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Form **990**

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

2012

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

Open to Public Inspection

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

A For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning MAY 1, 2012 and ending APR 30, 2013

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization THE CHICAGO WILDERNESS TRUST Doing Business As Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 8 S. MICHIGAN AVENUE 900 City, town, or post office, state, and ZIP code CHICAGO, IL 60603 F Name and address of principal officer: MELINDA PRUETT-JONES SAME AS C ABOVE	D Employer identification number 36-4479642 E Telephone number 312-580-2137 G Gross receipts \$ 882,548. H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions) H(c) Group exemption number ▶
I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () ◀ (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		
J Website: ▶ WWW.CHICAGOWILDERNESS.ORG		
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		L Year of formation: 2002 M State of legal domicile: IL

Part I Summary															
		1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: A CHICAGO METRO-REGIONAL ALLIANCE DEDICATED TO PROTECTING NATURE AND ENRICHING LIFE.													
		2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.													
Activities & Governance	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	10												
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	10												
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2012 (Part V, line 2a)	10												
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	1000												
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	0.												
	7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	0.												
	Revenue			<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Prior Year</th> <th>Current Year</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">611,286.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">664,030.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">179,921.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">218,181.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">223.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">204.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">361.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">133.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">791,791.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">882,548.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Prior Year	Current Year	611,286.	664,030.	179,921.	218,181.	223.	204.	361.	133.	791,791.
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8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)														
9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)														
10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)														
11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)														
12	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)														
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	213,378.												
	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)	512,992.												
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0.												
	16b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 9,700.													
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	117,095.												
18	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	843,465.													
19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-51,674.													
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20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)														
21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)														
22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20														

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 MELINDA PRUETT-JONES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Type or print name and title	Date
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name KIMBERLY A. HAUMANN Preparer's signature KIMBERLY A. HAUMANN Date 08/06/13 Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/> PTIN P00546491 Firm's name ▶ PLANTE & MORAN, PLLC Firm's EIN ▶ 38-1357951 Firm's address ▶ 10 S. RIVERSIDE PLAZA, 9TH FLOOR CHICAGO, IL 60606 Phone no. (312) 207-1040	

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III [X]

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: CHICAGO WILDERNESS IS A REGIONAL ALLIANCE OF ORGANIZATIONS WORKING TOGETHER TO RESTORE LOCAL NATURE AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL WHO LIVE HERE, BY PROTECTING THE LANDS AND WATERS ON WHICH WE ALL DEPEND.

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

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

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

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 217,524. including grants of \$ 141,060.) (Revenue \$) THE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE VISION (GIV) IS THE ALLIANCE'S ACTION PLAN FOR CREATING A REGION WHERE NATURE IS ACCESSIBLE TO ALL RESIDENTS, AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT REFLECTS OUR COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINING A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR TODAY, AND FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. IMPLEMENTING THE GIV IS A COORDINATED EFFORT INVOLVING ALL ALLIANCE MEMBERS IN TARGETED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. PROJECTS UNDERWAY FOR THE GIV INCLUDE: THE SUSTAINABLE WATERSHED ACTION TEAM PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT TO INCORPORATE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE INTO COMPREHENSIVE PLANS, GIV TRAINING WORKSHOPS FOR MUNICIPAL PLANNERS AND TRANSPORTATION PLANNERS, DEVELOPMENT OF THE INDEX FOR CONSERVATION COMPATIBILITY ASSESSMENT TOOL, AND THE KNOWLEDGE BASE FOR BUILDING THE FRAMEWORK FOR TRACKING AND EVALUATING PROGRESS FOR THE GIV.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 164,409. including grants of \$ 33,844.) (Revenue \$ 207.) THE CORE INITIATIVE OF CHICAGO WILDERNESS IS RESTORING LOCAL NATURE TO HEALTH AND THE ALLIANCE SEEKS TO INCREASE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT FOR CARING FOR OUR LOCAL LANDS AND WATERS. ALLIANCE MEMBERS APPLY THE BEST SCIENCE TO RESTORE AND MANAGE THE REGION'S NATURAL AREAS, WHILE ENGAGING THOUSANDS OF VOLUNTEERS AS STEWARDS OF THE LANDSCAPE AND TRAINING CITIZEN SCIENTISTS, THROUGH COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS LIKE THE NE IL INVASIVE PLANTS PARTNERSHIP (NIIPP.NET). THE INITIATIVE DEVELOPS LANDSCAPE SCALE RECOVERY PLANS, AND FUNDS RESTORATION PROJECTS ON SITES OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE. IT ALSO CONDUCTS CONTROLLED BURN TRAINING FOR PROFESSIONALS AND VOLUNTEERS IN THE REGION.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 162,111. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$) THE COLLECTIVE IMPACT OF CHICAGO WILDERNESS, A REGIONAL ALLIANCE OF ORGANIZATIONS WORKING COLLABORATIVELY TO PROTECT THE LANDS AND WATERS UPON WHICH WE ALL DEPEND, IS ACHIEVED THROUGH FOUR CORE INITIATIVES: CLIMATE ACTION, GREENING INFRASTRUCTURE, RESTORING NATURE, AND LEAVE NO CHILD INSIDE. THE GENERAL PROGRAM IF THE ALLIANCE SERVES AS THE BACKBONE OF THE COLLABORATION, SERVING TO COORDINATE THE INITIATIVES THROUGH FACILITATING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN ALLIANCE MEMBERS, GUIDING TEAMS AND TASKFORCE GROUPS, PROVIDING ACCESS POINTS FOR COMMUNICATION OF EVENTS, MEETINGS, RESOURCES AND OUTCOMES AMONGST ALLIANCE MEMBERS.

