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GROUNDSWELL CONSERVANCY, INC.  
303 S PATERSON ST, NO. 6  
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Form **990**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**  
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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OMB No. 1545-0047

**2016**Open to Public  
Inspection**A** For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning **JUL 1, 2016** and ending **JUN 30, 2017**

<b>B</b> Check if applicable:  <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Name of organization <b>GROUNDSWELL CONSERVANCY, INC.</b>		<b>D</b> Employer identification number <b>39-1452825</b>
	Doing business as		<b>E</b> Telephone number <b>608-258-9797</b>
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	<b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ <b>2,678,843.</b>
	<b>303 S PATERSON ST</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code <b>MADISON, WI 53703-4534</b>		<b>H(b)</b> Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)
<b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer: <b>JAMES WELSH</b> <b>SAME AS C ABOVE</b>			<b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number ▶
<b>I</b> Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)( ) (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527			
<b>J</b> Website: ▶ <b>GROUNDSWELLWISCONSIN.ORG</b>			
<b>K</b> Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶			<b>L</b> Year of formation: <b>1983</b> <b>M</b> State of legal domicile: <b>WI</b>

**Part I Summary**

<b>Activities &amp; Governance</b>	<b>1</b> Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <b>WE ARE A LEADER IN PROTECTING NATURAL AREAS AND FARM LAND IN SOUTHERN WISCONSIN.</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>3</b>	<b>12</b>
	<b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>
	<b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2016 (Part V, line 2a)	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>6</b>	<b>89</b>
	<b>7a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	<b>7a</b>	<b>0.</b>
<b>b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	<b>7b</b>	<b>0.</b>	
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	<b>Prior Year</b>	<b>Current Year</b>
	<b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	<b>692,175.</b>	<b>2,525,542.</b>
	<b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	<b>22,289.</b>	<b>89,800.</b>
	<b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	<b>31,117.</b>	<b>20,718.</b>
	<b>12</b> Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>11,520.</b>	<b>28,523.</b>
	<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	<b>757,101.</b>	<b>2,664,583.</b>
	<b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	<b>334,116.</b>	<b>595,503.</b>
	<b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	<b>0.</b>	<b>0.</b>
	<b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	<b>231,632.</b>	<b>280,093.</b>
	<b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ <b>87,261.</b>	<b>0.</b>	<b>0.</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	<b>137,599.</b>	<b>1,941,658.</b>
	<b>18</b> Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>703,347.</b>	<b>2,817,254.</b>
	<b>19</b> Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	<b>53,754.</b>	<b>-152,671.</b>
	<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16)	<b>Beginning of Current Year</b>	<b>End of Year</b>
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	<b>6,897,612.</b>	<b>6,812,833.</b>
	<b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	<b>76,085.</b>	<b>39,547.</b>
		<b>6,821,527.</b>	<b>6,773,286.</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.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of officer <i>James Welsh</i>	Date <b>2/12/2018</b>
	<b>JAMES WELSH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</b> Type or print name and title	
<b>Paid</b>	Print/Type preparer's name <b>BRUCE MAYER, CPA</b>	Preparer's signature <i>B. Mayer, CPA</i>
<b>Preparer</b>	Firm's name ▶ <b>WEGNER CPAS, LLP</b>	Firm's EIN ▶ <b>39-0974031</b>
<b>Use Only</b>	Firm's address ▶ <b>2110 LUANN LN MADISON, WI 53713-3074</b>	Phone no. <b>608-274-4020</b>

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

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

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

☒**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:**WE PROTECT SPECIAL PLACES FOREVER.****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 \$ **2,649,808.** including grants of \$ **595,503.**) (Revenue \$ **89,800.**)

**GROUNDSWELL CONSERVANCY (FORMERLY KNOWN AS NATURAL HERITAGE LAND TRUST) COMPLETED ANOTHER GREAT YEAR PERMANENTLY PROTECTING CHERISHED LANDSCAPES IN THE DANE COUNTY, WISCONSIN, REGION AND CONNECTING PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES WITH THE LAND. IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE TOWN OF DUNN AND CONSERVATION-MINDED FARM FAMILIES WE PERMANENTLY PROTECTED SIX FARMS COVERING 386 ACRES OF OUR NATION'S BEST FARMLAND. WE ADDED HUNTING AND HIKING LAND TO AVON BOTTOMS WILDLIFE AREA IN ROCK COUNTY AND LODI MARSH WILDLIFE AREA IN DANE COUNTY. WE OPENED A 360-ACRE FARM AT FOOTVILLE WILDLIFE AREA IN ROCK COUNTY TO PUBLIC HUNTING AND PERMANENTLY PROTECTED ITS PRODUCTIVE SOILS. IN THE ROWAN CREEK VALLEY OUTSIDE POYNETTE WE USED A CONSERVATION EASEMENT TO PROTECT A LARGE AREA OF IMPORTANT WILDLIFE HABITAT. IN COLLABORATION WITH OUR PARTNERS**

