

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

OMB No. 1545-1878

For calendar year 2017, or fiscal year beginning JUL 1, 2017, and ending JUN 30, 2018▶ **Do not send to the IRS. Keep for your records.****2017**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service▶ **Go to [www.irs.gov/Form8879EO](http://www.irs.gov/Form8879EO) for the latest information.**

Name of exempt organization

Employer identification number

**GRAND TRAVERSE REGIONAL LAND CONSERVANCY****38-2994229**

Name and title of officer

**GLEN A CHOWN****EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR****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.

<b>1a</b> Form 990 check here ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>b Total revenue</b> , if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12) .....	<b>1b</b> <u>17,869,439.</u>
<b>2a</b> Form 990-EZ check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>b Total revenue</b> , if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9) .....	<b>2b</b> _____
<b>3a</b> Form 1120-POL check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>b Total tax</b> (Form 1120-POL, line 22) .....	<b>3b</b> _____
<b>4a</b> Form 990-PF check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>b Tax based on investment income</b> (Form 990-PF, Part VI, line 5) .....	<b>4b</b> _____
<b>5a</b> Form 8868 check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>b Balance Due</b> (Form 8868, line 3c) .....	<b>5b</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 2017 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 DGN, LLC

ERO firm name

to enter my PIN 94229Enter five numbers, but  
do not enter all zeros

as my signature on the organization's tax year 2017 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 2017 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 ▶ Glen A. Chown (Glen A. Chown) Date ▶ 11/27/2018**Part III Certification and Authentication**

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

**38400724842**

Do not enter all zeros

I certify that the above numeric entry is my PIN, which is my signature on the 2017 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 ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ Date ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

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

LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see instructions.

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

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2017**Open to Public  
Inspection**A** For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning **JUL 1, 2017** and ending **JUN 30, 2018****B** Check if applicable:

- ☐ Address change  
☐ Name change  
☐ Initial return  
☐ Final return/terminated  
☐ Amended return  
☐ Application pending

**C** Name of organization**GRAND TRAVERSE REGIONAL LAND CONSERVANCY**

Doing business as

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)

**3860 NORTH LONG LAKE RD., SUITE D**

Room/suite

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

**TRAVERSE CITY, MI 49684****F** Name and address of principal officer: **GLEN A. CHOWN****3860 N. LONG LAKE ROAD SUITE D, TRAVERSE CITY****D** Employer identification number**38-2994229****E** Telephone number**231-929-7911****G** Gross receipts \$ **18,622,111.****H(a)** Is this a group returnfor subordinates? ☐ Yes ☒ No**H(b)** Are all subordinates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)

**H(c)** Group exemption number ▶**I** Tax-exempt status: ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c)( ) (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**J** Website: **WWW.GTRLC.ORG****K** Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶**L** Year of formation: **1991** **M** State of legal domicile: **MI****Part I Summary**

Activities & Governance	<b>1</b>	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <b>TO PROTECT SIGNIFICANT NATURAL, SCENIC AND FARM LANDS AND ADVANCE LAND STEWARDSHIP NOW AND FOR</b>	
	<b>2</b>	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.	
	<b>3</b>	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<b>16</b>
	<b>4</b>	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>16</b>
	<b>5</b>	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2017 (Part V, line 2a)	<b>28</b>
	<b>6</b>	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>150</b>
		<b>7a</b>	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12
<b>7b</b>		Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	<b>0.</b>
Revenue	<b>8</b>	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	<b>7,812,120.</b>
	<b>9</b>	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	<b>0.</b>
	<b>10</b>	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	<b>236,139.</b>
	<b>11</b>	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	<b>139,900.</b>
	<b>12</b>	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>8,188,159.</b>
Expenses	<b>13</b>	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	<b>0.</b>
	<b>14</b>	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	<b>0.</b>
	<b>15</b>	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	<b>2,051,422.</b>
	<b>16a</b>	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	<b>0.</b>
	<b>b</b>	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ <b>527,538.</b>	
	<b>17</b>	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	<b>4,679,579.</b>
	<b>18</b>	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>6,731,001.</b>
	<b>19</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	<b>1,457,158.</b>
Net Assets or Fund Balances	<b>20</b>	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	<b>44,224,556.</b>
	<b>21</b>	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	<b>5,835,339.</b>
	<b>22</b>	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	<b>38,389,217.</b>

**Part II Signature Block**

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

Sign Here	Signature of officer	Date			
	<b>GLEN A. CHOWN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</b> Type or print name and title				
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	PTIN
	<b>HEIDI WENDEL, CPA</b>				<b>P00721554</b>
	Firm's name ▶ <b>DGN, LLC</b>	Firm's EIN ▶ <b>20-2349670</b>			
	Firm's address ▶ <b>P.O. BOX 947</b> <b>TRAVERSE CITY, MI 49685-0947</b>	Phone no. <b>231-946-1722</b>			

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

**Part III** Statement of Program Service AccomplishmentsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III ☐**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:

