

Form **990**

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

2009

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

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

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning MAY 1, 2009 and ending APR 30, 2010

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.	C Name of organization THE CHICAGO WILDERNESS TRUST Doing Business As Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 8 S. MICHIGAN AVENUE 900 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 CHICAGO, IL 60603	D Employer identification number 36-4479642 E Telephone number 312-346-5606 G Gross receipts \$ 725,330.
F Name and address of principal officer: MELINDA PRUITT-JONES SAME AS C ABOVE		H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions) H(c) Group exemption number ▶	
I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) (3) ◀ (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		J Website: ▶ WWW.CHICAGOWILDERNESS.ORG	
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		L Year of formation: 2002 M State of legal domicile: IL	

Part I Summary			
Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: AN ALLIANCE OF DIVERSE ORGANIZATIONS DEDICATED TO PROTECT, RESTORE, AND STUDY THE NATURAL 2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets. 3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) 3 7 4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) 4 7 5 Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a) 5 8 6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) 6 1000 7a Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 7a 11,475. b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 7b 0.		
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) 540,098. 505,431. 9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) 116,086. 219,007. 10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) <2,183.> 254. 11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) 165,508. 638. 12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) 819,509. 725,330.	Prior Year	Current Year
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) 90,125. 95,433. 14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) 15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10) 375,236. 475,962. 16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 6,405. 17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f) 525,017. 187,879. 18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) 990,378. 759,274. 19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12 <170,869.> <33,944.>		
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16) 593,510. 359,361. 21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) 343,976. 141,459. 22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 249,534. 217,902.	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year

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 ▶ Date **1 Nov 9, 2010**

Signature of officer

MELINDA PRUITT-JONES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature ▶ KIMBERLY HAUMANN Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ▶ BLACKMAN KALLICK, LLP 10 S. RIVERSIDE PLAZA, 9TH FLOOR CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606	Date 11/02/10	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's identifying number (see instructions) EIN ▶ Phone no. ▶ (312) 207-1040
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May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

AN ALLIANCE OF DIVERSE ORGANIZATIONS DEDICATED TO PROTECT, RESTORE, AND STUDY THE NATURAL AREAS OF THE GREATER CHICAGO REGION, AND TO EDUCATE AND INSPIRE CITIZENS.

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

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

Yes No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

SEE SCHEDULE O FOR CONTINUATION(S)

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 86,592. including grants of \$ 28,280.) (Revenue \$ 104,927.) THE CHICAGO WILDERNESS CORPORATE COUNCIL

THE CHICAGO WILDERNESS CORPORATE COUNCIL BRINGS THE RESOURCES, SKILLS, CAPABILITIES, AND INFLUENCE OF ITS MEMBERS TO FOSTER WIDESPREAD AWARENESS OF THE REGION'S BIODIVERSITY AND TO DEVELOP BROAD-BASED SUPPORT FOR ITS PROTECTION, RESTORATION, AND STEWARDSHIP. TO PROVIDE A MORE SUSTAINABLE URBAN REGION, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PROMOTE AND USE BEST PRACTICES IN THE DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT OF THEIR FACILITIES AND PROPERTY. TO CREATE LASTING CHANGE THROUGH REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY ADVOCACY, THE COUNCIL EDUCATES AND REGIONAL DECISION MAKERS WITH RESPECT TO ISSUES AFFECTING CONSERVATION. THE COUNCIL SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTES TO THE BIODIVERSITY OF THE REGION AND THE

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 53,400. including grants of \$ 28,898.) (Revenue \$ 37,605.) GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE VISION

THE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE VISION IS THE CONSORTIUM'S ACTION PLAN FOR CREATING A REGION WHERE NATURE IS ACCESSIBLE TO ALL RESIDENTS, AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT REFLECTS OUR COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINING A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR TODAY, AND FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. THE GIV IS MORE THAN A LAND ACQUISITION PLAN; IT IS A GUIDE FOR LAND USE PLANNING TO ALLOW PEOPLE OF THIS REGION TO LIVE IN AND AMONG THE INTERCONNECTED NATURAL AREAS IN A SUSTAINABLE WAY AND TO MUTUAL BENEFIT, WHERE HEALTHY ECOSYSTEMS CONTRIBUTE TO ECONOMIC VITALITY AND A HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL RESIDENTS, AND WHERE THE REGION'S ABUNDANT OPEN SPACES AND NATURAL COMMUNITIES ARE ACTIVELY PROTECTED, RESTORED, AND MANAGED BY

