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Form 990

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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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

D Employer identification number

36-1505770

Doing business as

E Telephone number

(630) 968-0074

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)
4100 ILLINOIS ROUTE 53

G Gross receipts \$ 105,330,930

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 605321293H(a) Is this a group return for
subordinates? Yes NoH(b) Are all subordinates
included? Yes No

H(c) Group exemption number ►

I Tax-exempt status 501(c)(3) 501(c) () (Insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527J Website: ► www.mortonarb.orgK Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other ►

L Year of formation 1922

M State of legal domicile IL

Part I Summary

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
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)	14,698,897	14,216,578
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	4,561,863	5,420,166
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	30,072,895	6,406,587
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	4,994,248	5,746,151
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	54,327,903	31,789,482

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) ► 3,121,103		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	15,486,903	16,830,817
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)	290,453,098	273,966,742
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	48,160,613	48,366,307
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	242,292,485	225,600,435

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

2016-11-01

Date

JAMES S FAWLEY CFO

Type or print name and title

Paid
Preparer
Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name Lu Ann Trapp	Preparer's signature Lu Ann Trapp	Date 2016-10-28	Check <input type="checkbox"/> 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 Chicago, IL 60606			Phone no (312) 207-1040	

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 AccomplishmentsCheck 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 \$)
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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)
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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 \$)
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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)
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4e	Total program service expenses ►	26,439,147
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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

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

2 Is the organization required to complete *Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors* (see instructions)?

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

4 **Section 501(c)(3) organizations.**
Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II

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

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

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

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

9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 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

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

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

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

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

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

e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X

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

12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII

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

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

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

b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, 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

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

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

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)

18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II

19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III

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

b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?

	Yes	No
1	Yes	
2	Yes	
3		No
4		No
5		No
6		No
7		No
8	Yes	
9		No
10	Yes	
11a	Yes	
11b	Yes	
11c		No
11d		No
11e		No
11f	Yes	
12a	Yes	
12b		No
13		No
14a		No
14b	Yes	
15		No
16		No
17	Yes	
18	Yes	
19		No
20a		No
20b		

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? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	23	Yes	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K If "No," go to line 25a	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25a	No	
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25b	No	
26	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	26	No	
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	27	No	
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28a	No	
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c	No	
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	29	Yes	
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30	No	
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	31	No	
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I	33	No	
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1	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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	35b		
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI	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 If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	2b	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? <i>If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O</i>	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).	7a	Yes	
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?	7b	Yes	
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7c	No	
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?			
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.	8		
Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	9a		
b Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9b		
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter	10a		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10b		
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities			
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter	11a		
a Gross income from members or shareholders	11b		
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)			
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.	13a		
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	13b		
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	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? <i>If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O</i>	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

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

1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent

2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?

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?

4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?

5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?

6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?

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?

b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?

8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following

a The governing body?

b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?

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

	Yes	No
1a	23	
1b	23	
2		No
3	Yes	
4		No
5		No
6		No
7a		No
7b		No
8a	Yes	
8b	Yes	
9		No

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

10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?

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?

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

b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?

c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done

13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?

14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?

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

b Other officers or key employees of the organization

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?

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?

	Yes	No
10a		No
10b		
11a	Yes	
12a	Yes	
12b	Yes	
12c	Yes	
13	Yes	
14	Yes	
15a	Yes	
15b	Yes	
16a		No
16b		

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► IL

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c) (3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you 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

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

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

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

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- 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

(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	
See Additional Data Table		Officer	Key Employee	Independent Contractor	Former				

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

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

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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	3	No
4	For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	4	Yes
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person	5	No

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

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

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		Business Code			
	2a VISITOR EVENTS	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 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 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 \$ <u>267,401</u> 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 SheetCheck 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	10c 37,677,620 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 AssetsCheck 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 ReportingCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 Cash Accrual Other _____
 If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O

2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?
 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
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis

2b 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
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis

2c 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

3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?
 b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits

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

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Form 990, 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	
		Or director	Individual trustee	Institutional trustee	Former	Highest compensated employee		
DARRELL B JACKSON CHAIRMAN	8 00	X		X			0	0
ANNA CAROLINE BALL VICE CHAIRMAN	8 00	X		X			0	0
CHARLES P MCQUAID TREASURER	8 00	X		X			0	0
ANN GRUBE SECRETARY	8 00	X		X			0	0
WALTER W BECKY II TRUSTEE	8 00	X					0	0
CHRISTOPHER B BURKE TRUSTEE	8 00	X					0	0
MARY L BURKE TRUSTEE	8 00	X					0	0
Keith Crandell TRUSTEE	8 00	X					0	0
JAMES F DICKERSON TRUSTEE	8 00	X					0	0
ROBERT L FEALY TRUSTEE	8 00	X					0	0

