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A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2015, and ending 12-31-2015

B Check if applicable

☐ Address change

☐ Name change

☐ Initial return

☐ Final return/terminated

☐ Amended return

☐ Application pending

C Name of organization
THE MORTON ARBORETUM

Doing business as

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

4100 ILLINOIS ROUTE 53

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
LISLE, IL 605321293

F Name and address of principal officer
JAMES S FAWLEY
4100 ILLINOIS ROUTE 53
LISLE, IL 605321293

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates?
No

☐ Yes

☒ No

H(b) Are all subordinates included?
If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

☐ Yes

☐ No

H(c) Group exemption number

I Tax-exempt status

☒ 501(c)(3)

☐ 501(c) ()

☐ (insert no)

☐ 4947(a)(1) or

☐ 527

J Website: www.mortonarb.org

K Form of organization

☐ Corporation

☒ Trust

☐ Association

☐ Other

L Year of formation 1922

M State of legal domicile IL

Part I Summary			
Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities COLLECT, STUDY, DISPLAY AND GROW TREES, ENCOURAGE THE PLANTING AND CONSERVATION OF TREES		
	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	23
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	23
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	5	463
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	1,284
Revenue	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	-162,682
	b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	-172,197
	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) 9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) 10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) 11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) 12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	Prior Year	Current Year
		14,698,897	14,216,578
		4,561,863	5,420,166
		30,072,895	6,406,587
		4,994,248	5,746,151
		54,327,903	31,789,482
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	0	297,918
	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)	16,163,364	15,793,057
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	74,873	30,948
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)		
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	15,486,903	16,830,817
Net Assets or Fund Balances	18 Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	31,725,140	32,952,740
	19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	22,602,763	-1,163,258
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16) 21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) 22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
		290,453,098	273,966,742
		48,160,613	48,366,307
		242,292,485	225,600,435

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

JAMES S FAWLEY CFO

Type or print name and title

2016-11-01

Date

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name
Lu Ann Trapp

Preparer's signature
Lu Ann Trapp

Date
2016-10-28

Check if self-employed

PTIN
P01506476

Firm's name
PLANTE & MORAN PLLC

Firm's EIN
38-1357951

Firm's address
10 S Riverside Plaza 9th Floor

Phone no
(312) 207-1040

Chicago, IL 60606

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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Form 990 (2015)

Part III **Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III ☒

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

TO COLLECT AND STUDY TREES, SHRUBS, AND OTHER PLANTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD, TO DISPLAY THEM ACROSS NATURALLY BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPES FOR PEOPLE TO STUDY AND ENJOY, AND TO LEARN HOW TO GROW THEM IN WAYS THAT ENHANCE OUR ENVIRONMENT, TO ENCOURAGE THE PLANTING AND CONSERVATION OF TREES FOR A GREENER, HEALTHIER, AND MORE BEAUTIFUL WORLD

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4 Describe the 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 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 \$ 10,317,215 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
Plant Collections Curated collection of 220,000 trees and other woody plants encompassing taxonomic and geographic groups suitable for climate of northern Illinois. Maintained 1,700 acres of landscapes, specialty gardens, and natural areas throughout woodlands, wetlands, and prairie. Managed grounds including 16 miles of trails and 9 miles of roads. Conducted operations involving living plant collections, plant production, new plant development, horticulture, landscape architecture, and natural areas. Maintained outdoor and indoor facilities and equipment to support Arboretum overall, upgraded where necessary to improve visitor experience and sustainability.	

4b	(Code) (Expenses \$ 2,760,343 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 972,053)
Education and Information Fostered public appreciation for trees by motivating tree conservation practice, improving natural science literacy, and enabling access to relevant, expert information. Offered classes and workshops on horticulture and gardening, woodland stewardship, natural history, nature art, nature photography, and ornithology. Enrolled 55,500 participants in education programs, including 47,000 youth from 575 schools in field trips, summer science camps, and scouting programs. Provided outreach resources to schools and teachers. Children's Garden, Plant Clinic, library collection of botanical literature and art, and interpretive displays enhanced audience knowledge and engagement. Held major exhibition titled Illumination. Tree Lights at The Morton Arboretum. Coordinated tree-awareness activities on-site and in the Chicago region in conjunction with the signature holiday of Arbor Day.	

4c	(Code) (Expenses \$ 2,386,765 including grants of \$ 297,918) (Revenue \$)
Science and Conservation Collaborated with regional, national, and international partners on initiatives to advance planting and care of trees, health of urban forests, and protection of endangered trees. Furthered scientific research studies in plant health care, plant conservation biology, urban soil science, and plant systematics. Developed strategies through Chicago Region Trees Initiative for tree and urban forest improvement in city and surrounding suburbs. Served as an advocate for trees in 275 communities in seven counties of metropolitan Chicago. Facilitated ArbNet interactive community of arboreta and related accreditation program, supporting goals of tree-focused public gardens. Authored papers for professional publications, hosted major conferences, and delivered presentations to share knowledge with industry peers and others who benefit from information. Managed labs dedicated to tree science and herbarium (collection of preserved plant specimens) for botanical research.	

