



Florida Department of Environmental Protection

**CITIZEN SUPPORT ORGANIZATION
2016 REPORT
(pursuant to Florida Statute 20.058)**

Citizen Support Organization (CSO) Name: Friend of Fakahatchee Inc

Mailing Address: 137 Coastline drive Copeland FL 34137

Telephone Number: 239-495-6744

Website Address (if applicable): www.orchidswamp.org

Statutory Authority:

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

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

Brief Description of the CSO's Mission:

Provide financial and volunteer support to preserve the unique ecology and cultural heritage of Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park and educate the public about its importance.

Brief Description of the CSO's Results Obtained:

This report represent fiscal year 1st April 2015 to end March 2016

FOF volunteers were essential to assist Park staff with the following:

- Ongoing maintenance/repair of the Big Cypress Bend Boardwalk, park equipment and facilities.
- Environmental data collection, habitat survey and maintenance, exotic plant control and removal.
- Endless maintenance of Janes Scenic drive, bridges and culverts on Park trams roads including hiking trails on going clearance.

- Preparation of the trails for the February Everglades Ultra 50 mile race, the fifth race in the Park.

Fundraising efforts and accomplishments:

- FOF guided educational tours program for: Big Cypress Bend Boardwalk and Janes Scenic drive. And educational Swamp Walk Excursions in designated locations approved by Park manager.
- Launched the 4th Annual Fund Appeal to our membership to provide specific Park support as designated by the Park manager. Installation of new interpretive signs at the Big Cypress Bend Boardwalk, funded by the Annual fund appeal.
- Installation of an orchid house for the orchid restoration efforts, funded by generous donors.
- Funded and managed the development of the Big Cypress Bend Boardwalk Expansion Master Interpretation plan with The Acorn Group in accordance with Park Manager and DEP.
- Funded G F Young Inc. for: Wetland Limit Determination-Wetland impact assessment—Topographic Survey and Permit coordination for the Big Cypress Bend Boardwalk Expansion, in accordance with Park manager and DEP.
- Funded Corban Architect PLLC for conceptual design and fundraising material for the miscellaneous structures of the Big Cypress Bend Boardwalk Expansion.
- Began funding the development of the Sign Plan with The Acorn Group for the Big Cypress Bend Expansion.
- Began funding the development of the Exhibit Plan with the Acorn Group for the Big Cypress Bend Expansion.
- Hosted the second free Annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic, funded by the FOF.
- Raised funds with an Event specifically for the Orchid Restoration program.
- Funded Port O Let at the Big Cypress Bend Boardwalk.

Brief Description of the CSO's Plans for Next Three Fiscal Years: Projected for year 2016 to 2019:

- Continued commitment to raise funds to support the Park as well as provide volunteer manpower for the maintenance of the park, its facilities, equipment and vehicles in accordance with the specified needs requested by the Park manager and within the approved FOF Fiscal Year budget.
- Continue the FOF Annual Fund Appeal, seasonal interpretation programs and lectures in the community.

-Finalize the Sign Plan and the Exhibit Plan with The Acorn Group for the Big Cypress Bend Boardwalk Expansion, in accordance with the Park manager and DEP.

-Continue efforts to assist the Park with the Boardwalk Expansion.

-Continue efforts to assist the Park in reaching a resolution to restore Janes Scenic Drive.

- Continue efforts to launch a Capital Campaign for Phase two of the Big Cypress Bend Boardwalk Expansion.**

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

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

Friends of Fakahatchee, Inc.

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website: www.orchidswamp.org

The Board of Directors of the Friends of Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve, Inc., (the "Organization")

adopted the following Code of Ethics Policy on this 12 day of October, 2014.

ARTICLE I. Purpose

The purpose of the Code of Ethics Policy is to protect this tax-exempt Organization's 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 non-profit and charitable organizations.

ARTICLE II Definitions

- 1. 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.
- 2. Financial Interest.** A person has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, family, and/or domestic partner
 - a. An ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement.
 - b. A compensation arrangement with the Organization or with any entity or individual with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement.
 - c. 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.
- 3. Compensation** includes direct and indirect remuneration, reimbursement for expenses, as well as gifts or favors valued in excess of \$25.

