



**Florida Department of Environmental Protection
CITIZEN SUPPORT ORGANIZATION
2026 LEGISLATIVE REPORT
(pursuant to Section 20.058 Florida Statutes)**

Citizen Support Organization (CSO) Name: Friends of Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve

Mailing Address: 450 Guana River Road

Telephone Number: 904-380-8610

Website Address (required if applicable): <https://gtmnerr.org/>

☒ Check to confirm your Code of Ethics is posted conspicuously on your website.

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 20.058, F.S., Citizen support and direct-support organizations. In summary, the statute specifies the organizational requirements to submit an annual report each year for each designated CSO and to post that information on the Departments website.

YOUR MISSION AND LAST CALENDAR YEAR'S PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

CSO's Mission: (Consistent with your Articles and Bylaws)

Friends of GTM Research Reserve is a dedicated 501(c)(3) nonprofit citizen support organization working hand-in-hand with the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve (GTMNERR). Our mission is to champion the preservation, enhancement, and understanding of one of Northeast Florida's most remarkable natural assets — over 76,000 acres of pristine estuarine and coastal

Describe Last Calendar Year's Results Obtained: Brag! (List or discuss the past calendar year's accomplishments and contributions. Cite specific support from last calendar year's Annual Program Plan.)

Research: Advancing Science That Protects Our Coast
Scientific discovery is at the heart of the Reserve's work. Since 2000, research conducted at GTMNERR has resulted in 285 scientific publications, contributing valuable knowledge to coastal science worldwide. At least 62 long-term monitoring projects and more than 200 individual research initiatives have been supported, addressing critical topics such as climate resilience, habitat health, biodiversity, and water quality.
Friends of GTM directly invests in the next generation of scientists. We fully support four University of North Florida graduate research fellows, and Reserve-based research has contributed to 38 graduate theses and dissertations. Since 2013, research staff have partnered on or led 11 grant-funded scientific projects, expanding both regional and national collaboration.
Long-term environmental monitoring provides essential data for understanding ecosystem change. The Reserve has conducted over 24

Describe the CSO's Plans for the Next Three Calendar Years:

The achievements of this year demonstrate what is possible when science, stewardship, education, and community unite. Every membership, volunteer hour, donation, and partnership contributes directly to protecting one of Florida's most remarkable ecosystems. As we move forward, Friends of GTM remains committed to expanding impact, deepening partnerships, and ensuring that the estuary continues to inspire discovery for generations to come.

Plans for the Next Three Calendar Years

Over the next three years, Friends of GTM will build on this momentum through a focused strategy centered on growth, sustainability, and transformational investment in education and conservation. A primary priority is the full public launch and execution of Reimagine the Estuary, a comprehensive capital campaign to raise between \$4 million and \$12 million. This initiative will fund the creation of a new Discovery Learning Center, featuring modern, interactive, and immersive exhibits that bring estuarine science to life for visitors of all

CSO's LAST CALENDAR YEAR STATISTICS:

Total Number of CSO General Membership:

Total Number of Board of Directors:

Total Volunteer Hours for the Board of Directors:

ORCP & CSO RELATIONSHIP:

Do not duplicate by describing accomplishments and contributions in the summary. Brag in the above Results Obtained. Below, describe the relationship.

AP Manager's Comments on the CSO & ORCP Relationship and Support:

Provide your perspective on

- Changing developments of the managed area provided by the CSO.
- Effectiveness of the organization in fulfilling their purpose to support the managed area(s).
- Effectiveness of the Board of Directors in completing their Annual Program Plan.
- The relationship between the ORCP team and CSO. What went well? Are there areas of improvement?

Changing developments of the managed area provided by the CSO.

- The addition of outreach events led by the CSO, like Moonlight Hikes and more tabling events, has helped broaden our reach and engage new audiences.

Effectiveness of the organization in fulfilling their purpose to support the managed area(s).

- While the funding information requested and provided herein shows details on how the Friends supported the public use access area at the Guana Preserve, it is not obvious how much the Friends supported the core components of a National Estuarine Research Reserve; Research, Stewardship, Collaboration, and Education. Program expenditures supported the stakeholder-driven Research Program via equipment, training, water sample testing, and a fellowship for a University of North Florida student. Particularly helpful this year was the extra fundraising efforts to support the redesign of the GTM Headquarters Exhibit Hall.

Effectiveness of the Board of Directors in completing their Annual Program Plan.

- Incredibly effective in reestablishing annual events like Shuck Yeah, and improving ongoing annual events, and adding new events and classes that assist in achieving the reserve's management plan goals.

The relationship between the ORCP team and CSO. What went well? Are there areas of improvement?

- The Friends of the GTM Reserve continues to be a critical component to effectively and efficiently running the GTM National Estuarine Research Reserve through open communication with Reserve staff along with trust and a mutual desire to accomplish the goals of the

CSO President's Comments on the CSO & ORCP Relationship and Support:

Provide your perspective on the relationship between the ORCP and CSO. What went well? Are there areas of improvement?

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The relationship between the Citizen Support Organization (CSO), staff, and the Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection (ORCP) is exceptional and highly collaborative. There is a strong culture of partnership, with clear alignment around mission, priorities, and outcomes. The Board, CSO staff, and ORCP work together closely on virtually every major initiative—whether advancing education programs, supporting research, or strengthening stewardship efforts. This level of coordination ensures that resources are maximized and that the Reserve continues to deliver meaningful impact for the community and the environment.

What has worked particularly well is the open communication and shared commitment to the success of the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve. The ability to collaborate effectively across governance, operations, and state leadership has enabled the organization to respond to opportunities quickly and to maintain a high standard of program delivery.

That said, the Board remains concerned about the ongoing uncertainty surrounding federal and state funding. While significant cuts have not yet been realized, the persistent concern over potential reductions creates a level of distraction and limits long-term planning confidence. This uncertainty underscores the importance of building financial resilience.

In response, the Board has prioritized the development of a forward-looking strategy through Reimagine the Estuary. This initiative is designed to provide long-term, sustainable funding through both capital investment and the establishment of an endowment to support programs in perpetuity. By strengthening the CSO's capacity to generate independent support, this strategy will help reduce reliance on fluctuating public funding and ensure continued alignment with ORCP priorities.

Overall, the relationship is strong, productive, and mission-driven, with a shared understanding that continued collaboration—paired with proactive financial planning—will be essential to sustaining and expanding the Reserve's impact in the years ahead.

