

Form **990**
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)
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OMB No 1545-0047
2017
Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2017, and ending 12-31-2017

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

C Name of organization: CHIPPEWA NATURE CENTER
 Doing business as:
 Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite: 400 S BADOOR RD
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: MIDLAND, MI 48640

D Employer identification number: 38-1859315
E Telephone number: (989) 631-0830
G Gross receipts \$ 10,544,054

F Name and address of principal officer: ADAM BRUSKI, 24801 E MEADOWBROOK DR, MIDLAND, MI 48642

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

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

J Website: WWW.CHIPPEWANATURECENTER.ORG

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other ▶

L Year of formation: 1966 **M** State of legal domicile: MI

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities:
 THE CHIPPEWA NATURE CENTER IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION WHOSE MISSION IS TO FACILITATE THE ENJOYMENT AND UNDERSTANDING OF OUR NATURAL, HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES AS RELEVANT TO THE SAGINAW VALLEY, TO PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AND TO FOSTER RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP

2 Check this box if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets

3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	17
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	17
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2017 (Part V, line 2a)	5	85
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	891
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	

	Prior Year	Current Year
8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	539,644	755,708
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	568,642	593,058
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	880,581	1,868,576
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	13,306	22,463
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	2,002,173	3,239,805
13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		30,000
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	1,819,722	1,795,865
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶124,982		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	1,207,121	986,245
18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	3,026,843	2,812,110
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	-1,024,670	427,695

	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	33,276,969	36,365,604
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	143,417	132,412
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	33,133,552	36,233,192

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: *****
 Date: 2018-08-15
 ADAM BRUSKI PRESIDENT
 Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name: KELLIE M BOS
 Preparer's signature: KELLIE M BOS
 Date: 2018-08-15
 Check if self-employed
 PTIN: P00448161
 Firm's name: ANDREWS HOOPER PAVLIK PLC
 Firm's EIN: 38-3133790
 Firm's address: 5915 EASTMAN AVE STE 100, MIDLAND, MI 486406824
 Phone no: (989) 835-7721

Part III Statement of Program Service AccomplishmentsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III **1** Briefly describe the organization's mission

THE CHIPPEWA NATURE CENTER IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION WHOSE MISSION IS TO FACILITATE THE ENJOYMENT AND UNDERSTANDING OF OUR NATURAL, HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES AS RELEVANT TO THE SAGINAW VALLEY, TO PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AND TO FOSTER RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP

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

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

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

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

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

4a	(Code)	(Expenses \$	1,435,144	including grants of \$	30,000	(Revenue \$	593,058
	See Additional Data						

4b	(Code)	(Expenses \$	776,504	including grants of \$		(Revenue \$)
	See Additional Data						

4c	(Code)	(Expenses \$	69,781	including grants of \$		(Revenue \$)
	See Additional Data						

4d	Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)						
	(Expenses \$		including grants of \$		(Revenue \$)	

4e	Total program service expenses	▶	2,281,429
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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	Yes	
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)?	Yes	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>		No
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>		No
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>		No
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>		No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>		No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>	Yes	
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>		No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>	Yes	
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i>	Yes	
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>		No
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i>		No
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i>		No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>		No
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>		No
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i>	Yes	
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>		No
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>		No
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>		No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>		No
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i> (see instructions)		No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>		No
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>		No

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	Yes	
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>		No
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>		No
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>		No
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 Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		No
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		No
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>		No
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		No
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		No
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		No
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		No
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>		No
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>		No
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>		No
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		No
b If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		No
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>		No
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

Table with columns for question ID, question text, and Yes/No response boxes. Includes sections for backup withholding, employee reporting, foreign accounts, prohibited tax shelter transactions, deductible contributions, and 501(c)(7), (12), and (29) organizations.

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI [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 (17); 1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent (17); 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? (No); 3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? (No); 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? (No); 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? (No); 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders? (Yes); 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? (Yes); 7b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? (No); 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: a The governing body? (Yes); b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? (Yes); 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 (No).

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? (No); 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? (No); 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 (Yes); 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? (Yes); 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done (Yes); 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? (No); 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? (Yes); 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 (Yes); b Other officers or key employees of the organization (No); If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions); 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? (No); 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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed (MI); 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply: [] Own website, [] Another's website, [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 (ROB DESCHAIINE 400 S BADOUR ROAD MIDLAND, MI 48640 (989) 631-0830).

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, or 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 dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) ADAM BRUSKI PRESIDENT	2 00	X		X			0	0	0	
(2) ROB MAXWELL VICE PRESIDE	2 00	X		X			0	0	0	
(3) MARK ROBERTSON SECRETARY	2 00	X		X			0	0	0	
(4) KIRK FISHER TREASURER	2 00	X		X			0	0	0	
(5) MICHELLE WILKINS DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0	
(6) CHRIS GAUMER DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0	
(7) DR MARIANNE MCKELVY DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0	
(8) JOHN DAVIS DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0	
(9) COLETTE ST LOUIS DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0	
(10) NANCY CARNEY DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0	
(11) KIMBERLY REINHARDT DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0	
(12) DR MICHAEL WITT DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0	
(13) JAMIE ROSS MD DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0	
(14) BRIAN HOLMES DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0	
(15) BARBARA ALLEN DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0	
(16) JENNI BUSH DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0	
(17) MELISSA HASWELL PHD DIRECTOR	1 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 dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(18) DENNIS PILASKE EXECUTIVE DI	40 00			X				100,221	0	6,056
1b Sub-Total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								100,221		6,056

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 **▶ 1**

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

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

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

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

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a				
	b Membership dues	1b	47,355			
	c Fundraising events	1c				
	d Related organizations	1d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	708,353			
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____		7,897			
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		755,708			
Program Service Revenue		Business Code				
	2a YOUTH EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS	611600	536,845	536,845		
	b ADULT INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS	812900	56,213	56,213		
	c _____					
	d _____					
	e _____					
	f All other program service revenue					
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		593,058				
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		471,874		471,874	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5 Royalties					
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real				
		(ii) Personal				
			13,070			
		b Less rental expenses				
	c Rental income or (loss)		13,070			
	d Net rental income or (loss)		13,070		13,070	
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities		8,273,188		
		(ii) Other		413,429		
		b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses		7,282,826	7,089	
		c Gain or (loss)		990,362	406,340	
	d Net gain or (loss)		1,396,702		1,396,702	
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a				
b Less direct expenses		b				
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events						
9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a					
	b Less direct expenses	b				
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a		23,426			
	b Less cost of goods sold	b	14,334			
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		9,092		9,092	
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code					
11a MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	900099	301		301		
b _____						
c _____						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d		301				
12 Total revenue. See Instructions		3,239,805	593,058	1,891,039		

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
Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.				
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21.	30,000	30,000		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22.				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, line 15 and 16.				
4 Benefits paid to or for members.				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees.	100,221	10,022	60,133	30,066
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.	1,332,407	1,085,736	183,233	63,438
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401 (k) and 403(b) employer contributions).	95,326	66,728	22,878	5,720
9 Other employee benefits.	142,208	102,043	31,418	8,747
10 Payroll taxes.	125,703	87,992	30,169	7,542
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management.				
b Legal.				
c Accounting.	12,361		12,361	
d Lobbying.				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.				
f Investment management fees.				
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O).				
12 Advertising and promotion.	32,891	24,808	1,409	6,674
13 Office expenses.	24,521	18,869	5,469	183
14 Information technology.	52,248	39,186	10,450	2,612
15 Royalties.				
16 Occupancy.	75,489	69,869	5,620	
17 Travel.	12,077	11,473	604	
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings.	5,657	4,808	849	
20 Interest.				
21 Payments to affiliates.				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.	554,510	543,420	11,090	
23 Insurance.	21,081	18,973	2,108	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a YOUTH EDUCATIONAL	69,904	69,904		
b OFFICE AND OPERATIONS	46,057	18,265	27,792	
c ADULT INTERPRETIVE	44,839	44,839		
d LAND & FACILITIES	22,106	22,106		
e All other expenses	12,504	12,388	116	
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	2,812,110	2,281,429	405,699	124,982
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <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 IX

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	143,864	1	92,952
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	608,005	2	1,715,282
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	58,374	3	271,600
	4 Accounts receivable, net	72,525	4	65,813
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions) Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use	18,491	8	18,491
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	17,357	9	22,229
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	12,041,629		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	6,641,006		
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	26,603,067	11	28,778,614
	12 Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11		15	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	33,276,969	16	36,365,604	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	142,027	17	131,042
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	1,390	19	1,370
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24) Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	143,417	26	132,412
Net Assets or Fund Balances	27 Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34. Unrestricted net assets	4,831,390	27	7,924,417
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	24,532,151	28	24,529,264
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	3,770,011	29	3,779,511
	30 Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34. 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	33,133,552	33	36,233,192
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	33,276,969	34	36,365,604

