

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**  
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

**2014**  
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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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**A For the 2014 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending**

<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Name of organization <b>THE MORTON ARBORETUM</b>		<b>D</b> Employer identification number <b>36-1505770</b>
	Doing business as		<b>E</b> Telephone number <b>630-968-0074</b>
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	
	<b>4100 ILLINOIS ROUTE 53</b>		<b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ <b>95,790,300.</b>
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code <b>LISLE, IL 60532-1293</b>		<b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer: <b>JAMES S. FAWLEY</b> <b>SAME AS C ABOVE</b>		<b>H(b)</b> Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>I</b> Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( ) (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)	
<b>J</b> Website: <b>WWW.MORTONARB.ORG</b>		<b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number	
<b>K</b> Form of organization: <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other		<b>L</b> Year of formation: <b>1922</b>	<b>M</b> State of legal domicile: <b>IL</b>

<b>Part I Summary</b>		Prior Year	Current Year
<b>Activities &amp; Governance</b>	<b>1</b> Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <b>COLLECT, STUDY, DISPLAY AND GROW TREES; ENCOURAGE THE PLANTING AND CONSERVATION OF TREES.</b>		
	<b>2</b> Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	<b>3</b> Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<b>3</b>	<b>21</b>
	<b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>4</b>	<b>21</b>
	<b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2014 (Part V, line 2a)	<b>5</b>	<b>455</b>
	<b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>6</b>	<b>1276</b>
	<b>7a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	<b>7a</b>	<b>-72,847.</b>
<b>b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	<b>7b</b>	<b>-74,862.</b>	
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	<b>11,015,089.</b>	<b>14,698,897.</b>
	<b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	<b>3,645,655.</b>	<b>4,561,863.</b>
	<b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	<b>13,000,444.</b>	<b>30,072,895.</b>
	<b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	<b>4,448,790.</b>	<b>4,994,248.</b>
	<b>12</b> Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>32,109,978.</b>	<b>54,327,903.</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	<b>266,580.</b>	<b>0.</b>
	<b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	<b>0.</b>	<b>0.</b>
	<b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	<b>12,864,491.</b>	<b>16,163,364.</b>
	<b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	<b>70,064.</b>	<b>74,873.</b>
	<b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) <b>3,245,180.</b>		
	<b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	<b>13,985,708.</b>	<b>15,486,903.</b>
<b>18</b> Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>27,186,843.</b>	<b>31,725,140.</b>	
<b>19</b> Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	<b>4,923,135.</b>	<b>22,602,763.</b>	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16)	<b>Beginning of Current Year</b> <b>290,663,051.</b>	<b>End of Year</b> <b>290,453,098.</b>
	<b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	<b>46,228,039.</b>	<b>48,160,613.</b>
	<b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	<b>244,435,012.</b>	<b>242,292,485.</b>

**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.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of officer	Date			
	<b>JAMES S. FAWLEY, CFO</b> Type or print name and title				
<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name <b>LU ANN TRAPP</b>	Preparer's signature <b>LU ANN TRAPP</b>	Date <b>11/03/15</b>	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	PTIN <b>P01506476</b>
	Firm's name <b>PLANTE &amp; MORAN, PLLC</b>	Firm's EIN <b>38-1357951</b>	Phone no. (312) 207-1040		
Firm's address <b>10 S. RIVERSIDE PLAZA, 9TH FLOOR CHICAGO, IL 60606</b>					

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

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

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 [X] No

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

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 10,106,996. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ ) PLANT COLLECTIONS: CURATED COLLECTION OF 220,000 TREES AND OTHER WOODY PLANTS ENCOMPASSING TAXONOMIC AND GEOGRAPHIC GROUPS SUITABLE FOR CLIMATE OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS. MAINTAINED 1,700 ACRES OF LANDSCAPES, SPECIALTY GARDENS, AND NATURAL AREAS THROUGHOUT WOODLANDS, WETLANDS, AND PRAIRIE. MANAGED GROUNDS INCLUDING 16 MILES OF TRAILS AND 9 MILES OF ROADS. CONDUCTED OPERATIONS INVOLVING LIVING PLANT COLLECTIONS, PLANT PRODUCTION, NEW PLANT DEVELOPMENT, HORTICULTURE, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, AND NATURAL AREAS. MAINTAINED OUTDOOR AND INDOOR FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT TO SUPPORT ARBORETUM OVERALL; UPGRADED WHERE NECESSARY TO IMPROVE VISITOR EXPERIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY.

4b (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 2,550,753. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 857,280.) EDUCATION AND INFORMATION: FOSTERED PUBLIC APPRECIATION FOR TREES BY MOTIVATING TREE CONSERVATION PRACTICE, IMPROVING NATURAL SCIENCE LITERACY, AND ENABLING ACCESS TO RELEVANT, EXPERT INFORMATION. OFFERED CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS ON HORTICULTURE AND GARDENING, WOODLAND STEWARDSHIP, NATURAL HISTORY, NATURE ART, NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY, AND ORNITHOLOGY. ENROLLED 36,000 PARTICIPANTS IN EDUCATION PROGRAMS, INCLUDING 32,000 YOUTH FROM 575 SCHOOLS IN FIELD TRIPS, SUMMER SCIENCE CAMPS, AND SCOUTING PROGRAMS. PROVIDED OUTREACH RESOURCES TO SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS. CHILDREN'S GARDEN, PLANT CLINIC, LIBRARY COLLECTION OF BOTANICAL LITERATURE AND ART, AND INTERPRETIVE DISPLAYS ENHANCED AUDIENCE KNOWLEDGE AND ENGAGEMENT. HELD MAJOR EXHIBITION TITLED ILLUMINATION: TREE LIGHTS AT THE MORTON ARBORETUM. COORDINATED...

4c (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 2,334,435. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ ) SCIENCE AND CONSERVATION: COLLABORATED WITH REGIONAL, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS ON INITIATIVES TO ADVANCE PLANTING AND CARE OF TREES, HEALTH OF URBAN FORESTS, AND PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED TREES. FURTHERED SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH STUDIES IN PLANT HEALTH CARE, PLANT CONSERVATION BIOLOGY, URBAN SOIL SCIENCE, AND PLANT SYSTEMATICS. DEVELOPED STRATEGIES THROUGH CHICAGO REGION TREES INITIATIVE FOR TREE AND URBAN FOREST IMPROVEMENT IN CITY AND SURROUNDING SUBURBS. SERVED AS AN ADVOCATE FOR TREES IN 275 COMMUNITIES IN SEVEN COUNTIES OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO. FACILITATED ARBNET INTERACTIVE COMMUNITY OF ARBORETA AND RELATED ACCREDITATION PROGRAM, SUPPORTING GOALS OF TREE-FOCUSED PUBLIC GARDENS. AUTHORED PAPERS FOR PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS, HOSTED MAJOR CONFERENCES, AND DELIVERED PRESENTATIONS...