**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 **2,649,808.**

**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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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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	

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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	<b>1a</b> 11		
<b>b</b> Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	<b>1b</b> 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?	<b>1c</b>		
<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	<b>2a</b> 5		
<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)	<b>2b</b>	X	
<b>3a</b> Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	<b>3a</b>		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	<b>3b</b>		
<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)?	<b>4a</b>		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?	<b>5a</b>		X
<b>b</b> Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	<b>5b</b>		X
<b>c</b> If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	<b>5c</b>		
<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?	<b>6a</b>		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?	<b>6b</b>		
<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?	<b>7a</b>		X
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	<b>7b</b>		
<b>c</b> Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	<b>7c</b>		X
<b>d</b> If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	<b>7d</b>		
<b>e</b> Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	<b>7e</b>		X
<b>f</b> Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	<b>7f</b>		X
<b>g</b> If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	<b>7g</b>		
<b>h</b> If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	<b>7h</b>		
<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?	<b>8</b>		
<b>9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>			
<b>a</b> Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	<b>9a</b>		
<b>b</b> Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	<b>9b</b>		
<b>10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter:			
<b>a</b> Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	<b>10a</b>		
<b>b</b> Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	<b>10b</b>		
<b>11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter:			
<b>a</b> Gross income from members or shareholders	<b>11a</b>		
<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.)	<b>11b</b>		
<b>12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	<b>12a</b>		
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	<b>12b</b>		
<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.	<b>13a</b>		
<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	<b>13b</b>		
<b>c</b> Enter the amount of reserves on hand	<b>13c</b>		
<b>14a</b> Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	<b>14a</b>		X
<b>b</b> If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	<b>14b</b>		

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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**

	Yes	No
<b>1a</b> Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year ..... <b>1a</b> 12 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>b</b> Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent ..... <b>1b</b> 12		
<b>2</b> 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
<b>3</b> 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
<b>4</b> Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? .....	4	X
<b>5</b> Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? .....	5	X
<b>6</b> Did the organization have members or stockholders? .....	6	X
<b>7a</b> 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>b</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
<b>8</b> Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
<b>a</b> The governing body? .....	8a	X
<b>b</b> Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? .....	8b	X
<b>9</b> 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
<b>10a</b> Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? .....	10a	X
<b>b</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? .....	10b	
<b>11a</b> Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? .....	11a	X
<b>b</b> Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
<b>12a</b> Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 .....	12a	X
<b>b</b> Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? .....	12b	X
<b>c</b> Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done .....	12c	X
<b>13</b> Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? .....	13	X
<b>14</b> Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? .....	14	X
<b>15</b> 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?		
<b>a</b> The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official .....	15a	X
<b>b</b> Other officers or key employees of the organization .....	15b	X
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).		
<b>16a</b> Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? .....	16a	X
<b>b</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? .....	16b	

**Section C. Disclosure**

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

**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: ►  
**JAMES WELSH - 608-258-9797**  
**303 S PATERSON ST STE 6, MADISON, WI 53703-4534**

**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) JEDIAH WHITE PRESIDENT	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(2) RENEE LAUBER VICE PRESIDENT	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(3) MARIANA WEINHOLD TREASURER	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(4) DARCY KIND SECRETARY	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(5) WILLIAM VAN HAREN DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(6) ANNE BRINDLEY DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(7) TOM KRAUSKOPF DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(8) VICKI ELKIN DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(9) PAT LEAVENWORTH DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(10) BARRY PERKEL DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(11) GLENN REINL DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(12) ANNE SAYERS DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(13) ELIZABETH KLUESNER DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(14) GREG HYER DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(15) MATTHEW FRANK DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(16) JAMES WELSH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	40.00			X				71,463.	0.	12,692.



**Part VII** Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below 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			
<b>1b Sub-total</b>								71,463.	0.	12,692.
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b>								0.	0.	0.
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b>								71,463.	0.	12,692.