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	3,239,805
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	2,812,110
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	427,695
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	33,133,552
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	2,671,945
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	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	36,233,192

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

		Yes	No
<p>1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p>If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O</p>			
<p>2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?</p> <p>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</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis</p>	2a		No
<p>b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?</p> <p>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</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis</p>	2b	Yes	
<p>c If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?</p> <p>If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O</p>	2c	Yes	
<p>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?</p>	3a		No
<p>b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits</p>	3b		

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Form 990 (2017)

Form 990, Part III, Line 4a:

DEPARTMENT OF PROGRAMS SINCE 1966, CHIPPEWA NATURE CENTER'S PROGRAM STAFF HAS OFFERED EXCITING AND RELEVANT PROGRAMS THAT ENABLE PEOPLE OF ALL AGES TO CONNECT TO THE NATURAL WORLD THE 2017 YEAR WAS CNC'S FIRST FULL YEAR AS A SINGLE DEPARTMENT OF PROGRAMS, AND THE COLLABORATION AND SUPPORT THAT HAS STEMMED FROM THAT HAS BEEN AMAZING CNC PROGRAMS ARE DESIGNED TO CONNECT ALL PEOPLE, IN ALL STAGES OF LIFE, WITH NATURE IN MEANINGFUL WAYS WE DO THIS THROUGH A WIDE VARIETY OF PROGRAM FORMATS, LOCATIONS AND TOPICS, AND 2017 WAS ANOTHER YEAR OF GROWTH AND CONNECTION DROP-IN EXPERIENCES BUILD CONNECTIONS CNC TRAILS ARE OPEN DAWN-TO-DARK EVERY DAY, AND THE VISITOR CENTER IS OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FOUR HOLIDAYS WHILE QUANTIFYING TRAIL USERS IS DIFFICULT, WE WELCOMED A RECORD NUMBER OF 22,102 GUESTS TO THE VISITOR CENTER FREE DROP-IN PROGRAMS CONTINUE TO BE THE FOUNDATION OF CNC'S INTERPRETIVE PROGRAM OFFERINGS, AND ARE ATTENDED BY A MIX OF RETURNING GUESTS AND FIRST-TIME VISITORS WE WELCOMED 152 VISITORS TO WEE STROLL, A PROGRAM DESIGNED FOR OUR YOUNGEST VISITORS (6 MONTHS-2 YEARS OLD) AND THEIR CAREGIVERS TO CONNECT WITH NATURE STORY HOURS ARE GEARED FOR THE NEXT OLDER AGE GROUP RANGING FROM 2-5 YEARS OLD, AND HAD 995 PARTICIPANTS IN 2017 BEYOND THE DROP-IN PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS, OVER 250 ADULT AND FAMILY PROGRAMS WERE OFFERED IN 2017, SERVING NEARLY 5,100 PEOPLE THOSE PROGRAMS COVERED TOPICS INCLUDING BIRD WALKS, WILDFLOWER HIKES, MAPLE SYRUP PROGRAMS, LIFE ON AN 1870S FARM, BIRD BANDING, NATIVE AMERICAN LIFE, FULL MOON WALKS, ARCHAEOLOGY, ANIMALS TRACKS, SALAMANDER SEARCHES, GOLF CART TOURS, SNAKE PROGRAMS AND MUCH, MUCH MORE HOMESTEAD SUNDAYS, A UNIQUE SUNDAY AFTERNOON DROP-IN PROGRAM AT THE HOMESTEAD FARM, CONTINUES TO BE POPULAR WITH 1,399 VISITORS IN 2017 THIS WAS OUR FIRST FULL SEASON WITH THE TIMBER FRAME BARN AND LIVESTOCK PEN IMPROVEMENTS, BOTH OF WHICH ENHANCED THE VISITOR EXPERIENCE THIS YEAR, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF SEASONAL STAFF, 12 DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS DONATED MORE THAN 328 HOURS OF THEIR TIME LEADING TOURS AND HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES, CONDUCTING DEMONSTRATIONS AND WORKING IN THE GARDEN THE HOMESTEAD GARDEN HAS CONTINUED TO THRIVE AND PROVIDE FRESH PRODUCE TO THE MIDLAND COUNTY EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY NETWORK IMMERSIVE PROGRAMS DEVELOP A CONNECTION TO NATURE FOR ALL AGES MANY VISITORS CHOOSE TO SPEND MORE TIME LEARNING, GROWING AND EXPERIENCING THE NATURAL WORLD THROUGH REGISTERED PROGRAMS THAT ENHANCE AND SUPPORT THEIR CONNECTION TO NATURE FIELD TRIPS ARE IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES THAT GIVE VISITORS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PADDLE LOCAL RIVERS, BIRD THE SAGINAW BAY, TRY VOYAGEUR CANOEING, ENJOY HISTORY TOURS BY GOLF CART, KAYAK THE MOOSE COUNTRY OF THE UPPER PENINSULA AND SNOWSHOE ALONG THE AU SABLE RIVER OVER 200 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN 28 FIELD TRIPS WORKSHOPS PROVIDE HANDS-ON OPPORTUNITIES TO BUILD CONNECTIONS BY HELPING PARTICIPANTS LEARN A NEW SKILL AND ALSO APPRECIATE THE RESOURCES OF NATURE WORKSHOPS WERE OFFERED ON A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS INCLUDING NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY, HAND-SPINNING, AQUATIC BIOLOGY, BASKET MAKING, MAKING MAPLE SYRUP, SOAP MAKING AND DECORATIVE GOURD MAKING THE 6TH ANNUAL NATURE PRESCHOOL INSTITUTE IN JUNE GAVE 16 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS A CHANCE TO EXPLORE CNC'S NATURE-BASED PROGRAM BIRTHDAY PARTIES PROVIDE A FUN WAY FOR CHILDREN TO CELEBRATE THEIR SPECIAL DAY IN THE MOST FUN ENVIRONMENT AROUND - THE