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ 10,329,517. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 11,040,120.)

4e Total program service expenses 25,321,701.

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> 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	
<b>2</b> Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?</i> .....	X	
<b>3</b> 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
<b>4 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	
<b>5</b> 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
<b>6</b> 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
<b>7</b> 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
<b>8</b> 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	
<b>9</b> 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
<b>10</b> 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	
<b>11</b> 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.		
<b>a</b> 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>b</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	
<b>c</b> 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
<b>d</b> 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
<b>e</b> Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> .....		X
<b>f</b> 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	
<b>12a</b> 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>b</b> Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements 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
<b>13</b> Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i> .....		X
<b>14a</b> Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? .....		X
<b>b</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	
<b>15</b> 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
<b>16</b> 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
<b>17</b> 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</i> .....	X	
<b>18</b> 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	
<b>19</b> 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
<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? .....		

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

	Yes	No
<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? .....		X
<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? .....		X
<b>d</b> Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? .....		X
<b>25a 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> .....		
<b>36 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? .....	X	

**Note.** All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O .....

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

Input box for Schedule O

Main table with columns for question numbers (1a-14b), Yes, and No. Includes entries for 1a (134), 1b (0), 2a (455), 3a (X), 4a (X), 5a (X), 6a (X), 7a (X), 7b (X), 7c (X), 7e (X), 7f (X), 8, 9a, 9b, 10a, 10b, 11a, 11b, 12a, 13a, 14a (X), 14b.

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 [X]

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year (21); 1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent (21); 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); 7b 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.)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? (X); 10b 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); 11b 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); 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? (X); 12c 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); 16b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed IL
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its 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. [X] Own website [ ] Another's website [X] Upon request [ ] Other (explain in Schedule O)
19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: JAMES S. FAWLEY - 630-719-2405 4100 ILLINOIS ROUTE 53, LISLE, IL 60532

**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 organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below 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) DARRELL B. JACKSON CHAIRMAN	8.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(2) ANNA CAROLINE BALL VICE CHAIRMAN	8.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(3) JOHN W. OLENICZAK TREASURER	8.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(4) ANN GRUBE SECRETARY	8.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(5) WALTER W. BECKY II TRUSTEE	8.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(6) CHRISTOPHER B. BURKE TRUSTEE	8.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(7) MARY L. BURKE TRUSTEE	8.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(8) JAMES F. DICKERSON TRUSTEE	8.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(9) ROBERT L. FEALY TRUSTEE	8.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(10) STEPHEN C. GIESER TRUSTEE	8.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(11) K'LYNNE JOHNSON TRUSTEE	8.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(12) KENNETH KORANDA TRUSTEE	8.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(13) AMY LOUIS TRUSTEE	8.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(14) CHARLES P. MCQUAID TRUSTEE	8.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(15) TIMOTHY M. MURRAY TRUSTEE	8.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(16) HENRY B. PEARSALL TRUSTEE	8.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(17) W. ROBERT REUM TRUSTEE	8.00	X						0.	0.	0.

**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 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			
(18) ROBERT J. SCHILLERSTROM TRUSTEE	8.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(19) STEPHEN C. VAN ARSDELL TRUSTEE	8.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(20) ROBERT S. WASSERMAN TRUSTEE	8.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(21) JOSEPH L. WEIDENBACH TRUSTEE	8.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(22) GERARD T. DONNELLY, PHD PRESIDENT AND CEO	40.00			X			354,706.	0.	75,679.	
(23) JAMES S. FAWLEY VP OF FINANCE AND CFO	40.00			X			164,008.	0.	17,458.	
(24) JILL KOSKI VP OF DEVELOPMENT	40.00			X			194,961.	0.	34,380.	
(25) SUSAN WAGNER VP OF EDUCATION AND INFORMATION	40.00			X			158,387.	0.	10,343.	
(26) JENNIFER GOODSMITH VP OF MARKETING	40.00			X			146,547.	0.	28,746.	
<b>1b Sub-total</b>							1,018,609.	0.	166,606.	
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b>							833,090.	0.	177,055.	
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b>							1,851,699.	0.	343,661.	

**2** Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **12**

	Yes	No
<b>3</b> Did the organization list any <b>former</b> 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
INTELLIGENT LIGHTING CREATIONS, 2461 E OAKTON ST, ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL 60005	EVENT LIGHTING PRODUCTION	625,252.
ARAMARK CORPORATION 1101 MARKET ST, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19107	FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT	538,039.
KELLY, SCOTT & MADISON 35 E WACKER DRIVE, CHICAGO, IL 60601	ADVERTISING	465,750.
BUCK SERVICES, INC. 256 W ROOSEVELT RD, CHICAGO, IL 60185	JANITORIAL	347,504.
LUKASIK & ASSOCIATES 1044 WESTERN AVE, FLOSSMOOR, IL 60422	CONSTRUCTION DESIGN & MGMT	343,924.

**2** Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization **19**

SEE PART VII, SECTION A CONTINUATION SHEETS



**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 line)	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(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			
(27) KRIS BACHTTELL VP OF COLLECTIONS AND FACILITIES	40.00			X				143,369.	0.	49,560.
(28) NICOLE CAVENDER VP OF SCIENCE AND CONSERVATION	40.00			X				136,402.	0.	27,666.
(29) KELLY VANTINE MAJOR GIFTS OFFICER	40.00					X		118,922.	0.	19,050.
(30) RICHARD HOOTMAN DIRECTOR OF VISITOR SERVICES	40.00					X		112,760.	0.	23,052.
(31) GARY WATSON HEAD OF RESEARCH	40.00					X		109,948.	0.	42,777.
(32) SAI RAVICHANDRAN DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	40.00					X		111,218.	0.	6,731.
(33) RALPH GRIECO HEAD OF FACILITIES	40.00					X		100,471.	0.	8,219.
Total to Part VII, Section A, line 1c .....								833,090.		177,055.