ARTICLE III. Procedures

- 1. 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.

2. 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.

3. Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest.

- a. An interested person may make a presentation at the board or committee meeting, but after the presentation the person shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.
- b. The chairperson of the board shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.
- c. After exercising due diligence, the board 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.
- d. If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible under circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the board 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.

4. Violations of the Code of Ethics Policy.

- a.. If the board 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.
- b. If, after hearing the member's response and after further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the board determines the member has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate action.

ARTICLE IV. Records of Proceedings

1. Minutes. The minutes of the board 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 board'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 and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.

ARTICLE V. Compensation

1. A voting member of the board who receives compensation or reimbursement for expenses, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.


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

ARTICLE VI. Annual Statements.

1. 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 Code of Ethics 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.

ARTICLE VII. Use of Outside Experts.

In administering the above Code of Ethics Policy, the Organization may, but need not, use outside advisors. If outside experts are used, their use shall not relieve the board of its responsibility for ensuring that periodic reviews are conducted.


Francine Stevens, President
John Kaiser, Secretary

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PRACTICES IN ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES AND CONTRACTORS.

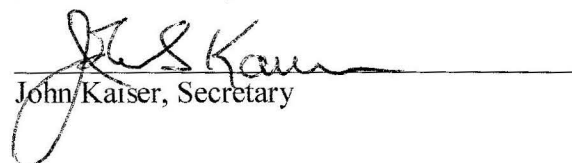
The Board of Directors of the Friends of Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve, Inc., resolved on

this 12 OCT. day of OCT, 2014, that

- a. The individuals who approve compensation arrangements will follow a **Code of Ethics Policy**.
- b. The Board will approve compensation arrangements in advance of paying compensation.
- c. The Board will document in writing the date and terms of approved compensation arrangements.
- d. The Board will record in writing the decision made by each individual who decided or voted on compensation arrangements.
- e. The Board will approve compensation arrangements based on information about compensation paid by similarly situated taxable or tax-exempt organizations for similar services, current compensation surveys compiled by independent firms, or actual written offers from similarly situated organizations.
- f. The Board will record in writing both the information on which it has relied to base its decision and its source.



Francine Stevens, President



John Kaiser, Secretary

Form **8879-EO****IRS e-file Signature Authorization
for an Exempt Organization**

OMB No. 1545-1878

For calendar year 2015, or fiscal year beginning 4/01, 2015, and ending 3/31, 20 2016

▶ Do not send to the IRS. Keep for your records.

▶ Information about Form 8879-EO and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form8879eo.**2015**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of exempt organization

Friends of Fakahatchee, Inc.

Employer identification number

59-3511352

Name and title of officer

Francine StevensPresident**Part I Type of Return and Return Information (Whole Dollars Only)**

Check the box for the return for which you are using this Form 8879-EO and enter the applicable amount, if any, from the return. If you check the box on line 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, or 5a, below, and the amount on that line for the return being filed with this form was blank, then leave line 1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, or 5b, 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 1 line in Part I.

1 a Form 990 check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue, if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1 b	
2 a Form 990-EZ check here ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue, if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9)	2 b	<u>148,540.</u>
3 a Form 1120-POL check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Total tax (Form 1120-POL, line 22)	3 b	
4 a Form 990-PF check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Tax based on investment income (Form 990-PF, Part VI, line 5)	4 b	
5 a Form 8868 check here ... ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Balance Due (Form 8868, Part I, line 3c or Part II, line 8c)	5 b	

Part II Declaration and Signature Authorization of Officer

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am an officer of the above organization and that I have examined a copy of the organization's 2015 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 organization's electronic return. I consent to allow my intermediate service provider, transmitter, or electronic return originator (ERO) to send the organization's 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 organization's 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 organization's electronic return and, if applicable, the organization's consent to electronic funds withdrawal.

Officer's PIN: check one box only

☒ I authorize Rogers Wood Hill Starman & Gustason, P.A. to enter my PIN 69068 as my signature
ERO firm name Enter five numbers, but do not enter all zeros

on the organization's tax year 2015 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 of the organization, I will enter my PIN as my signature on the organization's tax year 2015 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.