NATURAL WORLD IN 2017, 175 CHILDREN ATTENDED BIRTHDAY PARTIES HOSTED BY A CNC EDUCATOR SCHOOL AND SCOUT PROGRAMS PROVIDE A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO LEARN IN A HANDS-ON, INQUIRY-BASED ATMOSPHERE WE PROVIDE PROGRAMS BOTH AT CNC AND IN CLASSROOMS IN 2017, 13,277 STUDENTS WERE GUIDED THROUGH MORE THAN 20 ON-SITE PROGRAMS AND NINE OFF-SITE OPTIONS THROUGH FOUR AT HOME WITH NATURE 3-CLASS SERIES, 236 HOMESCHOOL STUDENTS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT WITH NATURE IN A VARIETY OF FUN, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS WE WELCOMED 509 CUB SCOUTS AND GIRL SCOUTS FOR A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT THEIR CONNECTION TO NATURE THROUGH THE SCOUTING ADVANCEMENT PROGRAMS NATURE KINDERGARTEN AND NATURE FIRST GRADE CONTINUE TO BE A SUCCESS STORY THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR MARKED THE 6TH YEAR OF THIS PARTNERSHIP WITH BULLOCK CREEK SCHOOLS, WITH FOUR SECTIONS OF KINDERGARTEN AT FLOYD ELEMENTARY AND ONE SECTION AT PINE RIVER ELEMENTARY, IN ADDITION TO THREE SECTIONS OF NATURE FIRST GRADE AT FLOYD ELEMENTARY ALL OF THESE CLASSES ARE NOW NATURE-BASED WITH A CNC EDUCATOR WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE TEACHERS TO DEVELOP CURRICULUM IN ADDITION TO WEEKLY VISITS TO FIRST GRADE, A CNC EDUCATOR VISITS EVERY CLASSROOM AT FLOYD ELEMENTARY ON A MONTHLY BASIS NATURE PRESCHOOL HAS SEEN A LOT OF GROWTH IN RECENT YEARS DURING THE 2016 -17 SCHOOL YEAR, NATURE PRESCHOOL ENROLLED 136 CHILDREN CLASSES ARE HELD AT THE MARGARET (RANNY) RIECKER NATURE PRESCHOOL BUILDING AND NATURE STUDY BUILDING WE CONTINUE TO OPERATE WITH FUNDING FROM THE GREAT START READINESS GRANT FROM THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR 21 AT-RISK 4 -YEAR OLDS TO ATTEND NATURE PRESCHOOL AT NO COST TO THE FAMILY IN ADDITION, WE HAVE FUNDING FROM THE GREAT START COLLABORATIVE FOR AT-RISK 3 -YEAR OLDS, AND CNC OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS TO FAMILIES THAT MAY NOT QUALIFY FOR THESE FUNDING SOURCES, BUT HAVE A FINANCIAL NEED FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE CHARLES J STROSACKER FOUNDATION AND THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY FOR THEIR FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO KEEP THIS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM RUNNING THIS ALLOWS US TO CONTINUE OUR MISSION TO MAKE NATURE PRESCHOOL ACCESSIBLE TO A GREAT DIVERSITY OF ECONOMIC BACKGROUNDS NATURE DAY CAMP HAD A RECORD YEAR IN 2017 - WE SERVED 1027 CAMPERS, THE MOST EVER, OVER 8 WEEKS OF CAMP FIFTY-EIGHT CHILDREN PARTICIPATED IN CAMP AS PART OF A GRANT THROUGH BULLOCK CREEK SCHOOLS, AND ANOTHER 71 STUDENTS RECEIVED SCHOLARSHIPS FOR A SESSION OF CAMP FOR THE FIRST TIME, CAMP PROVIDED A BEFORE AND AFTER CARE PROGRAM AT THE HOMESTEAD FARM SERVING 66 CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE SUMMER, WE OFFERED TWO SESSIONS OF LEADERS-IN-TRAINING, WHICH CONTINUES TO SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE CAMPERS TO TRANSITION INTO HIGH-QUALITY CNC TEEN VOLUNTEERS AND FUTURE STAFF MEMBERS ONCE AGAIN, WE OFFERED EXPLORING NATURE TOGETHER FOR TYPICALLY DEVELOPING CHILDREN AND THEIR PEERS ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM THIS YEAR'S SESSION HAS 8 CAMPERS WITH A CAPACITY OF 1,150 SPOTS, NDC WAS 90 5% FULL WE HAD 195 KIDS ON WAITLISTS FOR VARIOUS SESSIONS, INCLUDING PRESCHOOL CAMPS (NATURE TOTS AND TINY TRAILBLAZERS ESPECIALLY), CAMPS FOR OLDER ON-SITE CAMPERS (ESPECIALLY ADVENTURE CAMP AND SURVIVAL VILLAGE) AND ADVENTURE TRIPS (EACH SESSION HAD A WAITLIST, BUT THE SOUTH MANITOU AND NORTH MANITOU TRIPS HAD THE LONGEST WAITLISTS) EIGHTY- FOUR TEENS PARTICIPATED IN THE COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING (CIT) PROGRAM, LOGGING 5,806 SERVICE HOURS CITS ASSIST COUNSELORS WITH SET-UP AND CLEAN-UP, PLAY GAMES AND DO CRAFTS WITH THE KIDS, LEAD LUNCHTIME ACTIVATES AND ACT AS ROLE MODELS THROUGHOUT THE DAY NEW EXHIBITS KEEP THINGS FRESH A NEW LOOK TO THE ENTRY-WAY OF THE HOMESTEAD FARM AND ARBORETUM WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2017 THROUGH THE DILIGENT WORK OF THE LAND & FACILITIES, MARKETING AND PROGRAMS DEPARTMENTS, VISITORS TO THAT AREA ARE NOW WELCOMED BY A CNC-BRANDED KIOSK WITH INFORMATION AND MAPS OF THESE TWO UNIQUE AREAS A TRIP TO THE RESOURCE BUILDING WILL NOW GIVE VISITORS THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT LAND MANAGEMENT AT CNC WHILE STOPPING FOR A DRINK, VISITORS CAN LEARN ABOUT THE INVASIVE SPECIES WE BATTLE AND THE AMAZING RESULTS WE SEE WHEN THEY ARE CONTROLLED ONCE AGAIN, THIS EXHIBIT WAS DEVELOPED THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE EFFORT OF LAND & FACILITIES, MARKETING AND PROGRAMS LOOKING FORWARD AS WE LOOK TOWARD THE FUTURE, WE ARE EXCITED TO CONTINUE TO OFFER HIGH QUALITY, MEANINGFUL NATURE EXPERIENCES FOR ALL OF OUR VISITORS THROUGH NEW AND EXPANDING PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS, CONNECTIONS WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE SUPPORT OF OUR COMMUNITY, CHIPPEWA NATURE CENTER'S MISSION IS BEING FILLED ON A DAILY BASIS