THE MISSION OF GTRLC IS TO PROTECT SIGNIFICANT NATURAL, SCENIC AND FARM LANDS AND ADVANCE LAND STEWARDSHIP NOW AND FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

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

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

**3** Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

**4** Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses.

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

**4a** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 6,201,861. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )  
 CONSERVATION EASEMENT DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS EXTINGUISHED IN TAX YEAR 2018  
 TOTALED \$3,110,992, AS DESCRIBED IN SCHEDULE D, PART XIII. 46 ACRES OF  
 LAND VALUED AT \$288,000 WERE ACQUIRED BY PURCHASE OR DONATION AND  
 PERMANENTLY PROTECTED, BRINGING THE TOTAL OF LAND PRESERVES PERMANENTLY  
 PROTECTED TO 7,134 ACRES VALUED AT \$18,117,736. FIVE OPTIONS VALUED AT  
 \$58,500 WERE EXERCISED; SIX OPTIONS VALUED AT \$95,300 WERE PURCHASED  
 AND NO OPTIONS EXPIRED. LAND HELD FOR TRANSFER VALUED AT \$8,313,717  
 CONSISTS OF LAND PROJECTS WHERE THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY  
 IS NOT COMPLETED. THE LAND MAY BE INTENDED FOR SALE WITH A CONSERVATION  
 EASEMENT, TO BECOME THE PROPERTY OF A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR BE  
 FINANCED LAND ACQUISITIONS THAT, WHEN PAID IN FULL, BECOME A PART OF  
 THE CONSERVANCY NATURE PRESERVES.

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

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

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

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

**4e** Total program service expenses **6,201,861.**

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

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

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**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules** (continued)

	Yes	No
<b>20a</b> Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		X
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
<b>21</b> Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II		X
<b>22</b> Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III		X
<b>23</b> 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	
<b>24a</b> Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a		X
<b>b</b> Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
<b>c</b> Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
<b>d</b> Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
<b>25a</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.</b> 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>b</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
<b>26</b> Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II		X
<b>27</b> Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III		X
<b>28</b> 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):		
<b>a</b> A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
<b>b</b> A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
<b>c</b> An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
<b>29</b> Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	X	
<b>30</b> Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	X	
<b>31</b> Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I		X
<b>32</b> Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II		X
<b>33</b> 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
<b>34</b> Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1		X
<b>35a</b> Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		
<b>36</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		X
<b>37</b> 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
<b>38</b> Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19?	X	

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

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**Part V** Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax ComplianceCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V ☐

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b> Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	1a 9		
<b>b</b> Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b 0		
<b>c</b> Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	X	
<b>2a</b> Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a 28		
<b>b</b> If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	2b	X	
<b>3a</b> Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	X	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O	3b	X	
<b>4a</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)?	4a		X
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).			
<b>5a</b> Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a		X
<b>b</b> Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b		X
<b>c</b> If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c		
<b>6a</b> Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a		X
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b		
<b>7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>			
<b>a</b> Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a		X
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b		
<b>c</b> Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c		X
<b>d</b> If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d		
<b>e</b> Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e		X
<b>f</b> Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f		X
<b>g</b> If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g		X
<b>h</b> If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h		X
<b>8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b> Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8		
<b>9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>			
<b>a</b> Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a		
<b>b</b> Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b		
<b>10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter:			
<b>a</b> Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a		
<b>b</b> Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b		
<b>11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter:			
<b>a</b> Gross income from members or shareholders	11a		
<b>b</b> Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b		
<b>12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a		
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b		
<b>13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</b>			
<b>a</b> Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? <b>Note.</b> See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	13a		
<b>b</b> Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b		
<b>c</b> Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c		
<b>14a</b> Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a		X
<b>b</b> If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	14b		

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

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

☒**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

	1a	1b	Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year	16			
If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.				
b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent		16		
2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2			X
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3			X
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4		X	
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5			X
6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6			X
7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	7a			X
b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b			X
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:				
a The governing body?	8a		X	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b		X	
9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	9			X

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

	Yes	No
10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?		
11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	X	
b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	X	
b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	X	
c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	X	
13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	X	
14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	X	
15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	X	
b Other officers or key employees of the organization	X	
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).		
16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		X
b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

**Section C. Disclosure**

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

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.  
☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: **GLEN CHOWN - 231-929-7911**  
**3860 N LONG LAKE RD SUITE D, TRAVERSE CITY, MI 49684**

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII ☐**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees****1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.

- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."

