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**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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OMB No 1545-0047

**2015**

**Open to Public Inspection**

**A** For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning Jul 01, 2015, and ending Jun 30, 2016

**B** Check if applicable:  
 Address change  
 Name change  
 Initial return  
 Final return/terminated  
 Amended return  
 Application pending

**C** Name of organization Trees Matter  
 Doing Business as \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number & street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
PO Box 2648  
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  
PHOENIX AZ 85002-

**D** Employer identification number 81-0597674

**E** Telephone number 602-689-2896

**F** Name and address of principal officer Aimee Williamson  
800 N 1st Ave PHOENIX AZ 85003-

**G** Gross receipts \$ 316416.

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

**I** Tax-exempt status  501(c)(3)  501(c)( ) (insert no)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**J** Website. ▶ treesmatter.org

**K** Form of organization  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**L** Year of formation 2002 **M** State of legal domicile AZ

**Part I Summary**

Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities	<u>To inspire and promote an increased tree canopy in the Valley through education on tree planting and care as well as working with a local utility company.</u>	
	2	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> 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)	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<u>6</u>	<u>200</u>
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12		
7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34			
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	<u>5875.</u>	<u>3606.</u>
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	<u>468791.</u>	<u>312777.</u>
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 5)	<u>33.</u>	<u>33.</u>
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		
	12	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<u>474699.</u>	<u>316416.</u>
	Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	
14		Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		
15		Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	<u>242328.</u>	<u>185692.</u>
16a		Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		
b		Total fundraising expenses, (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶		
17		Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	<u>212388.</u>	<u>133108.</u>
18		Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<u>454716.</u>	<u>318800.</u>
19	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	<u>19983.</u>	<u>-2384.</u>	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	<u>147779.</u>	<u>137512.</u>
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	<u>12295.</u>	<u>4412.</u>
	22	Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	<u>135484.</u>	<u>133100.</u>

**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: [Signature] Date: 12/5/2016  
 Name and title: Aimee Williamson Executive Director

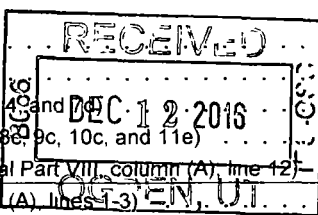
**Paid Preparer Use Only**

Print/Type preparer's name: Lisa Stevenson Preparer's signature: [Signature] Date: 12/5/16 Check  if self-employed PTIN: P01781883  
 Firm's name: Stevenson CPA LLC Firm's EIN: 81-0918684  
 Firm's address: 1613 E Montebello Ave PHOENIX AZ 85016- Phone no: 602-319-9243

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

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

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

**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission  
To inspire and promote an increased tree canopy in the Valley through education on the tree planting and care as well as working with a local utility company to distribute thousands of trees each year.

**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 \$ 156832. including grants of \$ \_\_\_\_\_) (Revenue \$ 292048.)

Utility Trees  
Exchange transaction based program with Salt River Project to educate people and distribute shade trees to hundreds of program participants each year.

**4b** (Code \_\_\_\_\_) (Expenses \$ 48929. including grants of \$ \_\_\_\_\_) (Revenue \$ 13340.)

Tour de Coops  
The Valleys only self guided tour of backyard chicken coops. Participants toured backyard coops and were inspired to explore their own backyard opportunities.

**4c** (Code \_\_\_\_\_) (Expenses \$ 6062. including grants of \$ \_\_\_\_\_) (Revenue \$ 5955.)

Classes  
The organization facilitates the development and growth of community awareness and the importance of permaculture and sustainable living in the urban desert southwest.

**4d** Other program services (Describe in Schedule O )  
(Expenses \$ 55426. including grants of \$ \_\_\_\_\_) (Revenue \$ 5071. )

**4e** Total program service expenses ▶ 267249.

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	X	
2	Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)?		X
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>		X
4	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>		X
5	Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>		X
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>		X
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>		X
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>		X
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>		X
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>		X
11	If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a	Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i>	X	
b	Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i>		X
c	Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i>		X
d	Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i>		X
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>		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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>		X
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i>		X
b	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statement for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i>		X
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		X
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>		X
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>		X
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>		X
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)</i>		X
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>		X
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>		X

