

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

**u** The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

**A** For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning **7/01/08**, and ending **6/30/09**

- Check if applicable:
- Address change
- Name change
- Initial return
- Termination
- Amended return
- Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.

**C** Name of organization  
**LAND CONSERVANCY OF WEST MICHIGAN**

Doing Business As

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
**1345 MONROE AVENUE, STE 324 324**

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4  
**GRAND RAPIDS MI 49505**

**D** Employer identification number  
**38-2363129**

**E** Telephone number  
**616-451-9476**

**G** Gross receipts \$ **1,465,601**

**H(a)** Is this a group return for affiliates?  Yes  No

**H(b)** Are all affiliates included?  Yes  No

If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)

**F** Name and address of principal officer:  
**PETER HOMEYER**  
**1345 MONROE AVE NW STE 324**  
**GRAND RAPIDS MI 49505**

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

**J** Website: **WWW.NATURENEARBY.ORG**

**H(c)** Group exemption number **u**

**K** Type of organization:  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other **u**

**L** Year of formation: **1976** **M** State of legal domicile: **MI**

**Part I Summary**

<b>Activities &amp; Governance</b>	<b>1</b> Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <b>SEE SCHEDULE O.</b>		
	<b>2</b> Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> <b>u</b> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its assets.		
	<b>3</b> Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<b>3</b>	<b>17</b>
	<b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>4</b>	<b>17</b>
	<b>5</b> Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>
	<b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>6</b>	<b>410</b>
	<b>7a</b> Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, line 12, column (C)	<b>7a</b>	
<b>b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	<b>7b</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	<b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	<b>649,518</b>	<b>1,346,808</b>
	<b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	<b>24,913</b>	<b>35,117</b>
	<b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	<b>2,194</b>	<b>42,942</b>
	<b>12</b> Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>8,562</b>	<b>40,734</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		
	<b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		
	<b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	<b>223,309</b>	<b>255,320</b>
	<b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		
	<b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) <b>u</b> <b>31,310</b>		
	<b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	<b>337,655</b>	<b>382,559</b>
<b>18</b> Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>560,964</b>	<b>637,879</b>	
<b>19</b> Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	<b>124,223</b>	<b>827,722</b>	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Year	End of Year
	<b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	<b>7,366,749</b>	<b>8,140,459</b>
	<b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	<b>88,821</b>	<b>34,809</b>
		<b>7,277,928</b>	<b>8,105,650</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.

**Sign Here**

Signature of officer: **PETER HOMEYER** Date: **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Type or print name and title

**Paid Preparer's Use Only**

Preparer's signature: **FERRIS, BUSSCHER & ZWIERS, P.C.** Date: **675 EAST 16TH STREET, SUITE 100**

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: **HOLLAND, MI 49423**

Check if self-employed:  **u**

Preparer's identifying number (see instructions): **P00165952**

EIN: **u 38-2302123**

Phone no.: **u 616-392-8534**

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

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments** (see instructions)

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

**SEE SCHEDULE O.**

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?  Yes  No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

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

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts 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 \$ **392,505** including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**IDENTIFY AND PROTECT LAND IMPORTANT AS NATURAL AREAS AND HABITAT THAT IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN WEST MICHIGAN.**

4b (Code: ) (Expenses \$ **99,617** including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**RAISED PUBLIC AWARENESS OF CRITICAL NATURAL FEATURES. CONDUCTED FIELD TRIPS AND WORKDAYS, DISTRIBUTED NEWSLETTERS, MADE COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS AND PLACED MEDIA STORIES. HOSTED ANNUAL SPEAKER SERIES.**

4c (Code: ) (Expenses \$ **60,755** including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**PROVIDED CARING STEWARDSHIP OF PRESERVED LAND. MAINTAINED 13 NATURE PRESERVES, HELD WORKDAYS, MONITORED 52 CONSERVATION EASEMENTS. CONDUCTED ECOLOGICAL SURVEYS AND WROTE CONSERVATION PLANS.**

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4e Total program service expenses u \$ **552,877** (Must equal Part IX, Line 25, column (B).)

