



Florida Department of Environmental Protection
CITIZEN SUPPORT ORGANIZATION ANNUAL REPORT

Required Signatures: No Signature

Year: 2017

Citizen Support Organization (CSO) Name: Friends of Birch State Park, Inc.

Mailing Address: 3109 E. Sunrise Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304

Telephone Number: 954-566-0660 Website Address (if applicable): www.birchstatepark.org

Statutory Authority:

Section 20.2551, F.S., Citizen support organizations; use of property; audit; public records; partnerships. In summary, the statute specifies the organizational requirements, operational parameters, duties of a CSO to support the Department of Environmental Protection (Department), or individual units of the Department, use of Department property, audit requirements, public records requirements, and authorizes public-private partnerships to enhance lands managed by the Department.

Section 258.015, F.S., Citizen support organizations; use of property; audit. In summary, the statute defines a CSO, requires authorization by the Division of Recreation and Parks, and specifies the use of property. This statute authorizes the Partnerships in Parks (PIP) program for state parks, the program's operational parameters, CSO's operational parameters, and donor recognition.

Brief Description of the CSO's Mission:

The mission of the Friends of Birch State Park is to help preserve, conserve, enhance and promote Hugh Taylor Birch State Park through community support.



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Brief Description of the CSO's Results Obtained:

SEE ATTACHMENT

Brief Description of the CSO's Plans for Next Three Fiscal Years:

- Finalize the construction of our meditation garden
- Assist with the construction of the public floating boat dock and pavilion for which funding was secured by our CSO
- Clean the moat and other areas of the park using our \$40,000+ funds secured in 2017
- Raise funds to upgrade the beach tunnel and paint a mural in the tunnel
- Design and construct a pedestrian bridge and gazebo over long lake (repurpose the old train trestle bridge)
- Raise funds and install new exercise equipment in the park
- Raise funds and install new playground equipment in the park
- Raise funds to retrofit an existing facility for educational programs, activities and training
- Raise funds through the bench campaign to install more benches in the park
- Continue to raise park awareness and funds via various events
- Continue the volunteer campaign and the purchase of supplies for the volunteers
- Continue our efforts to increase membership in our CSO
- Assist the park manager as needed

Copy of the CSO's Code of Ethics attached (*Model provided; see CSO 2014 instructions*)

Certify the CSO has completed and provided to the Department the organization's most recent Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-N/Annual Financial Statement



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2017 REPORT
(pursuant to Florida Statute 20.058)
ATTACHMENT**

Citizen Support Organization (CSO) Name: Friends of Birch State Park, Inc.

Brief Description of the CSO's Results Obtained:

- Paid \$75,000 to hire a temporary DEP Project Manager dedicated to our park to manage the many large park grants and projects: seawall repair, construction of public floating boat dock and pavilion, widening of the loop road, facilities repairs etc.
- Phase I repairs of the 1.2 mile seawall was completed - the funding for this project was secured by our CSO
- Used \$25,000 in grants to continue the cleanup of long lake
- Raised \$100,000 for a pedestrian walkway over the long lake trestle
- Secured over \$40,000 in grants and donations for Phase II of the long lake cleanup
- Raised \$5,000 for our Birch Buddies program to pay to bus children to the park for educational purposes
- Held our 1st Birdies for Birch Golf Tournament to raise funds
- Held our 2nd annual Garden Party and secured a \$50,000 match for a project to be completed in 2018(project TBD)
- Raised additional funds for our new meditation garden and began the site work for the garden
- Paid for the beautification of the park entrance
- Paid for food, supplies and veterinary care for the park's animal collection
- Paid for park advertising in local magazines and Homeowners newsletters to raise park awareness and attendance
- Ongoing park community awareness through newsletters and social media
- Purchased and installed a donor software to help with our fundraising efforts
- Continued weekly classes under our Living Well program
- Paid for repairs and supplies for park maintenance and volunteers
- Filed Project Commencement forms for 2 projects under the Partnership-in-Parks program

FRIENDS OF BIRCH STATE PARK, INC. CODE OF ETHICS

PREAMBLE

- (1) It is essential to the proper conduct and operation of Friends of Birch State Park, Inc. (herein "CSO") that its board members, officers, and employees be independent and impartial and that their position not be used for private gain. Therefore, the Florida Legislature in Section 112.3251, Florida Statute (Fla. Stat.), requires that the law protect against any conflict of interest and establish standards for the conduct of CSO board members, officers, and employees in situations where conflicts may exist.