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)**

	Yes	No
<b>20a</b> Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i> . . . . .		X
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return? . . . . .		
<b>21</b> 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> . . . . .		X
<b>22</b> 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> . . . . .		X
<b>23</b> 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> . . . . .	X	
<b>24a</b> 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> . . . . .		X
<b>b</b> Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? . . . . .		
<b>c</b> Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? . . . . .		
<b>d</b> Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? . . . . .		
<b>25a</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.</b> 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> . . . . .		X
<b>b</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> . . . . .		X
<b>26</b> 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> . . . . .		X
<b>27</b> 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> . . . . .		X
<b>28</b> 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)		
<b>a</b> A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> . . . . .		X
<b>b</b> A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> . . . . .		X
<b>c</b> 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> . . . . .		X
<b>29</b> Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> . . . . .		X
<b>30</b> Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> . . . . .		X
<b>31</b> Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i> . . . . .		X
<b>32</b> 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> . . . . .		X
<b>33</b> 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> . . . . .		X
<b>34</b> 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> . . . . .		X
<b>35a</b> Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? . . . . .		X
<b>b</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> . . . . .		X
<b>36</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> . . . . .		X
<b>37</b> 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> . . . . .		X
<b>38</b> Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O . . . . .	X	

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

Table with columns for question number, sub-question, response box, Yes, and No. Contains questions 1a through 14b regarding Form 1096, W-2G forms, backup withholding, employee reporting, unrelated business income, foreign accounts, prohibited transactions, and charitable contributions.

**Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure** For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 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		
b	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? . . . . .		X
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? . . . . .		X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? . . . . .		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? . . . . .		X
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders? . . . . .		X
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? . . . . .		X
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
a	The governing body? . . . . .	X	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? . . . . .		X
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 . . . . .		X

**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? . . . . .		X
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? . . . . .	X	
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 . . . . .	X	
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? . . . . .	X	
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done . . . . .	X	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? . . . . .	X	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? . . . . .	X	
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 . . . . .	X	
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization . . . . .	X	
	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? . . . . .		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements? . . . . .		

**Section C. Disclosure**

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► AZ
- 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 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 ►  
 A Williamson 800 N 1st PHOENIX AZ 85003-602-689-2896

**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, and 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 organizations 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
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) A Williamson Exec Director	40	X		X			40479.	0	0	
(2) Sarah Selzer Secretary	2	X		X			0	0	0	
(3) Amy McSheffrey Board Chair	2	X		X			0	0	0	
(4) Jeremy Pond Treasurer	2	X		X			0	0	0	
(5) L Robinson Board Member	2	X					0	0	0	
(6) George Brooks Board member	2	X					0	0	0	
(7) Kelly Saunders Board Member	2	X					0	0	0	
(8) Sarah Osteen Exec Director	40	X		X			51846.	0	0	
(9)										
(10)										
(11)										
(12)										
(13)										
(14)										

**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			
(15) .....										
(16) .....										
(17) .....										
(18) .....										
(19) .....										
(20) .....										
(21) .....										
(22) .....										
(23) .....										
(24) .....										
(25) .....										
<b>1b Sub-total</b> .....							92325.	0	0	
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b> .....							0	0	0	
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b> .....							92325.	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 ▶

	Yes	No
<b>3</b> 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 .....	X	
<b>4</b> 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 .....		X
<b>5</b> 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 .....		X

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

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

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

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

**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	
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1a</b> Federated campaigns					
	<b>1b</b> Membership dues	115.				
	<b>1c</b> Fundraising events					
	<b>1d</b> Related organizations					
	<b>1e</b> Government grants (contributions)					
	<b>1f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants and similar amounts not included above	3491.				
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	\$				
	<b>h</b> Total. Add lines 1a-1f		3606.			
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2a</b> Shade Tree	Business Code 0	292273.	292273.		
	<b>b</b> Tour de Coop	0	11073.	11073.		
	<b>c</b> Classes	0	5808.	5808.		
	<b>d</b> Other Programs	0	2659.	2659.		
	<b>e</b> Product Sales	0	964.	964.		
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue					
	<b>g</b> Total. Add lines 2a-2f		312777.			
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		33.	33.		
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	<b>5</b> Royalties					
	<b>6a</b> Gross rents	(i) Real				
		(ii) Personal				
		<b>b</b> Less rental expenses				
	<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss)					
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss)					
	<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities				
		(ii) Other				
		<b>b</b> Less cost or other basis and sales expenses				
		<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)				
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss)					
	<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c)	See Part IV, line 18				
		<b>a</b>				
<b>b</b> Less direct expenses						
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events						
<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	<b>a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Less direct expenses					
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	<b>a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Less cost of goods sold					
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory					
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>		<b>Business Code</b>				
<b>11a</b>	0					
<b>b</b>						
<b>c</b>						
<b>d</b> All other revenue						
<b>e</b> Total. Add lines 11a-11d						
<b>12</b> Total revenue. See instructions		316416.	312810.			