SUMMARIZE FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR LAST CALENDAR YEAR, DIRECT AP(S) SUPPORT & REVENUES: Program

Services are costs related to providing your organizations' programs or services in accordance with your mission. Describe and provide expenses that directly support the AP(s). For established nonprofit organizations, program service expenses generally represent most of the overall expenses of the organization. For the last calendar year provide the total \$ for each that apply. **Do not use commas.**

Building improvement, construction, or renovations	\$ 54693
Cultural resources (e.g., historic structure restoration/ renovation)	\$
Natural resources (e.g., native plants, natural lands restoration)	\$
Maintenance equipment (e.g., mowers, chippers, blowers, chainsaws)	\$
Other facilities and landscape maintenance	\$
Vehicles (e.g., trucks/cars, UTVs, golf carts, accessible devices, etc.)	\$
Amenities (e.g., water fountains, benches, picnic tables, recreational equipment, kiosks etc.)	\$
ORCP employees or volunteers support (e.g., interns, training, uniforms, awards, or recognition)	\$
Big ticket visitor center exhibits or interpretation updates	\$ 85346
Preserve exhibits, displays, signage	\$
Preserve publications, brochures, maps, etc.	\$
Programing/interpretation support material purchases	\$
Other program services	\$ 665878
Total Program Service Expenses	\$ 805917

Visitor Services Revenue are revenues and the resources generated from fundraising on preserve property. **Do not use commas.**

Preserve gift shops, craft stores, and concession sales	\$ 369
Merchandise sales (e.g., plants, firewood, ice, t-shirts, hats, etc.)	\$
Programs and Special Events (e.g., fundraising workshops, seasonal events, concerts, etc.)	\$ 112757
Vending (e.g., drink machines, penny press, laundry, Wifi, etc.)	\$
Rentals (e.g., bikes, canoe, kayak, SUPs, etc.)	\$
In-preserve donation boxes	\$
Other visitor services revenue	\$ 807828
Total Visitor Services Revenue	\$ 920954

NET ASSETS: \$

711081

Organizations end of last year's Total Assets minus Total Liabilities. This is not the above's Visitor Service Revenue minus Program Service Expenses.

CSO AUDIT THRESHOLD:

Last Calendar Year's Total Expenses (including grants) \$

805917

Are the CSO's annual total expenses \$300,000 including grants? Then Section 215.981(2), Florida Statute requires an independent CPA audit using Government Audit Standards ([U.S. GAO Yellow Book](#)). The audit is **due by September 1** (9 months after the CSO's calendar year ends) to the Florida Auditor General and to the Department.

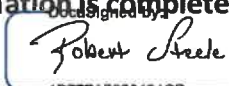
CONFIRM ATTACHMENTS:

☒ **Code of Ethics**

☒ **The most recent Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-N receipt. All IRS Form 990's must be complete with Part III Program Service and all appropriate Schedules (A, O, and others as appropriate). If filing an IRS extension, attach the IRS 8868 receipt and the most recent complete 990 and schedules.**

2026 CSO Legislative Report Acknowledgment

This information is complete to the best of my knowledge pursuant to Section 20.058 Florida Statutes

Signature: 

Print name: Robert Steele

CSO President

Inc.

Date: 5/18/2026

Signature: Lia Sansom

Digitally signed by Lia Sansom
Date: 2026.05.15 10:12:09 -04'00'

Print name: Lia Sansom

AP Manager

Date: 05/15/2026

CSO Code of Ethics
FRIENDS OF ROOKERY BAY, INC. CODE OF ETHICS

PREAMBLE

(1) It is essential to the proper conduct and operation of Friends of Rookery Bay, 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 Rookery Bay, 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.

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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.

The following verbiage is from Appendix A of IRS form 1023 the form you filled out when applying for 501.c.3 status).

Conflict of Interest and Compensation

Section 1: Purpose

The purpose of the conflict of interest policy is to protect this tax-exempt organization's (Organization) interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or director of the Organization or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

Section 2: Definitions

a. Interested Person

Any director, principal officer, or member of a committee with governing board delegated powers, who has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined below, is an interested person.

[Hospital Insert – for hospitals that complete Schedule C: If a person is an interested person with respect to any entity in the health care system of which the organization is a part, he or she is an interested person with respect to all entities in the health care system.]

b. Financial Interest

A person has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family:

1. An ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement,
2. A compensation arrangement with the Organization or with any entity or individual with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement, or
3. A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the Organization is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.

Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are not insubstantial.

A financial interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. Under Article III, Section 2, a person who has a financial interest may have a conflict of interest only if the appropriate governing board or committee decides that a conflict of interest exists.

Section 3. Procedures

- a. **Duty to Disclose.** In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an interested person must disclose the existence of the financial interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the directors and members of committees with governing board delegated powers considering the proposed transaction or arrangement.
- b. **Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists.** After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, he/she shall leave the governing board or committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining board or committee members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.
- c. **Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest**
 1. An interested person may make a presentation at the governing board or committee meeting, but after the presentation, he/she shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.
 2. The chairperson of the governing board or committee shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.
 3. After exercising due diligence, the governing board or committee shall determine whether the Organization can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.
 4. If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible under circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the governing board or committee shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested directors whether the transaction or arrangement is in the Organization's best interest, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. In conformity with the above determination it shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.
- d. **Violations of the Conflicts of Interest Policy**
 1. If the governing board or committee has reasonable cause to believe a member has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the member of the basis for such belief and afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.

2. If, after hearing the member's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the governing board or committee determines the member has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.

Section 4. Records of Proceedings

The minutes of the governing board and all committees with board delegated powers shall contain:

- a. The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a financial interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the financial interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the governing board's or committee's decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.
- b. The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement, and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.

Section 5. Compensation

- a. A voting member of the governing board who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.
- b. A voting member of any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.
- c. No voting member of the governing board or any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization, either individually or collectively, is prohibited from providing information to any committee regarding compensation.