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

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

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

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

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) KATHLEEN GUY BOARD MEMBER	4.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(2) CORTNEY DANBROOK SECRETARY	3.50	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(3) PAUL BRINK BOARD MEMBER	4.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(4) JENNIFER JAFFE BOARD CHAIR	11.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(5) BETSY CALCUTT BOARD MEMBER	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(6) BOB MARSHALL BOARD MEMBER	6.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(7) KEVIN RUSSELL BOARD MEMBER	15.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(8) GREG SEMAN TREASURER	5.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(9) JIM HUCKLE BOARD MEMBER	9.50	X						0.	0.	0.
(10) EVAN SMITH BOARD MEMBER	4.50	X						0.	0.	0.
(11) TERRIE TAYLOR BOARD MEMBER	6.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(12) ALLEN TAYLOR BOARD MEMBER	6.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(13) JOHN COLLINS VICE CHAIR	17.50	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(14) MAUREEN SMYTH BOARD MEMBER	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(15) DON COE BOARD MEMBER	4.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(16) JOHN PAUL BOARD MEMBER	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(17) GLEN CHOWN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	40.00					X		174,767.	0.	41,461.



Part VII	Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)
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		Yes	No
3	Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i> .....		X
4	For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i> .....	X	
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i> .....		X

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from

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**Part VIII** Statement of RevenueCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII ☐

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514	
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	1 a	Federated campaigns	1a					
	b	Membership dues	1b					
	c	Fundraising events	1c					
	d	Related organizations	1d					
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e					
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	17,490,570.				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$		2,689,001.				
	h	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f		17,490,570.				
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	Business Code							
	2 a							
	b							
	c							
	d							
	e							
	f	All other program service revenue						
	g	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f						
<b>Other Revenue</b>	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		6,682.	6,682.			
	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)			291,581.	291,581.	
	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	900099		74,106.	74,106.			
	b							
	c							
	d	All other revenue	453220		6,500.	6,500.		
	e	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d			80,606.			
12	<b>Total revenue.</b> See instructions.			17,869,439.	372,369.	6,500.	0.	

**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	182,055.	154,431.	12,480.	15,144.
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	1,447,500.	940,871.	224,813.	281,816.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	110,909.	74,547.	16,150.	20,212.
9 Other employee benefits	282,355.	189,785.	41,116.	51,454.
10 Payroll taxes	117,262.	78,818.	17,075.	21,369.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting				
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)				
12 Advertising and promotion	3,928.	1,964.		1,964.
13 Office expenses	9,130.	6,137.	1,329.	1,664.
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	53,180.	35,745.	7,744.	9,691.
17 Travel	38,153.	25,644.	5,556.	6,953.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest	211,300.	211,300.		
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	74,975.	69,634.	2,372.	2,969.
23 Insurance	57,539.	38,674.	8,379.	10,486.
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a CONSERVATION EASEMENT V	3,110,992.	3,110,992.		
b PROFESSIONAL FEES	770,080.	686,459.	83,621.	
c LAND PROJECT EXPENSE	202,194.	202,194.		
d MISCELLANEOUS	92,845.	76,612.	4,449.	11,784.
e All other expenses	436,177.	298,054.	46,091.	92,032.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	7,200,574.	6,201,861.	471,175.	527,538.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				

Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing		1	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	3,253,547.	2	3,774,253.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	2,202,656.	3	5,389,479.
	4 Accounts receivable, net	28,039.	4	17,149.
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instr). Complete Part II of Sch L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 29,030,016.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 485,822.	10c	28,544,194.
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities	27,527,868.	11	17,738,824.
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11	11,212,216.	12	
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	230.	15	238.
16 <b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	44,224,556.	16	55,464,137.	
<b>Liabilities</b>	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses		17	43,206.
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	4,950,000.	23	4,450,000.
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D	885,339.	25	1,127,632.
	26 <b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25	5,835,339.	26	5,620,838.
	<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>		
27 Unrestricted net assets		4,496,687.	27	4,691,625.
28 Temporarily restricted net assets		15,461,371.	28	22,198,946.
29 Permanently restricted net assets		18,431,159.	29	22,952,728.
<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>				
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		38,389,217.	33	49,843,299.
34 <b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b>		44,224,556.	34	55,464,137.

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**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI ☐

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	17,869,439.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	7,200,574.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	10,668,865.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	38,389,217.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	785,217.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	49,843,299.

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII ☒

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	X	
c	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	X	
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		X
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		

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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 or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .....	4,462,277.	4,434,788.	3,256,190.	7,812,120.	17,511,986.	37,477,361.
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 <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3 .....	4,462,277.	4,434,788.	3,256,190.	7,812,120.	17,511,986.	37,477,361.
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) .....						10,771,823.
6 <b>Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4. ....						26,705,538.

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4 .....	4,462,277.	4,434,788.	3,256,190.	7,812,120.	17,511,986.	37,477,361.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources .....	218,657.	240,761.	249,371.	236,139.	372,369.	1,317,297.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on .....					6,500.	6,500.
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) .....						
11 <b>Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10 .....						38,801,158.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) .....					12	791,241.
13 <b>First five years.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> .....						<input type="checkbox"/>

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

14 Public support percentage for 2017 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) .....	14	68.83	%
15 Public support percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 .....	15	85.07	%
16a <b>33 1/3% support test - 2017.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b <b>33 1/3% support test - 2016.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....			<input type="checkbox"/>
17a <b>10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2017.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....			<input type="checkbox"/>
b <b>10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2016.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....			<input type="checkbox"/>
18 <b>Private foundation.</b> 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"/>

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2017

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .....						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose .....						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513 .....						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf .....						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge .....						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5 .....						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons .....						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year .....						
c Add lines 7a and 7b .....						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6 .....						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources .....						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 .....						
c Add lines 10a and 10b .....						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on .....						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) .....						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and <b>stop here</b> .....						<input type="checkbox"/>

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

15 Public support percentage for 2017 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) .....	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 .....	16	%

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

17 Investment income percentage for 2017 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) .....	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 .....	18	%

19a **33 1/3% support tests - 2017.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....

b **33 1/3% support tests - 2016.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....