Form 990, Part III, Line 4b:

LAND AND FACILITIES IN 2017, CHIPPEWA NATURE CENTER'S LAND & FACILITIES DEPARTMENT CONTINUED TO SUPPORT AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGAGEMENT WITH THE NATURAL WORLD. THE TEAM WORKED TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO THE NATURE CENTER'S RICH NATURAL AREAS AND RESTORE ECOSYSTEMS THROUGH A VARIETY OF LAND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, WHILE ALSO MAINTAINING STATE OF THE ART FACILITIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF GUESTS FROM AROUND THE REGION. IMPROVING VISITOR EXPERIENCE AT THE WETLANDS AREA THIS SUMMER, A TWO-STORY OBSERVATION TOWER WAS INSTALLED AT THE WETLANDS AREA. THE TOWER WAS GIFTED TO CNC FROM THE HERBERT H. AND GRACE A. DOW FOUNDATION IN PREPARATION FOR THE DOW GARDENS WHITING FOREST CANOPY WALK AND CONNECTIVITY PROJECT. ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO INSTALL THE TOWER AT CNC WAS PROVIDED BY THE HERBERT H. AND GRACE A. DOW FOUNDATION, THE HARRY A. AND MARGARET D. TOWSLEY FOUNDATION, AND MIDLAND AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND CONSUMERS ENERGY FOUNDATION. THE 33-FOOT TALL OBSERVATION TOWER WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON CNC'S DIVERSE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING, AS WELL AS FOR EVERYDAY VISITORS. THE LOWER LEVEL OF THE TOWER HAS UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO THOSE WITH LIMITED MOBILITY, WITH A RAMP LEADING TO A 21-FOOT BY 24-FOOT VIEWING PLATFORM. VISITORS CAN ACCESS THE UPPER LEVEL OF THE TOWER BY STAIRS. ACCESS TO MUSKRAT MARSH IMPROVED WITH A NEW FLOATING CLASSROOM DOCK, MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH A GRANT FROM THE MICHIGAN BASEBALL FOUNDATION. 100-YEAR FLOOD IN JUNE THE GREAT LAKES BAY REGION WAS AFFECTED BY HISTORIC FLOODING IN JUNE WHEN 5 1/2" OF RAIN FELL IN ONE NIGHT FOLLOWING A WEEK OF STEADY RAINS. MAJOR IMPACTS AT CNC INCLUDED THE FLOODING OF THE NATURE STUDY BUILDING, BENT STILL-ARMS AT THE UNIVERSAL ACCESS DOCK, A PORTION OF HOMESTEAD ROAD WASHED OUT, ARBORETUM TREES THAT DIED AND DEBRIS THAT NEEDED TO BE CLEANED OFF CNC TRAILS. TRAILS WERE BACK IN ORDER AND THE UNIVERSAL DOCK WAS REPAIRED WITH A WEEK AND WHILE WE LOST ACCESS TO THE NATURE STUDY BUILDING FOR NATURE DAY CAMP, THE BUILDING WAS READY FOR THE FIRST DAY OF PRESCHOOL ON SEPTEMBER 11. IMPROVING ACCESS TO NATURE. TWO NEW RAMPS WERE BUILT ON EACH SIDE OF THE EAST CHIPPEWA TRAIL BRIDGE TO CORRECT SIGNIFICANT FROST HEAVING THAT HAS OCCURRED OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. THE SUGAR BUSH TRAIL AT THE EAST END OF THE SIX-ISLAND POND AND A TRAIL PARALLELING HOMESTEAD ROAD IN THE BEECH/MAPLE FOREST WERE RE-ROUTED DUE TO HIGH NUMBERS OF ASH TREES AFFECTED BY EMERALD ASH BORER. IN ORDER TO IMPROVE TRAIL ACCESS DURING WET SEASONS, ADDITIONAL REROUTES WERE ADDED IN MAY. ONE WAS CREATED IN THE OXBOW TO BYPASS A LOW MUDDY SPOT THAT OFTEN STAYS WET WELL INTO JUNE. THIS TRAIL WORK INCLUDED THE ADDITION OF A 20' BOARDWALK PASSING BETWEEN THE OXBOW AND A SEASONALLY FLOODED MAPLE FORESTED AREA. A SECOND REROUTE WAS COMPLETED IN THE BEECH/MAPLE FOREST TO BYPASS A WET AREA THAT IS OFTEN WET UNTIL JUNE. OTHER AREAS OF CNC'S TRAILS HAVE ALSO BEEN IMPROVED BY ADDING CULVERTS AND GRAVEL. THE RIVER TRAIL SHOULD NOW BE ACCESSIBLE YEAR-ROUND, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF DURING MAJOR FLOODING. DALE JOHNSON, AN EAGLE SCOUT, ENHANCED THE SPUR TRAIL BETWEEN THE CHIPPEWA TRAIL AND THE WETLANDS AREA PARKING LOT BY RECONSTRUCTING THE BOARDWALK AND ADDING GRAVEL. ORIENTATION SIGNS WERE UPDATED AT MAJOR INTERSECTIONS OF THE RIVER TRAIL AND NEW WAYFINDING SIGNS WERE ADDED TO THE CHIPPEWA TRAIL IN CONJUNCTION WITH A CITY OF MIDLAND PROJECT TO ENHANCE SIGNAGE FOR WALKING AND BIKING PATHS THROUGHOUT THE CITY. PADDLERS NOW HAVE IMPROVED ACCESS TO THE CHIPPEWA RIVER ON HOMESTEAD ROAD THANKS TO THE ADDITION OF A DOCK AND LANDING AREA, MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE SUPPORT OF MIKE AND LAURIE WITT. A 32' GANGWAY HELPS REDUCE EROSION, AND PROVIDE SAFER ACCESS TO THE DOCK AND RIVER. LAND MANAGEMENT IMPROVES THE ECOSYSTEMS CONTROL OF INVASIVE EXOTIC PLANTS TO BE A MAJOR FOCUS IN 2017. IN TOTAL, 407 ACRES WERE TREATED TO CONTROL THE SPREAD OF THESE INVADERS. CNC WAS ABLE TO TREAT ALL PHRAGMITES AND MOST OF THE JAPANESE KNOTWEED FOUND ON THE PROPERTY THROUGH SUPPORT FROM THE SAGINAW BAY COOPERATIVE INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT AREA. ADDITIONAL BRUSH HOGGING IN THE WINTER HELPED CONTROL SHRUBBY INVASIVE EXOTIC PLANTS IN CNC'S OPEN AREAS AND ALLOWED THE SUMMER CREW TO FOCUS ON THE WOODED AND SHRUBBY AREAS THAT ARE HIGH PRIORITY. IN ADDITION, A TOTAL OF 46 DEER WERE HARVESTED ON CNC PROPERTY BY FIVE CNC-SELECTED VOLUNTEERS DURING THE SEASON. ITC TRANSMISSION EARNED THE GRASSLANDS PROJECT AWARD FOR ITS NATIVE PLANT RESTORATION WORK ON THE TRANSMISSION CORRIDOR CROSSING CHIPPEWA NATURE CENTER. FOUR APPLICATIONS OF NATIVE SEED MIXES ENHANCED THE EXISTING NATIVE PLANT DIVERSITY IN THE ITC ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION CORRIDOR AT THE NATURE CENTER FROM 2012-2016. THESE NATIVE SPECIES PROVIDE LARVAL HOST PLANTS, NECTAR AND POLLEN SOURCES THROUGHOUT THE GROWING SEASON AND NESTING AND COVER MATERIALS FOR NATIVE POLLINATORS. ITC HAS CONDUCTED ANNUAL INVASIVE SPECIES TREATMENTS WITHIN THE CHIPPEWA NATURE CENTER TRANSMISSION CORRIDOR SINCE 2010 THROUGH MOWING, HAND-PULLING, SEED HEAD COLLING, FOLIAR AND CUT-STUMP HERBICIDE APPLICATIONS, AND BIOLOGICAL CONTROL TO ENCOURAGE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIVE FORBS, GRAMINOIDS AND SHRUBS MOST BENEFICIAL TO NATIVE POLLINATORS. CNC WAS EXCITED TO BE AWARDED A MICHIGAN DNR WILDLIFE GRANT FOR 2018-19. THIS GRANT WILL ENABLE CNC TO CONTINUE TO ENHANCE ITS OPEN AREAS USING PRESCRIBED BURNS AND PLANTING WILDFLOWERS. WORK WILL START IN 2018 TO CREATE OPENINGS IN SHRUBBY AREAS WHERE INVASIVE PLANTS HAVE TAKEN HOLD, AND ALLOW FOR THE PLANNING OF NATIVE TREES AND SHRUBS TO HELP RESTORE THE AREAS. MAPLE SYRUP SEASON - DUE TO WARM WEATHER EARLY, SAP COLLECTING STARTED ON FEBRUARY 17 AND ENDED ON APRIL 3. IN TOTAL, 36 GALLONS OF MAPLE SYRUP WAS MADE. ARBORETUM - ALTHOUGH 73 TREES DIED (MOSTLY AS A RESULT OF THE JUNE FLOOD), IT WAS A GOOD YEAR IN THE ARBORETUM. NEW TREES AND SHRUBS WERE PLANTED, THE WILDFLOWER PLANTINGS FROM 2016 INCREASED DIVERSITY IN THE AREA (EVEN THOUGH THEY ALSO WERE HIT HARD BY THE FLOOD). THERE ARE NOW 79 SPECIES OF TREES AND 26 SPECIES OF SHRUBS REPRESENTED IN THE ARBORETUM. ALSO, 149 NEW SPECIMEN TREE TAGS WERE ORDERED AND THEY WILL BE PLACED ON TREES BY NEXT SPRING. A NEW ENTRANCE SIGN BUILT AT THE HOMESTEAD TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS THE HOMESTEAD AREA AND ARBORETUM.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4c:

VOLUNTEERS AND OUTREACH OUTREACH THE DEPARTMENT OF VOLUNTEERS AND OUTREACH CONTINUES TO SHARE CNC'S MISSION TO INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN THE GREAT LAKES BAY REGION (GLBR) THROUGH OUR INVOLVEMENT IN VARIOUS COMMUNITY EVENTS, CAREER FAIRS AND COLLABORATIVE EVENTS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN 2017, THIS DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATED IN 39 EVENTS, SOME OF WHICH INCLUDE THE MT PLEASANT DISCOVERY MUSEUM'S DAY OF PLAY, DOW BAY AREA FAMILY YMCA'S HEALTHY KIDS' DAY EVENT, RIVERDAYS, PARKAPALOOZA, KIDS' DAY AT THE MALL, CLARE FAMILY FUN DAY, GREAT LAKES BAY STEM FESTIVAL AND SEVERAL CAREER FAIRS EVENTS PROVIDE US WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROMOTE THE NATURE CENTER THROUGHOUT THE GLBR WHILE PROVIDING SIMPLE, HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES TO THOSE VISITING OUR BOOTH VOLUNTEERS FOR OVER 50 YEARS, VOLUNTEERS HAVE PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE AT CNC, FROM OUR FOUNDING BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO SPENT ENDLESS HOURS REMOVING BARBWIRE AND BUILDING THE HOMESTEAD BUILDINGS TO THE CITS HELPING WITH NATURE DAY CAMP AND MANY INDIVIDUALS THAT HELP MAKE ALL OF OUR SPECIAL EVENTS A SUCCESS VOLUNTEERS OF ALL AGES ASSIST CNC STAFF WITH A WIDE RANGE OF PROJECTS, FESTIVALS AND ACTIVITIES CHIPPEWA NATURE CENTER WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE AND A HEARTFELT "THANK YOU" TO THE 891 VOLUNTEERS THAT SHARED THEIR TIME (A TOTAL OF 13,709 25 HOURS), TALENTS AND EXPERTISE AT CNC DURING 2017 THE NAMES OF THE INDIVIDUALS THAT PROVIDED VOLUNTEER SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE CENTER DURING 2017 ARE LISTED IN THIS REPORT AGAIN, A SINCERE THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS THROUGHOUT THE YEARS FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO OUR PROGRAMS, MISSION AND VISION WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.
▶ 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.