**2** Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **0**

	Yes	No
<b>3</b> Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual		X
<b>4</b> For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual		X
<b>5</b> Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person		X

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

**1** Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
NONE		

**2** Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization **0**

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

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1 a	Federated campaigns	1a				
	b	Membership dues	1b				
	c	Fundraising events	1c				
	d	Related organizations	1d				
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	1,998,684.			
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	526,858.			
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$		24,058.			
	h	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f		2,525,542.			
Program Service Revenue	2 a <u>RENTAL PAYMENTS FROM W</u>		Business Code	531190	84,706.	84,706.	
	b <u>SERVICE FEES</u>			712190	5,094.	5,094.	
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f All other program service revenue						
	g <b>Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f			89,800.			
	Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)			20,718.		20,718.
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds							
5 Royalties							
		(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
6 a Gross rents							
b Less: rental expenses							
c Rental income or (loss)							
d Net rental income or (loss)							
7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory		(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses							
c Gain or (loss)							
d Net gain or (loss)							
8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18		a	42,590.				
b Less: direct expenses		b	14,260.				
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events			28,330.		28,330.		
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 <u>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE</u>		900099	193.		193.		
b							
c							
d All other revenue							
e <b>Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d			193.				
12 <b>Total revenue.</b> See instructions.			2,664,583.	89,800.	0.	49,241.	

**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	595,503.	595,503.		
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	84,154.	49,335.	12,368.	22,451.
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	167,802.	98,373.	24,662.	44,767.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits	9,637.	5,650.	1,416.	2,571.
10 Payroll taxes	18,500.	10,845.	2,719.	4,936.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	2,374.		2,374.	
c Accounting	11,873.		11,873.	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees	4,449.		4,449.	
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)	61,452.	50,785.	10,667.	
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	21,673.	15,718.	3,883.	2,072.
14 Information technology	1,894.	1,588.	109.	197.
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	28,714.	20,145.	3,044.	5,525.
17 Travel	2,021.	1,185.	297.	539.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	5,771.	3,383.	848.	1,540.
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	764.	448.	112.	204.
23 Insurance	6,968.	4,085.	1,024.	1,859.
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 EASEMENT ACQUISITION	1,712,350.	1,712,350.		
b LAND MANAGEMENT	75,401.	75,401.		
c DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS	5,760.	4,830.	330.	600.
d				
e All other expenses	194.	184.	10.	
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	2,817,254.	2,649,808.	80,185.	87,261.
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 .....	200.	1	200.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments .....	285,011.	2	155,420.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net .....	31,135.	3	62,993.
	4 Accounts receivable, net .....		4	93,078.
	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 .....	3,941.	9	5,943.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D .....	10a 5,383,271.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation .....	10b 5,770.	5,592,658.	10c 5,377,501.
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities .....	675,901.	11	688,667.
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11 .....		12	
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11 .....		13	
	14 Intangible assets .....		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 .....	308,766.	15	429,031.
16 <b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) .....	6,897,612.	16	6,812,833.	
<b>Liabilities</b>	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses .....	19,888.	17	25,221.
	18 Grants payable .....		18	
	19 Deferred revenue .....	56,197.	19	14,326.
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities .....		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D .....		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L .....		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties .....		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties .....		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D .....		25	
	26 <b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 .....	76,085.	26	39,547.
<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 .....	6,466,857.	27	6,264,509.
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets .....	354,670.	28	508,777.
	29 Permanently restricted net assets .....		29	
	<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 <b>Total net assets or fund balances</b> .....	6,821,527.	33	6,773,286.	
34 <b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b> .....	6,897,612.	34	6,812,833.	

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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	2,664,583.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	2,817,254.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-152,671.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	6,821,527.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	56,739.
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	47,691.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	6,773,286.

**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?		X
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			
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	X	
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			
2c	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?	X	
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.			
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?	X	
3b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits	X	

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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

▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**

▶ Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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# 2016

**Open to Public  
Inspection**

Name of the organization

GROUNDSWELL CONSERVANCY, INC.

Employer identification number

39-1452825

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Reason for Public Charity Status</b> (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.
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The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 ☒ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 ☐ An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university: \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 ☐ An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions - subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 12 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box in lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
  - a ☐ **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
  - b ☐ **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
  - c ☐ **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
  - d ☐ **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
  - e ☐ Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
- f Enter the number of supported organizations \_\_\_\_\_
- g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s). \_\_\_\_\_

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
Total						

**Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) 2016	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .....	6641606.	1808196.	2258542.	692,175.	2525542.	13926061.
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 .....	6641606.	1808196.	2258542.	692,175.	2525542.	13926061.
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f) .....						
6 <b>Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4.						13926061.