- (2) It is hereby declared to be the policy of the state that no CSO board member, officer, or employee shall have any interest, financial or otherwise, direct or indirect, or incur any obligation of any nature which is in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of his or her duties for the CSO. To implement this policy and strengthen the faith and confidence of the people in Citizen Support Organizations, there is enacted a code of ethics setting forth standards of conduct required of Friends of Birch State Park, Inc. board members, officers, and employees in the performance of their official duties.

STANDARDS

The following standards of conduct are enumerated in Chapter 112, Fla. Stat., and are required by Section 112.3251, Fla. Stat., to be observed by CSO board members, officers, and employees.

1. Prohibition of Solicitation or Acceptance of Gifts

No CSO board member, officer, or employee shall solicit or accept anything of value to the recipient, including a gift, loan, reward, promise of future employment, favor, or service, based upon any understanding that the vote, official action, or judgment of the CSO board member, officer, or employee would be influenced thereby.

2. Prohibition of Accepting Compensation Given to Influence a Vote

No CSO board member, officer, or employee shall accept any compensation, payment, or thing of value when the person knows, or, with reasonable care, should know that it was given to influence a vote or other action in which the CSO board member, officer, or employee was expected to participate in his or her official capacity.

3. Salary and Expenses

No CSO board member or officer shall be prohibited from voting on a matter affecting his or her salary, expenses, or other compensation as a CSO board member or officer, as provided by law.

4. Prohibition of Misuse of Position

A CSO board member, officer, or employee shall not corruptly use or attempt to use one's official position or any property or resource which may be within one's trust, or perform official duties, to secure a special privilege, benefit, or exemption.

5. Prohibition of Misuse of Privileged Information

No CSO board member, officer, or employee shall disclose or use information not available to members of the general public and gained by reason of one's official position for one's own personal gain or benefit or for the personal gain or benefit of any other person or business entity.

6. Post-Office/Employment Restrictions

A person who has been elected to any CSO board or office or who is employed by a CSO may not personally represent another person or entity for compensation before the governing body of the CSO of which he or she was a board member, officer, or employee for a period of two years after he or she vacates that office or employment position.

7. Prohibition of Employees Holding Office

No person may be, at one time, both a CSO employee and a CSO board member at the same time.

8. Requirements to Abstain From Voting

A CSO board member or officer shall not vote in official capacity upon any measure which would affect his or her special private gain or loss, or which he or she knows would affect the special gain or any principal by whom the board member or officer is retained. When abstaining, the CSO board member or officer, prior to the vote being taken, shall make every reasonable effort to disclose the nature of his or her interest as a public record in a memorandum filed with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who shall incorporate the memorandum in the minutes. If it is not possible for the CSO board member or officer to file a memorandum before the vote, the memorandum must be filed with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting no later than 15 days after the vote.

9. Failure to Observe CSO Code of Ethics

Failure of a CSO board member, officer, or employee to observe the Code of Ethics may result in the removal of that person from their position. Further, failure of the CSO to observe the Code of Ethics may result in the Florida Department of Environmental Protection terminating its Agreement with the CSO.

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)
▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2017
Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning _____, and ending _____

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

C Name of organization
FRIENDS OF BIRCH STATE PARK, INC.