2017

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
CHIPPEWA NATURE CENTER

Employer identification number

38-1859315

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 12, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ))
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state _____
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)
- 9 An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land grant college of agriculture See instructions Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university _____
- 10 An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 12 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box in lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g
 - a **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations _____
 - g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
Total						

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, 8, or 9 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) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
1	Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grant.")	433,478	805,824	368,759	534,644	755,708	2,898,413
2	Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3	The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4	Total. Add lines 1 through 3	433,478	805,824	368,759	534,644	755,708	2,898,413
5	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)						437,613
6	Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						2,460,800

Section B. Total Support

	Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
7	Amounts from line 4	433,478	805,824	368,759	534,644	755,708	2,898,413
8	Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	408,752	449,789	448,159	447,927	471,874	2,226,501
9	Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10	Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)	6,828	11,084	8,385	-1,990	301	24,608
11	Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						5,149,522
12	Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	2,667,464

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 2017 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	47.790 %
15	Public support percentage for 2016 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	44.710 %

- 16a 33 1/3% support test—2017.** 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—2016.** 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—2017.** 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 VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2016.** 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 VI 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 10 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) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
1	Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2	Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3	Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4	Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5	The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6	Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a	Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b	Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c	Add lines 7a and 7b						
8	Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►		(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
9	Amounts from line 6						
10a	Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b	Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c	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 VI.)						
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

15	Public support percentage for 2017 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	
16	Public support percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17	Investment income percentage for 2017 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18	Investment income percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	

19a 33 1/3% support tests—2017. 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—2016. 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 12 of Part I. If you checked 12a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 12b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 12c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 12d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

		Yes	No
1	Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? 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.		
	1		
2	Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).		
	2		
3a	Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.		
	3a		
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)? If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.		
	3b		
c	Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.		
	3c		
4a	Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes" and if you checked 12a or 12b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.		
	4a		
b	Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? 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.		
	4b		
c	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)? 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.		
	4c		
5a	Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? 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).		
	5a		
b	Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
	5b		
c	Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
	5c		
6	Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
	6		
7	Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).		
	7		
8	Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).		
	8		
9a	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))? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
	9a		
b	Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
	9b		
c	Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
	9c		
10a	Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer line 10b below.		
	10a		
b	Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)		
	10b		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

		Yes	No
11	Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a	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	A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
c	A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? <i>If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI</i>		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

		Yes	No
1	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? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI 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.</i>		
2	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? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised or controlled the supporting organization.</i>		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

		Yes	No
1	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)? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).</i>		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

		Yes	No
1	Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
2	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? <i>If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).</i>		
3	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? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.</i>		

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

1	Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions)		
a	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.		
b	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.		
c	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).		
2	Activities Test Answer (a) and (b) below.	Yes	No
a	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? <i>If "Yes," then in Part VI 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.</i>		
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? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.</i>		
3	Parent of Supported Organizations Answer (a) and (b) below.		
a	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? <i>Provide details in Part VI.</i>		
b	Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.</i>		

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 (explain in Part VI) **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	Adjusted Net Income (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)	1	
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	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount 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	Minimum Asset Amount (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	Distributable Amount. 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)		

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

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI) See instructions	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI) See instructions	
9 Distributable amount for 2017 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2017	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2017
1 Distributable amount for 2017 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2017 (reasonable cause required-- explain in Part VI) See instructions			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2017			
a			
b From 2013.			
c From 2014.			
d From 2015.			
e From 2016.			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2017 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2012 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f			
4 Distributions for 2017 from Section D, line 7			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2017 distributable amount			
c Remainder Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2017, if any Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 If the amount is greater than zero, explain in Part VI See instructions			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2017 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 If the amount is greater than zero, explain in Part VI See instructions			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2018. Add lines 3j and 4c			
8 Breakdown of line 7			
a Excess from 2013.			
b Excess from 2014.			
c Excess from 2015.			
d Excess from 2016.			
e Excess from 2017.			

Part VI Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10, Part II, line 17a or 17b, Part III, line 12, Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c, Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2, Part IV, Section C, line 1, Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3, Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b, Part V, line 1, Part V, Section B, line 1e, Part V Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8, and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions)

Facts And Circumstances Test

990 Schedule A, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART II, LINE 10	OTHER INCOME 24,608

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements
▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
▶ Attach to Form 990.
Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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CHIPPEWA NATURE CENTER

Employer identification number
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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

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

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 an 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 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, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, 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" on 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 on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ _____

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ _____ 57,422

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 on 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
- 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" on 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 | |
| d Additions during the year | |
| e Distributions during the year | |
| f Ending balance | |
- 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" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	27,071,177	26,297,721	28,878,022	29,048,688	25,262,089
b Contributions	80,739	46,400	13,850	9,500	61,444
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	4,565,048	2,066,049	-933,710	718,343	5,072,311
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	1,193,716	1,310,205	1,632,154	870,234	1,318,713
f Administrative expenses	29,352	28,788	28,287	28,275	28,443
g End of year balance	30,493,896	27,071,177	26,297,721	28,878,022	29,048,688

- 2** Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as
- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ 12 800 %
 - b** Permanent endowment ▶ 12 400 %
 - c** Temporarily restricted endowment ▶ 74 800 %
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%
- 3a** Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by
- | | Yes | No |
|--|---------------|----|
| (i) unrelated organizations | 3a(i) | No |
| (ii) related organizations | 3a(ii) | No |
| b If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? | 3b | |
- 4** Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		1,539,672		1,539,672
b Buildings		7,541,555	4,333,209	3,208,346
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		549,959	445,226	104,733
e Other		2,410,443	1,862,571	547,872
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c)) . . . ▶				5,400,623

Part VII Investments—Other Securities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12)	▶	

Part VIII Investments—Program Related. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13)	▶	

Part IX Other Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 15)	▶

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

(a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
1. Federal income taxes	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (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' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	5,906,925
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	2,671,945	
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	2,671,945
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	3,234,980
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 XIII)	4b	4,825	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	4,825
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)		5	3,239,805

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

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		1	2,807,285
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	-4,825	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	-4,825
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	2,812,110
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 XIII)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)		5	2,812,110

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

Return Reference	Explanation
See Additional Data Table	

Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

Return Reference	Explanation

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 38-1859315

Name: CHIPPEWA NATURE CENTER

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE D, PAGE 2, PART V, LINE 4	ENDOWMENT ASSETS INCLUDE THOSE ASSETS OF DONOR-RESTRICTED FUNDS THAT THE CENTER MUST HOLD IN PERPETUITY OR FOR A DONOR-SPECIFIED PERIOD AND BOARD- DESIGNATED FUNDS. ENDOWMENT ASSETS ARE COMBINED WITH ALL INVESTMENTS OF THE CENTER. AS APPROVED BY THE CENTERS INVESTMENT COMMITTEE, THE INVESTMENTS ARE INVESTED IN A MANNER THAT IS INTENDED TO INCREASE THE PURCHASING POWER OF THE CENTERS ASSETS AFTER INFLATION, WHILE ALSO GENERATING RETURNS TO SUPPORT OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL SPENDING TO MAINTAIN THE FACILITY. THE CENTERS SPENDING POLICY REGARDING INVESTMENTS IS TO LIMIT THE SPENDABLE AMOUNT EACH YEAR TO AN AMOUNT NO GREATER THAN 5 PERCENT OF THE SEVEN YEAR AVERAGE MARKET VALUE AS OF DECEMBER 31ST OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR. HOWEVER, THE AMOUNT ACTUALLY SPENT MAY NOT REDUCE THE PORTFOLIOS MARKET VALUE BELOW THE PRIOR YEARS INFLATION-ADJUSTED ORIGINAL GIFT VALUE.

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE D, PAGE 4, PART XI, LINE 4B	GAIN ON SALE OF FIXED ASSETS 4,825

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE D, PAGE 4, PART XII, LINE 2D	GAIN ON SALE OF FIXED ASSETS -4,825

Schedule I (Form 990)

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations, Governments and Individuals in the United States

OMB No 1545-0047

2017

Open to Public Inspection

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22. Attach to Form 990.

Information about Schedule I (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization CHIPPEWA NATURE CENTER

Employer identification number 38-1859315

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance...
2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000 Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed

Table with 8 columns: (a) Name and address of organization or government, (b) EIN, (c) IRC section (if applicable), (d) Amount of cash grant, (e) Amount of non-cash assistance, (f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other), (g) Description of noncash assistance, (h) Purpose of grant or assistance. Row 1: MIDLAND AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, 38-2023395, C3, 30,000, EDUCATION.

- 2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table.
3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table.