**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

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

			(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
			Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514	
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1 a</b> Federated campaigns	<b>1a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Membership dues	<b>1b</b>	3,634,215.				
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events	<b>1c</b>	204,267.				
	<b>d</b> Related organizations	<b>1d</b>					
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions)	<b>1e</b>	531,381.				
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b>	10,329,034.				
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$		2,114,114.				
	<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f		14,698,897.				
	<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2 a</b> VISITOR EVENTS	<b>Business Code</b>				
		713990	2,565,264.	2,565,264.			
<b>b</b> ADMISSIONS		713990	1,139,319.	1,139,319.			
<b>c</b> EDUCATION		713990	857,280.	857,280.			
<b>d</b>							
<b>e</b>							
<b>f</b> All other program service revenue							
<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f			4,561,863.				
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		6,513,649.		-72,847.	6,586,496.	
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	<b>5</b> Royalties						
	<b>6 a</b> Gross rents	(i) Real	748,930.				
		(ii) Personal					
		<b>b</b> Less: rental expenses	0.				
		<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss)	748,930.				
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss)		748,930.	748,930.			
	<b>7 a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	62,651,954.				
		(ii) Other					
		<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	39,092,708.				
		<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)	23,559,246.				
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss)		23,559,246.			23,559,246.	
	<b>8 a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 204,267. of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	<b>a</b>	28,400.				
		<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses	109,713.				
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events			-81,313.			-81,313.	
<b>9 a</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>10 a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	<b>a</b>	6,586,607.					
	<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold	2,259,976.					
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		4,326,631.	4,326,631.			
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>		<b>Business Code</b>					
<b>11 a</b>							
	<b>b</b>						
	<b>c</b>						
	<b>d</b> All other revenue						
	<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d						
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See instructions.			54,327,903.	9,637,424.	-72,847.	30,064,429.	

**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

	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
<b>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</b>				
<b>1</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
<b>2</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
<b>3</b> Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
<b>4</b> Benefits paid to or for members				
<b>5</b> Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	1,488,773.	683,982.	573,315.	231,476.
<b>6</b> Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
<b>7</b> Other salaries and wages	10,782,791.	8,341,659.	1,208,949.	1,232,183.
<b>8</b> Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	620,499.	480,024.	69,569.	70,906.
<b>9</b> Other employee benefits	2,377,158.	1,838,990.	266,523.	271,645.
<b>10</b> Payroll taxes	894,143.	691,716.	100,251.	102,176.
<b>11</b> Fees for services (non-employees):				
<b>a</b> Management	257,182.	257,182.		
<b>b</b> Legal	70,493.		70,493.	
<b>c</b> Accounting	395,071.	152,238.	148,092.	94,741.
<b>d</b> Lobbying	12,000.		12,000.	
<b>e</b> Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	74,873.			74,873.
<b>f</b> Investment management fees	219,178.	219,178.		
<b>g</b> Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)	2,574,327.	2,009,110.	78,035.	487,182.
<b>12</b> Advertising and promotion	566,689.	549,871.	8,716.	8,102.
<b>13</b> Office expenses	3,402,256.	2,855,100.	70,059.	477,097.
<b>14</b> Information technology	279,648.		279,648.	
<b>15</b> Royalties				
<b>16</b> Occupancy	1,771,228.	1,758,773.	12,455.	
<b>17</b> Travel	168,890.	145,455.	7,480.	15,955.
<b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
<b>19</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings	269,022.	74,327.	60,867.	133,828.
<b>20</b> Interest	262,033.	262,033.		
<b>21</b> Payments to affiliates				
<b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	2,655,800.	2,562,323.	92,141.	1,336.
<b>23</b> Insurance	349,855.	349,855.		
<b>24</b> 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.)				
<b>a</b> CONTRACT HELP	1,835,750.	1,835,750.		
<b>b</b> EQUIPMENT	208,823.	201,651.	7,172.	
<b>c</b> STAFF DEVELOPMENT	90,282.	27,888.	49,599.	12,795.
<b>d</b> MEMBERSHIP DUES	67,830.	24,383.	28,971.	14,476.
<b>e</b> All other expenses	30,546.	213.	13,924.	16,409.
<b>25</b> Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	31,725,140.	25,321,701.	3,158,259.	3,245,180.
<b>26</b> Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				
Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

**Part X Balance Sheet**

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

		(A)		(B)
		Beginning of year		End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash - non-interest-bearing .....	330,534.	<b>1</b>	1,465,513.
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments .....	3,745,062.	<b>2</b>	2,857,510.
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net .....	561,548.	<b>3</b>	4,044,207.
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net .....	380,219.	<b>4</b>	420,067.
	<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 instr). Complete Part II of Sch L .....		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net .....		<b>7</b>	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use .....	337,383.	<b>8</b>	390,163.
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges .....	67,213.	<b>9</b>	72,560.
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D .....	<b>10a</b> 74,989,310.		
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation .....	<b>10b</b> 37,311,690.	<b>10c</b>	37,677,620.
	<b>11</b> Investments - publicly traded securities .....	201,565,574.	<b>11</b>	196,241,750.
	<b>12</b> Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11 .....	44,514,440.	<b>12</b>	47,022,725.
	<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 .....	271,879.	<b>15</b>	260,983.
<b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) .....	290,663,051.	<b>16</b>	290,453,098.	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses .....	3,240,872.	<b>17</b>	5,083,913.
	<b>18</b> Grants payable .....		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue .....	987,167.	<b>19</b>	1,076,700.
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities .....	42,000,000.	<b>20</b>	42,000,000.
	<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 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 .....	46,228,039.	<b>26</b>	48,160,613.
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets .....	235,350,855.	<b>27</b>	227,006,543.
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets .....	7,817,881.	<b>28</b>	14,019,666.
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets .....	1,266,276.	<b>29</b>	1,266,276.
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>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> Total net assets or fund balances .....	244,435,012.	<b>33</b>	242,292,485.
<b>34</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances .....	290,663,051.	<b>34</b>	290,453,098.	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	54,327,903.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	31,725,140.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	22,602,763.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	244,435,012.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-24,745,290.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	242,292,485.