See Additional Data

4d	Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)
(Expenses \$ 10,974,824 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 10,273,355)	

4e	Total program service expenses ▶ 26,439,147
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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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	Yes	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	Yes	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II		No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	Yes	
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV		No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	Yes	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII	Yes	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX		No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X		No
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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	Yes	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	Yes	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional		No
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV	Yes	
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV		No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)	Yes	
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	Yes	
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III		No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules *(continued)*

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government 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 or other assistance to or for domestic individuals 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, line 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	Yes	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>	24a	Yes	
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		No
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		No
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		No
25a	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) 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	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <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 employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <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 direct or indirect 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	Yes	
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, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	34		No
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		No
b	If 'Yes' to line 35a, 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		
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 11b 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 or note to any line in this Part V

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable.	1a	147
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	463
b	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	Yes
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" to line 3b, 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, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a	No
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
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 as charitable contributions?	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	Yes
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	Yes
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	No
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	No
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. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8	
9a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a	
b	Did the sponsoring 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: See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	13a	
b	Enter the 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 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 or note to any line 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 If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O	23	
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	23	
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?	Yes	
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?		No
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?		No
b	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		
a	The governing body?	Yes	
b	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
b	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	
b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990		
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	Yes	
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	Yes	
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	Yes	
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?		
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	Yes	
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	Yes	
	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
b	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 **IL**

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
☒ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)

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 during the tax year

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records
JAMES S FAWLEY 4100 ILLINOIS ROUTE 53 LISLE, IL 60532 (630) 719-2405

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line 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 all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

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

☐ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee

[illegible]

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

[illegible]

1b	Sub-Total			
c	Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A			
d	Total (add lines 1b and 1c)	1,930,520	0	609,110

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 ► 12

		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	Yes
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)	(B)	(C)
Name and business address	Description of services	Compensation
KELLY SCOTT & MADISON 35 E WACKER DRIVE CHICAGO, IL 60601	ADVERTISING	764,866
INTELLIGENT LIGHTING CREATIONS 2461 E OAKTON ST ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL 60005	EVENT LIGHTING PRODUCTION	702,975
ARAMARK CORPORATION 1101 MARKET ST PHILADELPHIA, PA 19107	FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT	576,643
RDC Asphalt 334 Cimarron Rd Lombard, IL 60148	Paving	351,500
BUCK SERVICES INC 256 W ROOSEVELT RD CHICAGO, IL 60185	JANITORIAL	234,086

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 ▶ 22

Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a	Federated campaigns . . .	1a				
	b	Membership dues	1b	4,217,343			
	c	Fundraising events	1c	267,401			
	d	Related organizations	1d				
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	669,873			
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	9,061,961			
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$		562,126			
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		14,216,578			
Program Service Revenue	2a	VISITOR EVENTS	Business Code				
			713990	2,946,323	2,946,323		
	b	ADMISSIONS	713990	1,501,790	1,501,790		
	c	EDUCATION	713990	972,053	972,053		
	d						
	e						
	f	All other program service revenue					
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f		5,420,166			
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		5,478,064		-162,682	5,640,746
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . .					
	5	Royalties					
	6a	Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
		832,284					
	b	Less rental expenses	0				
	c	Rental income or (loss)	832,284				
	d	Net rental income or (loss)			832,284	832,284	
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
		71,835,716					
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	70,907,193				
	c	Gain or (loss)	928,523				
	d	Net gain or (loss)			928,523		928,523
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 267,401 of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a				
			44,200				
	b	Less direct expenses	b	123,291			
	c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . .			-79,091		-79,091
	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				
			7,503,922				
	b	Less cost of goods sold	b	2,510,964			
	c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . .			4,992,958	4,992,958	
		Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code				
11a							
b							
c							
d	All other revenue						
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d						
12	Total revenue. See Instructions			31,789,482	11,245,408	-162,682	6,490,178

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).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line 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 domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21.	297,918	297,918		
2	Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22.				
3	Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.				
4	Benefits paid to or for members.				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees.	1,761,200	799,437	715,480	246,283
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.	10,708,565	8,372,449	1,094,437	1,241,679
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions).	1,416,082	869,565	417,556	128,961
9	Other employee benefits.	1,001,044	782,662	102,309	116,073
10	Payroll taxes.	906,166	708,482	92,612	105,072
11	Fees for services (non-employees):				
a	Management.	243,230	243,230		
b	Legal.	168,615		168,615	
c	Accounting.	413,603	186,301	108,466	118,836
d	Lobbying.				
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.	30,948			30,948
f	Investment management fees.	324,785	324,785		
g	Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O).	2,950,204	2,601,571	81,953	266,680
12	Advertising and promotion.	808,197	791,208	8,297	8,692
13	Office expenses.	3,587,216	2,895,623	39,964	651,629
14	Information technology.	303,532		303,532	
15	Royalties.				
16	Occupancy.	1,771,696	1,759,736	11,960	
17	Travel.	222,847	203,110	8,074	11,663
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings.	295,158	105,204	61,854	128,100
20	Interest.	270,166	270,166		
21	Payments to affiliates.				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.	2,598,216	2,504,739	92,141	1,336
23	Insurance.	400,561	400,561		
24	Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O).				
a	CONTRACT HELP.	2,152,920	2,152,920		
b	EQUIPMENT.	135,671	132,150	1,288	2,233
c	STAFF DEVELOPMENT.	69,526	16,257	41,397	11,872
d	MEMBERSHIP DUES.	59,422	16,628	27,643	15,151
e	All other expenses.	55,252	4,445	14,912	35,895
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	32,952,740	26,439,147	3,392,490	3,121,103
26	Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X ☐