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ 274,289. including grants of \$ 47,621.) (Revenue \$ 217,911.)

4e Total program service expenses 818,333.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	X	
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> ?	X	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>		X
4 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>	X	
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>		X
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>		X
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>		X
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>		X
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>		X
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i>	X	
b Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i>		X
c Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i>		X
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i>		X
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>		X
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	X	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i>	X	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i>		X
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>		X
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>		X
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>		X
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i>		X
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>		X
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>		X
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		X
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

		Yes	No
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to any government or organization in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	X	
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	X	
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>		X
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25</i>		X
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) 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>		X
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		X
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highest compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>		X
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>		X
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>		X
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
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>		X
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		X
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>		X
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		X
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>		X
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>		X
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>		X
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
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>		X
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>		X
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19?	X	

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

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V

Main form area containing questions 1a through 14b with input fields and Yes/No columns.

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question 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; 1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent; 2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?; 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?; 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?; 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?; 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?; 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?; 7b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?; 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: a The governing body? b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?; 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.

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?; 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?; 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; 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?; 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done; 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?; 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?; 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?; 15a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official; 15b Other officers or key employees of the organization; 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?; 16b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed IL
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
[X] Own website [] Another's website [X] Upon request [] Other (explain in Schedule O)
19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization:
MELINDA PRUETT-JONES - 312-580-2137
8 S. MICHIGAN AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60603

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) DALE ENGQUIST PRESIDENT	4.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(2) THOMAS E. BECK TREASURER	4.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(3) LAUREL ROSS SECRETARY	6.30	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(4) PETER LAYTON ASSISTANT SECRETARY	2.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(5) CRAIG HUBERT DIRECTOR	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(6) DEBORAH LAHEY DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(7) NATALIE LAPORTA DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(8) DICK LITTLE DIRECTOR	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(9) DAVE THOMAS DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(10) ARNOLD RANDALL DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(11) MELINDA PRUETT-JONES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	40.00			X				93,155.	0.	8,332.

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

Table with 6 main columns: (A) Name and title, (B) Average hours per week, (C) Position, (D) Reportable compensation from the organization, (E) Reportable compensation from related organizations, (F) Estimated amount of other compensation. Includes sub-totals for 1b, 1c, and 1d.

- 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: 0
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual: X
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual: X
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person: X

Section B. Independent Contractors

Table for Section B. Independent Contractors with 3 columns: (A) Name and business address, (B) Description of services, (C) Compensation. Includes entry for FUTURITY INC and a total count of 1 contractor.

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VIII

		(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
		Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1 a Federated campaigns	1a				
	b Membership dues	1b				
	c Fundraising events	1c				
	d Related organizations	1d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e	342,069.			
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	321,961.			
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		664,030.			
	Program Service Revenue	2 a CORPORATE COUNCIL DUES	Business Code 900099	110,126.	110,126.	
b MEMBERSHIP DUES		900099	73,975.	73,975.		
c PARTICIPATION FEE		900099	34,080.	34,080.		
d						
e						
f All other program service revenue						
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f			218,181.			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		204.		204.	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5 Royalties					
	6 a Gross rents	(i) Real				
		(ii) Personal				
		b Less: rental expenses				
		c Rental income or (loss)				
	d Net rental income or (loss)					
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities				
		(ii) Other				
		b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses				
		c Gain or (loss)				
	d Net gain or (loss)					
	8 a 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						
9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a					
	b Less: direct expenses	b				
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a					
	b Less: cost of goods sold	b				
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory					
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code				
11 a OTHER INCOME	900099	133.			133.	
b						
c						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d		133.				
12 Total revenue. See instructions.		882,548.	218,181.	0.	337.	