**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

<b>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</b>		(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	92325.	74795.	17530.	
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	68108.	60037.	8071.	
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions).				
9	Other employee benefits	9976.	7935.	2041.	
10	Payroll taxes	15283.	13030.	2253.	
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management				
b	Legal				
c	Accounting	14000.		14000.	
d	Lobbying				
e	Prof fundraising services See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees				
g	Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, col (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O )				
12	Advertising and promotion				
13	Office expenses	1467.	1467.		
14	Information technology	6822.	6201.	621.	
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy				
17	Travel				
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	4290.	3621.	669.	
23	Insurance	4645.	4645.		
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	<u>Trees</u>	50495.	50495.		
b	<u>Supplies</u>	2748.	1974.	774.	
c	<u>Equipment Rental</u>	4725.	3816.	909.	
d	<u>All other</u>	43916.	32661.	11255.	
e	All other expenses				
25	<b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e	318800.	260677.	58123.	
26	<b>Joint costs.</b> Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

**Part X Balance Sheet**

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

		(A)		(B)
		Beginning of year		End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash - non-interest-bearing . . . . .	115316.	<b>1</b>	110551.
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .		<b>2</b>	
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .		<b>3</b>	
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net . . . . .	17372.	<b>4</b>	16580.
	<b>5</b> Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .		<b>5</b>	
	<b>6</b> 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 . . . . .		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .		<b>7</b>	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .		<b>8</b>	
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .	2280.	<b>9</b>	1860.
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D . . . . .			
	<b>b</b> Less accumulated depreciation . . . . .	12811.	<b>10c</b>	8521.
	<b>11</b> Investments - publicly traded securities . . . . .		<b>11</b>	
	<b>12</b> Investments - other securities See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b> Investments - program-related See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>13</b>	
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets . . . . .		<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Other assets See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>15</b>	
<b>16</b> <b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) . . . . .	147779.	<b>16</b>	137512.	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	12295.	<b>17</b>	4412.
	<b>18</b> Grants payable . . . . .		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .		<b>19</b>	
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .		<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D . . . . .		<b>21</b>	
	<b>22</b> 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 . . . . .		<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>23</b>	
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>24</b>	
	<b>25</b> 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 . . . . .		<b>25</b>	
	<b>26</b> <b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .	12295.	<b>26</b>	4412.
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets . . . . .	135484.	<b>27</b>	133100.
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets . . . . .		<b>28</b>	
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets . . . . .		<b>29</b>	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
	<b>30</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .		<b>30</b>	
	<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund . . . . .		<b>31</b>	
	<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds . . . . .		<b>32</b>	
<b>33</b> <b>Total net assets or fund balances</b> . . . . .	135484.	<b>33</b>	133100.	
<b>34</b> <b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b> . . . . .	147779.	<b>34</b>	137512.	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	316416.
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	318800.
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	-2384.
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	<b>4</b>	135484.
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	<b>9</b>	
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	<b>10</b>	133100.

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

		Yes	No
<b>1</b>	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
<b>2a</b>	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b>	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		<b>X</b>
<b>c</b>	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 selected process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O		
<b>3a</b>	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>X</b>
<b>b</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		

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

**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.

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▶ 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](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

**Open to Public Inspection**

Name of the organization <b>Trees Matter</b>	Employer identification number <b>81-0597674</b>
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**Part I Reason for Public Charity Status** (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions

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

- 1  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		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
<b>Total</b>						

**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") . . . . .	453473.	27845.	18760.	4705.	3490.	508273.
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 . . . . .	11367.	584323.	482127.	468791.	316415.	1863023.
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 <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5 . . . . .	464840.	612168.	500887.	473496.	319905.	2371296.
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 <b>Public support.</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6) . . . . .						2371296.

**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 . . . . .	464840.	612168.	500887.	473496.	319905.	2371296.
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources . . . . .				33.		33.
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 . . . . .						
c Add lines 10a and 10b . . . . .				33.		33.
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 <b>Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12) . . . . .	464840.	612168.	500887.	473529.	319905.	2371329.

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	100.00 %
16 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 . . . . .	16	100.00 %

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

17 Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . . .	17	0.00 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 . . . . .	18	0.00 %

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 . . . . .