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) 2016	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4 .....	6641606.	1808196.	2258542.	692,175.	2525542.	13926061.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources .....	21,828.	33,698.	32,121.	31,117.	20,718.	139,482.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on .....	6,872.	6,900.	11,409.	11,520.	28,523.	65,224.
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						14130767.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) .....					12	177,488.
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 2016 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) .....	14	98.55	%
15 Public support percentage from 2015 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 .....	15	98.53	%
16a <b>33 1/3% support test - 2016.</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 - 2015.</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 - 2016.</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 - 2015.</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"/>		

**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) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) 2016	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .....						
<b>2</b> 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 .....						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513 .....						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf .....						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge .....						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5 .....						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons .....						
<b>b</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 .....						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b .....						
<b>8 Public support.</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.) .....						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) 2016	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6 .....						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources .....						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 .....						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b .....						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on .....						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) .....						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.) .....						

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

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2016 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) .....	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2015 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 .....	<b>16</b>	%

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

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2016 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) .....	<b>17</b>	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2015 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 .....	<b>18</b>	%

**19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2016.** 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 - 2015.** 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
<b>1</b> 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.		
<b>2</b> 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).		
<b>3a</b> Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.		
<b>b</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.		
<b>c</b> 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.		
<b>4a</b> 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>b</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.		
<b>c</b> 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.		
<b>5a</b> 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</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?		
<b>c</b> <b>Substitutions only.</b> Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
<b>6</b> 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> .		
<b>7</b> 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).		
<b>8</b> 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).		
<b>9a</b> 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>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> .		
<b>c</b> 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> .		
<b>10a</b> 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>b</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.		

**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.		

**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).		

**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.		

**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.		

**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 <b>Part VI</b> ):		
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)

<b>Section D - Distributions</b>			<b>Current Year</b>
<b>1</b>	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes		
<b>2</b>	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity		
<b>3</b>	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations		
<b>4</b>	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets		
<b>5</b>	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)		
<b>6</b>	Other distributions (describe in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions		
<b>7</b>	<b>Total annual distributions.</b> Add lines 1 through 6		
<b>8</b>	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions		
<b>9</b>	Distributable amount for 2016 from Section C, line 6		
<b>10</b>	Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount		

<b>Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)</b>	<b>(i) Excess Distributions</b>	<b>(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2016</b>	<b>(iii) Distributable Amount for 2016</b>
<b>1</b> Distributable amount for 2016 from Section C, line 6			
<b>2</b> Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2016 (reasonable cause required- explain in Part VI). See instructions			
<b>3</b> Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2016:			
<b>a</b>			
<b>b</b>			
<b>c</b> From 2013			
<b>d</b> From 2014			
<b>e</b> From 2015			
<b>f</b> <b>Total</b> of lines 3a through e			
<b>g</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>h</b> Applied to 2016 distributable amount			
<b>i</b> Carryover from 2011 not applied (see instructions)			
<b>j</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.			
<b>4</b> Distributions for 2016 from Section D, line 7: \$			
<b>a</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>b</b> Applied to 2016 distributable amount			
<b>c</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
<b>5</b> Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2016, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions			
<b>6</b> Remaining underdistributions for 2016. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions			
<b>7</b> <b>Excess distributions carryover to 2017.</b> Add lines 3j and 4c			
<b>8</b> Breakdown of line 7:			
<b>a</b>			
<b>b</b> Excess from 2013			
<b>c</b> Excess from 2014			
<b>d</b> Excess from 2015			
<b>e</b> Excess from 2016			

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**Part VI**

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

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

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Schedule of Contributors**

▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.  
▶ Information about Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) and  
its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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**2016**

Name of the organization

GROUNDSWELL CONSERVANCY, INC.

Employer identification number

39-1452825

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

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

☐ 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

☐ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

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

☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

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

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

**General Rule**

☐ For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

**Special Rules**

☒ For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.

☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ..... ▶ \$ .....

