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

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2016

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For calendar year 2016 or tax year beginning , 2016, and ending

Name of foundation GRATIOT LAKE CONSERVANCY		A Employer identification number 36-4242179
Number and street (or P.O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 2215 YORK ROAD	Room/suite 304	B Telephone number (see instructions) (630) 571-7200
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code OAK BROOK IL 60523-4004		C If exemption application is pending, check here ☐
G Check all that apply ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return ☐ Address change ☐ Initial return of a former public charity ☐ Amended return ☐ Name change		D 1 Foreign organizations, check here ☐ 2 Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation ☐
H Check type of organization ☒ Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation ☐ Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust ☐ Other taxable private foundation		E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here ☐
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, column (c), line 16) \$ 8,094,096	J Accounting method ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)	F If the foundation is in a 60 month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ☐

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions))		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc. received (attach schedule)		58,241			
2 Check ☐ if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B					
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments					
4 Dividends and interest from securities		10,392	10,392	10,392	
5a Gross rents					
b Net rental income (or loss)					
6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10		130	L-6a Stmt		
b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a		5,224			
7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)			130		
8 Net short-term capital gain					
9 Income modifications					
10a Gross sales less returns and allowances					
b Less: Cost of goods sold					
c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)					
11 Other income (attach schedule) See Line 11 Stmt		2,510		2,510	
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11		71,273	10,522	12,902	
13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.					
14 Other employee salaries and wages					
15 Pension plans, employee benefits					
16a Legal fees (attach schedule)					
b Accounting fees (attach sch)		6,500		6,500	
c Other professional fees (attach sch)		320		320	
17 Interest					
18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instrs) See Line 18 Stmt		341	191	150	
19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion L-19 Stmt		2,699		2,699	
20 Occupancy					
21 Travel, conferences, and meetings					
22 Printing and publications		342		342	
23 Other expenses (attach schedule) See Line 23 Stmt		30,938	154	30,784	
24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23		41,140	345	40,795	
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid		150			150
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25		41,290	345	40,795	150
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12					
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements		29,983			
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0)			10,177		
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0)				0	

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Part II Balance Sheets

Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end of year amounts only (See instructions.)

		Beginning of year	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
ASSETS	1 Cash — non interest-bearing	18,615	29,602	29,602
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	12,246	20,931	20,931
	3 Accounts receivable			
	Less allowance for doubtful accounts			
	4 Pledges receivable			
	Less allowance for doubtful accounts			
	5 Grants receivable			
	6 Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions)			
	7 Other notes and loans receivable (attach sch)			
	Less allowance for doubtful accounts			
	8 Inventories for sale or use			
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10a Investments — U.S. and state government obligations (attach schedule)			
	b Investments — corporate stock (attach schedule) L-10b Stmt	32,450	50,083	57,208
	c Investments — corporate bonds (attach schedule) L-10c Stmt	54,987	49,898	48,910
	11 Investments — land, buildings, and equipment basis			
Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)				
12 Investments — mortgage loans				
13 Investments — other (attach schedule) L-13 Stmt	94,533	94,606	79,966	
14 Land, buildings, and equipment basis	2,650,103			
Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) L-14 Stmt	46,215			
15 Other assets (describe L-15 Stmt)				
16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers — see the instructions. Also, see page 1 item I)	8,072,610	8,102,593	8,094,096	
LIABILITIES	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
	18 Grants payable			
	19 Deferred revenue			
	20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, & other disqualified persons			
	21 Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)			
	22 Other liabilities (describe)			
	23 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)			
NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31 ☐			
	24 Unrestricted			
	25 Temporarily restricted			
	26 Permanently restricted			
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 27 through 31 ☒			
	27 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds	2,618,202	2,626,533	
	28 Paid in or capital surplus, or land, bldg., and equipment fund	29,357	31,488	
	29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds	5,425,051	5,444,572	
	30 Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)	8,072,610	8,102,593	
31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)	8,072,610	8,102,593		

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

1 Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year — Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	8,072,610
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	29,983
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize)	3	
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	8,102,593
5 Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize)	5	
6 Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) — Part II, column (b), line 30	6	8,102,593

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate 2-story brick warehouse or common stock, 200 shares MLC Company)		(b) How acquired P — Purchase D — Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo day yr)	(d) Date sold (mo day yr)
1 a BDS - WELLS FARGO & CO MED TERM NTS		P	09/23/14	10/31/16
b WESTERN ASSET HIGH INCOME OPPORTUNITY FUND		P	05/14/13	08/30/16
c				
d				
e				

(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
a 5,219	0	5,088	131
b 5		6	-1
c			
d			
e			

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(i) Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k) but not less than 0) or Losses (from col (h))
(i) F M V as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col (i) over col (j) if any	
a			131
b			-1
c			
d			
e			

2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7	2	130
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6)		3	

If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8 column (c) (see instructions) If (loss) enter -0- in Part I, line 8

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

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

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

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period?