**SCHEDULE D  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Financial Statements**

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b  
▶ Attach to Form 990.

▶ Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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Name of the organization

Trees Matter

Employer identification number

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

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

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year . . . . .		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year) . . . . .		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year) . . . . .		
4 Aggregate value at end of year . . . . .		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? . . . . .		<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

- Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)
 

<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a historically important land area
<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure
<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space	
- 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 Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements . . . . .	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements . . . . .	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a) . . . . .	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register . . . . .	2d
- Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ \_\_\_\_\_
- Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ \_\_\_\_\_
- Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? . . . . .  Yes  No
- Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \_\_\_\_\_
- Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 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
- 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.

- 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
  - 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 . . . . .	▶ \$ _____
- 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 . . . . .	▶ \$ _____

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**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets**  
(continued)

- 3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)
- a  Public exhibition
  - b  Scholarly research
  - c  Preservation for future generations
  - d  Loan or exchange programs
  - e  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- 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" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21

- 1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?  Yes  No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table
- |                                 | Amount |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| c Beginning balance             | 1c     |
| d Additions during the year     | 1d     |
| e Distributions during the year | 1e     |
| f Ending balance                | 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 on part XIII

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

- 2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as
- a Board designated or quasi-endowment  0.00 %
  - b Permanent endowment  0.00 %
  - c Temporarily restricted endowment  0.00 %
- 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
- |  | Yes    | No |
|--|--------|----|
| (i) unrelated organizations  | 3a(i)  |    |
| (ii) related organizations   | 3a(ii) |    |
| b If "Yes" on line 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" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated Depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment	18,515.		9,994.	8,521.
e Other				
<b>Total</b> Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c)				8,521.

**SCHEDULE J  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Compensation Information**

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest  
Compensated Employees

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.

▶ Attach to Form 990.

▶ Information about Schedule J (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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**Part I Questions Regarding Compensation**

	Yes	No								
<p><b>1a</b> 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.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)</td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel	<input 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)		
<input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use									
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<input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)									
<p><b>b</b> If any of the boxes on 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 . . . .</p>	<b>1b</b>									
<p><b>2</b> Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a? . . . . .</p>	<b>2</b>									
<p><b>3</b> Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization uses 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.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee</td> </tr> </table>	<input 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				
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<p><b>4</b> 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:</p> <p><b>a</b> Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment? . . . . .</p> <p><b>b</b> Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan? . . . . .</p> <p><b>c</b> Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement? . . . . .</p> <p>If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.</p>	<b>4a</b>	<b>X</b>								
	<b>4b</b>	<b>X</b>								
	<b>4c</b>	<b>X</b>								
<p><b>Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.</b></p> <p><b>5</b> 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:</p> <p><b>a</b> The organization? . . . . .</p> <p><b>b</b> Any related organization? . . . . .</p> <p>If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.</p>	<b>5a</b>	<b>X</b>								
	<b>5b</b>	<b>X</b>								
<p><b>6</b> 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:</p> <p><b>a</b> The organization? . . . . .</p> <p><b>b</b> Any related organization? . . . . .</p> <p>If "Yes" to line 6a or 6b, describe on Part III.</p>	<b>6a</b>	<b>X</b>								
	<b>6b</b>	<b>X</b>								
<p><b>7</b> For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III . . . . .</p>	<b>7</b>	<b>X</b>								
<p><b>8</b> 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 . . . . .</p>	<b>8</b>	<b>X</b>								
<p><b>9</b> If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)? . . . . .</p>	<b>9</b>									

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

Department of the Treasury  
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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.

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Page 6, Section B, line 11b 990 review

A copy of the completed 990 is provided to the board members  
for comment and approval prior to the filing of the return.

Page 6, Section B, line 12c Conflict of Interest

A copy of the conflict of interest statement is given to new  
board members upon joining and each returning board member  
is given a copy annually for disclosure and signature.

Page 6, Section B, line 15b compensation review

The compensation of the ED is reviewed using comparative  
compensation studies annually.

Page 6, Section C, line 19

The organization's 990 is available on the organization's  
website and on Guidestar.org. The year end financial  
statements are available upon request.

Page 8, Part VII, line 3

Jennifer Bonnett resigned as ED but was paid a contract  
fee of \$2000 per month to assist with the ED succession  
plan. A total of \$8,000 will be on a 1099 for calendar 2015.

Page 9, Part VIII, line g

\$1 was added to avoid rounding errors.