Officer's signature ▶ _____

Date ▶ _____

Part III Certification and Authentication**ERO's EFIN/PIN.** Enter your six-digit electronic filing identificationnumber (EFIN) followed by your five-digit self-selected PIN. 65931532154
do not enter all zeros

I certify that the above numeric entry is my PIN, which is my signature on the 2015 electronically filed return for the organization 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 ▶ _____

COPY Date ▶ _____

ERO Must Retain This Form – See Instructions
Do Not Submit This Form To the IRS Unless Requested To Do So

BAA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see instructions.**Form 8879-EO (2015)**

Form **990-EZ****Short Form**
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except private foundations)

OMB No. 1545-1150

2015Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

- ▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.
- ▶ Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 4/01, 2015, and ending 3/31, 2016

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

C **Friends of Fakahatchee, Inc.**
P.O. Box 35
Everglades City, FL 34139

D Employer identification number
59-3511352

E Telephone number
(239) 695-4593

F Group Exemption Number ▶

G Accounting Method: ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual Other (specify) ▶

I Website: ▶ www.orchidswamp.org

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) – ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) () ◀ (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

H Check ☐ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

K Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$ 148,540.

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I ☒

REVENUE	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	116,548.
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	29,911.
	3	Membership dues and assessments	
	4	Investment income	2,081.
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	
	5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	
	6	Gaming and fundraising events	
	6a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	
	6b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	
6c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events		
6d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)		
REVENUE	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	
	7b	Less: cost of goods sold	
	7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	
	8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	
	9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	148,540.
EXPENSES	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	74,723.
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	1,417.
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) See Schedule O	84,592.
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	160,732.
ASSETS	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	-12,192.
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	436,775.
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) See Schedule O	-2,140.
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	422,443.

BAA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

Form 990-EZ (2015)

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Part II **Balance Sheets** (see the instructions for Part II)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II.

X

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments.....	391,317.	22 387,661.
23 Land and buildings.....		23
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)..... See Schedule O	45,549.	24 34,782.
25 Total assets.....	436,866.	25 422,443.
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)..... See Schedule O	91.	26 0.
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21).....	436,775.	27 422,443.

Part III	Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)
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Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III..... ☒

Expenses

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? See Schedule O

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)

28	See Schedule O		
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here.	<input type="checkbox"/>	28 a 69,560.
29	See Schedule O		
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here.	<input type="checkbox"/>	29 a 7,022.
30			
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here.	<input type="checkbox"/>	30 a
31	Other program services (describe in Schedule O)		
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here.	<input type="checkbox"/>	31 a
32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	<input type="checkbox"/>	32 76,582.

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

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Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in See Schedule O the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V. ☒ **X**

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If 'Yes,' provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O.		X
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If 'Yes,' attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions).		X
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?		X
b If 'Yes,' to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O.		
c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part III.		X
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If 'Yes,' complete applicable parts of Schedule N.		X
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. 37a 0.		
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?		X
b If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved.	38b N/A	
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9.	39a N/A	
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities.	39b N/A	
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 0. ; section 4912 0. ; section 4955 0.		
b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I.	40b	X
c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958.	0.	
d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization.	0.	
e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If 'Yes,' complete Form 8886-T.	40e	X
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed None		

42a The organization's books are in care of Francine Stevens Telephone no. (239) 695-2905 Located at 27423 Pelican Ridge Cir. Bonita Springs FL ZIP + 4 34135		
b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country:	42b	X
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U.S.? If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country:	42c	X

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 — Check here. <input type="checkbox"/> N/A and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year. 43		N/A
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If 'Yes,' Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.	44a	X
b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If 'Yes,' Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.	44b	X
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c	X
d If 'Yes' to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O.	44d	
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a	X
b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If 'Yes,' Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions).	45b	X

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part I.

	Yes	No
46		X

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI.

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II.

	Yes	No
47		X

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E.

48		X
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49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

49a		X
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b If 'Yes,' was the related organization a section 527 organization?

49b		
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50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter 'None.'

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
None				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000.

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter 'None.'

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000.

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note:** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	Signature of officer		Date		
	Francine Stevens		President		
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Thomas E. Boerio, CPA	Thomas E. Boerio	5/27/16		P00103344
	Firm's name	Rogers Wood Hill Starman & Gustason, P.A.			
	Firm's address	606 Bald Eagle Drive Suite 400 Marco Island, FL 34145-2766			
			Firm's EIN	59-1362099	
			Phone no.	(239) 394-7502	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions.