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	X	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	X	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		X
4	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		X
5	<b>Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations.</b> Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		N/A
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I		X
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II	X	
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		X
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV		X
10	Did the organization hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V		X
11	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, lines 10, 12, 13, 15, or 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable	X	
12	Did the organization receive an audited financial statement for the year for which it is completing this return that was prepared in accordance with GAAP? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII	X	
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		X
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the U.S.?		X
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the U.S.? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I		X
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II		X
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III		X
17	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I		X
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II		X
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III		X
20	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		X
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II		X
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III		X
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5? If "Yes," complete Schedule J		X
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to question 25.		X
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a	<b>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
b	Did the organization become aware that it had engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II		X
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, or substantial contributor, or to a person related to such an individual? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III		X

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

		Yes	No
<b>28</b>	During the tax year, did any person who is a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee:		
<b>a</b>	Have a direct business relationship with the organization (other than as an officer, director, trustee, or employee), or an indirect business relationship through ownership of more than 35% in another entity (individually or collectively with other person(s) listed in Part VII, Section A)? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b>	Have a family member who had a direct or indirect business relationship with the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		<b>X</b>
<b>c</b>	Serve as an officer, director, trustee, key employee, partner, or member of an entity (or a shareholder of a professional corporation) doing business with the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		<b>X</b>
<b>29</b>	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	<b>X</b>	
<b>30</b>	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		<b>X</b>
<b>31</b>	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I		<b>X</b>
<b>32</b>	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II		<b>X</b>
<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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I		<b>X</b>
<b>34</b>	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1		<b>X</b>
<b>35</b>	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		<b>X</b>
<b>36</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		<b>X</b>
<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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI		<b>X</b>

**Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance**

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns. Enter -0- if not applicable		
<b>1b</b>	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
<b>1c</b>	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	X	
<b>2a</b>	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return		
<b>2b</b>	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return. (see instructions)	X	
<b>3a</b>	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?		X
<b>3b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
<b>4a</b>	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		X
<b>4b</b>	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: <b>u</b> See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
<b>5a</b>	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
<b>5b</b>	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
<b>5c</b>	If "Yes," to question 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?		
<b>6a</b>	Did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?		X
<b>6b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
<b>7</b>	<b>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>		
<b>7a</b>	Did the organization provide goods or services in exchange for any quid pro quo contribution of more than \$75?		X
<b>7b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
<b>7c</b>	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		X
<b>7d</b>	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
<b>7e</b>	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		X
<b>7f</b>	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		X
<b>7g</b>	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? <b>N/A</b>		
<b>7h</b>	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required? <b>N/A</b>		
<b>8</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.</b> Did the supporting organization, or a fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year? <b>N/A</b>		
<b>9</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>		
<b>9a</b>	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966? <b>N/A</b>		
<b>9b</b>	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? <b>N/A</b>		
<b>10</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter:		
<b>10a</b>	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12 <b>N/A</b>		
<b>10b</b>	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
<b>11</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter:		
<b>11a</b>	Gross income from members or shareholders <b>N/A</b>		
<b>11b</b>	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)		
<b>12a</b>	<b>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041? <b>N/A</b>		
<b>12b</b>	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		

**Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure** (Sections A, B, and C request information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

		Yes	No
For each "Yes" response to lines 2-7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8 or 9b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.			
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body	<b>17</b>	
<b>1b</b>	Enter the number of voting members that are independent	<b>17</b>	
<b>2</b>	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?		<b>X</b>
<b>3</b>	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?		<b>X</b>
<b>4</b>	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		<b>X</b>
<b>5</b>	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?		<b>X</b>
<b>6</b>	Does the organization have members or stockholders?		<b>X</b>
<b>7a</b>	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?		<b>X</b>
<b>7b</b>	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?		<b>X</b>
<b>8</b>	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
<b>8a</b>	The governing body?	<b>X</b>	
<b>8b</b>	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	<b>X</b>	
<b>9a</b>	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		<b>X</b>
<b>9b</b>	If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?		
<b>10</b>	Was a copy of the Form 990 provided to the organization's governing body before it was filed? All organizations must describe in Schedule O the process, if any, the organization uses to review the Form 990	<b>X</b>	
<b>11</b>	Is there any officer, director or 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		<b>X</b>

**Section B. Policies**

		Yes	No
<b>12a</b>	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	<b>X</b>	
<b>12b</b>	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?		<b>X</b>
<b>12c</b>	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	<b>X</b>	
<b>13</b>	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?		<b>X</b>
<b>14</b>	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?		<b>X</b>
<b>15</b>	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:		
<b>15a</b>	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official?	<b>X</b>	
<b>15b</b>	Other officers or key employees of the organization? Describe the process in Schedule O. (see instructions)		<b>N/A</b>
<b>16a</b>	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		<b>X</b>
<b>16b</b>	If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

**Section C. Disclosure**

<b>17</b>	List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed	<b>u MI</b>
<b>18</b>	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> Own website <input type="checkbox"/> Another's website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upon request	
<b>19</b>	Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public.	
<b>20</b>	State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization:	<b>u PETER HOMEYER</b> <b>1345 MONROE AVE NW STE 324</b> <b>GRAND RAPIDS MI 49505 616-451-9476</b>

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors****Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

**1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed.

**I** List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation, and **current** key employees. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.