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

**Part IV Supporting Organizations**

(Complete only if you checked a box in line 12 on Part I. If you checked 12a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 12b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 12c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 12d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

**Section A. All Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in <b>Part VI</b> 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 <b>Part VI</b> 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 <b>Part VI</b> 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 <b>Part VI</b> 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 12a or 12b 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 <b>Part VI</b> 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 <b>Part VI</b> 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 <b>Part VI</b> , 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 <b>Type I or Type II only.</b> Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c <b>Substitutions only.</b> 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 <b>Part VI</b> .		
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 <b>Part VI</b> .		
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 <b>Part VI</b> .		
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 <b>Part VI</b> .		
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
<b>11</b> Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
<b>a</b> 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?		
<b>b</b> A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
<b>c</b> 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.		

11a

11b

11c

**Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> 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.		
<b>2</b> 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.		

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**Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> 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).		

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**Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> 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?		
<b>2</b> 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).		
<b>3</b> 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.		

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**Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations**

<b>1</b> Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).		
<b>a</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.		
<b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.		
<b>c</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).		
<b>2</b> Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
<b>a</b> 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>b</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.		
<b>3</b> Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
<b>a</b> 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>b</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.		

Yes

No

2a

2b

3a

3b

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

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

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	<b>Adjusted Net Income</b> (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	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	<b>Discount</b> 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	<b>Minimum Asset Amount</b> (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	<b>Distributable Amount.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	
7	<input type="checkbox"/> 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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**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 2017 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-2017	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2017
1 Distributable amount for 2017 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2017 (reasonable cause required- explain in Part VI). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2017			
a			
b From 2013			
c From 2014			
d From 2015			
e From 2016			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2017 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2012 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2017 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2017 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2017, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2017. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2018. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2013			
b Excess from 2014			
c Excess from 2015			
d Excess from 2016			
e Excess from 2017			

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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.)

Lined area for supplemental information.

**SCHEDULE C**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

**Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities**

OMB No. 1545-0047

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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

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

▶ **Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name of organization

**GRAND TRAVERSE REGIONAL LAND CONSERVANCY**

Employer identification number

**38-2994229**

**Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.**

1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV.

2 Political campaign activity expenditures ..... ▶ \$

3 Volunteer hours for political campaign activities .....

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

1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ..... ▶ \$

2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ..... ▶ \$

3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

4a Was a correction made? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

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

1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ..... ▶ \$

2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527  
exempt function activities ..... ▶ \$

3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL,  
line 17b ..... ▶ \$

4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

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

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Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2017

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

**A** Check ☐ if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).

**B** Check ☐ if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals
<b>1a</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying) .....			
<b>b</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying) .....		0.	
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b) .....		0.	
<b>d</b> Other exempt purpose expenditures .....		7,200,574.	
<b>e</b> Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d) .....		7,200,574.	
<b>f</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.		510,029.	
<b>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</b>	<b>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</b>		
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.		
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.		
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.		
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.		
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.		
<b>g</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f) .....		127,507.	
<b>h</b> Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0- .....		0.	
<b>i</b> Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0- .....		0.	
<b>j</b> If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year? .....			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)**

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below.

See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2014	(b) 2015	(c) 2016	(d) 2017	(e) Total
<b>2a</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount	387,046.	334,760.	486,550.	510,029.	1,718,385.
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					2,577,578.
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures	14,119.	5,944.	9,756.		29,819.
<b>d</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount	96,762.	83,690.	121,638.	127,507.	429,597.
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					644,396.
<b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2017

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

For each "Yes," response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.

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

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

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

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

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

**Part IV** Supplemental Information

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

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**SCHEDULE D**  
(Form 990)Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Financial Statements**▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990,  
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.

▶ Attach to Form 990.

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Name of the organization

GRAND TRAVERSE REGIONAL LAND CONSERVANCY

Employer identification number

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

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

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

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a historically important land area
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space	

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

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	238
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	20,603.95
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 7/25/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	

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

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ 1

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

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ 1904

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ 69,495.

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

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

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

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

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:

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

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items:

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

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**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

d ☐ Loan or exchange programs

b ☐ Scholarly research

e ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

c ☐ Preservation for future generations

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

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

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

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

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

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

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	1,245,183.	1,092,107.	1,017,782.	1,006,408.	876,003.
b Contributions	6,317,561.	92,694.	78,179.	50,268.	20,030.
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	231,605.	122,331.	-3,854.	1,809.	114,358.
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	66,539.	61,949.		40,703.	3,983.
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	7,727,810.	1,245,183.	1,092,107.	1,017,782.	1,006,408.