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	1,465,513	1	508,448
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	2,857,510	2	2,607,996
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	4,044,207	3	6,754,509
	4 Accounts receivable, net	420,067	4	953,759
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use	390,163	8	355,725
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	72,560	9	63,354
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment—cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 76,709,991		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 39,771,165	37,677,620	10c 36,938,826
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	196,241,750	11	141,650,249
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11	47,022,725	12	83,883,789
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	260,983	15	250,087
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	290,453,098	16	273,966,742	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	5,083,913	17	5,166,739
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	1,076,700	19	1,199,568
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities	42,000,000	20	42,000,000
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other 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		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	48,160,613	26	48,366,307
	Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.		
27 Unrestricted net assets		227,006,543	27	206,393,557
28 Temporarily restricted net assets		14,019,666	28	15,965,141
29 Permanently restricted net assets		1,266,276	29	3,241,737
Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.				
30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds			30	
31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund			31	
32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds			32	
33 Total net assets or fund balances		242,292,485	33	225,600,435
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		290,453,098	34	273,966,742

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI ☒

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	31,789,482
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	32,952,740
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-1,163,258
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	242,292,485
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-15,832,681
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	303,889
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	225,600,435

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII ☐

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> 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? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		No
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	Yes	
c	If "Yes," to line 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	
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?		No
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		

Additional Data

Software ID:

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Name: THE MORTON ARBORETUM

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

(Code) (Expenses \$	10,974,824	including grants of \$) (Revenue \$	10,273,355)
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VISITOR PROGRAMS WELCOMED 1,056,000 VISITORS, MAINTAINING THE INSTITUTION AS ONE OF THE MOST VISITED PUBLIC GARDENS IN NORTH AMERICA SERVED MEMBERSHIP OF 43,700 HOUSEHOLDS HOSTED VARIOUS SPECIAL EVENTS AND SEASONAL ACTIVITIES AS OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW AND RETURNING VISITORS AND MEMBERS TO ENGAGE IN MISSION PROVIDED PATRON SERVICES AND ACCOMMODATIONS THROUGH VISITOR ORIENTATION CENTER, TOURS, STORE, RESTAURANT, AND BANQUET AND CONFERENCE FACILITIES

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 (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(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			
DARRELL B JACKSON CHAIRMAN	8 00	X		X				0	0	0
ANNA CAROLINE BALL VICE CHAIRMAN	8 00	X		X				0	0	0
CHARLES P MCQUAID TREASURER	8 00	X		X				0	0	0
ANN GRUBE SECRETARY	8 00	X		X				0	0	0
WALTER W BECKY II TRUSTEE	8 00	X						0	0	0
CHRISTOPHER B BURKE TRUSTEE	8 00	X						0	0	0
MARY L BURKE TRUSTEE	8 00	X						0	0	0
Keith Crandell TRUSTEE	8 00	X						0	0	0
JAMES F DICKERSON TRUSTEE	8 00	X						0	0	0
ROBERT L FEALY TRUSTEE	8 00	X						0	0	0

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(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(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			
STEPHEN C VAN ARSDELL TRUSTEE	8 00	X						0	0	0
ROBERT S WASSERMAN TRUSTEE	8 00	X						0	0	0
JOSEPH L WEIDENBACH TRUSTEE	8 00	X						0	0	0
GERARD T DONNELLY PHD PRESIDENT AND CEO	40 00			X				324,596	0	171,67
JAMES S FAWLEY VP OF FINANCE AND CFO	40 00			X				188,079	0	34,37
Jill Koski VP of Development	40 00			X				205,259	0	42,35
Jennifer Goodsmith VP of Marketing and Communications	40 00			X				151,728	0	32,06
Susan Wagner VP of Education and Information	40 00			X				164,077	0	12,18
Kris Bachtell VP of Collections and Facilities	40 00			X				149,781	0	113,00
Nicole Cavender VP of Science and Conservation	40 00			X				149,162	0	31,37

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 (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)							(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				
Kathleen Spiess Senior Director of Major Gifts	40 00					X		144,615	0	6,14	
Kelly Nolan Senior Major Gifts Officer	40 00					X		120,033	0	25,43	
Gary Watson Head of Research	40 00					X		113,294	0	85,24	
Nancy Peske Director of Human Resources	40 00					X		100,440	0	47,44	
Sai Ravichandran Director of Information Technology	40 00					X		119,456	0	7,82	

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.
▶ Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

OMB No 1545-0047

2015

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization
THE MORTON ARBORETUM

Employer identification number
36-1505770

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

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

1

☐

A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**

2

☐

A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).**(Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ))

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

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An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **section 509(a)(4).**

11

☐

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

a

☐

Type I. A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**

b

☐

Type II. A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**

c

☐

Type III functionally integrated. A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**

d

☐

Type III non-functionally integrated. A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**

e

☐

Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization

f

Enter the number of supported organizations

g

Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii)EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
Total						

Part II

Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I 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)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any unusual grants)	5,746,513	6,899,051	11,015,089	14,698,897	14,216,579	52,576,129
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	5,746,513	6,899,051	11,015,089	14,698,897	14,216,579	52,576,129
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)						4,113,480
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						48,462,649

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
7 Amounts from line 4	5,746,513	6,899,051	11,015,089	14,698,897	14,216,579	52,576,129
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	10,988,498	7,018,176	5,675,777	7,262,579	6,310,348	37,255,378
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						89,831,507

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions)

12

19,301,618

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))

14

53.950 %

15 Public support percentage for 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14

15

51.800 %

16a 33 1/3% support test—2015.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—2014.If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐

17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2015.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 VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐

b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2014.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 VI 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 III

Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 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)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(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)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(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 VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ► <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage		
15 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage		
17 Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	
19a 33 1/3% support tests—2015. 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 ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support tests—2014. 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 ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ► <input type="checkbox"/>		