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 108,936. including grants of \$ 38,255.) (Revenue \$ 65,000.) LEAVE NO CHILD INSIDE

IT IS ALSO A VISION OF THE CHICAGO WILDERNESS ALLIANCE THAT RESIDENTS OF THIS REGION WILL LIVE IN A CULTURE IN WHICH CHILDREN ENJOY AND ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE OUTSIDE IN NATURE AND AS A RESULT ARE HEALTHIER, HAVE A SENSE OF CONNECTION TO THIS PLACE, AND BECOME SUPPORTERS AND STEWARDS OF LOCAL NATURE. THE CHICAGO WILDERNESS LEAVE NO CHILD INSIDE INITIATIVE IS HELPING TO CREATE THAT CULTURE BY RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF ACCESS TO NATURE FOR HEALTHY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT, AND BY PROVIDING THE PLACES AND PROGRAMS FOR GENERATIONS OF FAMILIES TO CONNECT WITH NATURE. THROUGH NEW COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY PROGRAMS, TEEN SERVICE LEARNING PROJECTS, YOUTH

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ 421,912. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses \$ 670,840.

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?	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>		X
5	Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations. Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>		
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts where 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; 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 term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>		X
11	Is the organization's answer to any of the following questions "Yes"? <i>If so, complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable</i>	X	
	• 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>		
	• 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>		
	• 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>		
	• 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>		
	• Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i>		
	• 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i>		
12	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII.</i>	X	
12A	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional</i>		
		Yes	No
12A			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
14b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I</i>		X
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II</i>		X
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III</i>		X
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i>		X
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>		X
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>		X
20	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Table with columns for question number, description, sub-part, and Yes/No columns. Includes questions 1a through 12b regarding IRS filings and tax compliance.

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body		
1a			7
b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent		
1b			7
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?	X	
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?		X
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?		X
7b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?		X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a	The governing body?	X	
8a			
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
8b			
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		X
9			

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

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

Section C. Disclosure

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

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

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. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed.

- 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. See instructions for definition of "key employee."

- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.

- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

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

Check this box if the organization did not compensate any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
MELINDA PRUITT-JONES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	40.00	X		X			46,400.	0.	0.	
DAN GOOCH PRESIDENT	1.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
CRAIG HUBERT SECRETARY	2.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
MARY WILSON TREASURER	4.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
PETER LAYTON DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
DAVE THOMAS DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
LAUREL ROSS DIRECTOR	6.30	X					0.	0.	0.	
DALE ENQUIST DIRECTOR	4.00	X					0.	0.	0.	

Part VIII Statement of Revenue			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1 a Federated campaigns	1a					
	b Membership dues	1b					
	c Fundraising events	1c					
	d Related organizations	1d					
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e	217,130.				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	288,301.				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$						
h Total. Add lines 1a-1f			505,431.				
Program Service Revenue	2 a CORPORATE COUNCIL DUES	Business Code 900099	104,927.	104,927.			
	b MEMBERSHIP DUES	900999	57,040.	57,040.			
	c MAGAZINE REVENUE	511120	45,565.	45,565.			
	d ADVERTISING REVENUE	511120	11,475.		11,475.		
	e						
	f All other program service revenue						
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		219,007.				
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		254.			254.	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5 Royalties						
	6 a Gross Rents	(i) Real					
		(ii) Personal					
		b Less: rental expenses					
		c Rental income or (loss)					
	d Net rental income or (loss)						
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities					
		(ii) Other					
		b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses					
		c Gain or (loss)					
	d Net gain or (loss)						
	8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a					
		b Less: direct expenses	b				
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events							
9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a						
	b Less: direct expenses	b					
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a						
	b Less: cost of goods sold	b					
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory						
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
11 a OTHER INCOME	90099	638.			638.		
b							
c							
d All other revenue							
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d		638.					
12 Total revenue. See instructions.		725,330.	207,532.	11,475.	892.		