**Caution:** An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	DANE COUNTY PARKS 5201 FEN OAK DR STE 208 MADISON, WI 53718-8827	\$ 88,996.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	TOWN OF DUNN 4156 COUNTY ROAD B MCFARLAND, WI 53558-9754	\$ 598,050.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 1400 INDEPENDENCE AVE SW WASHINGTON, DC 20250-0002	\$ 589,050.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4	UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE 4401 FAIRFAX DR ARLINGTON, VA 22203-1600	\$ 63,118.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
5	WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES 101 S WEBSTER ST MADISON, WI 53703-3474	\$ 663,350.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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**Part II Noncash Property** (See instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	



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**Part III** Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this info. once.) ▶ \$

Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee

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

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities**

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.

▶ **Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).**

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**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

**GROUNDSWELL CONSERVANCY, INC.**

Employer identification number

**39-1452825**

**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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**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) .....		62.													
<b>b</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying) .....		787.													
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b) .....		849.													
<b>d</b> Other exempt purpose expenditures .....		2,816,405.													
<b>e</b> Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d) .....		2,817,254.													
<b>f</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.		290,863.													
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Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.														
<b>g</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f) .....		72,716.													
<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) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) Total
<b>2a</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount	241,536.	214,832.	130,502.	290,863.	877,733.
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					1,316,600.
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures	136.	273.	55.	849.	1,313.
<b>d</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount	60,384.	53,708.	32,626.	72,716.	219,434.
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					329,151.
<b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures				62.	62.

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**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.


**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.▶ Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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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 .....	2a 64
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements .....	2b 5,666.00
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a) .....	2c 0
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register .....	2d 0

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ 2

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 ▶ 269

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ 11,350.

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 .....

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

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):

- a ☐ Public exhibition  
 b ☐ Scholarly research  
 c ☐ Preservation for future generations  
 d ☐ Loan or exchange programs  
 e ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part 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	567,755.	596,929.	606,636.	502,490.	420,458.
b Contributions	64,458.	7,600.	6,100.	51,100.	45,000.
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	52,564.	-13,028.	1,185.	72,727.	42,530.
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	90,631.	23,746.	16,992.	19,681.	5,498.
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	594,146.	567,755.	596,929.	606,636.	502,490.

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

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ☒ 46.00 %

b Permanent endowment ☐ %

c Temporarily restricted endowment ☒ 54.00 %

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		5,375,100.		5,375,100.
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements		1,998.	600.	1,398.
d Equipment		6,173.	5,170.	1,003.
e Other				
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				5,377,501.

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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) .....		
<b>Total.</b> (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) .....		
<b>Total.</b> (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) BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN ASSETS HELD BY MADISON COMMUNITY	
(2) FOUNDATION	429,031.
(3) .....	
(4) .....	
(5) .....	
(6) .....	
(7) .....	
(8) .....	
(9) .....	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.) ▶	429,031.

**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) .....	
(3) .....	
(4) .....	
(5) .....	
(6) .....	
(7) .....	
(8) .....	
(9) .....	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ▶	

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	2,778,824.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	56,739.
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	43,242.
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	99,981.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	2,678,843.
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	-14,260.
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	-14,260.
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	2,664,583.

**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	2,827,065.
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	14,260.
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	14,260.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	2,812,805.
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	4,449.
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	4,449.
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	2,817,254.

**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 3:**

MODIFICATION OF ONE EASEMENT TO ALLOW FOR A CHANGE IN LOCATION, BUT NOT THE SIZE OF THE BUILDING AREA. TRANSFER OF ONE EASEMENT TO TRANSFER OUR HOLDER'S INTEREST IN THE EASEMENT TO THE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL EASEMENT PROGRAM TO ALLOW FOR BEST STEWARDSHIP OF THE CONSERVATION EASEMENT.

**PART II, LINE 9:**

ACQUISITIONS OF CONSERVATIONS EASEMENTS ARE REPORTED AS EXPENSES AND THE PROCEEDS FROM SALES OF CONSERVATIONS EASEMENTS ARE REPORTED AS REVENUE IN THE ORGANIZATION'S STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES. THE ORGANIZATION DOES NOT REPORT CONSERVATION EASEMENTS ON ITS STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION.

**PART V, LINE 4:**



**Part XIII** Supplemental Information (continued)

THE INCOME FROM THE ENDOWMENT ASSETS CAN BE USED TO SUPPORT THE  
ORGANIZATION'S GENERAL ACTIVITIES.

## PART XI, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

CHANGE IN BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN ASSETS HELD BY MADISON

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION 47,691.

INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEES REPORTED ON FORM 990, PART IX,

LINE 11F -4,449.