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 11 of Part I. If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.	1	
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).	2	
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.	3a	
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.	3b	
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.	3c	
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes" and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.	4a	
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.	4b	
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.	4c	
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed, (ii) the reasons for each such action, (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action, and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).	5a	
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?	5b	
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?	5c	
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (a) its supported organizations, (b) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (c) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	6	
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in IRC 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35-percent controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).	7	
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If "Yes," complete Part II of Schedule L (Form 990).	8	
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	9a	
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9(a)) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	9b	
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9(a)) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	9c	
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of IRC 4943 because of IRC 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer b below.	10a	
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)	10b	
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?	11a	
b A family member of a person described in (a) above?	11b	
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.	11c	

Part IV

Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
<div>1</div> <div>Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.</i></div>		
<div>2</div> <div>Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised or controlled the supporting organization.</i></div>		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
<div>1</div> <div>Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).</i></div>		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
<div>1</div> <div>Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (1) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (2) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (3) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?</div>		
<div>2</div> <div>Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? <i>If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).</i></div>		
<div>3</div> <div>By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.</i></div>		

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

<div>1</div> <div>Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions)</div> <div><div>a</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.</div><div><div>b</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.</div><div><div>c</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).</div></div></div></div>		
<div>2</div> <div>Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.</div>		
<div>a</div> <div>Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? <i>If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.</i></div>		
<div>b</div> <div>Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.</i></div>		
<div>3</div> <div>Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.</div>		
<div>a</div> <div>Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? Provide details in Part VI.</div>		
<div>b</div> <div>Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.</div>		

Part V **Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations**

1 Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970: **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E. ☐

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	8	

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year)	1	
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI) _____		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by .035	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

Section C - Distributable Amount		Current Year	
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	
7	Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions) <input type="checkbox"/>		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI) See instructions	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI) See instructions	
9 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2015	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2015 (reasonable cause required--see instructions)			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015			
a			
b			
c			
d From 2013.			
e From 2014.			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2010 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f			
4 Distributions for 2015 from Section D, line 7 \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
c Remainder Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2015, if any Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2015 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Add lines 3j and 4c			
8 Breakdown of line 7			
a			
b			
c Excess from 2013.			
d From 2014.			
e From 2015.			

Part VI **Supplemental Information.**

Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Facts And Circumstances Test

Return Reference

Explanation

SCHEDULE D

(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
► Attach to Form 990.
Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year	
2	Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)	
3	Aggregate value of 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? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	
6	Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can 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? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	

Part II Conservation Easements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1	Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply) <div><input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education)<div><input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space</div><input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of an historically important land area <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure</div>	
2	Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year	
a	Total number of conservation easements	2a
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d
3	Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax 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? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	
6	Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ►	
7	Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, 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 section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	
9	In Part XIII, 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" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a	If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), 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 XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items	
b	If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), 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)	Revenue included on 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 (ASC 958) relating to these items	
a	Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	► \$
b	Assets included in Form 990, Part X	► \$

Part III

Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets

(continued)

3

Using the organization's acquisition, 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 CLASSROOM EDUCATION

4

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

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" on 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 XIII and complete the following table

c

Beginning balance

d

Additions during the year

e

Distributions during the year

f

Ending balance

Amount

1c

1d

1e

1f

2a

Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

☐

Part V

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

	(a)Current year	(b)Prior year	b (c)Two years back	(d)Three years back	(e)Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	20,214,087	17,186,015	11,965,668	10,173,314	10,212,513
b Contributions	4,971,410	4,190,026	4,536,411	745,000	245,000
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	-882,325	394,002	1,179,395	1,171,524	-192,436
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	2,027,576	1,555,956	495,459	124,170	90,763
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	22,275,595	20,214,087	17,186,015	11,965,668	10,174,314

2

Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ 45 860 %

b

Permanent endowment ▶ 6 020 %

c

Temporarily restricted endowment ▶ 48 120 %

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%

3a

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

(i) unrelated organizations

(ii) related organizations

Yes

No

3a(i)

No

3a(ii)

No

b

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

3b

4

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

Part VI

Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a)Cost or other basis (investment)	(b)Cost or other basis (other)	Accumulated (c)depreciation	(d)Book value
1a Land		1,266,234		1,266,234
b Buildings		34,110,028	14,275,249	19,834,779
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		9,008,168	6,193,847	2,814,321
e Other		32,325,561	19,302,069	13,023,492
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c)) ▶				36,938,826

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Part VII

Investments—Other Securities. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A) REAL ESTATE	9,905,835	F
(B) Equity Index Funds	23,683,817	F
(C) HEDGE FUNDS	36,283,583	F
(D) PRIVATE EQUITY	14,010,554	F
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12)	83,883,789	

Part VIII

Investments—Program Related. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13)		

Part IX

Other Assets. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15

(a) Description	(b) Book value
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 15)	

Part X

Other Liabilities. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
Federal income taxes	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25)	

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740) Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII ☒

Part XI

Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	18,266,271
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	-15,832,681
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	-15,832,681
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	34,098,952
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	324,785
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	-2,634,255
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	-2,309,470
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c.(This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	31,789,482

Part XII

Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	34,958,323
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	2,330,368
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	2,330,368
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	32,627,955
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	324,785
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	324,785
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c.(This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	32,952,740

Part XIII

Supplemental Information

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, line 2, Part XI, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
Part III, Line 1a	CAPITALIZATION POLICY ARBORETUM COLLECTIONS - THE ARBORETUM'S RARE BOOKS AND PRINT COLLECTIONS ARE NOT CAPITALIZED IN THE ACCOMPANYING AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. LIVING WOODY PLANTS ARE ALSO NOT CAPITALIZED UNLESS THEY ARE A MAJOR PART OF A CAPITAL PROJECT. PURCHASES OF COLLECTION ITEMS THAT ARE NOT CAPITALIZED ARE RECORDED AS DECREASES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS.