Section 6. Annual Statements

Each director, principal officer and member of a committee with governing board delegated powers shall annually sign a statement which affirms such person:

- a. Has received a copy of the conflicts of interest policy,
- b. Has read and understands the policy,
- c. Has agreed to comply with the policy, and

- d. Understands the Organization is charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

Section 7. Periodic Reviews

To ensure the Organization operates in a manner consistent with charitable purposes and does not engage in activities that could jeopardize its tax-exempt status, periodic reviews shall be conducted. The periodic reviews shall, at a minimum, include the following subjects:

- a. Whether compensation arrangements and benefits are reasonable, based on competent survey information, and the result of arm's length bargaining.
- b. Whether partnerships, joint ventures, and arrangements with management organizations conform to the Organization's written policies, are properly recorded, reflect reasonable investment or payments for goods and services, further charitable purposes and do not result in inurement, impermissible private benefit or in an excess benefit transaction.

Section 8. Use of Outside Experts

When conducting the periodic reviews as provided for in Article VII, the Organization may, but need not, use outside advisors. If outside experts are used, their use shall not relieve the governing board of its responsibility for ensuring periodic reviews are conducted.

Filing Instructions

Friends of Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve

Application for Extension for Form 990

Taxable Year Ended December 31, 2025

Date Due: May 15, 2026

Remittance: None is required. Your 2025 Form 8868 for Form 990 shows no balance due.

Other: Your extension is being filed electronically with the IRS and is not required to be mailed. Mailing a paper copy of Form 8868 to the IRS will delay the processing of your extension.

The extension for Form 990 is valid until November 16, 2026; therefore, the return must be filed on or before this date. We will be contacting you in advance of this date with the completed return.

Form

8868

(Rev. January 2025)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization
Return or Excise Taxes Related to Employee Benefit Plans**

OMB No. 1545-0047

File a separate application for each return.**Go to www.irs.gov/Form8868 for the latest information.**

Electronic filing (e-file). You can electronically file Form 8868 to request up to a 6-month extension of time to file any of the forms listed below except for Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts. An extension request for Form 8870 must be sent to the IRS in a paper format (see instructions). For more details on the electronic filing of Form 8868, visit www.irs.gov/e-file-providers/e-file-for-charities-and-non-profits.

Caution: If you are going to make an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-TE and Form 8879-TE for payment instructions.

All corporations required to file an income tax return other than Form 990-T (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns.

Part I — Identification

Type or Print	Name of exempt organization, employer, or other filer, see instructions. Friends of Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve	Taxpayer identification number (TIN) 91-2081432
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. 505 Guana River Road	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. Ponte Vedra Beach FL 32082	

Enter the Return Code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return)

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Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990 or Form 990-EZ	01	Form 4720 (other than individual)	09
Form 4720 (individual)	03	Form 5227	10
Form 990-PF	04	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 8870	12
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 5330 (individual)	13
Form 990-T (corporation)	07	Form 5330 (other than individual)	14
Form 1041-A	08	Form 990-T (governmental entities)	15

- After you enter your Return Code, complete either Part II or Part III. Part III, including signature, is applicable only for an extension of time to file Form 5330.

- If this application is for an extension of time to file Form 5330, you must enter the following information.

Plan Name
 Plan Number
 Plan Year Ending (MM/DD/YYYY)

Part II — Automatic Extension of Time To File for Exempt Organizations (see instructions)**Dale Viger****505 Guana River Road**The books are in the care of **Ponte Vedra Beach** **FL 32082**Telephone No. **904-823-4526**

Fax No.

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box ☐

- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four-digit Group Exemption Number (GEN)

If this is for the whole group, check this box ☐If it is for part of the group, check this box and attach a list with the names and TINs of all members the extension is for ☐

- I request an automatic 6-month extension of time until **11/16/26**, to file the **exempt organization return** for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:

☒ calendar year **2025** or☐ tax year beginning, and ending

- If the tax year entered in line 1 is for less than 12 months, check reason:

☐ Initial return ☐ Final return ☐ Change in accounting period

3a If this application is for Forms 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	3a	\$	0
b If this application is for Forms 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit.	3b	\$	0
c Balance due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	3c	\$	0

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see instructions.Form **8868** (Rev. 1-2025)

You may be approved for up to a 6-month extension to file Form 5330, after the normal due date of Form 5330.

2 State in detail why you need the extension.

Date _____

Forms 990 / 990-EZ Return Summary

For calendar year 2024, or tax year beginning , and ending

Friends of Guana Tolomato Matanzas 91-2081432
National Estuarine Research Reserve

Net Asset / Fund Balance at Beginning of Year		586,334
Revenue		
Contributions	211,952	
Program service revenue	361,055	
Investment income	17,811	
Capital gain / loss		
Fundraising / Gaming:		
Gross revenue	65,067	
Direct expenses		
Net income	65,067	
Other income	0	
Total revenue		655,885
Expenses		
Program services	525,908	
Management and general	58,733	
Fundraising	56,888	
Total expenses		641,529
Excess / (deficit)		14,356
Changes		-5,500
Net Asset / Fund Balance at End of Year		595,190

Reconciliation of Revenue	
Total revenue per financial statements	655,885
Less:	
Unrealized gains	
Donated services	
Recoveries	
Other	
Plus:	
Investment expenses	
Other	
Total revenue per return	655,885

Reconciliation of Expenses	
Total expenses per financial statements	641,529
Less:	
Donated services	
Prior year adjustments	
Losses	
Other	
Plus:	
Investment expenses	
Other	
Total expenses per return	641,529

Balance Sheet			
	Beginning	Ending	Differences
Assets	884,110	984,343	
Liabilities	297,776	389,153	
Net assets	586,334	595,190	8,856

Miscellaneous Information	
Amended return	
Return / extended due date	11/17/25
Failure to file penalty	

Form **8879-TE****IRS E-file Signature Authorization
for a Tax Exempt Entity**

OMB No. 1545-0047

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Name of filer

For calendar year 2024, or fiscal year beginning, 2024, and ending, 20

Do not send to the IRS. Keep for your records.
Go to www.irs.gov/Form8879TE for the latest information.**2024****Friends of Guana Tolomato Matanzas
National Estuarine Research Reserve** EIN or SSN **91-2081432**Name and title of officer or person subject to tax **Rob Steele
President-elect****Part I Type of Return and Return Information**

Check the box for the return for which you are using this Form 8879-TE and enter the applicable amount, if any, from the return. Form 8038-CP and Form 5330 filers may enter dollars and cents. For all other forms, enter whole dollars only. If you check the box on line **1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5a, 6a, 7a, 8a, 9a, or 10a** below, and the amount on that line for the return being filed with this form was blank, then leave line **1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b, 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, or 10b**, whichever is applicable, blank (do not enter -0-). But, if you entered -0- on the return, then enter -0- on the applicable line below. **Do not** complete more than one line in Part I.