☐ Yes☒ No

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

1 Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year. See the instructions before making any entries.

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col (b) divided by col (c))
2015	150	191,972	0.000781
2014	150	189,006	0.000794
2013	150	175,740	0.000854
2012	208	112,195	0.001854
2011	150	105,232	0.001425

2 Total of line 1, column (d)	2	0.005708
3 Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period — divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years	3	0.001142
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2016 from Part X, line 5	4	201,196
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3	5	230
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6	102
7 Add lines 5 and 6	7	332
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4	8	150

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

Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948 — see instructions)

1 a Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2) check here ☐ and enter N/A on line 1 Date of ruling or determination letter _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary — see instructions)		1	204
b Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here ☐ and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b			
c All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I line 12 col. (b)			
2 Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)		2	0
3 Add lines 1 and 2		3	204
4 Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter 0)		4	0
5 Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-		5	204
6 Credits/Payments			
a 2016 estimated tax pmts and 2015 overpayment credited to 2016	6 a		
b Exempt foreign organizations — tax withheld at source	6 b		
c Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6 c		
d Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6 d		
7 Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d	7		
8 Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here ☐ if Form 2220 is attached	8		
9 Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed	9	204	
10 Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10	0	
11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be credited to 2017 estimated tax	11		
	Refunded		

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

	Yes	No
1 a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?		X
b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see instructions for the definition)?		X
If the answer is Yes to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities		
c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year: (1) On the foundation \$ _____ (2) On foundation managers \$ _____		
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers \$ _____		
2 Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? If 'Yes,' attach a detailed description of the activities		X
3 Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws or other similar instruments? If 'Yes,' attach a conformed copy of the changes		X
4 a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
b If 'Yes,' has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? If 'Yes,' attach the statement required by General Instruction T		X
6 Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either: • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?	X	
7 Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? If 'Yes,' complete Part II, col. (c), and Part XV		
8 a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) MICHIGAN		
b If the answer is 'Yes' to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990 PF to the Attorney General (or designee) of each state as required by General Instruction G? If 'No,' attach explanation	X	
9 Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2016 or the taxable year beginning in 2016 (see instructions for Part XIV)? If 'Yes,' complete Part XIV	X	
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If 'Yes,' attach a schedule listing their names and addresses		X

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Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

	Yes	No
11 At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If 'Yes,' attach schedule (see instructions)	11	X
12 Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If 'Yes,' attach statement (see instructions)	12	X
13 Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address <u>www.mlswa.org/Gratiot-Lake-1508</u>	13	X
14 The books are in care of <u>M GARIBAY</u> Telephone no <u>(630) 571-7200</u> Located at <u>2215 YORK ROAD-SUITE 304 OAK BROOK IL</u> ZIP + 4 <u>60523-4004</u>		
15 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here ☐ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year <u>15</u>		
16 At any time during calendar year 2016, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country?	16	X

See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114. If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the 'Yes' column, unless an exception applies

	Yes	No
1 a During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly)		
(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person?	☒ Yes ☐ No	
(5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception: Check 'No' if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days.)	☐ Yes ☒ No	
b If any answer is 'Yes' to 1a(1)-(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)? Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here ☐	1 b	X
c Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2016?	1 c	X
2 Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5))		
a At the end of tax year 2016, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2016? If 'Yes,' list the years <u>20__</u> , <u>20__</u> , <u>20__</u> , <u>20__</u>	☐ Yes ☒ No	
b Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer 'No' and attach statement - see instructions.)	2 b	X
c If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here <u>20__</u> <u>20__</u> <u>20__</u> <u>20__</u>		
3 a Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
b If 'Yes,' did it have excess business holdings in 2016 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969, (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest, or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2016.)	3 b	
4 a Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4 a	X
b Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2016?	4 b	X

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (continued)

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

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

5 b

Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here

☐

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

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

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

6 b

If 'Yes' to 6b, file Form 8870

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

7 b

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

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

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

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account other allowances
JOSEPH F. LIZZADRO 19 BRADFORD LANE OAK BROOK IL 60523	PRESIDENT	0 00	0	0
BONITA L. HAY 9 DEEVER PLACE WYNCOTE PA 19095	VICE PRES	40 00	7,500	0
GINA M. NICHOLAS 13992 SMITH FISHERIES ROAD MOHAWK MI 49950	SEC' Y	0 00	0	0
See Information about Officers, Directors, Trustees, Etc			0	0

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1 – see instructions) If none, enter 'NONE'

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

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

None

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors (continued)**3** Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services (see instructions) If none, enter 'NONE'

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

Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.