**I** 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.

**I** 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.

**I** 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 the organization did not compensate any officer, director, trustee, or key employee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(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			
BILL BYL SECRETARY	2	X					0	0	0	
RICK CHAPLA PRESIDENT	3	X					0	0	0	
BOB GAMBLE DIRECTOR	3	X					0	0	0	
DANIEL GRADY TREASURER	2	X					0	0	0	
MIKE HAYES DIRECTOR	3	X					0	0	0	
MARY HOLLINRAKE VICE PRESIDE	3	X					0	0	0	
MARK IVERSON DIRECTOR	2	X					0	0	0	
TIMOTHY LUNDGREN DIRECTOR	4	X					0	0	0	
ELISE ROE DIRECTOR	3	X					0	0	0	
DAVE WARNERS DIRECTOR	2	X					0	0	0	
BONNIE BLACKLEDGE DIRECTOR	2	X					0	0	0	
JON JELLEMA DIRECTOR	2	X					0	0	0	
MARGARET P. LADD DIRECTOR	4	X					0	0	0	
DAWN MCDONALD DIRECTOR	2	X					0	0	0	
SCOTT RUSH DIRECTOR	2	X					0	0	0	
DEB STEKETEE DIRECTOR	2	X					0	0	0	
DOUGLAS SCHRANK DIRECTOR	3	X					0	0	0	



**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
<b>Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts</b>	<b>1a</b> Federated campaigns	<b>1a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Membership dues	<b>1b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events	<b>1c</b>					
	<b>d</b> Related organizations	<b>1d</b>					
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions)	<b>1e</b>	<b>107,391</b>				
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b>	<b>1,239,417</b>				
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$		<b>845,423</b>				
	<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f	<b>u</b>	<b>1,346,808</b>				
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2a</b> CONTRACT SERVICE REVENUE	<b>Busn. Code</b>	<b>35,117</b>	<b>35,117</b>			
	<b>b</b>						
	<b>c</b>						
	<b>d</b>						
	<b>e</b>						
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue						
	<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f	<b>u</b>	<b>35,117</b>				
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)	<b>u</b>	<b>42,942</b>			<b>42,942</b>	
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds	<b>u</b>					
	<b>5</b> Royalties	<b>u</b>					
	<b>6a</b> Gross Rents	(i) Real					
		(ii) Personal					
	<b>b</b> Less: rental exps.						
	<b>c</b> Rental inc. or (loss)						
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss)	<b>u</b>					
	<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities					
		(ii) Other					
	<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis & sales exps.						
	<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)						
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss)	<b>u</b>					
	<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	<b>a</b>					
		<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses	<b>b</b>				
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events	<b>u</b>						
<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	<b>a</b>						
	<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses	<b>b</b>					
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities	<b>u</b>						
<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	<b>a</b>						
	<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold	<b>b</b>					
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory	<b>u</b>						
Miscellaneous Revenue	<b>Busn. Code</b>						
<b>11a</b> OTHER INCOME		<b>40,734</b>	<b>40,734</b>				
<b>b</b>							
<b>c</b>							
<b>d</b> All other revenue							
<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d	<b>u</b>	<b>40,734</b>					
<b>12 Total Revenue.</b> Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e	<b>u</b>	<b>1,465,601</b>	<b>75,851</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>42,942</b>		

**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) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	230,880	179,541	31,965	19,374
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits	6,778	5,422	1,054	302
10 Payroll taxes	17,662	13,735	2,445	1,482
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	1,212	936	252	24
c Accounting	21,109	16,676	4,222	211
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees	6,418	2,418	4,000	
g Other				
12 Advertising and promotion	29,249	21,500	1,500	6,249
13 Office expenses	10,658	6,632	3,420	606
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	18,192	14,235	2,699	1,258
17 Travel	6,006	5,956	2	48
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	3,560	3,336	75	149
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	5,742	4,479	861	402
23 Insurance	8,247	7,129	467	651
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below.)				
a PROJECT DIRECT EXPENSES	242,531	242,524	5	2
b CONTRACT SERVICES	17,447	17,447		
c EVENTS	9,070	8,643	85	342
d DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	2,537	2,034	343	160
e MISCELLANEOUS	320	234	36	50
f All other expenses	261		261	
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	637,879	552,877	53,692	31,310
26 Joint Costs. Check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