TOTAL TO SCHEDULE D, PART XI, LINE 2D 43,242.

## PART XI, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

DIRECT EXPENSES REPORTED ON FORM 990, PART VIII, LINE 8B -14,260.

## PART XII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

DIRECT EXPENSES REPORTED ON FORM 990, PART VIII, LINE 8B 14,260.

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**

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Name of the organization

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## Part I

### Fundraising Activities.

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

- 1** Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- a ☐ Mail solicitations  
b ☐ Internet and email solicitations  
c ☐ Phone solicitations  
d ☐ In-person solicitations  
e ☐ Solicitation of non-government grants  
f ☐ Solicitation of government grants  
g ☐ Special fundraising events

- 2 a** Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees, or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services?

☐ Yes☐ No

- b** If "Yes," list the 10 highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

[illegible]

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

**Part II Fundraising Events.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events
		<b>GARDEN PARTY</b>	<b>TRAIL RUN</b>	<b>NONE</b>	(add col. (a) through col. (c))
		(event type)	(event type)	(total number)	
Revenue	<b>1</b> Gross receipts .....	28,920.	13,670.		42,590.
	<b>2</b> Less: Contributions .....				
	<b>3</b> Gross income (line 1 minus line 2) .....	28,920.	13,670.		42,590.
Direct Expenses	<b>4</b> Cash prizes .....				
	<b>5</b> Noncash prizes .....				
	<b>6</b> Rent/facility costs .....				
	<b>7</b> Food and beverages .....	1,486.	5,739.		7,225.
	<b>8</b> Entertainment .....				
	<b>9</b> Other direct expenses .....	1,833.	5,202.		7,035.
	<b>10</b> Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) .....				14,260.
	<b>11</b> Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) .....				28,330.

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

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

**9** Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities:**a** Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? ☐ Yes ☐ No**b** If "No," explain: \_\_\_\_\_**10a** Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended, or terminated during the tax year? ☐ Yes ☐ No**b** If "Yes," explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name ☐ \_\_\_\_\_Address ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

- 15a** Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? ☐ Yes ☐ No

**b** If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**c** If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party:

Name ☐ \_\_\_\_\_Address ☐ \_\_\_\_\_**16** Gaming manager information:Name ☐ \_\_\_\_\_Gaming manager compensation ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_Description of services provided ☐ \_\_\_\_\_☐ Director/officer☐ Employee☐ Independent contractor**17** Mandatory distributions:

**a** Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? ☐ Yes ☐ No

**b** Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Part IV** Supplemental Information (continued)

Area with horizontal lines for supplemental information.

**SCHEDULE I**  
**(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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

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

► Attach to Form 990.

► Information about Schedule I (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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Name of the organization

**GROUNDSWELL CONSERVANCY, INC.**

Employer identification number

**39-1452825**

**Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance**

**1** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**2** Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

**Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
DANE COUNTY PARKS 5201 FEN OAK DR STE 208 MADISON, WI 53718-8827		DANE COUNTY	36,069.	24,058.	APPRAISAL	LAND	PRESERVATION OF LAND
GATHERING WATERS, INC. 211 S PATERSON ST STE 270 MADISON, WI 53703-4538	39-1805090	501(C)(3)	6,500.	0.			STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM AND RETREAT SPONSORSHIP
UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE - 4401 FAIRFAX DR - ARLINGTON, VA 22203-1600		UNITED STATES FISH A	0.	528,876.	APPRAISAL	LAND	PRESERVATION OF LAND

**2** Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table **3.**

**3** Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table

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Schedule I (Form 990) (2016)

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

Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the information required in Part I, line 2; Part III, column (b); and any other additional information.

PART I, LINE 2:

THE ORGANIZATION REVIEWS REPORTS SUBMITTED BY GRANT RECIPIENTS DESCRIBING

EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS GRANTED.

**SCHEDULE M  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Noncash Contributions**

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- ▶ Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
- ▶ Attach to Form 990.
- ▶ Information about Schedule M (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

Name of the organization

**GROUNDSWELL CONSERVANCY, INC.**

Employer identification number

**39-1452825**

**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 .....				
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	2	0.	
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 ▶ ( .....				
26 Other ▶ ( .....				
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

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? .....

31 X

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

32a X

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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Schedule M (Form 990) (2016)



**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, PART I, COLUMN (B):

THE ORGANIZATION IS REPORTING THE NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTORS IN COLUMN (B).