1a Form 990 check here ☒	b Total revenue, if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1b 655,885
2a Form 990-EZ check here ☐	b Total revenue, if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9)	2b
3a Form 1120-POL check here ☐	b Total tax (Form 1120-POL, line 22)	3b
4a Form 990-PF check here ☐	b Tax based on investment income (Form 990-PF, Part V, line 5)	4b
5a Form 8868 check here ☐	b Balance due (Form 8868, line 3c)	5b
6a Form 990-T check here ☐	b Total tax (Form 990-T, Part III, line 4)	6b
7a Form 4720 check here ☐	b Total tax (Form 4720, Part III, line 1)	7b
8a Form 5227 check here ☐	b FMV of assets at end of tax year (Form 5227, Item D)	8b
9a Form 5330 check here ☐	b Tax due (Form 5330, Part II, line 19)	9b
10a Form 8038-CP check here ☐	b Amount of credit payment requested (Form 8038-CP, Part III, line 22) 10b	

Part II Declaration and Signature Authorization of Officer or Person Subject to Tax

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that ☒ I am an officer of the above entity or ☐ I am a person subject to tax with respect to (name of entity), (EIN) and that I have examined a copy of the 2024 electronic return and accompanying schedules and statements, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I further declare that the amount in Part I above is the amount shown on the copy of the electronic return. I consent to allow my intermediate service provider, transmitter, or electronic return originator (ERO) to send the return to the IRS and to receive from the IRS (a) an acknowledgement of receipt or reason for rejection of the transmission, (b) the reason for any delay in processing the return or refund, and (c) the date of any refund. If applicable, I authorize the U.S. Treasury and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) entry to the financial institution account indicated in the tax preparation software for payment of the federal taxes owed on this return, and the financial institution to debit the entry to this account. To revoke a payment, I must contact the U.S. Treasury Financial Agent at 1-888-353-4537 no later than 2 business days prior to the payment (settlement) date. I also authorize the financial institutions involved in the processing of the electronic payment of taxes to receive confidential information necessary to answer inquiries and resolve issues related to the payment. I have selected a personal identification number (PIN) as my signature for the electronic return and, if applicable, the consent to electronic funds withdrawal.

PIN: check one box only

☐ I authorize _____ to enter my PIN _____ as my signature
ERO firm name Enter five numbers, but do not enter all zeros

on the tax year 2024 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I also authorize the aforementioned ERO to enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

☒ As an officer or person subject to tax with respect to the entity, I will enter my PIN as my signature on the tax year 2024 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I will enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

Signature of officer or person subject to tax

Date **11/13/25****Part III Certification and Authentication**

ERO's EFIN/PIN. Enter your six-digit electronic filing identification number (EFIN) followed by your five-digit self-selected PIN.

50019054321

Do not enter all zeros

I certify that the above numeric entry is my PIN, which is my signature on the 2024 electronically filed return indicated above. I confirm that I am submitting this return in accordance with the requirements of **Pub. 4163**, Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers for Business Returns.

ERO's signature

Date **11/13/25****ERO Must Retain This Form — See Instructions****Do Not Submit This Form to the IRS Unless Requested To Do So**

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see back of form.
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Form **8879-TE** (2024)

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.

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A For the 2024 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 Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve		D Employer identification number 91-2081432
	Doing business as		E Telephone number 904-380-8610
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 505 Guana River Road		
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Ponte Vedra Beach FL 32082		G Gross receipts \$ 655,885
	F Name and address of principal officer: Rob Steele 505 Guana River Road Ponte Vedra Beach FL 32082		
	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: www.gtmnerr.org H(c) Group exemption number			
K Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other		L Year of formation: 2000	M State of legal domicile: FL

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: THE FRIENDS ORGANIZATION WILL PROVIDE SUPPORT TO ASSIST THE GUANA TOLOMATO MATANZAS NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT.		
	2 Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	4
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	4
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2024 (Part V, line 2a)	5	5
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	0
		7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a
	b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	7b	0
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year 185,451	Current Year 211,952
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	288,035	361,055
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	6,175	17,811
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		65,067
	12 Total revenue – add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	479,661	655,885
	Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	
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)		125,503	147,601
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)			0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) 56,888			
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)		426,103	493,928
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)		551,606	641,529
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12		-71,945	14,356
Net Assets or Fund Balances		20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year 884,110
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	297,776	389,153
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	586,334	595,190

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 Rob Steele		Date	
	Type or print name and title President-elect			
Paid Preparer Use Only	Preparer's name David Forde	Preparer's signature	Date 11/13/25	Check ☐ if self-employed PTIN P02500306
	Firm's name The Forde Firm Inc	Firm's EIN 82-4388106		
	Firm's address 4685 Sunbeam Rd Suite 203 Jacksonville, FL 32257-6109		Phone no. 904-725-5832	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ☐ Yes ☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Form **990** (2024)

Part III Statement of Program Service AccomplishmentsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III ☐**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:**THE FRIENDS ORGANIZATION WILL PROVIDE SUPPORT TO ASSIST THE GUANA TOLOMATO MATANZAS NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT.****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 \$ **525,908** including grants of\$) (Revenue \$)
Support the goals and objectives, programs and activities of the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve.**4b** (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of\$) (Revenue \$)
N/A**4c** (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of\$) (Revenue \$)
N/A**4d** Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.)