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) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21	95,433.	95,433.		
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	98,301.	70,777.	21,626.	5,898.
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	307,910.	304,934.	2,890.	86.
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits	47,042.	45,328.	1,665.	49.
10 Payroll taxes	22,709.	17,986.	4,587.	136.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	43,542.		43,542.	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other	13,956.	11,048.	2,818.	90.
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	12,491.	9,893.	2,523.	75.
14 Information technology	14,405.	13,524.	856.	25.
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance	2,093.	1,657.	423.	13.
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below.)				
a CW MAGAZINE	58,513.	58,513.		
b CONSORTIUM	34,592.	34,592.		
c SERVICE FEES	5,442.	4,310.	1,099.	33.
d MISC EXPENSES	2,845.	2,845.		
e				
f All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	759,274.	670,840.	82,029.	6,405.
26 Joint costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation ...				

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1	Cash - non-interest-bearing	61,094.	1	41,406.
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	367,069.	2	91,876.
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net	159,468.	3	222,211.
	4	Accounts receivable, net		4	452.
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	4,706.	9	
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a		
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	10c	
	11	Investments - publicly traded securities	1,173.	11	3,416.
	12	Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13	Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14	Intangible assets		14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	593,510.	16	359,361.	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	126,988.	17	45,526.
	18	Grants payable	78,084.	18	11,345.
	19	Deferred revenue	138,904.	19	84,588.
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22	Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25	Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	343,976.	26	141,459.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.				
	27	Unrestricted net assets	120,409.	27	119,881.
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets	129,125.	28	98,021.
	29	Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.				
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
33	Total net assets or fund balances	249,534.	33	217,902.	
34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	593,510.	34	359,361.	

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

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 in Schedule O.

2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?

b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?

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 in Schedule O.

d If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a consolidated basis, separate basis, or both:

Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis

3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?

b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.

	Yes	No
2a		X
2b	X	
2c	X	
3a		X
3b		

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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.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	316,486.	355,822.	666,885.	698,663.	680,898.	2718754.
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	316,486.	355,822.	666,885.	698,663.	680,898.	2718754.
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)						436,959.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						2281795.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	316,486.	355,822.	666,885.	698,663.	680,898.	2718754.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	10,759.	18,039.	17,403.	1,066.	254.	47,521.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)	3,552.	7,821.	2,127.	6,943.	638.	21,081.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						2787356.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	173,126.
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	81.86 %
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	77.54 %
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support test - 2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2009. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions <input type="checkbox"/>		

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2) (Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2009. 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 - 2008. 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 D (Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12. Attach to Form 990. See separate instructions.

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

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include total number at end of year, aggregate contributions, aggregate grants, aggregate value, and two questions about donor informed status.

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

Form for Part II Conservation Easements. Includes checkboxes for types of easements (land for public use, natural habitat, open space, historic area, historic structure) and a table for 'Held at the End of the Tax Year' with rows 2a-2d.

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

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

Form for Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Includes questions 1a, 1b, and 2 regarding reporting requirements and asset amounts.

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

- 3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):
- a Public exhibition
 - b Scholarly research
 - c Preservation for future generations
 - d Loan or exchange programs
 - e Other _____

- 4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV.
- 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 organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

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

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

- 2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? Yes No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV.

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

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

- 2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as:
- a Board designated or quasi-endowment _____ %
 - b Permanent endowment _____ %
 - c Term endowment _____ %

- 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

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

- b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? _____
- 4 Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

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

Description of investment	(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				

Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) 0.

Part VII Investments - Other Securities. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

Table with 3 columns: (a) Description of security or category, (b) Book value, (c) Method of valuation. Rows include Financial derivatives, Closely-held equity interests, and Other.

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

Table with 3 columns: (a) Description of investment type, (b) Book value, (c) Method of valuation.

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

Table with 2 columns: (a) Description, (b) Book value.

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

Table with 2 columns: (a) Description of liability, (b) Amount. Row 1: Federal income taxes.

2. FIN 48 Footnote. In Part XIV, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48.

Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Audited Financial Statements

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	725,330.
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	759,274.
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	<33,944.>
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	2,312.
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net). Add lines 4 through 8	9	2,312.
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per audited financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9	10	<31,632.>

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	746,904.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	2,312.
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	19,262.
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	21,574.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	725,330.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0.
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	725,330.

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	778,536.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	19,262.
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	19,262.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	759,274.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0.
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	759,274.