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.			
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		X
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			
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	X	
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis			
2c	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?	X	
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.			
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		X
3b	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		

Form 990 (2014)

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.
Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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

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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization THE MORTON ARBORETUM
Employer identification number 36-1505770

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

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

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
2 A school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Attach Schedule E.)
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).
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).
6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
7 [X] 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).
8 A community trust described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).
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...
10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety.
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...
a Type I. A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s)...
b Type II. A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s)...
c Type III functionally integrated. A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s)...
d Type III non-functionally integrated. A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated...
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

Table with 6 columns: (i) Name of supported organization, (ii) EIN, (iii) Type of organization, (iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?, (v) Amount of monetary support, (vi) Amount of other support.

**Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .....	6,363,897.	5,746,513.	6,899,051.	11,015,089.	14,698,897.	44,723,447.
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf .....						
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge ...						
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3 .....	6,363,897.	5,746,513.	6,899,051.	11,015,089.	14,698,897.	44,723,447.
<b>5</b> The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f) .....						1,324,255.
<b>6 Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4.						43,399,192.

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4 .....	6,363,897.	5,746,513.	6,899,051.	11,015,089.	14,698,897.	44,723,447.
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources ...	8,120,792.	10,988,498.	7,018,176.	5,675,777.	7,262,579.	39,065,822.
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on ...						
<b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) .....						
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						83,789,269.
<b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) .....					12	44,991,135.
<b>13 First five years.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> .....						<input type="checkbox"/>

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2014 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) .....	<b>14</b>	51.80 %
<b>15</b> Public support percentage from 2013 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 .....	<b>15</b>	44.62 %
<b>16a 33 1/3% support test - 2014.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>b 33 1/3% support test - 2013.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2014.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2013.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>18 Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions .....		<input type="checkbox"/>

**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) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .....						
<b>2</b> 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						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513 .....						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf .....						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge ...						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5 .....						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
<b>b</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 .....						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b .....						
<b>8 Public support.</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6 .....						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources ...						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 .....						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b .....						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on .....						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) .....						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

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

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2014 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) .....	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2013 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 .....	<b>16</b>	%

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

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2014 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) .....	<b>17</b>	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2013 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 .....	<b>18</b>	%

**19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2014.** 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 - 2013.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ..... ►

**20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ..... ►



**Part IV Supporting Organizations**

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

**Section A. All Supporting Organizations**

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

**Part IV Supporting Organizations** (continued)

	Yes	No
<b>11</b> Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
<b>a</b> A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
<b>b</b> A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
<b>c</b> A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		

**Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations**

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

**Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations**

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

**Section D. Type III Supporting Organizations**

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

**Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations**

<b>1</b> Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions):		
<b>a</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete <b>line 2</b> below.		
<b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete <b>line 3</b> below.		
<b>c</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in <b>Part VI</b> how you supported a government entity (see instructions).		
<b>2</b> Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
<b>a</b> Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in <b>Part VI</b> identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.	Yes	No
<b>b</b> Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.		
<b>3</b> Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
<b>a</b> Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? Provide details in <b>Part VI</b> .		
<b>b</b> Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> the role played by the organization in this regard.		

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
<b>1</b> Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
<b>2</b> Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
<b>3</b> Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
<b>4</b> Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
<b>5</b> Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
<b>6</b> Other distributions (describe in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions.	
<b>7 Total annual distributions.</b> Add lines 1 through 6.	
<b>8</b> Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions.	
<b>9</b> Distributable amount for 2014 from Section C, line 6	
<b>10</b> Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2014	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2014
<b>1</b> Distributable amount for 2014 from Section C, line 6			
<b>2</b> Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2014 (reasonable cause required-see instructions)			
<b>3</b> Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2014:			
<b>a</b>			
<b>b</b>			
<b>c</b>			
<b>d</b>			
<b>e</b> From 2013			
<b>f Total</b> of lines 3a through e			
<b>g</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>h</b> Applied to 2014 distributable amount			
<b>i</b> Carryover from 2009 not applied (see instructions)			
<b>j</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.			
<b>4</b> Distributions for 2014 from Section D, line 7: \$			
<b>a</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>b</b> Applied to 2014 distributable amount			
<b>c</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.			
<b>5</b> Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2014, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions).			
<b>6</b> Remaining underdistributions for 2014. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions).			
<b>7 Excess distributions carryover to 2015.</b> Add lines 3j and 4c.			
<b>8</b> Breakdown of line 7:			
<b>a</b>			
<b>b</b>			
<b>c</b>			
<b>d</b> Excess from 2013			
<b>e</b> Excess from 2014			

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**Part VI** Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12.

Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Lined area for supplemental information.

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

**Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2014**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527  
 ▶ **Complete if the organization is described below.** ▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**  
 ▶ **Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).**

**Open to Public Inspection**

**If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then**

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and B. Do not complete Part I-C.
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and C below. Do not complete Part I-B.
- Section 527 organizations: Complete Part I-A only.

**If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then**

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-A. Do not complete Part II-B.
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A.

**If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then**

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations: Complete Part III.

Name of organization <b>THE MORTON ARBORETUM</b>	Employer identification number <b>36-1505770</b>
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**Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.**

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV.
- 2 Political expenditures ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Volunteer hours ..... \_\_\_\_\_

**Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).**

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? .....  Yes  No
- 4a Was a correction made? .....  Yes  No
- b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

**Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).**

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Did the filing organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year? .....  Yes  No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-.

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**Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).**

- A** Check  if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).
- B** Check  if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

<b>Limits on Lobbying Expenditures</b> (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)	(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
<b>1a</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying) .....														
<b>b</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying) .....														
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b) .....														
<b>d</b> Other exempt purpose expenditures .....														
<b>e</b> Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d) .....														
<b>f</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.														
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Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.													
<b>g</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f) .....														
<b>h</b> Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0- .....														
<b>i</b> Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0- .....														
<b>j</b> If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No												

**4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)**  
(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

<b>Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period</b>					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) Total
<b>2a</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount					
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures					
<b>d</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount					
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
<b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

**Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).**

For each "Yes," response to lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
<b>1</b> During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
<b>a</b> Volunteers? .....		X	
<b>b</b> Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)? ..		X	
<b>c</b> Media advertisements? .....		X	
<b>d</b> Mailings to members, legislators, or the public? .....		X	
<b>e</b> Publications, or published or broadcast statements? .....		X	
<b>f</b> Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes? .....		X	
<b>g</b> Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body? .....		X	
<b>h</b> Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means? .....		X	
<b>i</b> Other activities? .....	X		12,000.
<b>j</b> Total. Add lines 1c through 1i .....			12,000.
<b>2a</b> Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)? .....		X	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912 .....			
<b>c</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912 .....			
<b>d</b> If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? .....			

**Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members? .....	1	
<b>2</b> Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less? .....	2	
<b>3</b> Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year? .....	3	

**Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No," OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."**

<b>1</b> Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members .....	1	
<b>2</b> Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
<b>a</b> Current year .....	2a	
<b>b</b> Carryover from last year .....	2b	
<b>c</b> Total .....	2c	
<b>3</b> Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues .....	3	
<b>4</b> If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year? .....	4	
<b>5</b> Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions) .....	5	

**Part IV Supplemental Information**

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; Part II-A (affiliated group list); Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions); and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

**PART II-B, LINE 1, LOBBYING ACTIVITIES:**

A CONSULTANT WAS HIRED TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBLE AVAILABLE SOURCES OF FUNDING ON THE STATE GOVERNMENT LEVEL.



**SCHEDULE D**  
**(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Financial Statements**

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

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

Name of the organization **THE MORTON ARBORETUM** Employer identification number **36-1505770**

**Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to 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" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

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

Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education)       Preservation of a historically important land area

Protection of natural habitat       Preservation of a certified historic structure

Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements .....	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements .....	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a) .....	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register .....	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? .....

Yes  No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? .....

Yes  No

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:

(i) Revenue included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 .....

▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X .....

▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items:

a Revenue included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 .....

▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X .....

▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):

- a  Public exhibition
- b  Scholarly research
- c  Preservation for future generations
- d  Loan or exchange programs
- e  Other CLASSROOM EDUCATION

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

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?  Yes  No

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" 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 in Part XIII

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	17,186,015.	11,965,668.	10,173,314.	10,212,513.	8,843,016.
b Contributions	4,190,026.	4,536,411.	745,000.	245,000.	245,000.
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	394,002.	1,179,395.	1,171,524.	-192,436.	1,266,407.
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	1,555,956.	495,459.	124,170.	90,763.	141,910.
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	20,214,087.	17,186,015.	11,965,668.	10,174,314.	10,212,513.

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

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment  46.80 %
- b Permanent endowment  6.30 %
- c Temporarily restricted endowment  46.90 %

The percentages in 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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(ii) related organizations		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

**Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.**

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		1,309,388.		1,309,388.
b Buildings		33,145,762.	13,542,705.	19,603,057.
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		8,654,372.	5,923,850.	2,730,522.
e Other		31,879,788.	17,845,135.	14,034,653.
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				37,677,620.

**Part VII Investments - Other Securities.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives .....		
(2) Closely-held equity interests .....		
(3) Other		
(A) REAL ESTATE -GUGGENHEIM	8,698,783.	END-OF-YEAR MARKET VALUE
(B) PRIVATE EQUITY - MADISON		
(C) DEARBORN	5,052,386.	END-OF-YEAR MARKET VALUE
(D) HEDGE FUND - WEATHERLOW	27,522,421.	END-OF-YEAR MARKET VALUE
(E) PRIVATE EQUITY - ADAM ST		
(F) PARTNERS	5,707,187.	END-OF-YEAR MARKET VALUE
(G) PRIVATE EQUITY - BEAR		
(H) STEARNS	41,948.	END-OF-YEAR MARKET VALUE
<b>Total.</b> (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ▶	47,022,725.	

**Part VIII Investments - Program Related.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
<b>Total.</b> (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.) ▶		

**Part IX Other Assets.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.) ▶	

**Part X Other Liabilities.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ▶	

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

**Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	31,733,124.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	-24,745,290.
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	-24,745,290.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	56,478,414.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	219,178.
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	-2,369,689.
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	-2,150,511.
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	54,327,903.

**Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	33,875,651.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	2,369,689.
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	2,369,689.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	31,505,962.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	219,178.
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	219,178.
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	31,725,140.

**Part XIII Supplemental Information.**

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

**PART III, LINE 1A:**

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

**PART III, LINE 4:**

DESCRIPTION OF COLLECTIONS AND FURTHERANCE OF EXEMPT PURPOSE:  
LIVING COLLECTION - WOODY PLANTS IN CATEGORIES OF TAXONOMIC, GEOGRAPHIC, SPECIAL HABITAT, HORTICULTURAL, RARE/ENDANGERED. 190,000 SPECIMENS

**Part XIII** Supplemental Information (continued)

REPRESENT 4,200 DIFFERENT KINDS OF TREES, SHRUBS AND OTHER PLANTS FROM 40 COUNTRIES IN THE NORTHERN TEMPERATE ZONE. DISPLAYED ACROSS 1,700 ACRES OF NATURAL LANDSCAPES. PROVIDED FOR BOTANICAL, HORTICULTURAL, AND ARTISTIC STUDY (EDUCATION AND RESEARCH PURPOSE) AND ENJOYMENT OF PLANT SPECIES (SPECIFIC RESEARCH PURPOSE).

LIBRARY COLLECTION - 27,000 VOLUMES OF BOTANY, HORTICULTURE, LANDSCAPE DESIGN, NATURAL HISTORY, ECOLOGY; CORRESPONDING RARE DOCUMENTS, AND OTHER PRINTED MATERIALS; 12,000 BOTANICAL ARTWORKS AND 3,400 LANDSCAPE DRAWINGS. AVAILABLE FOR BOTANICAL, HORTICULTURAL, AND ARTISTIC STUDY OF PLANTS (EDUCATIONAL, RESEARCH, AND CULTURAL PURPOSES).

## PART V, LINE 4:

THE TERM ENDOWMENTS ARE SPENT PER THE DONOR'S DIRECTIONS. THE PERMANENT ENDOWMENT IS MAINTAINED IN PERPETUITY TO SUPPORT THE MISSION AND OPERATIONS OF THE ARBORETUM. THE BOARD DESIGNATED ENDOWMENTS ARE APPLIED TO PURPOSES DEFINED BY THE BOARD IN SUPPORT OF THE MISSION AND OPERATIONS OF THE ARBORETUM.

