



See a Social Security Number? Say Something!
Report Privacy Problems to <https://public.resource.org/privacy>
Or call the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490



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)
▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public
▶ Information about Form 990 and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](#)

OMB No 1545-0047

2015

Open to Public Inspection

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 EVERGLADES TRUST INC

Doing business as

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
PO BOX 1915

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
ISLAMORADA, FL 330361915

F Name and address of principal officer
MARY L BARLEY
PO BOX 1915
ISLAMORADA,FL 330361915

D Employer identification number

59-3293097

E Telephone number

(305) 664-5598

G Gross receipts \$ 4,585,001

I Tax-exempt status ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c) (4) ◀ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website: ▶ WWW.EVERGLADESTRUST.ORG

K Form of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶
L Year of formation 1994 **M** State of legal domicile FL

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? ☐ Yes ☒ No
H(b) Are all subordinates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If "No," attach a list (see instructions)
H(c) Group exemption number ▶

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities
TO PRESERVE THE FLORIDA EVERGLADES AND FLORIDA BAY AS NATURAL RESOURCES

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	4
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	4
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	5	0
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	5
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0

Revenue

	Prior Year	Current Year
8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	200,000	4,585,001
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	0	0
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	0	0
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	0	0
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	200,000	4,585,001

Expenses

13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	0	0
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)	0	0
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ ⁰		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	189,276	4,552,435
18 Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	189,276	4,552,435
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	10,724	32,566

Net Assets or Fund Balances

	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	114,153	146,719
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	0	0
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	114,153	146,719

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

2016-11-09
Date

Mary L Barley president
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name
PATRICIA A O'MALLEY CPA

Preparer's signature
PATRICIA A O'MALLEY CPA

Date

Check ☐ if self-employed

PTIN
P00285909

Firm's name ▶ RUBINO AND COMPANY CHARTERED

Firm's EIN ▶ 52-1186096

Firm's address ▶ 6903 ROCKLEDGE DRIVE SUITE 1200

BETHESDA, MD 208171818

Phone no (301) 564-3636

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

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

Cat No 11282Y

Form 990(2015)

Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

☒

1

Briefly describe the organization's mission

LOBBIES AND CREATES GRASSROOT SUPPORT TO PRESERVE THE FLORIDA EVERGLADES AND FLORIDA BAY AS NATURAL RESOURCES

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 \$ 3,997,466 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

RESERVOIR THE CAMPAIGN FOCUSED ON TELEVISION RADIO AND OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF THE IMPORTANCE OF A RESERVOIR IN THE EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA

4b

(Code) (Expenses \$ 210,780 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

PROTECTION LOBBYING WAS CONDUCTED IN FLORIDA AND WASHINGTON, DC AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE WATER FLOW, WATER DISTRIBUTION, AND WATER TIMING FOR THE EVERGLADES AND FLORIDA BAY

4c

(Code) (Expenses \$ 175,000 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

RESTORATION RESTORATION RELATED ISSUES AT THE LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS INCLUDE ISSUES IN CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION, ISSUES IN FLORIDA THEY ALSO INCLUDE ISSUES RELATING TO WATERFLOW AND WATER QUALITY IN SYSTEM, MONITORING AND TRACKING RESTORATION PROJECTS AND AQUIFER STORAGE AND RECOVERY PROJECTS

See Additional Data

4d

Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses \$ 166,173 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e

Total program service expenses

4,549,419

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	1	No
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)? 	2	Yes
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	3	No
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4	
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	5	No
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I	6	No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II	7	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	8	No
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	9	No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	10	No
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	11a	No
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	11b	No
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII	11c	No
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX	11d	No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11e	No
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11f	No
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	12a	No
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	12b	No
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV	14b	No
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	15	No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV	16	No
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)	17	No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18	No
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	19	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20a	No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	21		No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	22		No
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	23		No
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25a		No
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25b		No
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b		No
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	32		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	34		No
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		No
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35b		
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36		
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	Yes	

Part V

Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

			Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable.	1a	22	
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.	1b	0	
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	Yes	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return.	2a	0	
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions).	2b		
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O.	3b		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a		No
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).			
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a		No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b		No
c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a	Yes	
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	Yes	
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).			
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a		
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c		
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.	7d		
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e		
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f		
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g		
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8		
9a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a		
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter			
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.	10a		
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.	10b		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter			
a	Gross income from members or shareholders.	11a		
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them).	11b		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.	12b		
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.			
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	13a		
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans.	13b		
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand.	13c		
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.	14b		

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure

For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O	4	
1b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	4	
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2	No
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3	No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4	No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5	No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6	No
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	7a	No
7b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b	No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
a	The governing body?	8a	No
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	No
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	9	No

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

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

Section C. Disclosure

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

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
MARY L BARLEY PO BOX 1915 Islamorada, FL 33036 (305) 664-5598

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

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

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

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

[illegible]

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

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

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

		Yes	No
3	Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	3	No
4	For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	4	No
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>	5	No