	Expenses
1 2016 AQUATIC ECOLOGY FIELD STUDY AT GRATIOT LAKE HAD SIX HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SPEND FIVE DAYS AT THE NOBLET FIELD STATION AND GRATIOT LAKE PRESERVE STUDYING THE CHEMISTRY AND BIOLOGICAL COMMUNITIES OF THE LAKE, THE LITTLE GRATIOT RIVER, SUCKER CREEK AND A BEAVER DAM NEAR THE PAW PATH. THE STUDENTS COLLECTED AND ANALYZED INVERTEBRATES. THEY LEARNED HOW ECOLOGISTS WORKED.	1,695
2 2016 BOTANICAL SURVEY GLC - JANET MAPR CARRIED OUT THE BOTANICAL SURVEY OF 340 ACRES OF GLC LAND AT GRATIOT LAKE, AND COMPLETED HER REPORT THIS SPRING. IN BOTH THE BANNERT FARM AND GRATIOT LAKE PRESERVE SURVEYS, WETLANDS WERE THE MAIN FOCUS AND PARTICULAR NOTE WAS MADE OF THE LOCATION OF BOTH MICHIGAN RARE SPECIES AND OF PROBLEMATIC INVASIVE SPECIES.	10,747
3 2016 BOTANY WALK - JANET MAPR LED A GUIDED WALK ON GRATIOT LAKE CONSERVANCY SHORELINE AND TRAILS. THEY WALKED DOWN THE BEAR PAW PATH AND EXAMINED DIFFERENT PLANTS LIKE GOLDTHREAD AND SEDGE.	100
4 2016 ETHNOBOTANY WORKSHOP - KARENA SCHMIDT LED THE WORKSHOP. PARTICIPANTS LEARNED SOME HANDS-ON BOTANY WHILE HIKING ALONG GLC TRAILS. PARTICIPANTS IDENTIFIED PLANTS AND LEARNED ABOUT TRADITIONAL AND POTENTIAL FUTURE USE OF THESE PLANTS. THEY SAMPLED BERRIES AND LEAVES AND A SELECTION OF DISHS AND RECIPES WERE SERVED THAT HAD BEEN PREPARED FROM LOCALLY HARVESTED WILD PLANTS.	200

Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments (see instructions)

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2	Amount
1 NONE	
	0
2	
All other program related investments See instructions	
3 NONE	
	0
Total. Add lines 1 through 3	None

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

1 Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes		
a Average monthly fair market value of securities	1 a	176,559
b Average of monthly cash balances	1 b	27,701
c Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	1 c	
d Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1 d	204,260
e Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1 e	
2 Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	
3 Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	204,260
4 Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	3,064
5 Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	201,196
6 Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	10,060

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

1 Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6		1
2 a Tax on investment income for 2016 from Part VI, line 5	2 a	
b Income tax for 2016 (This does not include the tax from Part VI)	2 b	
c Add lines 2a and 2b	2 c	
3 Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	
4 Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	
5 Add lines 3 and 4	5	
6 Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	
7 Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	

Part XII **Qualifying Distributions** (see instructions)

1 Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes		
a Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc. — total from Part I, column (d), line 26	1 a	150
b Program-related investments — total from Part IX-B	1 b	0
2 Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2	
3 Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the		
a Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3 a	
b Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3 b	
4 Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	150
5 Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b (see instructions)	5	0
6 Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	150

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

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Part XIII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2015	(c) 2015	(d) 2016
1 Distributable amount for 2016 from Part XI line 7				
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2016				
a Enter amount for 2015 only			0	
b Total for prior years 20__ 20__ 20__				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2016				
a From 2011	0			
b From 2012	0			
c From 2013	0			
d From 2014	150			
e From 2015	150			
f Total of lines 3a through e	300			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2016 from Part XII line 4 $\$$ 150				
a Applied to 2015, but not more than line 2a				
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required — see instructions)				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required — see instructions)				
d Applied to 2016 distributable amount				
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	150			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2016 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a).)				
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below				
a Corpus. Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e. Subtract line 5	450			
b Prior years' undistributed income. Subtract line 4b from line 2b		0		
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed				
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b. Taxable amount — see instructions		0		
e Undistributed income for 2015. Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount — see instructions			0	
f Undistributed income for 2016. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2017				0
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3). (Election may be required — see instructions)				
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2011 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions)	0			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2017. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	450			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2012	0			
b Excess from 2013	0			
c Excess from 2014	150			
d Excess from 2015	150			
e Excess from 2016	150			