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		Or director	Individual trustee	Institutional trustee	Former		
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
STEPHEN C GIESER TRUSTEE	8 00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				0	0
K'LYNNE JOHNSON TRUSTEE	8 00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				0	0
KENNETH KORANDA TRUSTEE	8 00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				0	0
AMY LOUIS TRUSTEE	8 00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				0	0
TIMOTHY M MURRAY TRUSTEE	8 00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				0	0
Madhavan K Nayar TRUSTEE	8 00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				0	0
HENRY B PEARSALL TRUSTEE	8 00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				0	0
W ROBERT REUM TRUSTEE	8 00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				0	0
ROBERT J SCHILLERSTROM TRUSTEE	8 00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				0	0
F Andrew Simpson TRUSTEE	8 00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				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	
		Or director	Individual trustee	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former
STEPHEN C VAN ARSDELL TRUSTEE	8 00		X					0
ROBERT S WASSERMAN TRUSTEE	8 00		X					0
JOSEPH L WEIDENBACH TRUSTEE	8 00		X					0
GERARD T DONNELLY PHD PRESIDENT AND CEO	40 00			X			324,596	171,67
JAMES S FAWLEY VP OF FINANCE AND CFO	40 00			X			188,079	34,37
Jill Koski VP of Development	40 00			X			205,259	42,35
Jennifer Goodsmith VP of Marketing and Communications	40 00			X			151,728	32,06
Susan Wagner VP of Education and Information	40 00			X			164,077	12,18
Kris Bachtell VP of Collections and Facilities	40 00			X			149,781	113,00
Nicole Cavender VP of Science and Conservation	40 00			X			149,162	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)**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.

2015**Open to Public Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Name of the organization**
THE MORTON ARBORETUM**Employer identification number**

36-1505770

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

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

1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches 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 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** ►**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 ►**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 ►**20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ►

Part IV 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

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

Yes	No
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)

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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	
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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	
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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	
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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	
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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	
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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	
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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	
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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?

c **Substitutions only.** Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?

5b	
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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**.

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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)

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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)

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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	
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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	
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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	
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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	
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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	
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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	
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b A family member of a person described in (a) above?

11b	
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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	
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Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)**Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations**

1 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? *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*

2 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?

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

	Yes	No
1		
2		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

1 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)?

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)

	Yes	No
1		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

1 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?

2 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?

If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s)

3 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?

If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard

	Yes	No
1		
2		
3		

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (**see instructions**)

a The organization satisfied the Activities Test Complete **line 2** below

b The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations Complete **line 3** below

c The organization supported a governmental entity Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions)

2 Activities Test Answer (a) and (b) below.

a 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?

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

b 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?

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

3 Parent of Supported Organizations Answer (a) and (b) below.

a 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*

b 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*

	Yes	No
2a		
2b		
3a		
3b		

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

1 Net short-term capital gain
2 Recoveries of prior-year distributions
3 Other gross income (see instructions)
4 Add lines 1 through 3
5 Depreciation and depletion
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)
7 Other expenses (see instructions)
8 **Adjusted Net Income** (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)

	(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount

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

	(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1		
1a		
1b		
1c		
1d		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		

Section C - Distributable Amount

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

		Current Year
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		

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

2015

Open to Public
Inspection**SCHEDULE D**
(Form 990)**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.Department of the
Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceName of the organization
THE MORTON ARBORETUMEmployer identification number
36-1505770**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?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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)

Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education)
 Protection of natural habitat
 Preservation of open space

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

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

a Total number of conservation easements
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register

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?

 Yes No6 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)?

 Yes No

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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public exhibition	d <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Loan or exchange programs
b <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scholarly research	e <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other CLASSROOM EDUCATION
c <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation for future generations	

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

Yes	No
3a(i)	No
3a(ii)	No

(ii) related organizations

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.

	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		1,266,234		1,266,234
b Buildings		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

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

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

2015

► 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.Open to Public
InspectionDepartment of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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 Activities 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.

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)* 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)* Yes No

Additional Data

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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)Supplemental Information Regarding
Fundraising or Gaming Activities

2015

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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/form990Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceName of the organization
THE MORTON ARBORETUM

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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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mail solicitations	e <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of non-government grants
b <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet and email solicitations	f <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of government grants
c <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phone solicitations	g <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special fundraising events
d <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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.

	(a) Event #1 DINNER PARTY (event type)	(b) Event #2 (event type)	(c) Other events (total number)	(d) Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue				
1 Gross receipts	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.

	(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue				
1 Gross revenue				
Direct Expenses				
2 Cash prizes				
3 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

13a	%
13b	%

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

**Schedule I
(Form 990)****Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments and Individuals in the United States**

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

► Attach to Form 990.