Part XIV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, line 8; Part XII, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

PART X: THE TRUST'S ADOPTION OF THE INCOME TAX TOPIC REGARDING

UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS OF GAAPUSA ON MAY 1, 2009 HAD NO EFFECT ON ITS FINANCIAL POSITION AS MANAGEMENT BELIEVES THE TRUST HAS NO MATERIAL UNRECOGNIZED INCOME TAX BENEFITS, INCLUDING ANY POTENTIAL RISK OF LOSS OF ITS NOT-FOR-PROFIT TAX STATUS. THE TRUST WOULD ACCOUNT FOR ANY POTENTIAL INTEREST OR PENALTIES RELATED TO POSSIBLE FUTURE LIABILITIES FOR UNRECOGNIZED INCOME TAX BENEFITS AS INCOME TAX EXPENSE. THE TRUST IS NO LONGER SUBJECT TO EXAMINATION BY FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL TAX AUTHORITIES

Part XIV Supplemental Information (continued)

FOR PERIODS BEFORE 2007. PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF THE INCOME TAX TOPIC, THE TRUST ACCOUNTED FOR TAX POSITIONS UNDER A CONTINGENT LOSS MODEL, REQUIRING RECOGNITION OF A TAX LIABILITY WHEN IT WAS BOTH (1) PROBABLE THAT IT HAD BEEN INCURRED AS OF YEAR-END AND (2) THE AMOUNT COULD BE REASONABLY ESTIMATED.

Multiple horizontal lines for supplemental information.

**SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)**

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

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

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THE CHICAGO WILDERNESS TRUST

Employer identification number
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Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? Yes No
- 2** Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000. Use Part IV and Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed ...

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
THE FIELD MUSEUM 1400 S. LAKE SHORE DR. CHICAGO, IL 60605	36-2167011	501(C)(3)	13,880.	0.			MIGHTY ACORNS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR DUPAGE COUNTY
THE CONSERVATION FOUNDATION 105404 KNOCH KNOLLS RD NAPEVILLE, IL 60665	23-7221206	501(C)(3)	10,000.	0.			GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE TRAINING PROGRAM
THE CONSERVATION FUND 1098 TURNER RD. SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV 25443	52-1388917	501(C)(3)	10,000.	0.			GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR MUNICIPALITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION - 5500 N. ST. LOUIS AVE - CHICAGO, IL 60625	23-7034689	501(C)(3)	12,616.	0.			SURVEY OF INSECTS IN THE SOMME PRAIRIE NATURE PRESERVE

- 2** Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations **5.**
- 3** Enter total number of other organizations **0.**

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SEE PART IV FOR COLUMN (H) DESCRIPTIONS

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance

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

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

PART II, LINE 1, COLUMN (H):
NAME OF ORGANIZATION OR GOVERNMENT: THE CONSERVATION FUND
(H) PURPOSE OF GRANT OR ASSISTANCE: GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR MUNICIPALITIES AND TRANSPORTATION PROFESSIONAL

**SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)**

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 23.

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

THE CHICAGO WILDERNESS TRUST

Employer identification number

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef) |

b If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization uses to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |

4 During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:

- a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment? **4a** Yes No
- b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan? **4b** Yes No
- c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement? **4c** Yes No
- If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

Only section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete lines 5-9.

5 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:

- a** The organization? **5a** Yes No
- b** Any related organization? **5b** Yes No
- If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

6 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:

- a** The organization? **6a** Yes No
- b** Any related organization? **6b** Yes No
- If "Yes" to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

7 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III **7** Yes No

8 Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regs. section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III **8** Yes No

9 If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)? **9** Yes No

	Yes	No
1a		
1b		
2		
3		
4a		X
4b		X
4c		X
5a		X
5b		X
6a		X
6b		X
7		X
8		X
9		

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2009

Part III Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8. Also complete this part for any additional information.