☒ Yes ☐ No

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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

► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

► Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2015

Open to Public
Inspection

Name of the organization

Friends of Fakahatchee, Inc.

Employer identification number

59-3511352

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

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

- 1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)
- 6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7 ☐ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 9 ☒ An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33-1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions – subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33-1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)
- 10 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2).** See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g.
- 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 1-9 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 or 990-EZ) 2015

Part III 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) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(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) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(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 five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here.						<input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)).	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14.	15	%
16a 33-1/3% support test – 2015. 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 – 2014. 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 – 2015. 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 – 2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions.		

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received. (Do not include any 'unusual grants'.)	67,547.	101,567.	133,058.	124,742.	116,548.	543,462.
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	12,550.	25,233.	21,949.	1,139.	29,911.	90,782.
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513.						0.
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf.						0.
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge.						0.
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5.	80,097.	126,800.	155,007.	125,881.	146,459.	634,244.
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
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	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
c Add lines 7a and 7b.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						634,244.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6.	80,097.	126,800.	155,007.	125,881.	146,459.	634,244.
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources.	3,031.	2,534.	2,335.	2,164.	2,081.	12,145.
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975.						0.
c Add lines 10a and 10b.	3,031.	2,534.	2,335.	2,164.	2,081.	12,145.
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on.						0.
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						0.
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	83,128.	129,334.	157,342.	128,045.	148,540.	646,389.
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here. ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)).	15	98.12 %
16 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15.	16	97.98 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)).	17	1.88 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17.	18	2.02 %

19a 33-1/3% support tests – 2015. 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 – 2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33-1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33-1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ▶ ☐

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

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box in line 11 on Part I. If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If 'No,' describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If 'Yes,' explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2)		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If 'Yes,' answer (b) and (c) below		
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If 'Yes,' describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If 'Yes,' explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ('foreign supported organization')? If 'Yes' and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If 'Yes,' describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations		
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If 'Yes,' explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If 'Yes,' answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI , including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document)		
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? If 'Yes,' provide detail in Part VI		
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If 'Yes,' complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ)		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If 'Yes,' complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ)		
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If 'Yes,' provide detail in Part VI		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If 'Yes,' provide detail in Part VI		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If 'Yes,' provide detail in Part VI		
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If 'Yes,' answer 10b below		
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)

	Yes	No
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?.....	11a	
b A family member of a person described in (a) above?.....	11b	
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If 'Yes' to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.....	11c	

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? If 'No,' describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.....	1	
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.....	2	

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? 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).....	1	

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?.....	1	
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).....	2	
3 By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? If 'Yes,' describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.....	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 government entity (see instructions).

2 Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) 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 those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.....

b Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? 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.....

3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.

a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? 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 November 20, 1970. 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 (explain in detail in Part VI):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets.....	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.....	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).....	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3).....	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by .035.....	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions.....	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6).....	8	

Section C – Distributable Amount

			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A).....	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1.....	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A).....	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.....	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year.....	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).....	6	

- 7 ☐ Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2015

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)**Section D – Distributions**

	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes.....	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity.....	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations.....	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets.....	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required).....	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.....	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.....	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.....	
9 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6.....	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount.....	

Section E – Distribution Allocations (see instructions)

	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2015	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6.....			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2015 (reasonable cause required – see instructions).....			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015:			
a			
b			
c			
d From 2013.....			
e From 2014.....			
f Total of lines 3a through e.....			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years.....			
h Applied to 2015 distributable amount.....			
i Carryover from 2010 not applied (see instructions).....			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.....			
4 Distributions for 2015 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years.....			
b Applied to 2015 distributable amount.....			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.....			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2015, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions).....			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2015. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions).....			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Add lines 3j and 4c.....			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a			
b			
c Excess from 2013.....			
d Excess from 2014.....			
e Excess from 2015.....			