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Part XIV Private Operating Foundations (see instructions and Part VII-A, question 9)

1 a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation and the ruling is effective for 2016, enter the date of the ruling 12/31/98

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

	Tax year				(e) Total
	(a) 2016	(b) 2015	(c) 2014	(d) 2013	
2 a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed	0	0	0	0	N/A
b 85% of line 2a	0	0	0	0	N/A
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed	150	150	150	150	600
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities					
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c	150	150	150	150	600
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon					
a Assets alternative test — enter					
(1) Value of all assets	8,102,593	7,814,610	2,548,643	2,519,803	20,985,649
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)	8,102,593	7,814,610	2,548,643	2,519,803	20,985,649
b Endowment alternative test — enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X line 6 for each year listed					
c 'Support' alternative test — enter					
(1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)					
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii)					
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					
(4) Gross investment income					

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

1 **Information Regarding Foundation Managers**

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

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

NONE

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

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

a The name, address, and telephone number or e-mail address of the person to whom applications should be addressed.

BONITA L. HAY
2215 YORK ROAD, SUITE 304
OAK BROOK, IL 60523 (630) 571-7200

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

LETTER DESCRIBING ACTIVITIES TO BE CONDUCTED AT THE CONSERVANCY'S PROPERTY

c Any submission deadlines.

NONE

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

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Part XV Supplementary Information (continued)**3** Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Recipient	If recipient is an individual show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
<i>a Paid during the year</i>				
EAGLE HARBOR TOWNSHIP 321 CENTER STREET EAGLE HARBOR MI 49950		501 (C) (3)	GENERAL	150
Total			3 a	150
<i>b Approved for future payment</i>				
Total			3 b	

Part XVI-A	Analysis of Income-Producing Activities
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Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated		Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512 513 or 514		(e) Related or exempt function income (See instructions)
		(a) Business code	(b) Amount	(c) Exclu sion code	(d) Amount	
1	Program service revenue					
a						
b						
c						
d						
e						
f						
g	Fees and contracts from government agencies					
2	Membership dues and assessments					1,925
3	Interest on savings and temporary cash investments					
4	Dividends and interest from securities					10,392
5	Net rental income or (loss) from real estate					
a	Debt-financed property					
b	Not debt-financed property					
6	Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
7	Other investment income					
8	Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory					130
9	Net income or (loss) from special events					
10	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
11	Other revenue					
a	WORKSHOP INCOME					175
b	CARD & PICTURE INCOME					410
c						
d						
e						
12	Subtotal Add columns (b) (d) and (e)					13,032
13	Total Add line 12, columns (b) (d) and (e)					13,032

(See worksheet in line 13 instructions to verify calculations)

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

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Schedule B(Form 990, 990-EZ,
or 990-PF)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Schedule of Contributors**

▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF

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

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2016

Name of the organization

GRATIOT LAKE CONSERVANCY

Employer identification number

36-4242179

Organization type (check one)**Filers of**

Form 990 or 990-EZ

Section☐ 501(c)() (enter number) organization☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation☐ 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

☒ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundationCheck if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule****Note** Only a section 501(c)(7) (8) or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.**General Rule**☒ For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.**Special Rules**☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33-1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (i) \$5,000 or (ii) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990 Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7) (8) or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7) (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year. ▶ \$ _____**Caution** An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) but it **must** answer 'No' on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990, or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2016)

Name of organization

Employer identification number

GRATIOT LAKE CONSERVANCY

36-4242179

Part I Contributors (see instructions) Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed

(a) Number	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	LIZZADRO FAMILY FOUNDATION 2215 YORK ROAD - SUITE 304 OAK BROOK IL 60523	\$ 10,000	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
2	STEVEN LEUTHOLD FAMILY FOUNDATION 80 S 8TH STREET, SUITE 4900 MINNEAPOLIS MN 55402	\$ 15,000	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
3	KEWEENAW COMMUNITY FOREST COMPANY 13992 SMITH FISHER ROAD MOHAWK MI 49950	\$ 10,000	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
4	CARMEN SANDRETTO P O BOX 713 #4 ROAD VIENNA VA 22183-0713	\$ 10,000	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
		\$	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
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Name	GRATIOT LAKE CONSERVANCY	Employer Identification Number	36-4242179
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Asset Information