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22

Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of noncash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of noncash assistance
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					

Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the information required in Part I, line 2; Part III, column (b); and any other additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE I, PAGE 1, PART I, LINE 2	THE GRANT DOES NOT REQUIRE MONITORING AS IT WAS A ONE TIME PAYMENT TO ESTABLISH AN ENDOWMENT FUND FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ORGANIZATION AT MIDLAND AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS ENDOWMENT ALLOWS OTHERS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)Department of the Treasury
~~Internal Revenue Service~~Name of the organization
CHIPPEWA NATURE CENTER**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.

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38-1859315

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990 - ORGANIZATION'S MISSION	THE CHIPPEWA NATURE CENTER IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION WHOSE MISSION IS TO FACILITATE THE ENJOYMENT AND UNDERSTANDING OF OUR NATURAL, HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES AS RELEVANT TO THE SAGINAW VALLEY, TO PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AND TO FOSTER RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP

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Return Reference	Explanation
<p>FORM 990, PAGE 2, PART III, LINE 4A</p>	<p>EXCEPTION OF FOUR HOLIDAYS WHILE QUANTIFYING TRAIL USERS IS DIFFICULT, WE WELCOMED A RECORD NUMBER OF 22,102 GUESTS TO THE VISITOR CENTER. FREE DROP-IN PROGRAMS CONTINUE TO BE THE FOUNDATION OF CNC'S INTERPRETIVE PROGRAM OFFERINGS, AND ARE ATTENDED BY A MIX OF RETURNING GUESTS AND FIRST-TIME VISITORS. WE WELCOMED 152 VISITORS TO WEE STROLL, A PROGRAM DESIGNED FOR OUR YOUNGEST VISITORS (6 MONTHS-2 YEARS OLD) AND THEIR CAREGIVERS TO CONNECT WITH NATURE. STORY HOURS ARE GEARED FOR THE NEXT OLDER AGE GROUP RANGING FROM 2-5 YEARS OLD, AND HAD 995 PARTICIPANTS IN 2017. BEYOND THE DROP-IN PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS, OVER 250 ADULT AND FAMILY PROGRAMS WERE OFFERED IN 2017, SERVING NEARLY 5,100 PEOPLE. THOSE PROGRAMS COVERED TOPICS INCLUDING BIRD WALKS, WILDFLOWER HIKES, MAPLE SYRUP PROGRAMS, LIFE ON AN 1870S FARM, BIRD BANDING, NATIVE AMERICAN LIFE, FULL MOON WALKS, ARCHAEOLOGY, ANIMALS TRACKS, SALAMANDER SEARCHES, GOLF CART TOURS, SNAKE PROGRAMS AND MUCH MORE. HOMESTEAD SUNDAYS, A UNIQUE SUNDAY AFTERNOON DROP-IN PROGRAM AT THE HOMESTEAD FARM, CONTINUES TO BE POPULAR WITH 1,399 VISITORS IN 2017. THIS WAS OUR FIRST FULL SEASON WITH THE TIMBER FRAME BARN AND LIVE STOCK PEN IMPROVEMENTS, BOTH OF WHICH ENHANCED THE VISITOR EXPERIENCE. THIS YEAR, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF SEASONAL STAFF, 12 DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS DONATED MORE THAN 328 HOURS OF THEIR TIME LEADING TOURS AND HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES, CONDUCTING DEMONSTRATIONS AND WORKING IN THE GARDEN. THE HOMESTEAD GARDEN HAS CONTINUED TO THRIVE AND PROVIDE FRESH PRODUCE TO THE MIDLAND COUNTY EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY NETWORK. IMMERSIVE PROGRAMS DEVELOP A CONNECTION TO NATURE FOR ALL AGES. MANY VISITORS CHOOSE TO SPEND MORE TIME LEARNING, GROWING AND EXPERIENCING THE NATURAL WORLD THROUGH REGISTERED PROGRAMS THAT ENHANCE AND SUPPORT THEIR CONNECTION TO NATURE. FIELD TRIPS ARE IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES THAT GIVE VISITORS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PADDLE LOCAL RIVERS, BIRD THE SAGINAW BAY, TRY VOYAGEUR CANOEING, ENJOY HISTORY TOURS BY GOLF CART, KAYAK THE MOOSE COUNTRY OF THE UPPER PENINSULA AND SNOWSHOE ALONG THE AU SABLE RIVER. OVER 200 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN 28 FIELD TRIPS. WORKSHOPS PROVIDE HANDS-ON OPPORTUNITIES TO BUILD CONNECTIONS BY HELPING PARTICIPANTS LEARN A NEW SKILL AND ALSO APPRECIATE THE RESOURCES OF NATURE. WORKSHOPS WERE OFFERED ON A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS INCLUDING NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY, HAND-SPINNING, AQUATIC BIOLOGY, BASKET MAKING, MAKING MAPLE SYRUP, SOAP MAKING AND DECORATIVE GOURD MAKING. THE 6TH ANNUAL NATURE PRESCHOOL INSTITUTE IN JUNE GAVE 16 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS A CHANCE TO EXPLORE CNC'S NATURE-BASED PROGRAM. BIRTHDAY PARTIES PROVIDE A FUN WAY FOR CHILDREN TO CELEBRATE THEIR SPECIAL DAY IN THE MOST FUN ENVIRONMENT AROUND - THE NATURAL WORLD. IN 2017, 175 CHILDREN ATTENDED BIRTHDAY PARTIES HOSTED BY A CNC EDUCATOR. SCHOOL AND SCOUT PROGRAMS PROVIDE A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO LEARN IN A HANDS-ON, INQUIRY-BASED ATMOSPHERE. WE PROVIDE PROGRAMS BOTH AT CNC AND IN CLASSROOMS. IN 2017, 13,277 ST</p>

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Return Reference	Explanation
<p>FORM 990, PAGE 2, PART III, LINE 4A</p>	<p>STUDENTS WERE GUIDED THROUGH MORE THAN 20 ON-SITE PROGRAMS AND NINE OFF-SITE OPTIONS THROUGH FOUR AT HOME WITH NATURE 3-CLASS SERIES, 236 HOMESCHOOL STUDENTS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT WITH NATURE IN A VARIETY OF FUN, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS WE WELCOMED 509 CUB SCOUTS AND GIRL SCOUTS FOR A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT THEIR CONNECTION TO NATURE THROUGH THE SCOUTING ADVANCEMENT PROGRAMS NATURE KINDERGARTEN AND NATURE FIRST GRADE CONTINUE TO BE A SUCCESS STORY THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR MARKED THE 6TH YEAR OF THIS PARTNERSHIP WITH BULLOCK CREEK SCHOOLS, WITH FOUR SECTIONS OF KINDERGARTEN AT FLOYD ELEMENTARY AND ONE SECTION AT PINE RIVER ELEMENTARY, IN ADDITION TO THREE SECTIONS OF NATURE FIRST GRADE AT FLOYD ELEMENTARY ALL OF THESE CLASSES ARE NOW NATURE-BASED WITH A CNC EDUCATOR WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE TEACHERS TO DEVELOP CURRICULUM IN ADDITION TO WEEKLY VISITS TO FIRST GRADE, A CNC EDUCATOR VISITS EVERY CLASSROOM AT FLOYD ELEMENTARY ON A MONTHLY BASIS NATURE PRESCHOOL HAS SEEN A LOT OF GROWTH IN RECENT YEARS DURING THE 2016 -17 SCHOOL YEAR, NATURE PRESCHOOL ENROLLED 136 CHILDREN CLASSES ARE HELD AT THE MARGARET (RANNY) RIECKER NATURE PRESCHOOL BUILDING AND NATURE STUDY BUILDING WE CONTINUE TO OPERATE WITH FUNDING FROM THE GREAT START READINESS GRANT FROM THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR 21 AT-RISK 4 -YEAR OLDS TO ATTEND NATURE PRESCHOOL AT NO COST TO THE FAMILY IN ADDITION, WE HAVE FUNDING FROM THE GREAT START COLLABORATIVE FOR AT-RISK 3 -YEAR OLDS, AND CNC OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS TO FAMILIES THAT MAY NOT QUALIFY FOR THESE FUNDING SOURCES, BUT HAVE A FINANCIAL NEED FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE CHARLES J STROSACKER FOUNDATION AND THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY FOR THEIR FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO KEEP THIS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM RUNNING THIS ALLOWS US TO CONTINUE OUR MISSION TO MAKE NATURE PRESCHOOL ACCESSIBLE TO A GREAT DIVERSITY OF ECONOMIC BACKGROUNDS NATURE DAY CAMP HAD A RECORD YEAR IN 2017 - WE SERVED 1027 CAMPERS, THE MOST EVER, OVER 8 WEEKS OF CAMP FIFTY-EIGHT CHILDREN PARTICIPATED IN CAMP AS PART OF A GRANT THROUGH BULLOCK CREEK SCHOOLS, AND ANOTHER 71 STUDENTS RECEIVED SCHOLARSHIPS FOR A SESSION OF CAMP FOR THE FIRST TIME, CAMP PROVIDED A BEFORE AND AFTER CARE PROGRAM AT THE HOMESTEAD FARM SERVING 66 CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE SUMMER, WE OFFERED TWO SESSIONS OF LEADERS-IN-TRAINING, WHICH CONTINUES TO SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE CAMPERS TO TRANSITION INTO HIGH-QUALITY CNC TEEN VOLUNTEERS AND FUTURE STAFF MEMBERS ONCE AGAIN, WE OFFERED EXPLORING NATURE TOGETHER FOR TYPICALLY DEVELOPING CHILDREN AND THEIR PEERS ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM THIS YEAR'S SESSION HAS 8 CAMPERS WITH A CAPACITY OF 1,150 SPOTS, NDC WAS 90.5% FULL WE HAD 195 KIDS ON WAITLISTS FOR VARIOUS SESSIONS, INCLUDING PRESCHOOL CAMPS (NATURE TOTS AND TINY TRAILBLAZERS ESPECIALLY), CAMPS FOR OLDER ON-SITE CAMPERS (ESPECIALLY ADVENTURE CAMP AND SURVIVAL VILLAGE) AND ADVENTURE TRIPS (EACH SESSION HAD A WAITLIST, BUT THE SOUTH MANITOU</p>