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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, 990-EZ,
or 990-PF)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

► **Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.**

► Information about Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, 990-PF) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Name of the organization

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Employer identification number

59-3511352

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

Section:

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

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

☐ 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

☐ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

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

☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

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

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

General Rule

☒ For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, 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 33-1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), 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, 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. Do not 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 is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer 'No' on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2015)

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

(a) Number	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	Rita Bleasdale 111 Wilderness Drive, #118 Naples, FL 34105	\$ 5,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
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Part II Noncash Property (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
	N/A		
		\$	
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Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2015)

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

► Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is
at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16
Other Expenses

Administrative - Training.....	\$	696.
Advertising and Promotion.....		199.
Annual Fund Costs.....		2,000.
Annual Meeting Dinner.....		2,643.
Awards.....		118.
Bank Fees & Credit Card Chrgs.....		1,373.
Boardwalk.....		1,741.
Depreciation.....		10,767.
Dinners.....		3,815.
Dues & Subscriptions.....		590.
Eventbrite Service Fees.....		1,648.
Fuel.....		746.
Gala Expenses.....		2,360.
Grants.....		22,781.
Insurance.....		6,635.
Licenses & Permits.....		215.
Miscellaneous.....		217.
Office Expenses.....		61.
Orchid Event.....		4,090.
Orchid Restoration.....		3,289.
Park Entrance Fees.....		1,292.
Park Supplies.....		2,868.
Picnics.....		390.
Repair & Maintenance.....		7,495.
Supplies.....		350.
Toilet Rentals.....		2,352.
Website.....		3,861.
Total	\$	84,592.

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 20
Other Changes In Net Assets Or Fund Balances

Prior Period Adjustments.....	\$	-2,140.
Total	\$	-2,140.

Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24
Other Assets

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>
Automobiles.....	\$ 22,825.	\$ 15,815.
Machinery and Equipment.....	22,724.	18,967.
Total	\$ 45,549.	\$ 34,782.

Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 26
Total Liabilities

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses.....	\$ 91.	\$ 0.
Total	\$ 91.	\$ 0.

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Form 990-EZ, Part III - Organization's Primary Exempt Purpose

The Friends of Fakahatchee, Inc. exists to provide financial and volunteer support to preserve the unique ecology and cultural heritage of Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park and to educate the public about its importance.

Form 990-EZ, Part III, Line 28 - Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

The Friends of Fakahatchee, Inc. provide support to the Fakahatchee Strand Reserve State Park. During the current fiscal year, the Organization spent \$69,560 of temporarily restricted funds received in prior years to conduct an engineering study of the Boardwalk currently existing in the State Park with respect to how to maintain and improve the Boardwalk for the benefit of all visitors to the State Park.

Form 990-EZ, Part III, Line 29 - Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

The Friends of Fakahatchee, Inc., a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation, is the Citizen Support Organization of Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park, the largest cypress strand swamp in the world and the deepest slough in the greater Everglades. Its 80,000 acres are bordered by I-75 (Alligator Alley), US-41 (Tamiami Trail), SR-29, Fakahatchee Bay and Picayune State Forest. The Friends of Fakahatchee strive to aid in the preservation of this ecologically unique area and to educate the public about its importance.

Form 990-EZ, Part V - Regarding Transfers Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts

- (a) Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?..... No
- (b) Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?..... No

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Forms needed for this return

Federal: 990-EZ, Sch A, Sch B, Sch O

Carryovers to 2016

None

	2015	2014	Diff
FORM 990-EZ REVENUE			
Contributions, gifts, and grants.....	116,548	83,097	33,451
Program service revenue.....	29,911	27,741	2,170
Membership dues and assessments.....	0	13,735	-13,735
Investment income.....	2,081	2,164	-83
Gross profit (loss) - inventory sales....	0	-1,067	1,067
Total revenue.....	148,540	125,670	22,870
EXPENSES			
Professional fees/pymt to contractors....	74,723	13,420	61,303
Printing, publications, and postage.....	1,417	1,192	225
Other expenses.....	84,592	95,106	-10,514
Total expenses.....	160,732	109,718	51,014
NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES			
Excess or (deficit) for the year.....	-12,192	15,952	-28,144
Net assets/fund bal. at beg. of year.....	436,775	420,823	15,952
Other changes in net assets/fund bal.....	-2,140	0	-2,140
Net assets/fund bal. at end of year.....	422,443	436,775	-14,332