D Employer identification number
65-0999861

Doing business as _____
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
3109 E. SUNRISE BOULEVARD

E Telephone number
954-563-0550

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
FT. LAUDERDALE FL 33304-3313

G Gross receipts \$ **738,348**

F Name and address of principal officer:
JAMES F. ELLIS
3020 N.E. 32ND AVENUE #110
FT. LAUDERDALE FL 33308

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)

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

J Website: ▶ **BIRCHSTATEPARK.ORG**

K Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other ▶

L Year of formation **1999** **M** State of legal domicile **FL**

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

Part I Summary

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|--|---------|---------|
| Activities & Governance | 1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: FRIENDS OF BIRCH STATE PARK, INC. IS A CITIZEN SUPPORT ORGANIZATION (CSO) FORMED TO HELP PRESERVE, CONSERVE, ENHANCE, AND PROMOTE HUGH TAYLOR STATE PARK THROUGH COMMUNITY SUPPORT. | | | |
| | 2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> 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) | 33 | |
| | 4 | Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) | 33 | |
| | 5 | Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2017 (Part V, line 2a) | 2 | |
| | 6 | Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) | 40 | |
| | 7a | Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 | 0 | |
| | b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 | 0 | | |
| Revenue | 8 | Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) | 356,210 | 499,822 |
| | 9 | Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) | | 0 |
| | 10 | Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) | 37 | 65 |
| | 11 | Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) | 160,959 | 159,477 |
| | 12 | Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) | 517,206 | 659,364 |
| Expenses | 13 | Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) | | 0 |
| | 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) | 175,027 | 198,395 |
| | 16a | Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) | | 0 |
| | b | Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 172,494 | | |
| | 17 | Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e) | 268,871 | 206,063 |
| 18 | Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) | 443,898 | 404,458 | |
| 19 | Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12 | 73,308 | 254,906 | |
| Net Assets or Fund Balances | 20 | Total assets (Part X, line 16) | 253,580 | 494,769 |
| | 21 | Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) | 31,032 | 17,315 |
| | 22 | Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 | 222,548 | 477,454 |

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: **JAMES F. ELLIS**
 Date: _____
 Type or print name and title: **PRESIDENT**

Paid Preparer Use Only
 Print/Type preparer's name: **DAVID R. LENZ C.P.A.**
 Preparer's signature: **DAVID R. LENZ C.P.A.**
 Date: **05/11/18**
 Check if self-employed if FTIN **P01269022**
 Firm's name: **DAVID R. LENZ, CPA**
 Firm's EIN: _____
 Firm's address: **9121 N MILITARY TRL STE 222**
PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL 33410-5988
 Phone no: **561-627-3408**

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

FRIENDS OF BIRCH STATE PARK, INC. IS A CITIZEN SUPPORT ORGANIZATION (CSO) FORMED TO HELP PRESERVE, CONSERVE, ENHANCE, AND PROMOTE HUGH TAYLOR BIRCH STATE PARK THROUGH COMMUNITY SUPPORT.

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 \$ **59,772** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
FUNDED VARIOUS REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE FOR THE SUPPORT OF PARK FUNCTIONS FOR BIRCH STATE PARK. ALSO PROVIDED FOR THE LIVINGWELL PROGRAM, SUPPLIES AND VETERINARY CARE FOR THE PARK'S ANIMAL COLLECTION, SUPPLIES FOR PARK STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS, AND MARKETING AND PROMOTION OF THE PARK.

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4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ **106,930** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
PAID FOR A DEDICATED PROJECT MANAGER FOR BIRCH STATE PARK TO HELP WITH THE ONGOING LARGE PROJECTS, THE CLEAN UP OF LONG LAKE AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ENTRANCE OF THE PARK.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

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

4e Total program service expenses **166,702**

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

| | Yes | No |
|---|-----|----|
| 1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A | X | |
| 2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)? | X | |
| 3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I | | X |
| 4 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II | | 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III | | 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I | | X |
| 7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II | | X |
| 8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III | | X |
| 9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV | | X |
| 10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V | | 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI | 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII | | 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII | | 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX | | X |
| e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X | | 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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X | | X |
| 12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII | X | |
| b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional | | X |
| 13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E | | X |
| 14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV | | X |
| 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV | | X |
| 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV | | 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions) | | 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II | X | |
| 19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III | | X |

| | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| 20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H | | X |
| 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II | | X |
| 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III | | 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J | | X |
| 24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a | | 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), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I | | X |
| b 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I | | X |
| 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II | | X |
| 27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III | | 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV | | X |
| b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV | | 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV | X | |
| 29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M | | X |
| 30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M | | X |
| 31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I | | X |
| 32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II | | 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I | | X |
| 34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1 | | 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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 | | |
| 36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 | | 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI | | X |
| 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. | X | |

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 numbers (1a-14b), Yes/No checkboxes, and numerical responses. Includes questions about Form 1096, Form W-2G, backup withholding, Form W-3, unrelated business gross income, foreign accounts, prohibited tax shelter transactions, annual gross receipts, and Form 8899.