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PAGE 2, PART III, LINE 4A	AND NORTH MANITOU TRIPS HAD THE LONGEST WAITLISTS) EIGHTY- FOUR TEENS PARTICIPATED IN THE COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING (CIT) PROGRAM, LOGGING 5,806 SERVICE HOURS CITS ASSIST COUNSELORS WITH SET-UP AND CLEAN-UP, PLAY GAMES AND DO CRAFTS WITH THE KIDS, LEAD LUNCHTIME ACTIVATES AND ACT AS ROLE MODELS THROUGHOUT THE DAY NEW EXHIBITS KEEP THINGS FRESH A NEW LOOK TO T HE ENTRY-WAY OF THE HOMESTEAD FARM AND ARBORETUM WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2017 THROUGH THE DILI GENT WORK OF THE LAND & FACILITIES, MARKETING AND PROGRAMS DEPARTMENTS, VISITORS TO THAT A REA ARE NOW WELCOMED BY A CNC-BRANDED KIOSK WITH INFORMATION AND MAPS OF THESE TWO UNIQUE AREAS A TRIP TO THE RESOURCE BUILDING WILL NOW GIVE VISITORS THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MOR E ABOUT LAND MANAGEMENT AT CNC WHILE STOPPING FOR A DRINK, VISITORS CAN LEARN ABOUT THE I NVASIVE SPECIES WE BATTLE AND THE AMAZING RESULTS WE SEE WHEN THEY ARE CONTROLLED ONCE AG AIN, THIS EXHIBIT WAS DEVELOPED THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE EFFORT OF LAND & FACILITIES, MARK ETING AND PROGRAMS LOOKING FORWARD AS WE LOOK TOWARD THE FUTURE, WE ARE EXCITED TO CONTIN UE TO OFFER HIGH QUALITY, MEANINGFUL NATURE EXPERIENCES FOR ALL OF OUR VISITORS THROUGH N EW AND EXPANDING PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS, CONNECTIONS WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES AND TH E SUPPORT OF OUR COMMUNITY, CHIPPEWA NATURE CENTER'S MISSION IS BEING FULFILLED ON A DAILY BASIS

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FORM 990, PAGE 2, PART III, LINE 4B	<p>ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO INSTALL THE TOWER AT CNC WAS PROVIDED BY THE HERBERT H AND GRACE A DOW FOUNDATION, THE HARRY A AND MARGARET D TOWSLEY FOUNDATION, AND MIDLAND AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND CONSUMERS ENERGY FOUNDATION THE 33-FOOT TALL OBSERVATION TOWER WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON CNC'S DIVERSE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING, AS WELL AS FOR EVERYDAY VISITORS THE LOWER LEVEL OF THE TOWER HAS UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO THOSE WITH LIMITED MOBILITY, WITH A RAMP LEADING TO A 21-FOOT BY 24-FOOT VIEWING PLATFORM VISITORS CAN ACCESS THE UPPER LEVEL OF THE TOWER BY STAIRS ACCESS TO MUSKRAT MARSH IMPROVED WITH A NEW FLOATING CLASSROOM DOCK, MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH A GRANT FROM THE MICHIGAN BASEBALL FOUNDATION 100-YEAR FLOOD IN JUNE THE GREAT LAKES BAY REGION WAS AFFECTED BY HISTORIC FLOODING IN JUNE WHEN 5 1/2" OF RAIN FELL IN ONE NIGHT FOLLOWING A WEEK OF STEADY RAINS MAJOR IMPACTS AT CNC INCLUDED THE FLOODING OF THE NATURE STUDY BUILDING, BENT STILL-ARMS AT THE UNIVERSAL ACCESS DOCK, A PORTION OF HOMESTEAD ROAD WASHED OUT, ARBORETUM TREES THAT DIED AND DEBRIS THAT NEEDED TO BE CLEANED OFF CNC TRAILS TRAILS WERE BACK IN ORDER AND THE UNIVERSAL DOCK WAS REPAIRED WITH A WEEK AND WHILE WE LOST ACCESS TO THE NATURE STUDY BUILDING FOR NATURE DAY CAMP, THE BUILDING WAS READY FOR THE FIRST DAY OF PRESCHOOL ON SEPTEMBER 11 IMPROVING ACCESS TO NATURE TWO NEW RAMPS WERE BUILT ON EACH SIDE OF THE EAST CHIPPEWA TRAIL BRIDGE TO CORRECT SIGNIFICANT FROST HEAVING THAT HAS OCCURRED OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS THE SUGAR BUSH TRAIL AT THE EAST END OF THE SIX-ISLAND POND AND A TRAIL PARALLELING HOMESTEAD ROAD IN THE BEECH/MAPLE FOREST WERE RE-ROUTED DUE TO HIGH NUMBERS OF ASH TREES AFFECTED BY EMERALD ASH BORER IN ORDER TO IMPROVE TRAIL ACCESS DURING WET SEASONS, ADDITIONAL REROUTES WERE ADDED IN MAY ONE WAS CREATED IN THE OXBOW TO BYPASS A LOW MUDDY SPOT THAT OFTEN STAYS WET WELL INTO JUNE THIS TRAIL WORK INCLUDED THE ADDITION OF A 20' BOARDWALK PASSING BETWEEN THE OXBOW AND A SEASONALLY FLOODED MAPLE FORESTED AREA A SECOND REROUTE WAS COMPLETED IN THE BEECH/MAPLE FOREST TO BYPASS A WET AREA THAT IS OFTEN WET UNTIL JUNE OTHER AREAS OF CNC'S TRAILS HAVE ALSO BEEN IMPROVED BY ADDING CULVERTS AND GRAVEL THE RIVER TRAIL SHOULD NOW BE ACCESSIBLE YEAR-ROUND, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF DURING MAJOR FLOODING DALE JOHNSON, AN EAGLE SCOUT, ENHANCED THE SPUR TRAIL BETWEEN THE CHIPPEWA TRAIL AND THE WETLANDS AREA PARKING LOT BY RECONSTRUCTING THE BOARDWALK AND ADDING GRAVEL ORIENTATION SIGNS WERE UPDATED AT MAJOR INTERSECTIONS OF THE RIVER TRAIL AND NEW WAYFINDING SIGNS WERE ADDED TO THE CHIPPEWA TRAIL IN CONJUNCTION WITH A CITY OF MIDLAND PROJECT TO ENHANCE SIGNAGE FOR WALKING AND BIKING PATHS THROUGHOUT THE CITY PADDLERS NOW HAVE IMPROVED ACCESS TO THE CHIPPEWA RIVER ON HOMESTEAD ROAD THANKS TO THE ADDITION OF A DOCK AND LANDING AREA, MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE SUPPORT OF MIKE AND LAURIE WITT A 32' GANGWAY HELPS REDUCE EROSION, AND PROVIDE SAFER ACCESS TO THE DOCK AND RIVER</p>