## PART X, LINE 2:

THE ARBORETUM IS EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAXES UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE CODE. NO PROVISION HAS BEEN MADE FOR FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAXES IN THE ACCOMPANYING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES GENERALLY ACCEPTED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA REQUIRE MANAGEMENT TO EVALUATE TAX POSITIONS TAKEN BY THE ARBORETUM AND RECOGNIZE A TAX LIABILITY IF THE ARBORETUM HAS TAKEN AN UNCERTAIN POSITION THAT MORE LIKELY THAN NOT WOULD NOT BE SUSTAINED UPON EXAMINATION BY THE IRS OR OTHER APPLICABLE TAXING AUTHORITIES. MANAGEMENT HAS ANALYZED THE

**Part XIII** Supplemental Information (continued)

TAX POSITIONS TAKEN BY THE ARBORETUM AND HAS CONCLUDED THAT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013, THERE ARE NO UNCERTAIN POSITIONS TAKEN OR EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN THAT WOULD REQUIRE RECOGNITION OF A LIABILITY OR DISCLOSURE IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. THE ARBORETUM IS SUBJECT TO ROUTINE AUDITS BY TAXING JURISDICTIONS; HOWEVER, THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO AUDITS FOR ANY TAX PERIODS IN PROGRESS. THE ARBORETUM BELIEVES IT IS NO LONGER SUBJECT TO INCOME TAX EXAMINATIONS FOR YEARS PRIOR TO 2011.

PART XI, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

COST OF SALES ARE INCLUDED IN EXPENSES ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	-2,259,976.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES ARE INCLUDED IN EXPENSES ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	-109,713.
TOTAL TO SCHEDULE D, PART XI, LINE 4B	-2,369,689.

PART XII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

COST OF SALES ARE INCLUDED IN EXPENSES ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	2,259,976.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES ARE INCLUDED IN EXPENSES ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	109,713.
TOTAL TO SCHEDULE D, PART XII, LINE 2D	2,369,689.

**SCHEDULE F  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Statement of Activities Outside the United States**

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.

▶ Attach to Form 990.

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

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Name of the organization **THE MORTON ARBORETUM** Employer identification number **36-1505770**

**Part I** **General Information on Activities Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

**1 For grantmakers.** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of its grants and other assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? .....  Yes  No

**2 For grantmakers.** Describe in Part V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States.

**3 Activities per Region.** (The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed.)

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in region	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (e.g., fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in region	(f) Total expenditures for and investments in region
CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN			INVESTMENTS		713,257.
<b>3 a</b> Sub-total .....	0	0			713,257.
<b>b</b> Total from continuation sheets to Part I .....	0	0			0.
<b>c Totals</b> (add lines 3a and 3b) .....	0	0			713,257.

**Part II** **Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

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

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

**3** Enter total number of other organizations or entities ▶ \_\_\_\_\_



**Part III** Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 16.

Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Region	(c) Number of recipients	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Manner of cash disbursement	(f) Amount of non-cash assistance	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)

**Part IV Foreign Forms**

- 1 Was the organization a U.S. transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 926, Return by a U.S. Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation (see Instructions for Form 926)* .....  Yes  No
  
- 2 Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 3520, Annual Return To Report Transactions With Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts, and/or Form 3520-A, Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U.S. Owner (see Instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A; do not file with Form 990)* .....  Yes  No
  
- 3 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U.S. Persons With Respect To Certain Foreign Corporations (see Instructions for Form 5471)* .....  Yes  No
  
- 4 Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8621, Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund (see Instructions for Form 8621)* .....  Yes  No
  
- 5 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U.S. Persons With Respect to Certain Foreign Partnerships (see Instructions for Form 8865)* .....  Yes  No
  
- 6 Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see Instructions for Form 5713; do not file with Form 990)* .....  Yes  No

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**Part V Supplemental Information**

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

Multiple horizontal lines for supplemental information input.

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

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities**  
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.  
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.  
▶ Information about Schedule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2014**

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Name of the organization **THE MORTON ARBORETUM** Employer identification number **36-1505770**

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

- 1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.
- a  Mail solicitations
  - b  Internet and email solicitations
  - c  Phone solicitations
  - d  In-person solicitations
  - e  Solicitation of non-government grants
  - f  Solicitation of government grants
  - g  Special fundraising events
- 2 a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services?  Yes  No
- b If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
COMNET MARKETING GROUP INC. - 1214 STOWE AVE, MEDFORD, OR	TELEFUNDRAISING		X	202,753.	74,873.	127,880.
<b>Total</b>				202,753.	74,873.	127,880.

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

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

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events (add col. (a) through col. (c))
		DINNER PARTY (event type)	(event type)	NONE (total number)	
Revenue	1	Gross receipts	232,667.		232,667.
	2	Less: Contributions	204,267.		204,267.
	3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	28,400.		28,400.
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes			
	5	Noncash prizes			
	6	Rent/facility costs	65,307.		65,307.
	7	Food and beverages	30,936.		30,936.
	8	Entertainment	3,100.		3,100.
	9	Other direct expenses	10,370.		10,370.
	10	Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)			
11	Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)				-81,313.

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

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

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities: \_\_\_\_\_  
 a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states?  Yes  No  
 b If "No," explain: \_\_\_\_\_

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?  Yes  No  
 b If "Yes," explain: \_\_\_\_\_

- 11 Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers?  Yes  No
- 12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?  Yes  No
- 13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:
 

a The organization's facility	13a	%
b An outside facility	13b	%
- 14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

Address ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?  Yes  No

b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

c If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party:

Name ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

Address ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

16 Gaming manager information:

Name ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Description of services provided ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

- Director/officer
- Employee
- Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions:

a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?  Yes  No

b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

**SCHEDULE G, PART I, LINE 2B, LIST OF TEN HIGHEST PAID FUNDRAISERS:**

(I) NAME OF FUNDRAISER: COMNET MARKETING GROUP INC.

(I) ADDRESS OF FUNDRAISER: 1214 STOWE AVE, MEDFORD, OR 97501

**Part IV** Supplemental Information *(continued)*

Lined area for supplemental information.

**SCHEDULE J  
(Form 990)**

**Compensation Information**

OMB No. 1545-0047

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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).