SCHEDULE M, LINE 33:

CONSERVATION EASEMENTS ACCEPTED BY THE ORGANIZATION ARE NOT RECOGNIZED  
AS ASSETS OR REVENUE. THE ORGANIZATION DOES NOT HOLD FEE TITLE TO  
THESE PROPERTIES AND THERE ARE NO EXPECTED FUTURE ECONOMIC BENEFITS  
ASSOCIATED WITH THE EASEMENTS.

**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.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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

WE TOOK OVER LAND OWNED BY DANE COUNTY AT PATRICK MARSH AND A 116-ACRE FARM EASEMENT ALONG BLACK EARTH CREEK PREVIOUSLY PROTECTED BY AMERICAN FARMLAND TRUST. ALL IN ALL WE PERMANENTLY PROTECTED 1,150 ACRES OF CHERISHED LAND. OUR SUMMER INTERN PRAIRIE PARTNERS CREW IMPROVED WILDLIFE HABITAT AT WESTPORT DRUMLIN AND PATRICK MARSH AND GAINED VALUABLE WORK EXPERIENCE ABOUT MANAGING NATURAL AREAS. OUR SUPPORTERS PARTICIPATED IN SNOWSHOE TRIPS TO LODI MARSH AND PATRICK MARSH, A CANOE TRIP ON THE YAHARA RIVER, A BIRD WALK AT WALLY BAUMAN WOODS, AND MORE. GROUNDSWELL CONSERVANCY WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1983 AND IS ACCREDITED BY THE LAND TRUST ACCREDITATION COMMISSION.

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

THE PREPARED FORM 990 IS SHARED WITH THE ENTIRE BOARD FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT AND IS THEN SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BEFORE THE RETURN IS FILED WITH THE IRS.

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

THE ORGANIZATION'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNUALLY VERIFIES THAT ALL CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND ARE UP TO DATE. ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICTS ARE REVIEWED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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

THE GOVERNING BODY ANNUALLY DETERMINES THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMPENSATION BY DETERMINING AFFORDABILITY AND REVIEWING THE COMPENSATION

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Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) (2016)

Name of the organization

GROUNDSWELL CONSERVANCY, INC.

Employer identification number

39-1452825

PAID FOR COMPARABLE POSITIONS BY SIMILAR AGENCIES IN THE AREA.

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

THE ORGANIZATION MADE ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY,  
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST.

FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9, CHANGES IN NET ASSETS:

CHANGE IN BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN ASSETS AT MADISON

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

47,691.

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Asset No.	Description	Date Acquired	Method	Life	Convention	Line No.	Unadjusted Cost Or Basis	Bus % Excl	Section 179 Expense	* Reduction In Basis	Basis For Depreciation	Beginning Accumulated Depreciation	Current Sec 179 Expense	Current Year Deduction	Ending Accumulated Depreciation
	MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT														
	EQUIPMENT			.000		HY16	6,173.				6,173.	4,806.		364.	5,170.
	* 990 PAGE 10 TOTAL														
	MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT						6,173.				6,173.	4,806.		364.	5,170.
	LAND														
	LAND			.000		HY16	5,375,100.				5,375,100.			0.	
	* 990 PAGE 10 TOTAL LAND										5,375,100.	0.		0.	0.
	OTHER														
	LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS			.000		HY16	1,998.				1,998.	200.		400.	600.
	* 990 PAGE 10 TOTAL OTHER										1,998.	200.		400.	600.
	* GRAND TOTAL 990 PAGE 10 DEPR						5,383,271.				5,383,271.	5,006.		764.	5,770.

# 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>GROUNDSWELL CONSERVANCY, INC.</b>	<b>39-1452825</b>
File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions.	Social security number (SSN)
	<b>303 S PATERSON ST, NO. 6</b>	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions.	
	<b>MADISON, WI 53703-4534</b>	

Enter the Return Code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return) 0 1

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

**JAMES WELSH**

- The books are in the care of ► **303 S PATERSON ST STE 6 - MADISON, WI 53703-4534**
- Telephone No. ► **608-258-9797** 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, 2018**, 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, 2016**, and ending **JUN 30, 2017**

**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.**

Form **8868** (Rev. 1-2017)

Articles of Incorporation Name Change  
Grandwell.pdf



For Office



State of Wisconsin

Department of Financial Institutions

*Endorsement*

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT - Ch. 181

NATURAL HERITAGE LAND TRUST, INC.