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 to any question in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States. See Part IV, line 21	97,454.	97,454.		
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States. See Part IV, line 22	125,071.	125,071.		
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	106,443.	87,319.	9,888.	9,236.
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	295,391.	252,040.	43,351.	
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	7,217.	6,084.	1,133.	
9 Other employee benefits	48,427.	33,808.	14,708.	-89.
10 Payroll taxes	28,440.	25,103.	3,275.	62.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	37,473.	2,000.	35,473.	
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 Sch O.)	58,628.	56,298.	2,324.	6.
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	3,233.	2,321.	785.	127.
14 Information technology	44,219.	35,183.	9,036.	
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel	5,466.	5,466.		
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	26,323.	26,323.		
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	20,256.	14,945.	5,177.	134.
23 Insurance	1,560.		1,560.	
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 CWT FACILITATED MEETING	39,486.	39,122.	307.	57.
b PROGRAM SUPPLIES	8,423.	8,423.	0.	0.
c				
d				
e All other expenses	1,718.	1,373.	178.	167.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	955,228.	818,333.	127,195.	9,700.
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 if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)

Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing		1	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	429,537.	2	341,034.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	171,535.	3	124,558.
	4 Accounts receivable, net	980.	4	0.
	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 instr). Complete Part II of Sch L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	1,085.	9	1,343.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 100,091.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 21,400.	10c	78,691.
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities	1,982.	11	0.
	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)	629,491.	16	545,626.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	21,403.	17	48,879.
	18 Grants payable	78,900.	18	104,536.
	19 Deferred revenue	96,625.	19	43,000.
	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	196,928.	26	196,415.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	200,363.	27	242,456.
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	232,200.	28	106,755.
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
33 Total net assets or fund balances	432,563.	33	349,211.	
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	629,491.	34	545,626.	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	882,548.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	955,228.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-72,680.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	432,563.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	-10,672.
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	349,211.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	X	
2c	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	X	
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		X
3b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

Form 990 (2012)

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization **THE CHICAGO WILDERNESS TRUST** Employer identification number **36-4479642**

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

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

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E.)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions - subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
 - a Type I b Type II c Type III - Functionally integrated d Type III - Non-functionally integrated
- e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

	Yes	No
(i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?		
(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?		
(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?		
- h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col. (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col. (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col. (i) organized in the U.S.?		(vii) Amount of monetary support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	698,663.	680,898.	994,367.	789,217.	848,131.	4011276.
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	698,663.	680,898.	994,367.	789,217.	848,131.	4011276.
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)						215,068.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						3796208.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	698,663.	680,898.	994,367.	789,217.	848,131.	4011276.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	1,066.	254.	275.	223.	204.	2,022.
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 IV.)	6,943.	638.	2,536.	361.	113.	10,591.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						4023889.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	173,126.
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						<input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2012 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	94.34	%
15 Public support percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	90.84	%
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2012. 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support test - 2011. 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	<input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2012. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>		
b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2011. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>		
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	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(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) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(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 IV.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2012 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2012 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2012. 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 - 2011. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

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

Schedule B
(Form 990, 990-EZ,
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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

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

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Name of the organization

Employer identification number

THE CHICAGO WILDERNESS TRUST

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Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

501(c)(3) (enter number) organization

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

Note. Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

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

Special Rules

For a section 501(c)(3) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) and received from any one contributor, during the year, a contribution of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but these contributions did not total to more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$5,000 or more during the year ▶ \$ _____

Caution. An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on Part I, line 2 of its Form 990-PF, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF. Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2012)

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

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
<u>1</u>	_____ _____ _____	\$ <u>126,985.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
<u>2</u>	_____ _____ _____	\$ <u>52,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
<u>3</u>	_____ _____ _____	\$ <u>40,847.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
<u>4</u>	_____ _____ _____	\$ <u>280,197.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
<u>5</u>	_____ _____ _____	\$ <u>59,367.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

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Part II Noncash Property (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
_____	_____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____	\$ _____	_____

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Part III Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., individual contributions to section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organizations that total more than \$1,000 for the year. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this information once.) ▶ \$ _____
Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No. 1545-0047

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

2012

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ **Complete if the organization is described below.** ▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**

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▶ **See separate instructions.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name of organization THE CHICAGO WILDERNESS TRUST	Employer identification number 36-4479642
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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1 a	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)														
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)														
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)														
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures														
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)														
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.														
<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:														
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.														
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.														
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.														
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.														
g	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)														
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-														
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-														
j	If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?														