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY, AND UNRELATED ORGANIZATION, PAID

MELINDA PRUITT-JONES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, A TOTAL OF \$70,142 OF SALARY AND

\$200 OF NON-TAXABLE BENEFITS FOR SERVICES RENDERED TO CHICAGO WILDERNESS

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FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

**AREAS OF THE GREATER CHICAGO REGION, AND TO EDUCATE AND INSPIRE
CITIZENS.**

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

**FOUR PROGRAMMATIC INITIATIVES OF THE ALLIANCE--GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE
VISION, LAND RESTORATION AND MANAGEMENT, LEAVE NO CHILD INSIDE, AND
CLIMATE CHANGE--THROUGH FINANCIAL AND IN-KIND SUPPORT AS WELL AS
EXPERTISE. SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNCIL INCLUDE: THE CWCC DAY OF
SERVICE, TWICE A YEAR, ENGAGING THOUSANDS OF VOLUNTEERS IN STEWARDSHIP
OF LOCAL NATURE, THE CWCC INTERNSHIP PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE GREEN JOB
TRAINING TO UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS, AND CWCC'S SUPPORT OF GREEN
INFRASTRUCTURE TRAINING WORKSHOPS AND SYMPOSIA.**

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4B, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

**THE PEOPLE LIVING HERE. IMPLEMENTING THE GIV IS A COORDINATED EFFORT
INVOLVING ALL ALLIANCE MEMBERS IN TARGETED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.
PROJECTS UNDERWAY FOR THE GIV INCLUDE: THE SUSTAINABLE WATERSHED ACTION
TEAM PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT TO
INCORPORATE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE INTO COMPREHENSIVE PLANS, GIV TRAINING
WORKSHOPS FOR MUNICIPAL PLANNERS AND TRANSPORTATION PLANNERS,
DEVELOPMENT OF THE INDEX FOR CONSERVATION COMPATIBILITY ASSESSMENT
TOOL, AND THE KNOWLEDGE BASE FOR BUILDING THE FRAMEWORK FOR TRACKING
AND EVALUATING PROGRESS FOR THE GIV.**

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4C, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

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EDUCATION INITIATIVES SUCH AS THE MIGHTY ACORNS, AND EARLY CHILDHOOD
PROGRAMS, CHICAGO WILDERNESS MEMBERS ARE ENGAGING ADULTS--PARENTS,
CAREGIVERS, COMMUNITY LEADERS--IN IMPROVING THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF
CHILDREN THROUGH PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, UNSTRUCTURED PLAY AND OUTDOOR
EXPLORATION, WHILE FOSTERING AN APPRECIATION OF THE NATURAL
ENVIRONMENT.

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

OTHER PROGRAMS

EXPENSES \$ 421912. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 0. REVENUE \$ 0.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 2: THE CHICAGO WILDERNESS TRUST IS A
COALITION OF CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO
CONSERVE OPEN SPACE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHICAGOLAND AREA. BOARD
MEMBERS ARE DRAWN FROM THE UNDERLYING ORGANIZATIONS OF THE COALITION. AS
SUCH, THEY ALL HAVE BUSINESS RELEATIONSHIPS WITH EACH OTHER AND EACH
OTHER'S ORGANIZATIONS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11: THE BOARD RETAINS THE SERVICES OF
AN INDEPENDENT CPA FIRM TO PREPARE THE ORGANIZATION'S FORM 990. MANAGEMENT
REVIEWS THE COMPLETED FORM 990 AND PROVIDES A FULL COPY TO THE TREASURER
AND AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR ITS REVIEW AND APPROVAL. AT THAT POINT A FULL COPY
OF THE RETRUN IS SUBMITTED TO ALL VOTING MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C: OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, TRUSTEES AND
KEY EMPLOYEES ARE ANNUALLY REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AS A PRECURSOR TO THEIR SERVICES TO THE ORGANIZATION.
POTENTIAL CONFLICTS ARE LOGGED WITH AND MONITORED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15: A PROCESS FOR DETERMINING STAFF
COMPENSATION WAS LEAD BY AN HR SPECIALIST AT A CW MEMBER ORGANIZATION WHO
CONDUCTED A COMPENSATION STUDY USING GUIDESTAR. JOB DESCRIPTIONS WERE
REVIEWED AND UPDATED FOR ALL CW STAFF. COMPENSATION LEVELS WERE
ESTABLISHED/CONFIRMED BASED UPON JOB FUNCTION, PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES,
AND JOB REQUIREMENTS. A POLICY FOR MERIT REVIEW AND ANNUAL COMPENSATION
INCREASES WAS DEVELOPED AND APPROVED BY THE CW TRUST BOARD.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19: GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AND FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH APPLICABLE GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND BY
REQUEST TO THE ORGANIZATION. THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY IS AVAILABLE
UPON WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE ORGANIZATION.