Description of Property	BDS - WELLS FARGO & COM MED TERM NTS		
Date Acquired	09/23/14	How Acquired	Purchased
Date Sold	10/31/16	Name of Buyer	
Sales Price	5,219	Cost or other basis (do not reduce by depreciation)	5,088
Sales Expense		Valuation Method	
Total Gain (Loss)	131	Accumulation Depreciation	

Description of Property	WESTERN ASSET HIGH INCOME OPPORTUNITY FUND		
Date Acquired	05/14/13	How Acquired	Purchased
Date Sold	08/30/16	Name of Buyer	
Sales Price	5	Cost or other basis (do not reduce by depreciation)	6
Sales Expense		Valuation Method	
Total Gain (Loss)	-1	Accumulation Depreciation	

Description of Property			
Date Acquired		How Acquired	
Date Sold		Name of Buyer	
Sales Price		Cost or other basis (do not reduce by depreciation)	
Sales Expense		Valuation Method	
Total Gain (Loss)		Accumulation Depreciation	

Description of Property			
Date Acquired		How Acquired	
Date Sold		Name of Buyer	
Sales Price		Cost or other basis (do not reduce by depreciation)	
Sales Expense		Valuation Method	
Total Gain (Loss)		Accumulation Depreciation	

Description of Property			
Date Acquired		How Acquired	
Date Sold		Name of Buyer	
Sales Price		Cost or other basis (do not reduce by depreciation)	
Sales Expense		Valuation Method	
Total Gain (Loss)		Accumulation Depreciation	

Description of Property			
Date Acquired		How Acquired	
Date Sold		Name of Buyer	
Sales Price		Cost or other basis (do not reduce by depreciation)	
Sales Expense		Valuation Method	
Total Gain (Loss)		Accumulation Depreciation	

Description of Property			
Date Acquired		How Acquired	
Date Sold		Name of Buyer	
Sales Price		Cost or other basis (do not reduce by depreciation)	
Sales Expense		Valuation Method	
Total Gain (Loss)		Accumulation Depreciation	

Description of Property			
Date Acquired		How Acquired	
Date Sold		Name of Buyer	
Sales Price		Cost or other basis (do not reduce by depreciation)	
Sales Expense		Valuation Method	
Total Gain (Loss)		Accumulation Depreciation	

Form 990-PF, Page 1, Part I, Line 11

Line 11 Stmt

Other income	Rev/Exp Book	Net Inv Inc	Adj Net Inc
MEMBERSHIPS	1,925		1,925
WORKSHOP INCOME	175		175
CARD AND PICTURES INCOME	410		410
Total	2,510		2,510

Form 990-PF, Page 1, Part I, Line 18

Line 18 Stmt

Taxes	Rev/Exp Book	Net Inv Inc	Adj Net Inc	Charity Disb
EXCISE	191	191		
REAL ESTATE	150		150	
Total	341	191	150	

Form 990-PF, Page 1, Part I, Line 23

Line 23 Stmt

Other expenses	Rev/Exp Book	Net Inv Inc	Adj Net Inc	Charity Disb
ADMINISTRATIVE FEES	255		255	
ANNUAL REPORT FEES	30		30	
DIRECTORS FEES	7,500		7,500	
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	450		450	
INSURANCE	695		695	
INVESTMENTS - BROKER FEE	154	154	0	
MAINTENANCE - PROPERTY	8,222		8,222	
OFFICE SUPPLIES & EXPENSE	551		551	
PROGRAM EXPENSES	12,980		12,980	
TELEPHONE	101		101	
Total	30,938	154	30,784	

Form 990-PF, Page 6, Part VIII, Line 1

Information about Officers, Directors, Trustees, Etc

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
Person ☒ Business ☐ JOHN S. LIZZADRO, SR 64 FOPEST GATE CIRCLE OAK BROOK IL 60523	DIRECTOR			
	0 00	0	0	0
Person ☒ Business ☐ LOUIS L. LIZZADRO 1407 SIEBERT COURT NAPEVILLE IL 60540	TREASURER			
	0 00	0	0	0

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Information about Officers, Directors, Trustees, Etc