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

4e Total program service expenses **525,908**

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 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? <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 Rev. Proc. 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 donor-restricted endowments or in 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 other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <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 other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <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. See instructions</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?		
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>		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 25a</i>		X
24b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
24c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
24d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		X
25b 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 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5 or 22, for receivables from or payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity (including an employee thereof) 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 the Schedule L, Part IV, instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions).		
28a A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
28b A family member of any individual described in line 28a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
28c A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in line 28a or 28b? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in noncash 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
35b 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 on 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 ComplianceCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V ☐

	Yes	No
1a Enter the number reported in box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included on line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	X	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)			Yes	No
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a 5		
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	2b	X	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a		X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on Schedule O	3b		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a		X
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).			
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a		X
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b		X
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).			
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a		
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c		
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d		
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e		
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f		
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g		
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8		
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.			
a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a		
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:			
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a		
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:			
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a		
b	Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b		
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.			
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note: See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	13a		
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b		
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c		
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a		X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation on Schedule O	14b		
15	Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? If "Yes," see instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.	15		X
16	Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.	16		X
17	Section 501(c)(21) organizations. Did the trust, any disqualified or other person, engage in any activities that would result in the imposition of an excise tax under section 4951, 4952, or 4953? If "Yes," complete Form 6069.	17		

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 on 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	1b	2	3	4	5	6	7a	7b	8a	8b	9
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year	4											
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 on Schedule O.												
b Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent	4											
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?			2									X
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?				3								X
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?				4								X
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?				5								X
6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?				6								X
7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?				7a								X
b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?				7b								X
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:												
a The governing body?				8a	X							
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?				8b	X							
9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses on Schedule O				9								X

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

	10a	10b	11a	11b	12a	12b	12c	13	14	15a	15b	16a	16b
10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?													X
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?			X										
b Describe on Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.													
12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13					X								
b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?					X								
c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe on Schedule O how this was done							X						
13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?							X						
14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?							X						
15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?													
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official							X						
b Other officers or key employees of the organization							X						
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process on Schedule O. See instructions.													
16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?												X	
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?													

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **FL**

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, 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 on Schedule O)

19 Describe on 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.

Dale Viger**505 Guana River Road****Ponte Vedra Beach****FL 32082****904-823-4526**

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent ContractorsCheck 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, box 6 of Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) 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. See the instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

☐ 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/ 1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/ 1099-MISC/ 1099-NEC)	(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 Viger	40.00									
Executive Director	0.00			X				77,365	0	0
(2) YASH DEO	0.00									
Vice President	0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(3) WILLIAM FEENEY	0.00									
Secretary	0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(4) MARY FINNAN	0.00									
DIRECTOR	0.00	X						0	0	0
(5) UNDINE GEORGE	0.00									
DIRECTOR	0.00	X						0	0	0
(6) Stephanie Hezel	0.00									
DIRECTOR	0.00	X						0	0	0
(7) Linda Krepp	0.00									
DIRECTOR	0.00	X						0	0	0
(8) Thomas Maletta	0.00									
DIRECTOR	0.00	X						0	0	0
(9) Joanne Masingill	0.00									
DIRECTOR	0.00	X						0	0	0
(10) Rob Steele	0.00									
President-elect	0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(11) Steve Swann	0.00									
President	0.00	X		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/ 1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/ 1099-MISC/ 1099-NEC)	(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) Suzanne Williams										
(12) DIRECTOR	0.00	X						0	0	0
(13)										
(14)										
(15)										
(16)										
(17)										
(18)										
(19)										
1b Subtotal								77,365		
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								77,365		

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**

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>		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

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 RevenueCheck 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	82,637				
	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	129,315				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g	\$				
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f			211,952			
	Program Service Revenue	2a FACILITY RENTAL	Business Code		292,477	292,477	
b SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM				53,578	53,578		
c Summer camp Program				15,000			15,000
d							
e							
f All other program service revenue							
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f				361,055			
Other Revenue		3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)			17,811	17,811	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5 Royalties						
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
	b Less: rental expenses	6b					
	c Rental inc. or (loss)	6c					
	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 and sales exps.	7b					
	c Gain or (loss)	7c					
	d Net gain or (loss)						
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a	65,067				
	b Less: direct expenses	8b					
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events			65,067			
	9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	9a					
	b Less: direct expenses	9b					
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a						
b Less: cost of goods sold	10b						
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory							
Miscellaneous Revenue	11a	Business Code					
	b						
	c						
	d All other revenue						
	e Total. Add lines 11a-11d						
	12 Total revenue. See instructions			655,885	363,866	0	15,000

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 ☐

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 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	77,365	46,419	15,473	15,473
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	43,877	26,327	8,775	8,775
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes	26,359	15,815	5,272	5,272
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	16,080		16,080	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)				
12 Advertising and promotion	10,163	9,147		1,016
13 Office expenses	10,119	7,380	2,319	420
14 Information technology	2,393	1,795	359	239
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	61,764	61,764		
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	3,190	2,392	798	
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	6,293		6,293	
23 Insurance	4,404	1,321	2,202	881
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a GTM PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS	309,077	309,077		
b GRANT EXPENSES	39,690	39,690		
c SPECIAL EVENTS	22,091			22,091
d DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	5,573	4,459	557	557
e All other expenses	3,091	322	605	2,164
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	641,529	525,908	58,733	56,888
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 SheetCheck 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	700,587	1	864,198
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	64,140	2	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	1,200	3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5 Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use	1,410	8	1,412
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	3,741	9	2,470
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 218,296		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 111,558	10c 113,032	106,738
	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	9,525
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	884,110	16	984,343	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	12,076	17	15,564
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	60,656	19	53,759
	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 any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		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	225,044	25	319,830
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	297,776	26	389,153
	Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here ☒ and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.		
27 Net assets without donor restrictions		528,062	27	460,795
28 Net assets with donor restrictions		58,272	28	134,395
Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here ☐ and complete lines 29 through 33.				
29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds			29	
30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund			30	
31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds			31	
32 Total net assets or fund balances		586,334	32	595,190
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		884,110	33	984,343

Part XI Reconciliation of Net AssetsCheck 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	655,885
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	641,529
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	14,356
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	586,334
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	-5,500
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	9	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	595,190

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck 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: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on 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. ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis		X
b 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. ☒ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis	X	
c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? _____ If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on Schedule O.		
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F? _____	X	
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits _____	X	

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990)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.