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

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ☐ .00 %

b Permanent endowment ☐ 62.56 %

c Temporarily restricted endowment ☐ 37.44 %

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

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

(i) unrelated organizations

(ii) related organizations

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

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

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

**Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.**

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		26,890,162.		26,890,162.
b Buildings		500,000.	49,500.	450,500.
c Leasehold improvements		49,035.		49,035.
d Equipment		489,528.	415,702.	73,826.
e Other		1,101,291.	20,620.	1,080,671.
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				28,544,194.

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**Part VII Investments - Other Securities.**

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

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

**Part VIII Investments - Program Related.**

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

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

**Part IX Other Assets.**

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

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

**Part X Other Liabilities.**

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

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) ACCRUED LIABILITIES	559,590.
(3) ACCRUED GIFT ANNUITIES	277,779.
(4) DEPOSITS	8,001.
(5) LINE OF CREDIT	282,262.
(6) .....	
(7) .....	
(8) .....	
(9) .....	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ▶	

1,127,632.

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII ☒

**Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return.**

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	18,654,656.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	785,217.
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	785,217.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	17,869,439.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0.
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	17,869,439.

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

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	7,200,574.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	7,200,574.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0.
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	7,200,574.

**Part XIII Supplemental Information.**

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

**PART II, LINE 9:**

CONSERVATION EASEMENTS, EITHER PURCHASED OR DONATED, ARE INITIALLY VALUED AT THEIR APPRAISED VALUE. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PURCHASE PRICE AND APPRAISED VALUE IS REFLECTED AS A GIFT OF THE LAND OR DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS IN THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (\$2,370,000). ONCE THE DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS OF A SPECIFIC CONSERVATION EASEMENT ARE EXTINGUISHED, A VALUATION ALLOWANCE IS ESTABLISHED TO REDUCE THE VALUE OF THE CONSERVATION EASEMENT TO \$1. THE REDUCTION IN VALUE IS REFLECTED AS A PROGRAM EXPENSE IN THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND AS EXTINGUISHED DEVELOPMENT VALUE ON CONSERVATION EASEMENTS ON THE STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES (\$3,110,992). ACCORDINGLY, THE EXTINGUISHED CONSERVATION EASEMENT IS REPORTED ON THE BALANCE SHEET, OTHER ASSETS \$238 (238 EASEMENTS X \$1)

**Part XIII** Supplemental Information (continued)

CONSISTING OF 20,603.95 ACRES PROTECTED.

PART V, LINE 4:

THE CONSERVANCY INTENDS TO HOLD ENDOWMENT FUNDS IN PERPETUITY. ENDOWMENT  
FUND INCOME IS AVAILABLE FOR THE USE OF THE OPERATING FUND FOR ONGOING  
ACTIVITIES. IN THE EVENT THAT AVAILABLE INCOME AFTER TWO YEARS IS NOT  
UTILIZED IN ONGOING OPERATIONS, IT IS ADDED TO PRINCIPAL.

PART X, LINE 2:

NO PROVISION FOR FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAXES HAS BEEN MADE SINCE THE  
GTRLC IS EXEMPT UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.

GTRLC FILES INFORMATION RETURNS IN THE U.S. FEDERAL JURISDICTION AND THESE  
RETURNS ARE NO LONGER SUBJECT TO EXAMINATION BY TAX AUTHORITIES FOR YEARS  
BEFORE JUNE 30, 2015.

**SCHEDULE J  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Compensation Information**

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees  
**▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.**  
**▶ Attach to Form 990.**  
**▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.**

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**38-2994229**

**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 on 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 (such as, 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 directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on line 1a?

**3** Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee              | <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract                                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study                    |
| <input checked="" 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 on 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?

**b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?

**c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?

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), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.**

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

**a** The organization?

**b** Any related organization?

If "Yes" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

**6** For persons listed on 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?

**b** Any related organization?

If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

**7** For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III.

**8** Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III.

**9** If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

	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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Part III

Supplemental Information

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

PART I, 4.B.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GLEN CHOWN, RECEIVED \$15,000 IN 457(B)

CONTRIBUTIONS.



**SCHEDULE M  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Noncash Contributions**

- ▶ Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
- ▶ Attach to Form 990.
- ▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for the latest information.

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**Part I Types of Property**

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art - Works of art				
2 Art - Historical treasures				
3 Art - Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities - Publicly traded	X	34	319,001.	FAIR MARKET VALUE
10 Securities - Closely held stock				
11 Securities - Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities - Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution - Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution - Other	X	5	2,370,000.	APPRAISAL
15 Real estate - Residential				
16 Real estate - Commercial				
17 Real estate - Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ▶ ( RECYCLING )	X	1	100.	RESALE VALUE
26 Other ▶ ( CHEST WADERS )	X	1	25.	RESALE VALUE
27 Other ▶ ( )				
28 Other ▶ ( )				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement

29

0

30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which isn't required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?