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

(A)	(B)	(C)
Name and business address	Description of services	Compensation
MultiMedia Services Corp 915 King St Alexandria, VA 22314	TV CABLE/BROADCAST	2,027,555
Mercury Public Affairs LLC 437 Madison Ave New York, NY 10022	CAMPAIGN CONSULTANT	971,328
MENTZER MEDIA SERVICES INC 210 W PENNSYLVANIA AVE SUITE 250 TOWSON, MD 21204	TV CABLE/BROADCAST	518,197
Blue River Company Box 8345 Pompano Beach, FL 33075	OPPOSITION RESEARCH	175,000

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 ▶ 4

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					
	c	Fundraising events	1c					
	d	Related organizations	1d					
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e					
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	4,585,001				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$						
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶			4,585,001			
Program Service Revenue	2a		Business Code					
	b							
	c							
	d							
	e							
	f	All other program service revenue						
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶						
	Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) ▶					
4		Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . ▶						
5		Royalties ▶						
6a		Gross rents	(i) Real (ii) Personal					
b		Less rental expenses						
c		Rental income or (loss)						
d		Net rental income or (loss) ▶						
7a		Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities (ii) Other					
b		Less cost or other basis and sales expenses						
c		Gain or (loss)						
d		Net gain or (loss) ▶						
8a		Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a					
b		Less direct expenses	b					
c		Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . ▶						
9a		Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a					
b		Less direct expenses	b					
c		Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . ▶						
10a		Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a					
b		Less cost of goods sold	b					
c		Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . ▶						
		Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code					
11a								
b								
c								
d	All other revenue							
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶							
12	Total revenue. See Instructions ▶			4,585,001	0	0	0	

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				
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				
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7	Other salaries and wages				
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9	Other employee benefits				
10	Payroll taxes				
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management				
b	Legal				
c	Accounting	350		350	
d	Lobbying	206,974	206,974		
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees				
g	Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	4,316,524	4,316,524		
12	Advertising and promotion				
13	Office expenses	1,142		1,142	
14	Information technology	19,099	19,099		
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy				
17	Travel	6,822	6,822		
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20	Interest				
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23	Insurance	1,524		1,524	
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					
b					
c					
d					
e	All other expenses				
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	4,552,435	4,549,419	3,016	0
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 ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X

Balance Sheet

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing	114,153	1	146,719
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net		4	
	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		8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment—cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a		
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b		10c
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		11	
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14	Intangible assets		14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	114,153	16	146,719	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		17	
	18	Grants payable		18	
	19	Deferred revenue		19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	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	0	26	0
	Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☒ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
27		Unrestricted net assets	114,153	27	146,719
28		Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
29		Permanently restricted net assets		29	
Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☐ and complete lines 30 through 34.					
30		Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
31		Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		31	
32		Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
33		Total net assets or fund balances	114,153	33	146,719
34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	114,153	34	146,719	

Part XI

Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	4,585,001
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	4,552,435
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	32,566
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	114,153
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
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	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	146,719

Part XII

Financial Statements and Reporting

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

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 ☒ 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		No
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis		No
c	If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O		
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 59-3293097
Name: THE EVERGLADES TRUST INC

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

(Code	) (Expenses \$	161,073	including grants of \$	) (Revenue \$	)
DEFENSE DEFENDING THE ECOSYSTEM FROM POLLUTERS AND BAD LAWS THROUGH LOBBYING, ISSUE, ADVOCACY, AND LEGAL MEANS					
(Code	) (Expenses \$	5,100	including grants of \$	) (Revenue \$	)
EDUCATING THE PUBLIC					

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or
990-EZ)**

Department of the
Treasury
Internal Revenue
Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ **Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.**

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

2015

**Open to Public
Inspection**

Name of the organization
THE EVERGLADES TRUST INC

Employer identification number

59-3293097

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part III, line 2	AN ISSUE CAMPAIGN WAS LAUNCHED TO EXERCISE AN OPTION TO PURCHASE 46,300 ACRES WITHIN THE EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA IN FLORIDA TO BUILD A RESERVOIR TO BRING NEEDED WATER TO EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK, THE FLORIDA KEYS AND FLORIDA BAY
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 8a	A TELECONFERENCE, MAINLY ATTENDED BY THE PRESIDENT AND A BOARD MEMBER, IS HELD PERIODICALLY ALL DECISIONS ARE THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED, BUT ARE NOT WRITTEN

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 8b	THERE ARE NO COMMITTEES WITH AUTHORITY TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING BODY
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11	THE FORM 990 IS EMAILED TO THE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY AND BOARD MEMBER FOR APPROVAL OR COMMENTS

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19	DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON RECEIPT OF A WRITTEN REQUEST
Form 990, Part IX, line 11g	MEDIA SERVICES Program service expenses 2,846,790 Management and general expenses 0 Fundraising expenses 0 Total expenses 2,846,790 CAMPAIGN Program service expenses 986,057 Management and general expenses 0 Fundraising expenses 0 Total expenses 986,057 COMMUNICATIONS Program service expenses 85,540 Management and general expenses 0 Fundraising expenses 0 Total expenses 85,540 FIELD CONSULTANTS Program service expenses 66,001 Management and general expenses 0 Fundraising expenses 0 Total expenses 66,001 FOCUS GROUPS Program service expenses 89,500 Management and general expenses 0 Fundraising expenses 0 Total expenses 89,500 RESEARCH Program service expenses 242,636 Management and general expenses 0 Fundraising expenses 0 Total expenses 242,636