:** OHIO WETLANDS FOUNDATION**EIN:** 31-1357624

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
WORKERS COMPENSATION	164		164	
OTHER TAXES	247		247	