	Yes	No
30a		X
31	X	
32a	X	

b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.

31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any nonstandard contributions?

32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?

b If "Yes," describe in Part II.

33 If the organization didn't report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.

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**Part II** **Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

SCHEDULE M, LINE 32B:

THE CONSERVANCY USES INVESTMENT AND REAL ESTATE BROKERS TO SELL NONCASH CONTRIBUTIONS.

**SCHEDULE O**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

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

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

FUTURE GENERATIONS. AS OF JUNE 30, 2018, WE HAD PROTECTED OVER 41,000  
ACRES OF LAND, OF WHICH OVER 20,000 ACRES OF LAND ARE OPEN TO THE  
PUBLIC, 35 NATURE PRESERVES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED AND 125 MILES OF  
LAKE, STREAM AND RIVER SHORELINE ARE FOREVER PROTECTED AS A RESULT OF  
OUR EFFORTS. GTRLC HOLDS 238 CONSERVATION EASEMENTS AND HAS PROTECTED  
20,548 ACRES OF PRIVATELY OWNED LAND WITH CONSERVATION EASEMENTS OR  
OTHER TOOLS.

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

ON LAKE MICHIGAN, WHILE ALSO PROTECTING THE PRESERVE'S NATURAL  
FEATURES.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 4:

BY LAWS HAVE BEEN AMENDED SUCH THAT (1) THE COMMITTEE SHALL STRIVE TO  
ENHANCE THE DIVERSITY OF THE BOARD'S MEMBERSHIP AS IT IDENTIFIES AND  
NOMINATES POTENTIAL CANDIDATES FOR THE ELECTED DIRECTOR POSITIONS. (2) NO  
EMPLOYEE SHALL SERVE AS AN ELECTED DIRECTOR. (3) PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR MAY ENTER INTO CONTRACTS OR EXECUTE OR DELIVER ANY CONVEYANCE OR  
OTHER INSTRUMENT IN THE NAME OF GTRLC INCLUDING ANY ACQUISITION OR  
DISPOSITION OF AN INTEREST IN REAL ESTATE, SUBJECT TO AND CONSISTENT WITH  
THE LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY: GTRLC'S CHARITABLE STATUS; ARTICLES OF  
INCORPORATION, BYLAWS OR POLICIES. (4) NO PERSON SHALL HOLD TWO OR MORE  
OFFICER POSITIONS AT THE SAME TIME. (5) THE CHAIR SHALL SERVE AS A VOTING  
MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE ASSESSMENT AND COMPENSATION

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Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) (2017)

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COMMITTEE. (6) A MAJORITY OF THE DIRECTORS HAVING A VOTE SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS ON EACH STANDING COMMITTEE. A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS (INCLUDING NON-BOARD MEMBERS) HAVING A VOTE AND PRESENT AT THE MEETING SHALL BE REQUIRED FOR ANY ACTION BY A STANDING COMMITTEE.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B:

THE 990 IS REVIEWED FIRST BY THE BOARD'S FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BEFORE IT IS FILED.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C:

DISCLOSING CONFLICT OF INTEREST IS PART OF EVERY AGENDA FOR THE GTRLC BOARD MEETINGS. DURING MONTHLY MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETINGS THERE IS OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCLOSURE AS WELL.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15:

ASSESSMENT AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DETERMINES COMPENSATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND HAS A YEARLY REVIEW. EMPLOYEES HAVE YEARLY EVALUATIONS AT WHICH MERIT INCREASES ARE DECIDED. DURING THE 2017 TAX YEAR THE BOARD ENGAGED AN INDEPENDENT COMPENSATION CONSULTANT TO PERFORM AND COMPLETE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMPENSATION LEVELS FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MANAGEMENT TEAM AND ALL OTHER POSITIONS IN THE ORGANIZATION.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19:

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE ORGANIZATION'S WEB SITE WHILE THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

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FORM 990. PART XII, LINE 2C

THE PROCESS HAS NOT CHANGED FROM THE PRIOR YEAR

EXTENDED TO MAY 15, 2019

Form **990-T****Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return**  
(and proxy tax under section 6033(e))

OMB No. 1545-0087

**2017**For calendar year 2017 or other tax year beginning **JUL 1, 2017** and ending **JUN 30, 2018**▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990T](http://www.irs.gov/Form990T) for instructions and the latest information.

▶ Do not enter SSN numbers on this form as it may be made public if your organization is a 501(c)(3).