Part XIII Supplemental Information (continued)

Return Reference	Explanation
Part V, Line 4	THE TERM ENDOWMENTS ARE SPENT PER THE DONOR'S DIRECTIONS. THE PERMANENT ENDOWMENT IS MAINTAINED IN PERPETUITY TO SUPPORT THE MISSION AND OPERATIONS OF THE ARBORETUM. THE BOARD DESIGNATED ENDOWMENTS ARE APPLIED TO PURPOSES DEFINED BY THE BOARD IN SUPPORT OF THE MISSION AND OPERATIONS OF THE ARBORETUM.
Part X, Line 2	The Arboretum is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code. No provision has been made for federal and state income taxes in the accompanying financial statements. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Arboretum and recognize a tax liability if the Arboretum has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS or other applicable taxing authorities. Management has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Arboretum and has concluded that as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability or disclosure in the financial statements. The Arboretum is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions, however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Arboretum believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2012.
Part XI, Line 4b - Other Adjustments	COST OF SALES ARE INCLUDED IN EXPENSES ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -2,510,964 FUNDRAISING EXPENSES ARE INCLUDED IN EXPENSES ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -123,291
Part XII, Line 2d - Other Adjustments	COST OF SALES ARE INCLUDED IN EXPENSES ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2,510,964 FUNDRAISING EXPENSES ARE INCLUDED IN EXPENSES ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 123,291 PENSION ACTUARIAL ADJUSTMENT -303,887

SCHEDULE F
(Form 990)

Statement of Activities Outside the United States

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Internal Revenue Service

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.
► Attach to Form 990.

► Information about Schedule F (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Name of the organization
THE MORTON ARBORETUM

Employer identification number

36-1505770

Part I General Information on Activities Outside the United States.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

- 1 **For grantmakers.** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of its grants and other assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - 2 **For grantmakers.** Describe in Part V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States
 - 3 Activites per Region (The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed)

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in region	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (e.g., fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in region	(f) Total expenditures for and investments in region
(1) CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN			INVESTMENTS		1,132,723
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
3a Sub-total	0	0			1,132,723
b Total from continuation sheets to Part I	0	0			0
c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b)	0	0			1,132,723

Part II

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1	(a) Name of organization	(b) IRS code section and EIN (if applicable)	(c) Region	(d) Purpose of grant	(e) Amount of cash grant	(f) Manner of cash disbursement	(g) Amount of non-cash assistance	(h) Description of non-cash assistance	(i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)									
(2)									
(3)									
(4)									

2

Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter ▶

3

Enter total number of other organizations or entities ▶

Part III **Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 16.
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Region	(c) Number of recipients	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Manner of cash disbursement	(f) Amount of non-cash assistance	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)							
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							
(8)							
(9)							
(10)							
(11)							
(12)							
(13)							
(14)							
(15)							
(16)							
(17)							
(18)							

Part IV Foreign Forms

- 1

Was the organization a U S transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 926, Return by a U S Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation (see Instructions for Form 926)*

☒

Yes

☐

No
- 2

Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 3520, Annual Return to Report Transactions with Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts, and/or Form 3520-A, Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U S Owner (see Instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A, do not file with Form 990)*

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Yes

☒

No
- 3

Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U S Persons with Respect to Certain Foreign Corporations (see Instructions for Form 5471)*

☐

Yes

☒

No
- 4

Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8621, Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund (see Instructions for Form 8621)*

☒

Yes

☐

No
- 5

Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U S Persons with Respect to Certain Foreign Partnerships (see Instructions for Form 8865)*

☒

Yes

☐

No
- 6

Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see Instructions for Form 5713, do not file with Form 990)*

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Yes

☒

No

Additional Data

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Software Version:

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Part V Supplemental Information

Provide the information required by Part I, line 2 (monitoring of funds); Part I, line 3, column (f) (accounting method; amounts of investments vs. expenditures per region); Part II, line 1 (accounting method); Part III (accounting method); and Part III, column (c) (estimated number of recipients), as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
THE MORTON ARBORETUM

Supplemental Information Regarding
Fundraising or Gaming Activities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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
▶ Information about Schedule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990

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Part I Fundraising Activities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17.
Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

- 1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.
- a ☒ Mail solicitations

e ☒ Solicitation of non-government grants

b ☒ Internet and email solicitations

f ☒ Solicitation of government grants

c ☒ Phone solicitations

g ☒ Special fundraising events

d ☒ In-person solicitations
- 2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising 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.

(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			
1 COMNET MARKETING GROUP INC 1214 STOWE AVE MEDFORD, OR 97501	TELEFUNDRAISING		No	93,569	30,948	62,621
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
Total ▶				93,569	30,948	62,621

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

IL

Part II Fundraising Events.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

Revenue		(a)Event #1	(b)Event #2	(c)Other events	(d)
		DINNER PARTY (event type)	(event type)	(total number)	Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
	1 Gross receipts	311,601			311,601
	2 Less Contributions	267,401			267,401
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	44,200			44,200
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs	67,089			67,089
	7 Food and beverages	44,906			44,906
	8 Entertainment	2,000			2,000
	9 Other direct expenses	9,296			9,296
	10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				123,291
	11 Net income summary Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) ▶				-79,091

Part III Gaming.