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

**THE MORTON ARBORETUM**

Employer identification number

**36-1505770**

**Part I Questions Regarding Compensation**

**1a** Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.

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

**b** If any of the boxes 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 .....

**2** 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? .....

**3** Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.

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

**4** During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:

- a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment? .....
- b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan? .....
- c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement? .....
- If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

**Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.**

**5** For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:

- a** The organization? .....
- b** Any related organization? .....
- If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

**6** For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:

- a** The organization? .....
- b** Any related organization? .....
- If "Yes" to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

**7** For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III .....

**8** Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III .....

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

	Yes	No
<b>1b</b>	X	
<b>2</b>	X	
<b>4a</b>		X
<b>4b</b>		X
<b>4c</b>		X
<b>5a</b>		X
<b>5b</b>		X
<b>6a</b>		X
<b>6b</b>		X
<b>7</b>	X	
<b>8</b>		X
<b>9</b>		

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2014



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

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

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

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred in prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
(1) GERARD T. DONNELLY, PHD PRESIDENT AND CEO	(i)	304,544.	26,083.	24,079.	45,928.	20,394.	421,028.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(2) JAMES S. FAWLEY VP OF FINANCE AND CFO	(i)	160,354.	3,654.	0.	0.	17,458.	181,466.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(3) JILL KOSKI VP OF DEVELOPMENT	(i)	190,990.	3,971.	0.	12,559.	21,821.	229,341.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(4) SUSAN WAGNER VP OF EDUCATION AND INFORMATION	(i)	155,313.	3,074.	0.	9,343.	1,000.	168,730.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(5) JENNIFER GOODSMITH VP OF MARKETING	(i)	143,610.	2,937.	0.	8,925.	19,821.	175,293.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(6) KRIS BACHTTELL VP OF COLLECTIONS AND FACILITIES	(i)	140,451.	2,918.	0.	24,830.	21,721.	189,920.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(7) NICOLE CAVENDER VP OF SCIENCE AND CONSERVATION	(i)	133,648.	2,754.	0.	8,354.	19,312.	164,068.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
	(i)							
	(ii)							
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	(i)							
	(ii)							

**Part III Supplemental Information**

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

**PART I, LINE 1A:**

COMPENSATION OF THE PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE ARBORETUM, CURRENTLY GERARD T.

DONNELLY, INCLUDES AN EDUCATIONAL ALLOWANCE FOR COLLEGE UNDERGRADUATE

TUITION AND FEES FOR HIS CHILDREN. CHARGES RELATED TO ROOM AND BOARD ARE

NOT COVERED. REIMBURSEMENT IS NET OF ANY SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT. THE

REIMBURSEMENT IS ON A TAX INDEMNIFICATION AND GROSS-UP BASIS AND TREATED AS

TAXABLE COMPENSATION. THIS IS A BENEFIT AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE EMPLOYMENT

AGREEMENT UPON HIRE.

AN ON-SITE RESIDENCE IS PROVIDED FOR THE PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE

ARBORETUM, CURRENTLY GERARD T. DONNELLY, AS A CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT AND

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE ARBORETUM. THE VALUE OF THIS RESIDENCE IS NOT

TREATED AS TAXABLE COMPENSATION.

**PART I, LINE 7**

A DISCRETIONARY BONUS BASED ON PERFORMANCE OF \$20,000 WAS PAID TO THE

CEO IN 2014. IN 2014, PAYMENT OF ALL PAYROLL WAS MOVED TO ONE WEEK IN

ARREARS FROM THE PRIOR POLICY OF PAYING CURRENT. ALL FULL TIME

EMPLOYEES INCLUDING THOSE LISTED ON SCHEDULE J RECEIVED A BONUS

EQUIVALENT TO ONE WEEK OF THEIR ANNUAL SALARIES TO ENSURE THE TOTAL

**Part III Supplemental Information**

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

ANNUAL SALARY WAS PAID IN 2014.

**Supplemental Information on Tax-Exempt Bonds**

▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 24a. Provide descriptions, explanations, and any additional information in Part VI.**

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

Name of the organization **THE MORTON ARBORETUM** Employer identification number **36-1505770**

<b>Part I Bond Issues</b>											
(a) Issuer name	(b) Issuer EIN	(c) CUSIP #	(d) Date issued	(e) Issue price	(f) Description of purpose	(g) Defeased		(h) On behalf of issuer		(i) Pooled financing	
						Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
THE COUNTY OF DUPAGE, A ILLINOIS	36-6006551	262668ACO	12/17/03	42,000,000.	SEE PART VI		X		X		X
<b>B</b>											
<b>C</b>											
<b>D</b>											

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

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

**Part III Private Business Use** (Continued)

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

**Part IV Arbitrage**

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

**Part IV Arbitrage** (Continued)

	A		B		C		D	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
<b>5a</b> Were gross proceeds invested in a guaranteed investment contract (GIC)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>							
<b>b</b> Name of provider	CITIGROUP GLOBAL							
<b>c</b> Term of GIC	1.5000000							
<b>d</b> Was the regulatory safe harbor for establishing the fair market value of the GIC satisfied?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>							
<b>6</b> Were any gross proceeds invested beyond an available temporary period?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
<b>7</b> Has the organization established written procedures to monitor the requirements of section 148?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						

**Part V Procedures To Undertake Corrective Action**

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

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

SCHEDULE K, PART I, LINE A, COLUMN F  
 THE PROCEEDS OF THE BONDS WERE USED FOR (I) THE COSTS OF CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FACILITIES OF THE BORROWER LOCATED IN LISLE, ILLINOIS, INCLUDING (A) THE CONSTRUCTION OF A VISITOR CENTER AND TRAM ROAD; (B) VISITOR FACILITIES AND A PRAIRIE VISITOR STATION, (C) THE EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE MORTON ARBORETUM, (D) THE RESTORATION OF THE RIVERBANK, (E) THE CONSTRUCTION OF PARKING LOTS AND SUPPORT FACILITIES, (F) THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CHILDREN'S GARDEN, MAZE GARDEN, ARBOR COURT AND MEADOW LAKE COURTYARD FACILITIES AND (G) LANDSCAPING, STORM WATER FACILITY AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS, (II) PAYING A PORTION OF THE INTEREST TO ACCRUE ON THE BONDS AND (III) PAYING A PORTION OF CERTAIN EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS.

SCHEDULE K, PART IV, LINE 1  
 NO, THERE WAS NO ARBITRAGE REBATE OR PENALTY DUE. THE NET REBATE LIABILITY WAS NEGATIVE.

SCHEDULE L  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Transactions With Interested Persons

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.  
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Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3), section 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations only).

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b.

Table with 4 columns: (a) Name of disqualified person, (b) Relationship between disqualified person and organization, (c) Description of transaction, (d) Corrected? (Yes/No)

2 Enter the amount of tax incurred by the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 \$
3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization \$

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or Form 990, Part IV, line 26; or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22.