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501(c)(3) Organizations OnlyDepartment of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

<b>A</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if address changed	Name of organization ( <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if name changed and see instructions.)	<b>D</b> Employer identification number (Employees' trust, see instructions.)
<b>B</b> Exempt under section <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 408(e) <input type="checkbox"/> 220(e) <input type="checkbox"/> 408A <input type="checkbox"/> 530(a) <input type="checkbox"/> 529(a)	<b>Print or Type</b> <b>GRAND TRAVERSE REGIONAL LAND CONSERVANCY</b> Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. <b>3860 NORTH LONG LAKE RD., SUITE D</b> City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code <b>TRAVERSE CITY, MI 49684</b>	<b>38-2994229</b> <b>E</b> Unrelated business activity codes (See instructions.) <b>453220</b>
<b>C</b> Book value of all assets at end of year <b>55,464,137.</b>	<b>F</b> Group exemption number (See instructions.) ▶	
	<b>G</b> Check organization type <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) corporation <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) trust <input type="checkbox"/> 401(a) trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other trust	

**H** Describe the organization's primary unrelated business activity. ▶ **MERCHANDISE SALES****I** During the tax year, was the corporation a subsidiary in an affiliated group or a parent-subsidiary controlled group? ▶ ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," enter the name and identifying number of the parent corporation. ▶

**J** The books are in care of ▶ **GLEN CHOWN** Telephone number ▶ **231-929-7911**

<b>Part I Unrelated Trade or Business Income</b>		(A) Income	(B) Expenses	(C) Net
<b>1a</b> Gross receipts or sales	<b>6,500.</b>			
<b>b</b> Less returns and allowances				
<b>c</b> Balance ▶		<b>6,500.</b>		
<b>2</b> Cost of goods sold (Schedule A, line 7)		<b>6,281.</b>		
<b>3</b> Gross profit. Subtract line 2 from line 1c		<b>219.</b>		
<b>4a</b> Capital gain net income (attach Schedule D)				
<b>b</b> Net gain (loss) (Form 4797, Part II, line 17) (attach Form 4797)				
<b>c</b> Capital loss deduction for trusts				
<b>5</b> Income (loss) from partnerships and S corporations (attach statement)				
<b>6</b> Rent income (Schedule C)				
<b>7</b> Unrelated debt-financed income (Schedule E)				
<b>8</b> Interest, annuities, royalties, and rents from controlled organizations (Sch. F)				
<b>9</b> Investment income of a section 501(c)(7), (9), or (17) organization (Schedule G)				
<b>10</b> Exploited exempt activity income (Schedule I)				
<b>11</b> Advertising income (Schedule J)				
<b>12</b> Other income (See instructions; attach schedule)				
<b>13 Total.</b> Combine lines 3 through 12		<b>219.</b>		<b>219.</b>

**Part II Deductions Not Taken Elsewhere** (See instructions for limitations on deductions.)  
(Except for contributions, deductions must be directly connected with the unrelated business income.)

<b>14</b> Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees (Schedule K)	<b>14</b>	
<b>15</b> Salaries and wages	<b>15</b>	
<b>16</b> Repairs and maintenance	<b>16</b>	
<b>17</b> Bad debts	<b>17</b>	
<b>18</b> Interest (attach schedule)	<b>18</b>	
<b>19</b> Taxes and licenses	<b>19</b>	
<b>20</b> Charitable contributions (See instructions for limitation rules)	<b>20</b>	
<b>21</b> Depreciation (attach Form 4562)	<b>21</b>	
<b>22</b> Less depreciation claimed on Schedule A and elsewhere on return	<b>22a</b>	
<b>23</b> Depletion	<b>23</b>	
<b>24</b> Contributions to deferred compensation plans	<b>24</b>	
<b>25</b> Employee benefit programs	<b>25</b>	
<b>26</b> Excess exempt expenses (Schedule I)	<b>26</b>	
<b>27</b> Excess readership costs (Schedule J)	<b>27</b>	
<b>28</b> Other deductions (attach schedule)	<b>28</b>	
<b>29 Total deductions.</b> Add lines 14 through 28	<b>29</b>	<b>0.</b>
<b>30</b> Unrelated business taxable income before net operating loss deduction. Subtract line 29 from line 13	<b>30</b>	<b>219.</b>
<b>31</b> Net operating loss deduction (limited to the amount on line 30)	<b>31</b>	
<b>32</b> Unrelated business taxable income before specific deduction. Subtract line 31 from line 30	<b>32</b>	<b>219.</b>
<b>33</b> Specific deduction (Generally \$1,000, but see line 33 instructions for exceptions)	<b>33</b>	<b>1,000.</b>
<b>34 Unrelated business taxable income.</b> Subtract line 33 from line 32. If line 33 is greater than line 32, enter the smaller of zero or line 32	<b>34</b>	<b>0.</b>

**Part III Tax Computation****35 Organizations Taxable as Corporations.** See instructions for tax computation.Controlled group members (sections 1561 and 1563) check here ☐ See instructions and:**a** Enter your share of the \$50,000, \$25,000, and \$9,925,000 taxable income brackets (in that order):

(1) \$ (2) \$ (3) \$

**b** Enter organization's share of: (1) Additional 5% tax (not more than \$11,750)

(2) Additional 3% tax (not more than \$100,000)

**c** Income tax on the amount on line 34

35c 0.