► Information about Schedule I (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**2015**Open to Public
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Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

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

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

 Yes No

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed

(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
See Additional Data Table							

See Additional Data Table

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table ► 12

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

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**Software ID:****Software Version:****EIN:** 36-1505770**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

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 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 Dowie 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

2015

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Inspection**Schedule J**
(Form 990)**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.Department of the
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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation**1a** 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

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

b If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain**2** 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?**3** 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

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

4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization**a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?**b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?**c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?

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

Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.**5** 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**a** The organization?**b** Any related organization?

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

6 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**a** The organization?**b** Any related organization?

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

7 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**8** 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**9** If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

	Yes	No
1b	Yes	
2	Yes	
4a		No
4b		No
4c		No
5a		No
5b		No
6a		No
6b		No
7	Yes	
8		No
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
	Base (i) compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 GERARD 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	0	0
2 JAMES 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	0	0
3 Jill Koski VP of Development	(i) 204,759	500	0	16,493	25,861	247,613	0
	(ii) 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Jennifer Goodsmith VP of Marketing and Communications	(i) 151,228	500	0	9,374	22,687	183,789	0
	(ii) 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Susan Wagner VP of Education and Information	(i) 163,577	500	0	9,814	2,371	176,262	0
	(ii) 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 Kris 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	0	0
7 Nicole Cavender VP of Science and Conservation	(i) 148,662	500	0	9,252	22,118	180,532	0
	(ii) 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 Kathleen Spiess Senior Director of Major Gifts	(i) 144,115	500	0	5,004	1,137	150,756	0
	(ii) 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9 Gary Watson Head of Research	(i) 112,794	500	0	67,076	18,172	198,542	0
	(ii) 0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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 GERRARD 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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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				
1 GERARD T DONNELLY PhD PRESIDENT AND CEO	(i) 316,255 ----- (ii) 0	500 ----- 0	7,841 ----- 0	151,615 ----- 0	20,056 ----- 0	496,267 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
1 JAMES S FAWLEY VP OF FINANCE AND CFO	(i) 187,579 ----- (ii) 0	500 ----- 0	0 ----- 0	9,931 ----- 0	24,447 ----- 0	222,457 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
2 Jill Koski VP of Development	(i) 204,759 ----- (ii) 0	500 ----- 0	0 ----- 0	16,493 ----- 0	25,861 ----- 0	247,613 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
3 Jennifer Goodsmith VP of Marketing and Communications	(i) 151,228 ----- (ii) 0	500 ----- 0	0 ----- 0	9,374 ----- 0	22,687 ----- 0	183,789 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
4 Susan Wagner VP of Education and Information	(i) 163,577 ----- (ii) 0	500 ----- 0	0 ----- 0	9,814 ----- 0	2,371 ----- 0	176,262 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
5 Kris Bachtell VP of Collections and Facilities	(i) 140,181 ----- (ii) 0	500 ----- 0	9,100 ----- 0	89,299 ----- 0	23,701 ----- 0	262,781 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
6 Nicole Cavender VP of Science and Conservation	(i) 148,662 ----- (ii) 0	500 ----- 0	0 ----- 0	9,252 ----- 0	22,118 ----- 0	180,532 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
7 Kathleen Spiess Senior Director of Major Gifts	(i) 144,115 ----- (ii) 0	500 ----- 0	0 ----- 0	5,004 ----- 0	1,137 ----- 0	150,756 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
8 Gary Watson Head of Research	(i) 112,794 ----- (ii) 0	500 ----- 0	0 ----- 0	67,076 ----- 0	18,172 ----- 0	198,542 ----- 0	0 ----- 0

**Schedule K
(Form 990)****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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THE MORTON ARBORETUMEmployer identification number
36-1505770**Part I Bond Issues**

(a) Issuer name	(b) Issuer EIN	(c) CUSIP #	(d) Date issued	(e) Issue price	(f) Description of purpose	(g) Defeased		(h) On behalf of issuer		(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
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)**5a** Were gross proceeds invested in a guaranteed investment contract (GIC)?**b** Name of provider**c** Term of GIC**d** Was the regulatory safe harbor for establishing the fair market value of the GIC satisfied?**6** Were any gross proceeds invested beyond an available temporary period?**7** Has the organization established written procedures to monitor the requirements of section 148? . . .

	A		B		C		D	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
5a	X							
b	CITIGROUP GLOBAL							
c	150 0000000000 %							
d	X							
6		X						
7		X						

Part V Procedures To Undertake Corrective Action

	A		B		C		D	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
		X						

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?

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.

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(Form 990)

Noncash Contributions

►Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.

► Attach to Form 990.

►Information about Schedule M (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990Department of the
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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 ► (A ward)	X	1	4,999	FAIR MARKET VALUE
27 Other ► (A dvertising)	X	1	2,500	FAIR MARKET VALUE
28 Other ► (B ooks)	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
30a		No
31	Yes	
32a		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?

32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash
contributions?

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)**

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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.

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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