Table with 9 columns: (a) Name of interested person, (b) Relationship with organization, (c) Purpose of loan, (d) Loan to or from the organization? (To/From), (e) Original principal amount, (f) Balance due, (g) In default? (Yes/No), (h) Approved by board or committee? (Yes/No), (i) Written agreement? (Yes/No)

Total \$

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name of interested person, (b) Relationship between interested person and the organization, (c) Amount of assistance, (d) Type of assistance, (e) Purpose of assistance

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**Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
CHRISTOPHER B. BURKE	TRUSTEE	194,746.	ENGINEERING		X

**Part V Supplemental Information**

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L (see instructions).

SCH L, PART IV, BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING INTERESTED PERSONS:

(A) NAME OF PERSON: CHRISTOPHER B. BURKE

(D) DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION: ENGINEERING - DURING 2014, THE ARBORETUM USED CHRISTOPHER BURKE ENGINEERING AND WILL, BURKE & KELSEY FOR ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING SERVICES. CHRISTOPHER L. BURKE, TRUSTEE, HAS AN OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN BOTH FIRMS. THESE TRANSACTIONS FOLLOWED THE ARBORETUM'S ESTABLISHED PROCUREMENT POLICY AND RATES ARE COMPETITIVE WITH MARKET RATES.



**SCHEDULE M  
(Form 990)**

**Noncash Contributions**

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- ▶ Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
- ▶ Attach to Form 990.
- ▶ Information about Schedule M (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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**Part I Types of Property**

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art - Works of art				
2 Art - Historical treasures				
3 Art - Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities - Publicly traded	X	22	2,107,464.	FAIR MARKET VALUE
10 Securities - Closely held stock				
11 Securities - Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities - Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution - Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution - Other				
15 Real estate - Residential				
16 Real estate - Commercial				
17 Real estate - Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ▶ ( AWARDS )	X	1	6,000.	FAIR MARKET VALUE
26 Other ▶ ( POTTING SOIL )	X	1	650.	FAIR MARKET VALUE
27 Other ▶ ( )				
28 Other ▶ ( )				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement

29

30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?

	Yes	No
30a		X
31	X	
32a		X
33		

b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.

31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions?

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

b If "Yes," describe in Part II.

33 If the organization did not report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.

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Schedule M (Form 990) (2014)

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

SCHEDULE M, PART I, COLUMN (B):

THE ORGANIZATION IS REPORTING IN PART I, COLUMN (B), THE NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

Multiple horizontal lines for supplemental information.

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

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**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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

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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

OF TREES FOR A GREENER, HEALTHIER, AND MORE BEAUTIFUL WORLD.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4B, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

TREE-AWARENESS ACTIVITIES ON-SITE AND IN THE CHICAGO REGION IN

CONJUNCTION WITH THE SIGNATURE HOLIDAY OF ARBOR DAY.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4C, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

TO SHARE KNOWLEDGE WITH INDUSTRY PEERS AND OTHERS WHO BENEFIT FROM

INFORMATION. MANAGED LABS DEDICATED TO TREE SCIENCE AND HERBARIUM

(COLLECTION OF PRESERVED PLANT SPECIMENS) FOR BOTANICAL RESEARCH.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4D, OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES:

VISITOR PROGRAMS: WELCOMED 932,500 VISITORS, MAINTAINING THE

INSTITUTION AS ONE OF THE MOST VISITED PUBLIC GARDENS IN NORTH AMERICA.

SERVED MEMBERSHIP OF 39,250 HOUSEHOLDS. HOSTED VARIOUS SPECIAL EVENTS

AND SEASONAL ACTIVITIES AS OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW AND RETURNING VISITORS

AND MEMBERS TO ENGAGE IN MISSION. PROVIDED PATRON SERVICES AND

ACCOMMODATIONS THROUGH VISITOR ORIENTATION CENTER, TOURS, STORE,

RESTAURANT, AND BANQUET AND CONFERENCE FACILITIES.

EXPENSES \$ 10,329,517. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 0. REVENUE \$ 11,040,120.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 3:

THE ARBORETUM CONTRACTS WITH ARAMARK CORPORATION TO MANAGE AND OPERATE FOOD

SERVICES.

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11:

FORM 990 IS PREPARED BY THE ARBORETUM'S ACCOUNTANTS, REVIEWED BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE AND DISTRIBUTED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES PRIOR TO FILING.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C:

THE MORTON ARBORETUM REQUIRES THAT ALL TRUSTEES, EMPLOYEES, AND VOLUNTEERS DISCLOSE AND DECLARE ANY PERSONAL, FAMILIAL, OR BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS, SITUATIONS, OR ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO CREATE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST OR THE PERCEPTION OF A CONFLICT OF INTEREST. FOR TRUSTEES AND EMPLOYEES, THE DECLARATION MUST BE RENEWED ANNUALLY OR WHEN APPLICABLE CHANGES IN STATUS OCCUR. THE ARBORETUM SUPPLIES A CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION FORM TO ALL TRUSTEES AND EMPLOYEES FOR THIS PURPOSE. VOLUNTEERS ARE INFORMED OF THIS POLICY AT THE ONSET OF THEIR SERVICE, IN THE PUBLISHED VOLUNTEER HANDBOOK, AND IN PERIODIC COMMUNICATIONS. FOR ALL TRUSTEES, EMPLOYEES, AND VOLUNTEERS, RELATIONSHIPS OR SITUATIONS THAT ARISE THAT MAY CREATE OR APPEAR TO CREATE CONFLICT OF INTEREST MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PRESIDENT OR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15:

THE PROCESS FOR DETERMINING COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND KEY EMPLOYEES INCLUDES A MARKET ANALYSIS OF COMPARABLE POSITIONS FROM PEER GARDENS AND OTHER SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS FOR BENCHMARKING PURPOSES. THIS INFORMATION IS REVIEWED BY INTERNAL HUMAN RESOURCES PROFESSIONALS AND THE MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. THE FULL BOARD REVIEWS AND APPROVES RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMPENSATION MATTERS FOR THE PRESIDENT AND CEO. THE COMPENSATION OF OTHER OFFICERS AND KEY EMPLOYEES IS REVIEWED BY THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD.

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19:

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON THE ARBORETUM'S WEBSITE  
 (WWW.MORTONARB.ORG) AND ANNUAL REPORT. GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AND CONFLICT OF  
 INTEREST POLICY ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.