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

- 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year
If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.
- b 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?
- b 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

| | | Yes | No |
|----|----|-----|----|
| 1a | 33 | | |
| 1b | 33 | | |
| 2 | | | X |
| 3 | | | X |
| 4 | | | X |
| 5 | | | X |
| 6 | | X | |
| 7a | | | X |
| 7b | | | X |
| 8a | | X | |
| 8b | | X | |
| 9 | | | X |

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

- 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?
- b 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?
 - b 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
 - b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?
 - c 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?
 - a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official
 - b Other officers or key employees of the organization
 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?
 - b 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?

| | | Yes | No |
|-----|--|-----|----|
| 10a | | | X |
| 10b | | | |
| 11a | | X | |
| 12a | | X | |
| 12b | | | X |
| 12c | | | X |
| 13 | | | X |
| 14 | | X | |
| 15a | | | X |
| 15b | | | X |
| 16a | | | X |
| 16b | | | |

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **NONE**
- 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.
 - Own website
 - Another's website
 - 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:

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FT. LAUDERDALE FL 33308

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

| (A) Name and Title | (B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below 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) JAMES F. ELLIS PRESIDENT | 10.00 0.00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (2) TYLER CHAPPELL SECRETARY | 2.00 0.00 | X | | X | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (3) TOM BYRNE TREASURER | 2.00 0.00 | X | | X | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (4) STEPHEN K. TILBROOK VICE-PRESIDENT | 2.00 0.00 | X | | X | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (5) JANET BUHL DIRECTOR | 1.00 0.00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (6) KEN EVANS DIRECTOR | 1.00 0.00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (7) DAN BARNETT DIRECTOR | 1.00 0.00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (8) HEATHER P. BRINKWORTH DIRECTOR | 1.00 0.00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (9) INA LEE DIRECTOR | 2.00 0.00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (10) JOHN MAGEE DIRECTOR | 1.00 0.00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (11) ANDREW CALDWELL DIRECTOR | 1.00 0.00 | 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 | | | |
| (12) DAWN READ | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| DIRECTOR | 0.00 | X | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| (13) ROBERT ROSELLI | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| DIRECTOR | 0.00 | X | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| (14) LAURA ELMORE | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| DIRECTOR | 0.00 | X | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| (15) PETER FLOTZ | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| DIRECTOR | 0.00 | X | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| (16) PHILIP WARD | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| DIRECTOR | 0.00 | X | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| (17) PEGGY FUCCI | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| DIRECTOR | 0.00 | X | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| (18) GINNY FUJINO | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| DIRECTOR | 0.00 | X | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| (19) KATHERINE KOENIG | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| DIRECTOR | 0.00 | X | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 1b Sub-total | | | | | | | 115,538 | | | |
| c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A | | | | | | | 115,538 | | | |
| d Total (add lines 1b and 1c) | | | | | | | 115,538 | | | |

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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? 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

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 |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
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| | | |