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FORM 990, PAGE 2, PART III, LINE 4B	<p>R LAND MANAGEMENT IMPROVES THE ECOSYSTEMS CONTROL OF INVASIVE EXOTIC PLANTS TO BE A MAJOR FOCUS IN 2017 IN TOTAL, 407 ACRES WERE TREATED TO CONTROL THE SPREAD OF THESE INVADERS CNC WAS ABLE TO TREAT ALL PHRAGMITES AND MOST OF THE JAPANESE KNOTWEED FOUND ON THE PROPERTY THROUGH SUPPORT FROM THE SAGINAW BAY COOPERATIVE INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT AREA ADDITIONAL BRUSH HOGGING IN THE WINTER HELPED CONTROL SHRUBBY INVASIVE EXOTIC PLANTS IN CNC'S OPEN AREAS AND ALLOWED THE SUMMER CREW TO FOCUS ON THE WOODED AND SHRUBBY AREAS THAT ARE HIGH PRIORITY IN ADDITION, A TOTAL OF 46 DEER WERE HARVESTED ON CNC PROPERTY BY FIVE CNC-S ELECTED VOLUNTEERS DURING THE SEASON ITC TRANSMISSION EARNED THE GRASSLANDS PROJECT AWARD FOR ITS NATIVE PLANT RESTORATION WORK ON THE TRANSMISSION CORRIDOR CROSSING CHIPPEWA NATURE CENTER FOUR APPLICATIONS OF NATIVE SEED MIXES ENHANCED THE EXISTING NATIVE PLANT DIVERSITY IN THE ITC ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION CORRIDOR AT THE NATURE CENTER FROM 2012-2016 THESE NATIVE SPECIES PROVIDE LARVAL HOST PLANTS, NECTAR AND POLLEN SOURCES THROUGHOUT THE GROWING SEASON AND NESTING AND COVER MATERIALS FOR NATIVE POLLINATORS ITC HAS CONDUCTED ANNUAL INVASIVE SPECIES TREATMENTS WITHIN THE CHIPPEWA NATURE CENTER TRANSMISSION CORRIDOR SINCE 2010 THROUGH MOWING, HAND-PULLING, SEED HEAD COLLING, FOLIAR AND CUT-STUMP HERBICIDE APPLICATIONS, AND BIOLOGICAL CONTROL TO ENCOURAGE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIVE FORBS, GRAMINOIDS AND SHRUBS MOST BENEFICIAL TO NATIVE POLLINATORS CNC WAS EXCITED TO BE AWARDED A MICHIGAN DNR WILDLIFE GRANT FOR 2018-19 THIS GRANT WILL ENABLE CNC TO CONTINUE TO ENHANCE ITS OPEN AREAS USING PRESCRIBED BURNS AND PLANTING WILDFLOWERS WORK WILL START IN 2018 TO CREATE OPENINGS IN SHRUBBY AREAS WHERE INVASIVE PLANTS HAVE TAKEN HOLD, AND ALLOW FOR THE PLANTING OF NATIVE TREES AND SHRUBS TO HELP RESTORE THE AREAS MAPLE SYRUP SEASON - DUE TO WARM WEATHER EARLY, SAP COLLECTING STARTED ON FEBRUARY 17 AND ENDED ON APRIL 3 IN TOTAL, 36 GALLONS OF MAPLE SYRUP WAS MADE ARBORETUM - ALTHOUGH 73 TREES DIED (MOSTLY AS A RESULT OF THE JUNE FLOOD), IT WAS A GOOD YEAR IN THE ARBORETUM NEW TREES AND SHRUBS WERE PLANTED, THE WILDFLOWER PLANTINGS FROM 2016 INCREASED DIVERSITY IN THE AREA (EVEN THOUGH THEY ALSO WERE HIT HARD BY THE FLOOD) THERE ARE NOW 79 SPECIES OF TREES AND 26 SPECIES OF SHRUBS REPRESENTED IN THE ARBORETUM ALSO, 149 NEW SPECIMEN TREE TAGS WERE ORDERED AND THEY WILL BE PLACED ON TREES BY NEXT SPRING A NEW ENTRANCE SIGN BUILT AT THE HOMESTEAD TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS THE HOMESTEAD AREA AND ARBORETUM</p>

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FORM 990, PAGE 2, PART III, LINE 4C	VOLUNTEERS FOR OVER 50 YEARS, VOLUNTEERS HAVE PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE AT CNC, FROM OUR FOUNDING BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO SPENT ENDLESS HOURS REMOVING BARBWIRE AND BUILDING THE HOMESTEAD BUILDINGS TO THE CITS HELPING WITH NATURE DAY CAMP AND MANY INDIVIDUALS THAT HELP MAKE ALL OF OUR SPECIAL EVENTS A SUCCESS VOLUNTEERS OF ALL AGES ASSIST CNC STAFF WITH A WIDE RANGE OF PROJECTS, FESTIVALS AND ACTIVITIES CHIPPEWA NATURE CENTER WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE AND A HEARTFELT "THANK YOU" TO THE 891 VOLUNTEERS THAT SHARED THEIR TIME (A TOTAL OF 13,709 25 HOURS), TALENTS AND EXPERTISE AT CNC DURING 2017 THE NAMES OF THE INDIVIDUALS THAT PROVIDED VOLUNTEER SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE CENTER DURING 2017 ARE LISTED IN THIS REPORT AGAIN, A SINCERE THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS THROUGHOUT THE YEARS FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO OUR PROGRAMS, MISSION AND VISION WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU

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FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 6	THE ORGANIZATION HAS MEMBERS OF VARIOUS LEVELS, DEPENDING ON CONTRIBUTION ALL MEMBERS HAVE RIGHTS TO VOTE ON BOARD MEMBERS

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FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 7A	BOARD MEMBERS ARE ELECTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING BY VOTES FROM CNC MEMBERS. NOMINATIONS ARE NAMED BY NOVEMBER OF THE PRECEDING YEAR BY THE BOARD NOMINATING COMMITTEE. THE ELECTION IS HELD AT THE ANNUAL MEETING. IF NO NOMINATIONS ARE MADE OTHER THAN THE SLATE ANNOUNCED BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE, THEN THOSE NOMINATED ARE ELECTED WITH ONE BALLOT FROM THE BOARD SECRETARY - ALSO AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

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FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 11B	THE FORM 990 WAS REVIEWED BY SENIOR MANAGEMENT OF CNC PRIOR TO ITS APPROVAL FOR FILING

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FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 12C	CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY COVERS MEMBERS OF THE CHIPPEWA NATURE CENTER (CNC) BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ANY OF ITS COMMITTEES, AND STAFF MEMBERS COVERED PERSONS SHALL READILY DISCLOSE TO CNC ANY PERSONAL INTEREST WHICH HE OR SHE MAY HAVE IN ANY MATTER PENDING BEFORE CNC AND SHALL REFRAIN FROM PARTICIPATION IN ANY DECISION ON SUCH MATTER ANY MEMBER OF THE CNC BOARD OR STAFF, WHO IS AN OFFICER, BOARD MEMBER, OR EMPLOYEE OF AN AGENCY OR OTHER ENTITY DOING BUSINESS WITH CNC, SHALL IDENTIFY HIS OR HER AFFILIATION WITH SUCH AGENCY OR ENTITY COVERED PERSONS IN CONNECTION WITH ANY POLICY COMMITTEE OR BOARD ACTION SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED TO THAT AGENCY OR ENTITY, SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE DECISION AFFECTING THAT AGENCY OR ENTITY, AND THE DECISION MUST BE MADE AND/OR RATIFIED BY THE FULL BOARD WITHOUT THE VOTE OF THE AFFECTED MEMBER

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FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 15A	THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DEVELOPS A BUDGET CONTAINING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SALARY WHICH IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. COMPETITIVE SALARY LEVELS ARE COMPARED AT LOCAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL LEVELS FOR COMPENSATION FOR SIMILARLY QUALIFIED PERSONS IN FUNCTIONALLY COMPARABLE POSITIONS AT SIMILARLY SITUATED ORGANIZATIONS. THE APPROVAL IS DOCUMENTED IN THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES.

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FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 19	ANY REQUESTS FOR THIS INFORMATION ARE DIRECTED TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WHO PROVIDES THE DOCUMENTS AS REQUESTED IF LEGALLY MANDATED OR CONSTRUCTIVELY APPROPRIATE

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FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9	GAIN ON SALE OF FIXED ASSETS -4,825 GAIN ON SALE OF FIXED ASSETS 4,825