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

2024Open to Public
Inspection

Name of the organization

**Friends of Guana Tolomato Matanzas
National Estuarine Research Reserve**

Employer identification number

91-2081432**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).)
- 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 on 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						

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Schedule A (Form 990) 2024

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) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
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						
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.						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources						
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.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						☐

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2024 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2023 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33 1/3% support test — 2024. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		☐
b 33 1/3% support test — 2023. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		☐
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test — 2024. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		☐
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test — 2023. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		☐
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions		☐

Schedule A (Form 990) 2024

Friends of Guana Tolomato Matanzas 91-2081432Page **3****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) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")		335,169	358,040	185,451	211,952	1,090,612
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		323,092	402,510	294,210	428,933	1,448,745
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		658,261	760,550	479,661	640,885	2,539,357
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.)						2,539,357

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6		658,261	760,550	479,661	640,885	2,539,357
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 on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on					14,000	14,000
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.)		658,261	760,550	479,661	654,885	2,553,357

14 First 5 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 2024 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	15	99.45 %
16 Public support percentage from 2023 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	100.00 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2024 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2023 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33 1/3% support tests — 2024. 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 — 2023. 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 A (Form 990) 2024

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 12 on Part I. If you checked box 12a, Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, 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 lines 3b and 3c 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 box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c 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 lines 5b and 5c 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 (as 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).</i>		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described on line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).</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 on 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 on 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 line 10b below.</i>		
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

- 11** Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
- a** A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described on lines 11b and 11c below, the governing body of a supported organization?
- b** A family member of a person described on line 11a above?
- c** A 35% controlled entity of a person described on line 11a or 11b above? *If "Yes" to line 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in Part VI.*

	Yes	No
11a		
11b		
11c		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

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

	Yes	No
1		
2		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

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

	Yes	No
1		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

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

	Yes	No
1		
2		
3		

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

- 1** Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).
- a** ☐ The organization satisfied the Activities Test. *Complete line 2 below.*
- b** ☐ The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. *Complete line 3 below.*
- c** ☐ The organization supported a governmental entity. *Describe in Part VI how you supported a governmental entity (see instructions).*

2 Activities Test. Answer lines 2a and 2b below.

- a** Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? *If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to each of its supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.*
- b** Did the activities described on line 2a, above, constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? *If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.*

	Yes	No
2a		
2b		
3a		
3b		

3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a and 3b below.

- a** Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? *If "Yes" or "No," provide details in Part VI.*
- b** Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? *If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.*

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

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

Section A – Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3.	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)	8	
Section B – Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (<i>explain in detail in Part VI</i>):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by 0.035.	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	
Section C – Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, column A)	1	
2	Enter 0.85 of line 1.	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	6	
7	☐ Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).		

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

Section D – Distributions		Current Year
1	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	1
2	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	2
3	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	3
4	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	4
5	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required— <i>provide details in Part VI</i>)	5
6	Other distributions (<i>describe in Part VI</i>). See instructions.	6
7	Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	7
8	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (<i>provide details in Part VI</i>). See instructions.	8
9	Distributable amount for 2024 from Section C, line 6	9
10	Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	10

Section E – Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2024	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2024
1 Distributable amount for 2024 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2024 (reasonable cause required— <i>explain in Part VI</i>). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2024			
a From 2019			
b From 2020			
c From 2021			
d From 2022			
e From 2023			
f Total of lines 3a through 3e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2024 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2019 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2024 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2024 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2024, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2024. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2025. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2020			
b Excess from 2021			
c Excess from 2022			
d Excess from 2023			
e Excess from 2024			

Part VI

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

**Schedule B
(Form 990)**(Rev. December 2024)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Schedule of Contributors**Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.
Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

**Friends of Guana Tolomato Matanzas
National Estuarine Research Reserve****91-2081432**

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 foundationCheck 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, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33¹/₃% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions 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 an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I (entering "N/A" in column (b) instead of the contributor name and address), II, and III.
- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled 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. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year \$

Caution: An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990), 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 its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990).

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the instructions for Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.

Schedule B (Form 990) (Rev. 12-2024)

Name of organization

Employer identification number

Friends of Guana Tolomato Matanzas**91-2081432****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
1	The Bruning Foundation 4809 Lauren Ln Fort Myers FL 33908-2018	\$ 15,000	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	Harold J & Duval O. Bowen Foundation 135 Professional Dr Ste 103 Ponte Vedra Beach FL 32082-6277	\$ 10,000	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	Ryden Sally 1841 NW 35th Way Gainesville FL 32605-3669	\$ 10,000	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
		\$	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
		\$	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
		\$	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)
(Rev. December 2024)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990,
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
Attach to Form 990.
Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

**Open to Public
Inspection**

Name of the organization Friends of Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve	Employer identification number 91-2081432
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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

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

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

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

☐ Preservation of land for public use (for example, recreation or education)	☐ Preservation of a historically important land area
☐ Protection of natural habitat	☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure
☐ Preservation of open space	

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

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included on line 2a	2c
d Number of conservation easements included on line 2c acquired after July 25, 2006, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d

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

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

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year

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

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2d above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B) (i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

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

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

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	\$
(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X	\$

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

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	\$
b Assets included in Form 990, Part X	\$

Schedule D (Form 990) (Rev. 12-2024) **Friends of Guana Tolomato Matanzas 91-2081432**Page **2****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 make 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 program**e** ☐ Other**4** Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.**5** During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? ☐ Yes ☐ No**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements**

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

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? ☐ Yes ☐ No**b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table.

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

c Beginning balance**d** Additions during the year**e** Distributions during the year**f** Ending balance**2a** Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? ☐ Yes ☐ No**b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII ☐**Part V Endowment Funds**

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
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** Term endowment %

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

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:**(i)** Unrelated organizations?**(ii)** Related organizations?**b** If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?**4** Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

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

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment				
e Other		218,296	111,558	106,738
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 10c, column (B))				106,738

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Friends of Guana Tolomato Matanzas 91-2081432Page **3****Part VII Investments – Other Securities**

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

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 12, col. (B))		

Part VIII Investments – Program Related

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

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

Part IX Other Assets

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

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

Part X Other Liabilities

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

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) Due to GTM Reserve	310,305
(3) Long term lease liability	7,296
(4) Current lease liability	2,229
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 25, col. (B))	319,830

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

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

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

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 XIII Supplemental Information (continued)

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990)
(Rev. December 2024)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17, 18, or 19; or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.
Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization **Friends of Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve** Employer identification number **91-2081432**

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

- 1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.
- a ☐ Mail solicitations

b ☐ Internet and email solicitations

c ☐ Phone solicitations

d ☐ In-person solicitations

e ☐ Solicitation of nongovernment grants

f ☐ Solicitation of government grants

g ☐ Special fundraising events
- 2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees, or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b If "Yes," list the 10 highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
Total						

- 3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.
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Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1 Estuary Fest (event type)	(b) Event #2 Other events (event type)	(c) Other events 1 (total number)	(d) Total events (add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	49,257	8,325	7,485	65,067
	2 Less: Contributions ..				
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	49,257	8,325	7,485	65,067
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages ..				
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses				
	10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				
11 Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)					65,067

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

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

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities:

a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "No," explain:

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended, or terminated during the tax year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain:

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- 11** Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 12** Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary, or trustee of a trust; or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 13** Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:
- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---|
| a The organization's facility | 13a | % |
| b An outside facility | 13b | % |
- 14** Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name

Address

- 15a** Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b** If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization \$ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party \$
- c** If "Yes," enter the name and address of the third party:

Name

Address

16 Gaming manager information:

Name

Gaming manager compensation \$

Description of services provided

☐ Director/officer ☐ Employee ☐ Independent contractor**17** Mandatory distributions:

- a** Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b** Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year \$

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

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)**

(Rev. December 2024)

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 Form 990-EZ.