Yes No

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

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) Total
2a	Lobbying nontaxable amount				
b	Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))				
c	Total lobbying expenditures				
d	Grassroots nontaxable amount				
e	Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))				
f	Grassroots lobbying expenditures				

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

For each "Yes," response to lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
a Volunteers?		X	
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?	X		
c Media advertisements?		X	
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?		X	
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?		X	
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?		X	
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?		X	
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?		X	
i Other activities?	X		1,675.
j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			1,675.
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?		X	
b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

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

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

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

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

Part IV Supplemental Information

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

PART II-B, LINE 1, LOBBYING ACTIVITIES:

CHICAGO WILDERNESS INITIATIVES FOCUS ON THE METROPOLITAN REGION'S
 RESOURCE-RICH NATURAL AREAS THAT SPAN STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL
 JURISDICTIONS. FROM TIME TO TIME, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHICAGO
 WILDERNESS EITHER REPRESENTS THE CHICAGO WILDERNESS ALLIANCE, OR
 ACCOMPANIES LEADERS OF THE ALLIANCE, IN BRIEFINGS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Part IV Supplemental Information (continued)

AND THEIR STAFF. THESE BRIEFINGS FOCUS ON THE VALUE-ADD OF CHICAGO WILDERNESS' COLLABORATIVE CONSERVATION AND OUTREACH EFFORTS FOR PEOPLE AND NATURE, AT LOCAL, COMMUNITY, AND REGIONAL SCALES, IN DELIVERING ON FEDERAL PRIORITIES FOR NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION AND RESTORATION, PUBLIC HEALTH, STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, AND ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY IN DENSELY POPULATED METROPOLITAN AREAS.

Multiple horizontal lines for supplemental information.

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

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

Attach to Form 990. See separate instructions.

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Employer identification number

36-4479642

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

Table with 3 columns: Question number, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Includes questions 1-6 regarding donor advised funds.

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

Table with 2 columns: Question number, Held at the End of the Tax Year. Includes questions 1-9 regarding conservation easements.

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

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

Table with 2 columns: Question number, Amount. Includes questions 1a-1b and 2a-2b regarding art and historical treasures.

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

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

(check all that apply):

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

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

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

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:

	Amount
c Beginning balance	1c
d Additions during the year	1d
e Distributions during the year	1e
f Ending balance	1f

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

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

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

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

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment _____ %
- b Permanent endowment _____ %
- c Temporarily restricted endowment _____ %

The percentages in lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

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

- (i) unrelated organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
- (ii) related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(ii)		

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

	Yes	No
3b		

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

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		8,859.	2,957.	5,902.
e Other		91,232.	18,443.	72,789.
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				78,691.

Part VII Investments - Other Securities. 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)		
(I)		
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.)		

Part VIII Investments - Program Related. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.)		

Part IX Other Assets. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.)	

Part X Other Liabilities. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
(11)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.)	

2. FIN 48 (ASC 740) Footnote. 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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	882,548.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	882,548.
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	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0.
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	882,548.

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	955,228.
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	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	955,228.
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	0.
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	955,228.

Part XIII Supplemental Information

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

PART X, LINE 2: THE TRUST'S APPLICATION OF GAAPUSA REGARDING UNCERTAIN

TAX POSITIONS HAD NO EFFECT ON ITS FINANCIAL POSITION AS MANAGEMENT

BELIEVES THE TRUST HAS NO MATERIAL UNRECOGNIZED INCOME TAX

BENEFITS, INCLUDING ANY POTENTIAL RISK OF LOSS OF ITS NOT-FOR-PROFIT TAX

STATUS. THE TRUST WOULD ACCOUNT FOR ANY POTENTIAL INTEREST OR PENALTIES

RELATED TO POSSIBLE FUTURE LIABILITIES FOR UNRECOGNIZED INCOME TAX

BENEFITS AS INCOME TAX EXPENSE. THE TRUST IS NO LONGER SUBJECT TO

EXAMINATION BY FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL TAX AUTHORITIES FOR PERIODS BEFORE

Part XIII Supplemental Information (continued)

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**SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

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

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Name of the organization

THE CHICAGO WILDERNESS TRUST

**Employer identification number
36-4479642**

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? **Yes** **No**
- 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 Governments and Organizations in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to 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.