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

Revenue		(a)Bingo	(b)Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c)Other gaming	(d)
					Total gaming (add col (a) through col (c))
	1 Gross revenue				
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Noncash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
	6 Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	7 Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ▶				
	8 Net gaming income summary Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d). ▶				

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

a Is the organization licensed to conduct 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 conduct 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 conducted in

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

14

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

Name ▶

Address ▶

15a

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

☐ 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 of the third party

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 Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v); and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

Return Reference	Explanation
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☒ Yes ☐ No

(h) Purpose of grant or assistance

Schedule I (Form 990) 2015

Part III **Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22
Part III can be duplicated 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.** Provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
Part I, Line 2	On a quarterly basis, grantees are asked to report on project progress using a template provided with the application process. Failure to comply may result in the cancellation of the grant. A final report is required with a final budget form and match documentation worksheet. Payment is made only to the contracted entity for invoices paid by the grant recipients after the completed reimbursement request forms have been received along with valid invoices and/or canceled checks. Only one reimbursement payment will be made to the contracted community upon completion of all phases of the grant project.

Additional Data

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Name: THE MORTON ARBORETUM

Form 990,Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC 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
Village of Alsip 12221 S Orchard Ave Alsip,IL 60803	36-6005767	GOV'T	20,000				TREE REPLENISHMENT GRANT
Village of Olympia Fields 20040 Governors Highway Olympia Fields,IL 60461	36-6009249	GOV'T	10,000				TREE REPLENISHMENT GRANT
Village of Orland Hills 16033 S 94th Avenue Orland Hills,IL 60487	36-2705758	GOV'T	10,000				TREE REPLENISHMENT GRANT

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(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC 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
Village of Tinley Park 16250 S Oak Park Avenue Tinley Park,IL 60477	36-6006127	GOV'T	30,000				TREE REPLENISHMENT GRANT
Tinley Park-Park District 8125 W 171st Street Tinley Park,IL 60477	36-2667952	GOV'T	30,000				TREE REPLENISHMENT GRANT
Olympia Fields Park District 20712 Western Avenue Olympia Fields,IL 60461	36-2741287	GOV'T	10,000				TREE REPLENISHMENT GRANT

Form 990, Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC 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
Zion Park District 2400 Dowle Memorial Drive Zion, IL 60099	36-6007400	GOV'T	20,000				TREE REPLENISHMENT GRANT
Village of Stickney 6533 Pershing Road Stickney, IL 60402	36-6006114	GOV'T	10,000				TREE REPLENISHMENT GRANT
Village of Glenview 1333 Shermer Road Glenview, IL 60026	36-6005905	GOV'T	23,667				TREE REPLENISHMENT GRANT

Form 990, Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC 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
Village of Mundelein 300 Plaza Circle Mundelein, IL 60060	36-6006012	GOV'T	23,667				TREE REPLENISHMENT GRANT
Village of Niles 1000 Civic Center Drive Niles, IL 60714	36-6006016	GOV'T	23,666				TREE REPLENISHMENT GRANT
Forest Preserve of Cook County 69 W Washington Street Chicago, IL 60602	36-6006543	GOV'T	9,000				TREE REPLENISHMENT GRANT

Form 990, Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC 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
Huddleston-McBride Drainage Co Route 1 Fowler Road Rochelle, IL 61068	36-3022250		74,395				GRANT TO IMPROVE ARBORETUM DRAINAGE

Schedule J
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees
 ► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
 ► Attach to Form 990.
 ► Information about Schedule J (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I

Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No
<div>1a</div> <div>Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.</div> <div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef) </div> </div>		
<div>b</div> <div>If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain.</div>	1b	Yes
<div>2</div> <div>Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?</div>	2	Yes
<div>3</div> <div>Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.</div> <div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee </div> </div>		
<div>4</div> <div>During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:</div>		
<div>a</div> <div>Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?</div>	4a	No
<div>b</div> <div>Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?</div>	4b	No
<div>c</div> <div>Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?</div>	4c	No
<div></div> <div>If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.</div>		
<div></div> <div>Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.</div>		
<div>5</div> <div>For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:</div>		
<div>a</div> <div>The organization?</div>	5a	No
<div>b</div> <div>Any related organization?</div>	5b	No
<div></div> <div>If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.</div>		
<div>6</div> <div>For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:</div>		
<div>a</div> <div>The organization?</div>	6a	No
<div>b</div> <div>Any related organization?</div>	6b	No
<div></div> <div>If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.</div>		
<div>7</div> <div>For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III.</div>	7	Yes
<div>8</div> <div>Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III.</div>	8	No
<div>9</div> <div>If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?</div>	9	

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

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

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column(B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 GERARD T DONNELLY PHD PRESIDENT AND CEO	(i)	316,255 ----- 0	500 ----- 0	7,841 ----- 0	151,615 ----- 0	20,056 ----- 0	496,267 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
	(ii)							
2 JAMES S FAWLEY VP OF FINANCE AND CFO	(i)	187,579 ----- 0	500 ----- 0	0 ----- 0	9,931 ----- 0	24,447 ----- 0	222,457 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
	(ii)							
3 Jill Koski VP of Development	(i)	204,759 ----- 0	500 ----- 0	0 ----- 0	16,493 ----- 0	25,861 ----- 0	247,613 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
	(ii)							
4 Jennifer Goodsmith VP of Marketing and Communications	(i)	151,228 ----- 0	500 ----- 0	0 ----- 0	9,374 ----- 0	22,687 ----- 0	183,789 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
	(ii)							
5 Susan Wagner VP of Education and Information	(i)	163,577 ----- 0	500 ----- 0	0 ----- 0	9,814 ----- 0	2,371 ----- 0	176,262 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
	(ii)							
6 Kris Bachtell VP of Collections and Facilities	(i)	140,181 ----- 0	500 ----- 0	9,100 ----- 0	89,299 ----- 0	23,701 ----- 0	262,781 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
	(ii)							
7 Nicole Cavender VP of Science and Conservation	(i)	148,662 ----- 0	500 ----- 0	0 ----- 0	9,252 ----- 0	22,118 ----- 0	180,532 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
	(ii)							
8 Kathleen Spiess Senior Director of Major Gifts	(i)	144,115 ----- 0	500 ----- 0	0 ----- 0	5,004 ----- 0	1,137 ----- 0	150,756 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
	(ii)							
9 Gary Watson Head of Research	(i)	112,794 ----- 0	500 ----- 0	0 ----- 0	67,076 ----- 0	18,172 ----- 0	198,542 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
	(ii)							