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

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Name of the organization	Friends of Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve	Employer identification number 91-2081432
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Form 990, Part VI, Line 11b - Organization's Process to Review Form 990
THE FORM 990 IS MADE AVAILABLE VIA EMAIL TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS FOR THEIR
REVIEW AND ANY ADJUSTMENTS. A FINAL REVIEW IS THEN PERFORMED BY THE
PRESIDENT, TREASURER, AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR ACCURACY PRIOR TO FILING
THE FORM 990 TAX RETURN.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c - Enforcement of Conflicts Policy
EACH DIRECTOR AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING ANY
CONFLICTS NOT DISCLOSED TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BOARD.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 15a - Compensation Process for Top Official
THE BOARD REVIEWS THE EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION BASED ON INDUSTRY AND REGION
COMPARATIVES, AND THEIR COLLECTIVE EXPERIENCE.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 15b - Compensation Process for Officers
THE BOARD REVIEWS THE COMPENSATION BASED ON INDUSTRY AND REGION
COMPARATIVES, AND THEIR COLLECTIVE EXPERIENCE.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 - Governing Documents Disclosure Explanation
GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AND THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY ARE AVAILABLE UPON
REQUEST. OUR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE VIA THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT
OF AGRICULTURE'S WEBSITE OR UPON REQUEST.

Form **4562**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name(s) shown on return

Depreciation and Amortization
(Including Information on Listed Property)

Attach to your tax return.

Go to www.irs.gov/Form4562 for instructions and the latest information.

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2024Attachment
Sequence No. **179****Friends of Guana Tolomato Matanzas
National Estuarine Research Reserve**Identifying number
91-2081432

Business or activity to which this form relates

Indirect Depreciation**Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179****Note:** If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.

1	Maximum amount (see instructions)	1	1,220,000
2	Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3	Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	3	3,050,000
4	Reduction in limitation. Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5	Dollar limitation for tax year. Subtract line 4 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0-. If married filing separately, see instructions	5	
6	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
7	Listed property. Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8	Total elected cost of section 179 property. Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9	Tentative deduction. Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2023 Form 4562	10	
11	Business income limitation. Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5. See instructions	11	
12	Section 179 expense deduction. Add lines 9 and 10, but don't enter more than line 11	12	
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2025. Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	13	

Note: Don't use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V.**Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Don't include listed property. See instructions.)**

14	Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year. See instructions	14	
15	Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16	Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	6,294

Part III MACRS Depreciation (Don't include listed property. See instructions.)**Section A**

17	MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2024	17	0
18	If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here		

Section B—Assets Placed in Service During 2024 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only—see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5-year property						
c 7-year property						
d 10-year property						
e 15-year property						
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs.		S/L	
h Residential rental property			27.5 yrs.	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property			39 yrs.	MM	S/L	

Section C—Assets Placed in Service During 2024 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

20a Class life					S/L	
b 12-year			12 yrs.		S/L	
c 30-year			30 yrs.	MM	S/L	
d 40-year			40 yrs.	MM	S/L	

Part IV Summary (See instructions.)

21	Listed property. Enter amount from line 28	21	
22	Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21. Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return. Partnerships and S corporations—see instructions	22	6,294
23	For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see separate instructions.

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There are no amounts for Page **2** Form **4562** (2024)

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Federal Asset Report

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Asset	Description	Date In Service	Cost	Bus %	Sec 179	Bonus	Basis for Depr	Per Conv Meth	Prior	Current
<u>Other Depreciation:</u>										
1	External Hard Drive	10/19/20	139				139	5 MO S/L	111	28
2	Gaming Laptop GTX1650	10/23/20	760				760	5 MO S/L	608	152
3	Paver Installation - Back of Reserve	6/30/12	9,553				9,553	15 MO S/L	7,483	637
4	Leasehold Improvements	9/23/05	165,110				165,110	39 MO S/L	77,439	4,234
5	Leasehold Improvements	11/16/05	41,890				41,890	39 MO S/L	19,468	1,074
6	Industrial File Cabinet	2/15/23	844				844	5 MO S/L	155	169
Total Other Depreciation			<u>218,296</u>				<u>218,296</u>		<u>105,264</u>	<u>6,294</u>
Total ACRS and Other Depreciation			<u>218,296</u>				<u>218,296</u>		<u>105,264</u>	<u>6,294</u>
Grand Totals			218,296				218,296		105,264	6,294
Less: Dispositions and Transfers			0				0		0	0
Less: Start-up/Org Expense			<u>0</u>				<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Grand Totals			<u>218,296</u>				<u>218,296</u>		<u>105,264</u>	<u>6,294</u>

Asset	Description	Date In Service	Cost	Bus %	Sec 179	Bonus	Basis for Depr	Per	Conv	Meth	Prior	Current
Other Depreciation:												
1	External Hard Drive	10/19/20	0				0	0	HY		0	0
2	Gaming Laptop GTX1650	10/23/20	0				0	0	HY		0	0
3	Paver Installation - Back of Reserve	6/30/12	0				0	0	HY		0	0
4	Leasehold Improvements	9/23/05	0				0	0	HY		0	0
5	Leasehold Improvements	11/16/05	0				0	0	HY		0	0
6	Industrial File Cabinet	2/15/23	844				844	5	MO	S/L	155	169
Total Other Depreciation			844				844				155	169
Total ACRS and Other Depreciation			844				844				155	169
Grand Totals			844				844				155	169
Less: Dispositions and Transfers			0				0				0	0
Net Grand Totals			844				844				155	169

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Depreciation Adjustment Report

All Business Activities

AMT
Adjustments/
Preferences

There are no assets that meet the criteria of this report

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Future Depreciation Report**FYE: 12/31/25**