1 (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 non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
CONSERVATION FOUNDATION 375 W FIRST STREET ELMHURST, IL 60126	23-7221206	501(C)(3)	5,000.	0.			BEYOND THE BASICS 2012
CONSERVATION FOUNDATION 375 W FIRST STREET ELMHURST, IL 60126	23-7221206	501(C)(3)	1,898.	0.			CONSERVATION AT HOME
CONSERVATION FOUNDATION 375 W FIRST STREET ELMHURST, IL 60126	23-7221206	501(C)(3)	35,500.	0.			CARTOGRAPHY GRANT
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 401 N GENESEE WAUKEGAN, IL 60031	36-2182010	501(C)(3)	11,000.	0.			COOL LEARNING AND LNCI ACTION WEEK GRANTS
FRIENDS OF RYERSON WOODS 21850 N RIVERWOODS ROAD DEERFIELD, IL 60015	36-3715155	501(C)(3)	22,750.	0.			LEAVE NO CHILD INSIDE - WAUKEGAN/NORTH CHICAGO INITIATIVE
MORTON ARBORETUM 4100 ILLINOIS ROUTE 53 LISLE, IL 60532	36-1505770	501(C)(3)	21,306.	0.			OAK RECOVERY GRANT

- 2** Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table **6.**
- 3** Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table **0.**

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Schedule I (Form 990) (2012)

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to 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 non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
SCHOLARSHIPS TO CONGRESS	22	560.	0.		
GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE VISION	3	90,312.	0.		
LEAVE NO CHILD INSIDE	4	3,700.	0.		
RESTORATION & MANAGEMENT	3	6,000.	0.		

Part IV Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

SCHEDULE I, PART I, LINE 2: GRANTS ARE MONITORED BY REQUIRING QUARTERLY
 REPORTS FROM GRANT RECIPIENTS, FUNDS ARE ONLY DISBURSED AFTER PROGRESS
 REPORTS ARE RECEIVED. ACTIVITIES ARE TIED TO DOCUMENTED EXPENSES.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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.

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

THE CHICAGO WILDERNESS CORPORATE COUNCIL

THE CHICAGO WILDERNESS CORPORATE COUNCIL BRINGS THE RESOURCES, SKILLS,

CAPABILITIES, AND INFLUENCE OF ITS MEMBERS TO FOSTER AWARENESS OF THE

REGION'S BIODIVERSITY AND DEVELOP BROAD-BASED SUPPORT FOR ITS

PROTECTION, RESTORATION, AND STEWARDSHIP. THE COUNCIL SIGNIFICANTLY

CONTRIBUTES TO REGIONAL BIODIVERSITY THROUGH THE ALLIANCE'S PROGRAMS IN

THE FORM OF FINANCIAL, IN-KIND, AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT. THE COUNCIL

SPONSORS AN ANNUAL DAY OF SERVICE, THE CHICAGO WILDERNESS BIENNIAL

CONGRESS, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITIES,

AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE TRAINING WORKSHOPS.

LEAVE NO CHILD INSIDE

THE LEAVE NO CHILD INSIDE (LNCI) INITIATIVE SEEKS TO PROMOTE CHILDREN'S

HEALTH AND FOSTER THE NEXT GENERATION OF STEWARDS AND CONSERVATION

LEADERS OF OUR REGION'S NATURAL HERITAGE. THE LEAVE NO CHILD INSIDE

INITIATIVE RAISES PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF ACCESS TO

NATURE FOR HEALTHY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT, AND BY PROVIDING THE PLACES

AND PROGRAMS FOR GENERATIONS OF FAMILIES TO CONNECT WITH NATURE.