**36 Trusts Taxable at Trust Rates.** See instructions for tax computation. Income tax on the amount on line 34 from:☐ Tax rate schedule or ☐ Schedule D (Form 1041)

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**37 Proxy tax.** See instructions

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**38 Alternative minimum tax**

38

**39 Tax on Non-Compliant Facility Income.** See instructions

39

**40 Total.** Add lines 37, 38 and 39 to line 35c or 36, whichever applies

40 0.

**Part IV Tax and Payments****41a** Foreign tax credit (corporations attach Form 1118; trusts attach Form 1116)

41a

**b** Other credits (see instructions)

41b

**c** General business credit. Attach Form 3800

41c

**d** Credit for prior year minimum tax (attach Form 8801 or 8827)

41d

**e Total credits.** Add lines 41a through 41d

41e

**42** Subtract line 41e from line 40

42 0.

**43** Other taxes. Check if from: ☐ Form 4255 ☐ Form 8611 ☐ Form 8697 ☐ Form 8866 ☐ Other (attach schedule)

43

**44 Total tax.** Add lines 42 and 43

44 0.

**45a** Payments: A 2016 overpayment credited to 2017

45a

**b** 2017 estimated tax payments

45b

**c** Tax deposited with Form 8868

45c

**d** Foreign organizations: Tax paid or withheld at source (see instructions)

45d

**e** Backup withholding (see instructions)

45e

**f** Credit for small employer health insurance premiums (Attach Form 8941)

45f

**g** Other credits and payments:☐ Form 2439☐ Form 4136☐ Other☐ Other

Total

45g

**46 Total payments.** Add lines 45a through 45g

46

**47** Estimated tax penalty (see instructions). Check if Form 2220 is attached ☐

47

**48 Tax due.** If line 46 is less than the total of lines 44 and 47, enter amount owed

48 0.

**49 Overpayment.** If line 46 is larger than the total of lines 44 and 47, enter amount overpaid

49 0.

**50** Enter the amount of line 49 you want: Credited to 2018 estimated tax

Refunded

50

**Part V Statements Regarding Certain Activities and Other Information** (see instructions)**51** At any time during the 2017 calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account (bank, securities, or other) in a foreign country? If YES, the organization may have to file FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts. If YES, enter the name of the foreign country hereYes No  
X**52** During the tax year, did the organization receive a distribution from, or was it the grantor of, or transferor to, a foreign trust? If YES, see instructions for other forms the organization may have to file.Yes No  
X**53** Enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year

Sign Here

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 taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Signature of officer

Date

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Title

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

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name

Preparer's signature

Date

Check ☐ if self-employed

PTIN

HEIDI WENDEL, CPA

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Firm's name DGN, LLC

Firm's EIN 20-2349670

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Firm's address TRAVERSE CITY, MI 49685-0947

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Form 990-T (2017)



# Application for Automatic Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

OMB No. 1545-1709

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

► **File a separate application for each return.**

► **Information about Form 8868 and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form8868](http://www.irs.gov/form8868).**

**Electronic filing (e-file).** You can electronically file Form 8868 to request a 6-month automatic extension of time to file any of the forms listed below with the exception of Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts, for which an extension request must be sent to the IRS in paper format (see instructions). For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit [www.irs.gov/efile](http://www.irs.gov/efile), click on Charities & Non-Profits, and click on e-file for Charities and Non-Profits.

## Automatic 6-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed).

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

		Enter filer's identifying number
Type or print	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions.	Employer identification number (EIN) or
	<b>GRAND TRAVERSE REGIONAL LAND CONSERVANCY</b>	<b>38-2994229</b>
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. <b>3860 NORTH LONG LAKE RD., SUITE D</b>	Social security number (SSN)
File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. <b>TRAVERSE CITY, MI 49684</b>	

Enter the Return Code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return) 0 7

Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990 or Form 990-EZ	01	Form 990-T (corporation)	07
Form 990-BL	02	Form 1041-A	08
Form 4720 (individual)	03	Form 4720 (other than individual)	09
Form 990-PF	04	Form 5227	10
Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 8870	12

**GLEN CHOWN**

- The books are in the care of ► **3860 N LONG LAKE RD SUITE D - TRAVERSE CITY, MI 49684**  
Telephone No. ► **231-929-7911** Fax No. ►

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box ☐
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) . If this is for the whole group, check this box ☐ . If it is for part of the group, check this box ☐ and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for.

1 I request an automatic 6-month extension of time until **MAY 15, 2019**, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:

- ☐ calendar year \_\_\_\_\_ or  
 ► ☒ tax year beginning **JUL 1, 2017**, and ending **JUN 30, 2018**

2 If the tax year entered in line 1 is for less than 12 months, check reason: ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return  
☐ Change in accounting period

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

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

LHA For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see instructions.

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