Part III **Supplemental Information**

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
Part I, Line 1a	AN ON-SITE RESIDENCE IS PROVIDED FOR THE PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE ARBORETUM, CURRENTLY GERARD T. DONNELLY, AS A CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT AND FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE ARBORETUM. THE VALUE OF THIS RESIDENCE IS NOT TREATED AS TAXABLE COMPENSATION. Part 1, Line 7. A discretionary bonus was paid to all full time and part time employees in 2015 of \$500 and \$250 respectively.

Additional Data

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Software Version:
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Name: THE MORTON ARBORETUM

Form 990, Schedule J, Part II - Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base Compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1GERARD T DONNELLY PHD PRESIDENT AND CEO	(i)	316,255	500	7,841	151,615	20,056	496,267	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-	-	0
1JAMES S FAWLEY VP OF FINANCE AND CFO	(i)	187,579	500	0	9,931	24,447	222,457	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-	-	0
2Jill KoskiVP of Development	(i)	204,759	500	0	16,493	25,861	247,613	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-	-	0
3Jennifer Goodsmith VP of Marketing and Communications	(i)	151,228	500	0	9,374	22,687	183,789	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-	-	0
4Susan Wagner VP of Education and Information	(i)	163,577	500	0	9,814	2,371	176,262	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-	-	0
5Kns Bachtell VP of Collections and Facilities	(i)	140,181	500	9,100	89,299	23,701	262,781	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-	-	0
6Nicole Cavender VP of Science and Conservation	(i)	148,662	500	0	9,252	22,118	180,532	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-	-	0
7Kathleen Spiess Senior Director of Major Gifts	(i)	144,115	500	0	5,004	1,137	150,756	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-	-	0
8Gary Watson Head of Research	(i)	112,794	500	0	67,076	18,172	198,542	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-	-	0

Schedule K
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Name of the organization
THE MORTON ARBORETUM

Supplemental Information on Tax Exempt Bonds

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 24a. Provide descriptions, explanations, and any additional information in Part VI.
▶ Attach to Form 990.
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Part I Bond Issues											
(a) Issuer name	(b) Issuer EIN	(c) CUSIP #	(d) Date issued	(e) Issue price	(f) Description of purpose	(g) Defeased		(h) On behalf of issuer		(i) Pool financing	
						Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
A THE COUNTY OF DUPAGE ILLINOIS	36-6006551	262668ACO	12-17-2003	42,000,000	SEE PART VI		X		X		X

Part II		Proceeds							
		A		B		C		D	
1	Amount of bonds retired								
2	Amount of bonds legally defeased								
3	Total proceeds of issue	42,155,070							
4	Gross proceeds in reserve funds								
5	Capitalized interest from proceeds								
6	Proceeds in refunding escrows								
7	Issuance costs from proceeds	326,250							
8	Credit enhancement from proceeds								
9	Working capital expenditures from proceeds	1,482,400							
10	Capital expenditures from proceeds	40,346,420							
11	Other spent proceeds								
12	Other unspent proceeds								
13	Year of substantial completion	2005							
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
14	Were the bonds issued as part of a current refunding issue?		X						
15	Were the bonds issued as part of an advance refunding issue?		X						
16	Has the final allocation of proceeds been made?	X							
17	Does the organization maintain adequate books and records to support the final allocation of proceeds?	X							

Part III Private Business Use									
		A		B		C		D	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
1	Was the organization a partner in a partnership, or a member of an LLC, which owned property financed by tax-exempt bonds?		X						
2	Are there any lease arrangements that may result in private business use of bond-financed property?		X						

Part III Private Business Use (Continued)

		A		B		C		D	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
3a	Are there any management or service contracts that may result in private business use of bond-financed property?		X						
b	If "Yes" to line 3a, does the organization routinely engage bond counsel or other outside counsel to review any management or service contracts relating to the financed property?								
c	Are there any research agreements that may result in private business use of bond-financed property?		X						
d	If "Yes" to line 3c, does the organization routinely engage bond counsel or other outside counsel to review any research agreements relating to the financed property?								
4	Enter the percentage of financed property used in a private business use by entities other than a section 501(c)(3) organization or a state or local government ▶								
5	Enter the percentage of financed property used in a private business use as a result of unrelated trade or business activity carried on by your organization, another section 501(c)(3) organization, or a state or local government ▶								
6	Total of lines 4 and 5								
7	Does the bond issue meet the private security or payment test? . . .		X						
8a	Has there been a sale or disposition of any of the bond-financed property to a nongovernmental person other than a 501(c)(3) organization since the bonds were issued?		X						
b	If "Yes" to line 8a, enter the percentage of bond-financed property sold or disposed of								
c	If "Yes" to line 8a, was any remedial action taken pursuant to Regulations sections 1.141-12 and 1.145-2?								
9	Has the organization established written procedures to ensure that all nonqualified bonds of the issue are remediated in accordance with the requirements under Regulations sections 1.141-12 and 1.145-2?	X							

Part IV Arbitrage

		A		B		C		D	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
1	Has the issuer filed Form 8038-T, Arbitrage Rebate, Yield Reduction and Penalty in Lieu of Arbitrage Rebate?		X						
2	If "No" to line 1, did the following apply?								
a	Rebate not due yet?		X						
b	Exception to rebate?	X							
c	No rebate due?		X						
	If "Yes" to line 2c, provide in Part VI the date the rebate computation was performed								
3	Is the bond issue a variable rate issue?	X							
4a	Has the organization or the governmental issuer entered into a qualified hedge with respect to the bond issue?		X						
b	Name of provider								
c	Term of hedge								
d	Was the hedge superintegrated?								
e	Was the hedge terminated?								