**Part X Balance Sheet**

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	1 Cash—non-interest bearing	304,130	1	228,605
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	832,859	2	437,285
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	58,016	3	30,280
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, or other related parties. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	2,923	9	2,428
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost basis	10a 6,208,865		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10b 43,953		
		5,442,967	10c	6,164,912
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		11	1,275,999
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	725,854	15	950	
16 <b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	7,366,749	16	8,140,459	
<b>Liabilities</b>	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	37,246	17	17,756
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	16,168	19	7,053
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable		24	
	25 Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D	35,407	25	10,000
	26 <b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25	88,821	26	34,809
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	157,153	27	176,067
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	944,884	28	1,746,686
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	6,175,891	29	6,182,897
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
33 Total net assets or fund balances	7,277,928	33	8,105,650	
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	7,366,749	34	8,140,459	

**Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting**

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		X
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	X	
2c	If "Yes" to lines 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	
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?		



**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.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) <b>u</b>	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	1,382,973	1,456,147	1,799,075	649,518	1,346,808	6,634,521
<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 1-3	1,382,973	1,456,147	1,799,075	649,518	1,346,808	6,634,521
<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)						
<b>6</b> Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						6,634,521

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) <b>u</b>	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4	1,382,973	1,456,147	1,799,075	649,518	1,346,808	6,634,521
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	5,489	20,493	26,611	2,194	42,942	97,729
<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 IV.)		3,077	-295			2,782
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						6,735,032

**12** Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) 12 73,956

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

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

**14** Public support percentage for 2008 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) 14 98.5076 %

**15** Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f 15 98.8111 %

**16a 33 1/3 % support test—2008.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3 % or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**b 33 1/3 % support test—2007.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3 % or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2008.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2007.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**18 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2004, (b) 2005, (c) 2006, (d) 2007, (e) 2008, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed; 3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business; 4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 6 Total. Add lines 1-5; 7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons; 7b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons; 7c Add lines 7a and 7b; 8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2004, (b) 2005, (c) 2006, (d) 2007, (e) 2008, (f) Total. Rows include: 9 Amounts from line 6; 10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources; 10b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975; 10c Add lines 10a and 10b; 11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on; 12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.); 13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Line number, Percentage. Row 15: Public support percentage for 2008 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) 15%. Row 16: Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g 16%.

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Line number, Percentage. Row 17: Investment income percentage for 2008 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) 17%. Row 18: Investment income percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h 18%.

19a 33 1/3 % support tests—2008. 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—2007. 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** **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanation required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; or Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. (see instructions)

**PART II, LINE 10 - OTHER INCOME DETAIL**

**OTHER INCOME** \$ 3,282

**GAIN OR LOSS** \$ -500

<b>Name of the organization</b>  <b>LAND CONSERVANCY OF WEST MICHIGAN</b>	<b>Employer identification number</b>  <b>38-2363129</b>
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**Organization type** (check one):

- |                    |   |  |
|--------------------|---|--|
| <b>Filers of:</b>  | <b>Section:</b>   |  |
| Form 990 or 990-EZ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)( <b>3</b> ) (enter number) organization                        |  |
|                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust <b>not</b> treated as a private foundation |  |
|                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 527 political organization   |  |
| Form 990-PF        | <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation  |  |
|                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation            |  |
|                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation   |  |

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**. (**Note.** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.)

**General Rule**

- For organizations filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II.

**Special Rules**

- For a section 501(c)(3) organization filing Form 990, or Form 990-EZ, that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1)/170(b)(1)(A)(vi), and received from any one contributor, during the year, a contribution of the greater of **(1)** \$5,000 or **(2)** 2% of the amount on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h or 2% of the amount on Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
- For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990, or Form 990-EZ, that received from any one contributor, during the year, aggregate contributions or bequests of more than \$1,000 for use exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.
- For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990, or Form 990-EZ, that received from any one contributor, during the year, some contributions for use exclusively for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but these contributions did not aggregate to more than \$1,000. (If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an exclusively religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$5,000 or more during the year.) ..... ► \$ .....