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 **0**

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 | 22,600 | | |
| | 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 | 477,222 | | |
| | g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f | \$ | 15,754 | | |
| | h Total. Add lines 1a-1f | | 499,822 | | |
| Program Service Revenue | 2a | Busn. Code | | | |
| | b | | | | |
| | c | | | | |
| | d | | | | |
| | e | | | | |
| | f All other program service revenue | | | | |
| | g Total. Add lines 2a-2f | | | | |
| Other Revenue | 3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) | | 65 | 65 | |
| | 4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds | | | | |
| | 5 Royalties | | | | |
| | 6a Gross rents | (i) Real (ii) Personal | | | |
| | b Less: rental exps | | | | |
| | c Rental inc. or (loss) | | | | |
| | d Net rental income or (loss) | | | | |
| | 7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory | (i) Securities (ii) Other | | | |
| | b Less: cost or other basis & sales exps | | | | |
| | c Gain or (loss) | | | | |
| | d Net gain or (loss) | | | | |
| | 8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 | a | 238,461 | | |
| | b Less: direct expenses | b | 78,984 | | |
| | c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events | | 159,477 | | 159,477 |
| | 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 | | | | |
| b Less: cost of goods sold | b | | | | |
| c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | | Busn. Code | | | |
| 11a | | | | | |
| b | | | | | |
| c | | | | | |
| d All other revenue | | | | | |
| e Total. Add lines 11a-11d | | | | | |
| 12 Total revenue. See instructions. | | 659,364 | 65 | 0 | 159,477 |

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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 | | | | |
| 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, lines 15 and 16 | | | | |
| 4 Benefits paid to or for members | | | | |
| 5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees | | | | |
| 6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) | | | | |
| 7 Other salaries and wages | 183,489 | 24,207 | 26,436 | 132,846 |
| 8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) | | | | |
| 9 Other employee benefits | 865 | 117 | 122 | 626 |
| 10 Payroll taxes | 14,041 | 1,854 | 2,022 | 10,165 |
| 11 Fees for services (non-employees): | | | | |
| a Management | | | | |
| b Legal | | | | |
| c Accounting | 16,850 | | 16,850 | |
| 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) | 1,038 | 127 | 171 | 740 |
| 12 Advertising and promotion | 22,629 | 13,418 | | 9,211 |
| 13 Office expenses | | | | |
| 14 Information technology | 2,692 | | 2,692 | |
| 15 Royalties | | | | |
| 16 Occupancy | | | | |
| 17 Travel | 597 | | 597 | |
| 18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials | | | | |
| 19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings | | | | |
| 20 Interest | | | | |
| 21 Payments to affiliates | | | | |
| 22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization | 500 | | 500 | |
| 23 Insurance | 4,191 | | 4,191 | |
| 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 DEDICATED PARK PROJECT MA | 75,000 | 75,000 | | |
| b LONG LAKE CLEAN UP | 25,358 | 25,358 | | |
| c MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES | 22,184 | 16,913 | 3,466 | 1,805 |
| d AWARENESS AND FUNDRAISING | 11,347 | | | 11,347 |
| e All other expenses | 23,677 | 9,708 | 8,215 | 5,754 |
| 25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e | 404,458 | 166,702 | 65,262 | 172,494 |
| 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) | | | | |

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Part X Balance Sheet

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

| | | (A) Beginning of year | | (B) End of year |
|---|---|--------------------------|--------|--------------------|
| Assets | 1 Cash—non-interest bearing | 111,641 | 1 | 125,901 |
| | 2 Savings and temporary cash investments | 46,633 | 2 | 329,705 |
| | 3 Pledges and grants receivable, net | 25,500 | 3 | 27,258 |
| | 4 Accounts receivable, net | 60,000 | 4 | |
| | 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 | | 8 | |
| | 9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges | 6,848 | 9 | 9,447 |
| | 10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D | 10a 3,000 | | |
| | b Less: accumulated depreciation | 10b 542 | 2,958 | 10c 2,458 |
| | 11 Investments—publicly traded securities | | 11 | |
| | 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) | | 253,580 | 16 | 494,769 |
| Liabilities | 17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 16,680 | 17 | 11,065 |
| | 18 Grants payable | | 18 | |
| | 19 Deferred revenue | 14,352 | 19 | 6,250 |
| | 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 | | 31,032 | 26 |
| 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 | 151,081 | 27 | 224,215 |
| | 28 Temporarily restricted net assets | 71,467 | 28 | 253,239 |
| | 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 | | 222,548 | 33 | 477,454 |
| 34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances | | 253,580 | 34 | 494,769 |

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 | 659,364 |
| 2 | Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) | 2 | 404,458 |
| 3 | Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1 | 3 | 254,906 |
| 4 | Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A)) | 4 | 222,548 |
| 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 | |
| 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 | 477,454 |