Part IV **Arbitrage** *(Continued)*

		A		B		C		D	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
5a	Were gross proceeds invested in a guaranteed investment contract (GIC)?	X							
b	Name of provider	CITIGROUP GLOBAL							
c	Term of GIC	150 0000000000 %							
d	Was the regulatory safe harbor for establishing the fair market value of the GIC satisfied?	X							
6	Were any gross proceeds invested beyond an available temporary period?		X						
7	Has the organization established written procedures to monitor the requirements of section 148?		X						

Part V **Procedures To Undertake Corrective Action**

		A		B		C		D	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Has the organization established written procedures to ensure that violations of federal tax requirements are timely identified and corrected through the voluntary closing agreement program if self-remediation is not available under applicable regulations?			X						

Part VI **Supplemental Information.** Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule K (see instructions).

Return Reference	Explanation
Schedule K, Part I, Line A, Column F	The proceeds of the bonds were used for (I) the costs of certain capital improvements to the facilities of the borrower located in Lisle, Illinois, including (a) the construction of a visitor center and tram road, (B) visitor facilities and a prairie visitor station, (c) the expansion and improvement of the main entrance of the Morton Arboretum, (D) the restoration of the riverbank, (E) the construction of parking lots and support facilities, (F) the construction of a children's garden, maze garden, Arbor Court and Meadow Lake courtyard facilities and (G) landscaping, storm water facility and related improvements, (II) paying a portion of the interest to accrue on the bonds and (III) paying a portion of certain expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the bonds

Return Reference	Explanation
Schedule K, Part IV, Line 1	No, there was no arbitrage rebate or penalty due The Net rebate liability was negative

SCHEDULE M

(Form 990)

Noncash Contributions

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▶Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
▶ Attach to Form 990.
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Name of the organization THE MORTON ARBORETUM	Employer identification number 36-1505770
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Part I

Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art—Works of art				
2 Art—Historical treasures				
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded	X	38	542,606	FAIR MARKET VALUE
10 Securities—Closely held stock				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other				
15 Real estate—Residential				
16 Real estate—Commercial				
17 Real estate—Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ▶ (supplies)	X	8	9,556	FAIR MARKET VALUE
26 Other ▶ (Award)	X	1	4,999	FAIR MARKET VALUE
27 Other ▶ (Advertising)	X	1	2,500	FAIR MARKET VALUE
28 Other ▶ (Books)	X	12	2,465	FAIR MARKET VALUE
29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement			29	
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?				Yes No
b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II				
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions?				Yes No
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?				Yes No
b If "Yes," describe in Part II				
33 If the organization did not report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II				

Part II

Supplemental Information.

Provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
Part I, Line 30b	Schedule M, Part I, Column (B) The organization is reporting in Part I, Column (B), the number of contributions

**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 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at
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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 3	The Arboretum contracts with Aramark Corporation to manage and operate food services
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11	FORM 990 IS PREPARED BY THE ARBORETUM'S ACCOUNTANTS, REVIEWED BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE AND DISTRIBUTED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES PRIOR TO FILING

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c	THE MORTON ARBORETUM REQUIRES THAT ALL TRUSTEES, EMPLOYEES, AND VOLUNTEERS DISCLOSE AND DECLARE ANY PERSONAL, FAMILIAL, OR BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS, SITUATIONS, OR ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO CREATE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST OR THE PERCEPTION OF A CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR TRUSTEES AND EMPLOYEES, THE DECLARATION MUST BE RENEWED ANNUALLY AND WHEN APPLICABLE CHANGES OCCUR THE ARBORETUM SUPPLIES A CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION FORM TO ALL TRUSTEES AND EMPLOYEES FOR THIS PURPOSE VOLUNTEERS ARE INFORMED OF THIS POLICY AT THE ONSET OF THEIR SERVICE, IN THE PUBLISHED VOLUNTEER HANDBOOK, AND IN PERIODIC COMMUNICATIONS FOR ALL TRUSTEES, EMPLOYEES, AND VOLUNTEERS, RELATIONSHIPS OR SITUATIONS THAT ARISE THAT MAY CREATE OR APPEAR TO CREATE CONFLICT OF INTEREST MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PRESIDENT OR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15	THE PROCESS FOR DETERMINING COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND KEY EMPLOYEES INCLUDES A MARKET ANALYSIS OF COMPARABLE POSITIONS FROM PEER GARDENS AND OTHER SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS FOR BENCHMARKING PURPOSES THIS INFORMATION IS REVIEWED BY INTERNAL HUMAN RESOURCES PROFESSIONALS AND THE MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THE FULL BOARD REVIEWS AND APPROVES RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMPENSATION MATTERS FOR THE PRESIDENT AND CEO THE COMPENSATION OF OTHER OFFICERS AND KEY EMPLOYEES IS REVIEWED BY THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19	FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON THE ARBORETUM'S WEBSITE (WWW.MORTONARB.ORG) AND ANNUAL REPORT. GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.
Form 990, Part XI, line 9	ROUNDING 2 PENSION ACTUARIAL ADJUSTMENT 303,887