FYE: 12/31/2024

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<u>Asset</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date In Service</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Tax</u>	<u>AMT</u>
<u>Other Depreciation:</u>					
1	External Hard Drive	10/19/20	139	0	0
2	Gaming Laptop GTX1650	10/23/20	760	0	0
3	Paver Installation - Back of Reserve	6/30/12	9,553	637	0
4	Leasehold Improvements	9/23/05	165,110	4,234	0
5	Leasehold Improvements	11/16/05	41,890	1,074	0
6	Industrial File Cabinet	2/15/23	844	168	168
Total Other Depreciation			<u>218,296</u>	<u>6,113</u>	<u>168</u>
Total ACRS and Other Depreciation			<u>218,296</u>	<u>6,113</u>	<u>168</u>
Grand Totals			<u>218,296</u>	<u>6,113</u>	<u>168</u>

SCHEDULE G (Form 990 or 990-EZ)	Fundraising Other Events	2024
For calendar year 2024, or tax year beginning , and ending		

Name	Employer Identification Number
Friends of Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve	91-2081432

		(a) Other event	(b) Other event	(c) Other event	(d) Total other events
		Estu-Scary Haun (event type)	(event type)	(event type)	(add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	7,485			7,485
	2 Less: Charitable contributions				
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	7,485			7,485
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food/beverages				
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other expenses				

Form 990		Two Year Comparison Report		2023 & 2024	
		For calendar year 2024, or tax year beginning , ending			
Name Friends of Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve				Taxpayer Identification Number 91-2081432	
Revenue	1. Contributions, gifts, grants	1.	122,188	129,315	7,127
	2. Membership dues and assessments	2.	56,313	82,637	26,324
	3. Government contributions and grants	3.	6,950		-6,950
	4. Program service revenue	4.	288,035	361,055	73,020
	5. Investment income	5.	6,175	17,811	11,636
	6. Proceeds from tax exempt bonds	6.			
	7. Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory	7.			
	8. Net income or (loss) from fundraising events	8.		65,067	65,067
	9. Net income or (loss) from gaming	9.			
	10. Net gain or (loss) on sales of inventory	10.			
	11. Other revenue	11.			
	12. Total revenue. Add lines 1 through 11	12.	479,661	655,885	176,224
Expenses	13. Grants and similar amounts paid	13.			
	14. Benefits paid to or for members	14.			
	15. Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.	15.	55,736	77,365	21,629
	16. Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	16.	69,767	70,236	469
	17. Professional fundraising fees	17.			
	18. Other professional fees	18.	8,883	16,080	7,197
	19. Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	19.	16,836	61,764	44,928
	20. Depreciation and Depletion	20.	6,279	6,293	14
	21. Other expenses	21.	394,105	409,791	15,686
	22. Total expenses. Add lines 13 through 21	22.	551,606	641,529	89,923
	23. Excess or (Deficit). Subtract line 22 from line 12	23.	-71,945	14,356	86,301
Other Information	24. Total exempt revenue	24.	479,661	655,885	176,224
	25. Total unrelated revenue	25.			
	26. Total excludable revenue	26.	294,210	378,866	84,656
	27. Total assets	27.	884,110	984,343	100,233
	28. Total liabilities	28.	297,776	389,153	91,377
	29. Retained earnings	29.	586,334	595,190	8,856
	30. Number of voting members of governing body	30.	15	4	
	31. Number of independent voting members of governing body	31.	15	4	
	32. Number of employees	32.	4	5	
	33. Number of volunteers	33.			

Form 990	Tax Return History	2024
Name Friends of Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve		Employer Identification Number 91-2081432

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Contributions, gifts, grants		223,582	191,664	129,138	129,315	
Membership dues		111,587	166,376	56,313	82,637	
Program service revenue		309,982	325,217	288,035	361,055	
Capital gain or loss						
Investment income		1,459		6,175	17,811	
Fundraising revenue (income/loss)		11,651	77,293		65,067	
Gaming revenue (income/loss)						
Other revenue						
Total revenue		658,261	760,550	479,661	655,885	
Grants and similar amounts paid		264,565	251,378			
Benefits paid to or for members						
Compensation of officers, etc.			73,020	55,736	77,365	
Other compensation		92,062	56,449	69,767	70,236	
Professional fees		9,889	7,402	8,883	16,080	
Occupancy costs		7,263	20,676	16,836	61,764	
Depreciation and depletion		6,124	6,124	6,279	6,293	
Other expenses		185,725	141,607	394,105	409,791	
Total expenses		565,628	556,656	551,606	641,529	
Excess or (Deficit)		92,633	203,894	-71,945	14,356	
Total exempt revenue		658,261	760,550	479,661	655,885	
Total unrelated revenue						
Total excludable revenue		311,441	325,217	294,210	378,866	
Total Assets		912,775	1,094,950	884,110	984,343	
Total Liabilities		449,008	436,671	297,776	389,153	
Net Fund Balances		463,767	658,279	586,334	595,190	

Tax-Exempt Interest on Investments

<u>Description</u>		<u>Amount</u>	<u>Unrelated</u>	<u>Exclusion</u>	<u>Postal</u>	<u>Acquired after</u>	<u>InState</u>
			<u>Business</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>6/30/75</u>	<u>Muni (\$ or %)</u>
INVESTMENT	INCOME	\$ 17,811					
Total		\$ 17,811					

Federal Statements**Form 990, Part IX, Line 24e - All Other Expenses**

Description	Total Expenses	Program Service	Management & General	Fund Raising
MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	\$ 2,164	\$	\$	\$ 2,164
PROGRAMS SERVICES	497		497	
BANK CHARGES & FEES	430	322	108	
Total	\$ 3,091	\$ 322	\$ 605	\$ 2,164

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Federal Statements

FYE: 12/31/2024

Schedule A, Part III, Line 1(e)

Description	Amount
Membership	\$ 82,637
GRANT INCOME	
Contributions	69,799
Contributions	56,713
Sale of product	463
Other misc	2,340
Total	<u>\$ 211,952</u>

Schedule A, Part III, Line 2(e)

Description	Amount
FACILITY RENTAL	\$ 292,477
SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM	53,578
INVESTMENT INCOME	17,811
BRICK SALES	
GARAGE SALE	
Estu-Scary Haunted Trails	7,485
Estuary Fest	49,257
Evening of the Esturary	
Other events	8,325
Total	<u>\$ 428,933</u>

Schedule A, Part III, Line 11

Description	Amount
Summer camp Program	\$ 15,000
Less: Deductions	-1,000
Total	<u>\$ 14,000</u>