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

| | | Yes | No |
|----|---|-----|----|
| 1 | Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O. | | |
| 2a | Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? 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? | | |
| 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. | | |

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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 | | | |
| (20) CHRISTINE MADSEN | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| DIRECTOR | 0.00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | |
| (21) MARI MENNEL-BELL | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| DIRECTOR | 0.00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | |
| (22) MARK CORBETT | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| DIRECTOR | 0.00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | |
| (23) DANIELLE COLE | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| DIRECTOR | 0.00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | |
| (24) LILIA CICIOLIA | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| DIRECTOR | 0.00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | |
| (25) ALLEN ZEMAN | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| DIRECTOR | 0.00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | |
| (26) RHETT ROY | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| DIRECTOR | 0.00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | |
| (27) DAN LINBLADE | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| DIRECTOR | 0.00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | |
| 1b Sub-total | | | | | | | | | | |
| c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A | | | | | | | | | | |
| d Total (add lines 1b and 1c) | | | | | | | | | | |

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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

| | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| 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 | 3 | |
| 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 | 4 | |
| 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 | 5 | |

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 |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
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|--|--|---|-----------------------|---------|--------------|------------------------------|---------|--|---|---|
| | | Individual trustee or director | Institutional trustee | Officer | Key employee | Highest compensated employee | Former | | | |
| (28) PATRICK DAUD | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| DIRECTOR | 0.00 | X | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| (29) VIRGINIA MILLER | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| DIRECTOR | 0.00 | X | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| (30) ANDREW TAUEMAN | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| DIRECTOR | 0.00 | X | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| (31) JULIE SAUMSIEGLE | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| DIRECTOR | 0.00 | X | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| (32) NANCY THIES | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| DIRECTOR | 0.00 | X | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| (33) WILLIAM WALKER | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| DIRECTOR | 0.00 | X | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| (34) GALE M. BUTLER | 40.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | 0.00 | | | | | | 115,538 | 0 | 0 | |
| 1b Sub-total | | | | | | | 115,538 | | | |
| c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A | | | | | | | | | | |
| d Total (add lines 1b and 1c) | | | | | | | | | | |

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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

| | Yes | No |
|---|-----|----|
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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

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No. 1545-0047

2017

Open to Public Inspection

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.

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

FRIENDS OF BIRCH STATE PARK, INC.

Employer identification number

65-0999861

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 | | |
| (A) | | | | | | |
| (B) | | | | | | |
| (C) | | | | | | |
| (D) | | | | | | |
| (E) | | | | | | |
| 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) 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.") | 160,765 | 371,336 | 181,056 | 356,210 | 499,822 | 1,569,189 |
| 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 | 160,765 | 371,336 | 181,056 | 356,210 | 499,822 | 1,569,189 |
| 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) | | | | | | |
| 6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4 | | | | | | 1,569,189 |

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 | 160,765 | 371,336 | 181,056 | 356,210 | 499,822 | 1,569,189 |
| 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources | 19 | 23 | 22 | 37 | 65 | 166 |
| 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.) | 1,672 | 2,706 | | 160,959 | 159,477 | 324,814 |
| 11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10 | | | | | | 1,894,169 |
| 12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) | | | | | 12 | 65 |
| 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"/> | | | | | | |

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Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

| | | |
|---|----|---------|
| 14 Public support percentage for 2017 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) | 14 | 82.84 % |
| 15 Public support percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 | 15 | 77.01 % |
| 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 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 <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 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 <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 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 <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 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 in line 12 on 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? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.</i> | | |
| 2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i> | | |
| 3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.</i> | | |
| b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i> | | |
| c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i> | | |
| 4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes," and if you checked 12a or 12b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.</i> | | |
| b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i> | | |
| 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)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.</i> | | |
| 5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).</i> | | |
| b 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? | | |
| c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control? | | |
| 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? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i> | | |
| 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i> | | |
| 8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i> | | |
| 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))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i> | | |
| 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? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i> | | |
| 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? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i> | | |
| 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)? <i>If "Yes," answer 10b below.</i> | | |
| b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)</i> | | |