THROUGH NEW COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY PROGRAMS, TEEN SERVICE LEARNING

PROJECTS, YOUTH EDUCATION INITIATIVES SUCH AS MIGHTY ACORNS, AND EARLY

CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS, CHICAGO WILDERNESS MEMBERS ARE ENGAGING

ADULTS--PARENTS, CAREGIVERS, COMMUNITY LEADERS--IN IMPROVING THE HEALTH

AND WELLBEING OF CHILDREN THROUGH PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, UNSTRUCTURED PLAY

AND OUTDOOR EXPLORATION, WHILE FOSTERING AN APPRECIATION OF THE NATURAL

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CLIMATE ACTION

THE CHANGING CLIMATE IS AMONG THE TOP ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES FACING SOCIETY TODAY. IT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO JEOPARDIZE THE COLLECTIVE INVESTMENTS WE HAVE MADE IN CONSERVING BIODIVERSITY IN THE REGION, AND WILL DISRUPT MANY OF THE SERVICES THAT HEALTHY ECOSYSTEMS PROVIDE TO THE CHICAGO METRO REGION, SUCH AS FLOOD REDUCTION AND CLEAN WATER SUPPLY. CHICAGO WILDERNESS DEVELOPED ITS CLIMATE ACTION PLAN FOR NATURE, WHICH LAYS OUT STRATEGIES TO MITIGATE THE THREAT OF CLIMATE CHANGE THROUGH LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION ACTION. THE INITIATIVE ALSO BUILDS CAPACITY AMONG PRACTITIONERS AND DECISION MAKERS THROUGH CLIMATE CLINICS THAT IDENTIFY CLIMATE-ADAPTIVE STRATEGIES THAT WILL HELP ENSURE RESILIENCE OF OUR NATURAL AREAS AND IMPROVE SUSTAINABILITY OF OUR COMMUNITIES.

EXPENSES \$ 274,289. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 47,621. REVENUE \$ 217,911.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 2: THE CHICAGO WILDERNESS TRUST OVERSEES THE FISCAL MANAGEMENT OF THE CHICAGO WILDERNESS ALLIANCE. MOST BOARD MEMBERS ARE DRAWN FROM THE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE ALLIANCE. AS SUCH, THEY ALL HAVE BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS WITH EACH OTHER AND EACH OTHER'S ORGANIZATIONS. OTHER BOARD MEMBERS BRING UNIQUE EXPERTISE AND OUTSIDE PERSPECTIVE TO THE WORK OF THE TRUST, CREATING A GROUP THAT CAN ROBUSTLY ADDRESS THE UNIQUE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF FISCAL MANAGEMENT FOR AN ALLIANCE OF SUCH DIVERSE COMPOSITION.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11: THE BOARD RETAINS THE SERVICES OF AN INDEPENDENT CPA FIRM TO PREPARE THE ORGANIZATION'S FORM 990. MANAGEMENT REVIEWS THE COMPLETED FORM 990 AND PROVIDES A FULL COPY TO THE TREASURER

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AND FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR ITS REVIEW AND APPROVAL. AT THAT POINT A FULL COPY OF THE RETURN IS SUBMITTED TO ALL VOTING MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C: OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, TRUSTEES AND KEY EMPLOYEES ARE ANNUALLY REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AS A PRECURSOR TO THEIR SERVICES TO THE ORGANIZATION. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS ARE RECORDED AND MONITORED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15: CHICAGO WILDERNESS' COMPENSATION PROGRAM WAS DEVELOPED BY AN HR SPECIALIST WORKING WITH CHICAGO WILDERNESS MANAGERS, AND USED GUIDESTAR TO ESTABLISH RANGES. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDS COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS, WHEN APPROPRIATE, BASED UPON CHANGES IN JOB FUNCTION, PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES, AND JOB REQUIREMENTS. THE CHICAGO WILDERNESS TRUST BOARD DEVELOPED AND APPROVED A POLICY THAT GUIDES CHICAGO WILDERNESS'S ANNUAL MERIT REVIEW PROCESS. THE CHICAGO WILDERNESS TRUST BOARD REVIEWED AND APPROVED COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS FOR STAFF FOR FY2013. A COMMITTEE OF CHICAGO WILDERNESS TRUST BOARD MEMBERS AND CHICAGO WILDERNESS LEADERSHIP WILL REVIEW AND APPROVE EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION DURING FY2014.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19: GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH APPLICABLE GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND BY REQUEST TO THE ORGANIZATION. THE ORGANIZATION'S ANNUAL REPORT AND 990S ARE AVAILABLE ON THE CHICAGO WILDERNESS PUBLIC WEBSITE AND UPON WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE ORGANIZATION.