**Caution.** Organizations that are not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules do not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but they **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2 of their Form 990, or check the box in the heading of their Form 990-EZ, or on line 2 of their Form 990-PF, to certify that they do not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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**Part I** Contributors (see instructions)

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Aggregate contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	ELIZABETH GETZ ESTATE E. LAKESHORE DR. STE 5 W CHICAGO IL 60611	\$ 845,423	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
.....	..... ..... .....	\$ .....	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
.....	..... ..... .....	\$ .....	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
.....	..... ..... .....	\$ .....	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
.....	..... ..... .....	\$ .....	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
.....	..... ..... .....	\$ .....	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
.....	..... ..... .....	\$ .....	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

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**Part II Noncash Property** (see instructions)

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
<b>1</b>	<b>74,300 SHS OLD REP INTL CORP</b> ..... ..... .....	\$ <b>845,423</b>	<b>10/10/08</b>
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SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

u Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.

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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.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include: 1 Total number at end of year, 2 Aggregate contributions to (during year), 3 Aggregate grants from (during year), 4 Aggregate value at end of year, 5 Did the organization inform all donors... Yes/No, 6 Did the organization inform all grantees... Yes/No.

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

Table with 2 columns: Held at the End of the Year. Rows include: 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements (X Preservation of land for public use, X Protection of natural habitat, X Preservation of open space), 2 Complete lines 2a-2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution... a Total number of conservation easements (52), b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements (3,341.08), c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a) (0), d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06 (0), 3 Number of conservation easements modified... (0), 4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located (1), 5 Does the organization have a written policy... (X) Yes, 6 Staff or volunteer hours devoted to monitoring... (160), 7 Amount of expenses incurred... (\$3,750), 8 Does each conservation easement... (N/A), 9 In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports 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.

Table with 2 columns: u \$. Rows include: 1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report... provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote... b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report... provide the following amounts relating to these items: (i) Revenues 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 relating to these items: a Revenues 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 accession and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):

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

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

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 Trust, Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.** Complete if 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 XIV 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?  Yes  No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV.

**Part V Endowment Funds.** Complete if 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					
b Contributions					
c Investment earnings or losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as:

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment **u** \_\_\_\_\_ %
- b Permanent endowment **u** \_\_\_\_\_ %
- c Term endowment **u** \_\_\_\_\_ %

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

- (i) unrelated organizations
- (ii) related organizations

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

b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

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

**Part VI Investments—Land, Buildings, and Equipment.** See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land	<b>6,140,397</b>			<b>6,140,397</b>
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment	<b>68,468</b>		<b>43,953</b>	<b>24,515</b>
e Other				

**Total.** Add lines 1a–1e. (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) **u 6,164,912**



**Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements**

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,465,601
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	637,879
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	827,722
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net). Add lines 4-8	9	
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9	10	827,722

**Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return**

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	1,514,870
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	49,269
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	49,269
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,465,601
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	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part 1, line 12.)	5	1,465,601

**Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return**

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	687,148
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	49,269
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Losses reported on Form 990, Part IX, line 25	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	49,269
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	637,879
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	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	637,879

**Part XIV Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to 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; Part XI, line 8; Part XII, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b.

PART II, LINE 9 - ACCOUNTING FOR CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

THE CONSERVANCY RECORDS NATURE PRESERVES AT THEIR ESTIMATED FAIR MARKET VALUE AT THE DATE OF GIFT, IF CONTRIBUTED, OR COST. THE PRESERVED LAND IS REPORTED AS AN ASSET ON THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AND IS INCLUDED IN PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS. THE CONSERVANCY ASSIGNS A VALUE OF \$1 TO DONATED EASEMENTS AND INCLUDES THEM IN PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS. PURCHASED EASEMENTS ARE RECORDED AT THEIR COST.



**SCHEDULE M  
(Form 990)**

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**NonCash Contributions**

**U To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes"  
on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.**

**U Attach to Form 990.**

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**Part I Types of Property**

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of Contributions	(c) Revenues reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining revenues
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	<b>X</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>845,423</b>	<b>FAIR MARKET VALUE</b>
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 <b>u</b> ( )				
26 Other <b>u</b> ( )				
27 Other <b>u</b> ( )				
28 Other <b>u</b> ( )				

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**

	Yes	No
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1-28 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?		<b>X</b>
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?		<b>X</b>
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell non-cash contributions?		<b>X</b>
b If "Yes," describe in Part II.		
33 If the organization did not report revenues in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.		