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

Total

0

0

0

Form 990-PF, Line 19

Allocated Depreciation

Description	Date Acquire	Cost or Basis	Prior Yr Depr	Mthd	Life	Current Depr	Net Invest Income	Adjusted Net Income
LAND & BUILDING	10/15/98	543000	22030	SL	39 00	1284		
BUILDING RENOVATIONS	10/15/99	15658	6507	SL	39 00	402		
VACANT LAND	12/09/99	1000000	0	N/A	0 00	0		
BUILDING RENOVATIONS	07/01/00	26177	10373	SL	39 00	671		
BUILDING RENOVATIONS	07/29/02	13354	4606	SL	39 00	342		
VACANT LAND - BUILDING PROPERTY	08/14/15	8227	0	N/A	0 00	0		
VACANT LAND - 466 64 ACRES	08/01/04	349980	0	N/A	0 00	0		
VACANT LAND TRAILER PURCHASE	07/19/04	50687	0	N/A	0 00	0		
VACANT LAND 16 10 -ACRES	11/21/13	258000	0	N/A	0 00	0		

Total

Form 990-PF, Page 2, Part II, Line 10b

L-10b Stmt

Line 10b - Investments - Corporate Stock	End of Year	
	Book Value	Fair Market Value
AT & T INC	7,055	8,506
BAXTER INTL INC	1,984	1,995
BOEING COMPANY	10,732	12,454
BP PLC SPON ADR	6,888	7,850
CHURCH & DWIGHT CO INC	2,100	2,210
HOME DEPOT INC	2,613	3,352
INTEL CORP	2,530	2,902
INVERSCO LTD	2,387	2,427
MERCK & CO INC	6,988	7,653
THE KRAFT HEINZ CO	6,806	7,859

Total

50,083

57,208

Form 990-PF, Page 2, Part II, Line 10c

L- 10c Stmt

Line 10c - Investments - Corporate Bonds	End of Year	
	Book Value	Fair Market Value
AVON PRODUCTS INC NTS	9,952	9,465
ALLEGAN INC	4,504	4,788
COAMERICA INC	10,372	9,846
FORD MOTOR CRDT CO	5,000	4,690
HOSPITALITY PROPERTIES	9,949	9,970
JPMORGAN CHASE & CO	4,933	5,059
WESTERN UNION CO NTS	5,188	5,098
Total	<u>49,898</u>	<u>48,916</u>

Form 990-PF, Page 2, Part II, Line 13

L-13 Stmt

Line 13 - Investments - Other	End of Year	
	Book Value	Fair Market Value
BLACKROCK LTD DURATION INCOME TRUST FUND	9,977	7,964
BLACKSTONE GROUP LP	7,034	6,082
PUTNAM MASTER INTERMED INCOME TRUST	28,120	24,862
PUTNAM MASTER INTERMED INCOME TRUST	7,033	6,385
CALAMOS CV OPPORTUNITIES & INCOME FUND	12,267	9,454
WESTERN ASSET HIGH INCOME OPPORTUNITY FUND	10,001	7,675
WESTERN ASSET INVT GRADE	20,174	17,544
Total	<u>94,606</u>	<u>79,966</u>

Form 990-PF Page 2, Part II, Line 14

L-14 Stmt

Line 14b - Description of Land, Buildings, and Equipment	(a) Cost/Other Basis	(b) Accumulated Depreciation	(c) Book Value
LAND	493,000	0	493,000
BUILDING	50,000	23,314	26,686
BUILDING RENOVATIONS	15,658	6,909	8,749
VACANT LAND	1,000,000	0	1,000,000
BUILDING RENOVATIONS	26,177	11,044	15,133
OUTBUILDING	13,354	4,948	8,406
LAND	50,687	0	50,687
LAND	349,980	0	349,980
TIMBER	385,020	0	385,020
LAND - KILBERG PROPERTY	8,227	0	8,227
LAND	258,000	0	258,000
Total	<u>2,650,103</u>	<u>46,215</u>	<u>2,603,888</u>

Form 990-PF Page 2, Part II, Line 15

Other Assets Stmt

Line 15 - Other Assets	Beginning Year Book Value	End of Year	
		Book Value	Fair Market Value
INTEREST RECEIVABLE ON BONDS	371	721	721
CONSERVATION EASEMENT	5,252,821	5,252,821	5,252,821
SUNDRY RECEIVABLE	0	43	43
Total	5,253,192	5,253,585	5,253,585