**SCHEDULE O**

(Form 990)

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**Supplemental Information to Form 990**

u Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations to provide additional information for responses to specific questions for the Form 990 or to provide any additional information.

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**FORM 990 - ORGANIZATION'S MISSION OR MOST SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES**

TO PRESERVE LANDS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE DISTINCTIVE CHARACTER AND QUALITY OF LIFE IN WEST MICHIGAN. THE CONSERVANCY PRESERVES LANDS THAT ARE IMPORTANT FOR THEIR VALUE AS HABITAT FOR NATIVE PLANTS AND ANIMALS, AS CENTERS FOR STUDY AND QUIET RECREATION, AND AS ELEMENTS OF SCENIC BEAUTY.

**FORM 990, PART I, LINE 6**

A CLOSE COUNT IS KEPT OF VOLUNTEERS FOR STEWARDSHIP DAYS, PLUS BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS. AN ADDITIONAL SMALL NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS HELP WITH OFFICE DUTIES.

**FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 10 - ORGANIZATION'S PROCESS USED TO REVIEW FORM 990**  
THE AUDITING FIRM PREPARES THE FORM 990. THE 990 IS REVIEWED IN DETAIL, BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND PROVIDED TO THE FULL BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRIOR TO BEING FILED ELECTRONICALLY BY THE AUDITING FIRM.

**FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 12C - ENFORCEMENT OF CONFLICTS POLICY**

AT EVERY BOARD MEETING, THE BOARD WILL DETERMINE IF ANY AGENDA ITEM REQUIRING BOARD ACTION POSES A CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR A COVERED PERSON. WHEN A TRANSACTION, CONTRACT OR PROJECT OF LCWM INVOLVES AN ACTUAL, POTENTIAL, OR PERCEIVED CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH A COVERED PERSON AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD, THE BOARD SHALL ACT AS FOLLOWS:

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1. APPROVE SUCH TRANSACTION, CONTRACT, OR PROJECT ONLY AFTER MAKING SPECIFIC FINDINGS THAT A MORE ADVANTAGEOUS ARRANGEMENT THAT WOULD NOT GIVE RISE TO A CONFLICT IS NOT REASONABLY POSSIBLE, THE TRANSACTION IS FAIR AND BENEFITS LCWM, THE BOARD HAS COMPLETE KNOWLEDGE OF THE BENEFIT TO THE CONFLICTED MEMBER, AND THE CONFLICTED MEMBER DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE VOTING PROCESS.

2. INCLUDE SUCH DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL IN THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES.

3. WHEN WARRANTED, REQUEST THAT THE CONFLICTED MEMBER RESIGN.

WHEN BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF START WITH THE ORGANIZATION, THEY ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN A CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY. CURRENTLY, THE ORGANIZATION IS IN THE PROCESS OF MAKING THIS AN ANNUAL REQUIRMENT FOR ALL STAFF, BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS EFFECTIVE FOR THE 09/10 FISCAL YEAR.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 15A - COMPENSATION PROCESS FOR TOP OFFICIAL RESEARCH CONDUCTED BY GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BOTH LOCAL COMPENSATION RATES AND INDUSTRY RATES. REPORT MADE AND COMPENSATION RATE RECOMMENDED AND APPROVED BY THE FULL BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 15B - COMPENSATION PROCESS FOR OFFICERS THERE ARE NO OTHER OFFICERS OR KEY EMPLOYEES OF THE ORGANIZATION NOT COVERED UNDER THE POLICY EXPLAINED IN FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 15A. (ABOVE)

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 19 - GOVERNING DOCUMENTS DISCLOSURE EXPLANATION GOVERNING DOCUMENTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST. THE

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POSSIBILITY OF ONLINE POSTING WILL BE EXAMINED IN THE 09/10 FISCAL YEAR.

SCHEDULE O - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 13 - AS OF THE YEAR ENDING 6/30/09 NO WHISTLEBLOWER POLICY WAS IN PLACE FOR THE ORGANIZATION, HOWEVER, THE BOARD IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON ESTABLISHING A POLICY TO BE IN PLACE DURING FISCAL YEAR 09/10.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 14 - AS OF THE YEAR ENDING 6/30/09 NO DOCUMENT RETENTION AND DESTRUCTION POLICY WAS IN PLACE FOR THE ORGANIZATION, HOWEVER, THE BOARD IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON ESTABLISHING A POLICY TO BE IN PLACE DURING FISCAL YEAR 09/10.