Received Date: 9/15/2017

Filed Date: 9/20/2017

Filing Fee: \$25.00

Entity ID#: 6D09355

Total Fee: \$25.00

CHANGED NAME

DO NOT STAPLE

**FILING FEE \$25.00**  
☐ OPTIONAL EXPEDITED SERVICE + \$25.00

Sec. 181.1005  
Wis. Stats.

State of Wisconsin  
Department of Financial Institutions  
Division of Corporate and Consumer Services



**ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT – NONSTOCK CORPORATION**

A. The present corporate name (prior to any change effected by this amendment) is:

Natural Heritage Land Trust, Inc.

(Enter Corporate Name)

Text of Amendment (*Refer to the existing articles of incorporation and the instructions on the reverse of this form. Determine those items to be changed and set forth the number identifying the paragraph being changed and how the amended paragraph is to read.*)

RESOLVED, THAT the articles of incorporation be amended as follows:

Article I, Name: The name of the corporation shall be Groundswell Conservancy, Inc.

B. Amendment(s) adopted on September 12, 2017

(Indicate the method of adoption by checking (X) the appropriate choice below.)

☒ In accordance with sec. 181.1002, Wis. Stats. (By the Board of Directors)

OR

☐ In accordance with sec. 181.1003, Wis. Stats. (By Members)

OR

☐ In accordance with sec. 181.1004, Wis. Stats. (By Members voting by Class)

C. Approval by 3<sup>rd</sup> Person (Contingency Statement)

☐ Written approval for amending the articles of incorporation was obtained from the person whose approval is required by a provision of the articles of incorporation authorized under sec. 181.1030.

D. Executed on 9/12/2017  
(Date)

Renee Lauber  
(Signature)

Title: ☐ President ☒ Secretary  
or other officer title \_\_\_\_\_

Renee Lauber

(Printed name)

This document was drafted by Jim Welsh, Executive Director

(Name the individual who drafted the document)

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT (Ch. 181, Nonstock)

303 S. Paterson Street, #6  
Madison, WI 53703

▲ Your return address and phone number during the day: (608 ) 258 - 9797

**INSTRUCTIONS** (Ref. sec. 181.1005 Wis. Stats. for document content)

Please use **BLACK Ink**. Submit one original document to State of WI – Dept. of Financial Institutions Box 93348 Milwaukee WI 53293-0348, together with a **FILING FEE** of \$25.00, payable to the department. Filing fee is **non-refundable**. (If sent by Express or Priority U.S. mail, address to 201 W. Washington Ave., Suite 300, Madison WI, 53703). The original must include an original manual signature, per sec. 181.0120(2), Wis. Stats. **NOTICE:** This form may be used to accomplish a filing required or permitted by statute to be made with the department. Information requested may be used for secondary purposes. If you have any questions, please contact the Division of Corporate & Consumer Services at 608-261-7577. Hearing-impaired may call 711 for TTY.

- A. Enter the name of the corporation (before any change effected by this amendment) and the text of the amendment(s). The text should recite the resolution adopted (e.g., "Resolved, that Article 1 of the articles of incorporation be amended to read: . . . . . (set forth the amended article).
- B. Enter the date of adoption of the amendment(s). If there is more than one amendment, identify the date of adoption of each. Mark (X) one of the three choices to indicate the method of adoption of the amendment(s).

By Board of Directors – Refer to sec. 181.1002 for specific information on the character of amendments that may be adopted by the Board of Directors without the approval of members with voting rights.

By Members – Adoption by members requires 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of votes cast or a majority of the voting power, whichever is less, except as conditioned by the articles of incorporation, bylaws, ss. 181.1002(1), 181.1030 or other provisions of Ch. 181, Wis. Stats.

By Members thru Class Voting – Refer to sec. 181.1004 for specific information on class voting by members.

- C. Approval by Other Person – Amendment of the articles of incorporation may require the approval of a person other than the board or members; if so specified in the articles of incorporation under sec. 181.1030.
- D. Enter the date of execution and the name and title of the person signing the document. The document must be signed by one of the following: An **officer** of the corporation (or incorporator if directors have not been elected), or a court-appointed receiver, trustee or fiduciary. A director is **not** empowered to sign.

If the document is executed in Wisconsin, sec. 182.01(3) provides that it shall not be filed unless the name of the person (individual) who drafted it is printed, typewritten or stamped thereon in a legible manner. If the document is not executed in Wisconsin, enter that remark.



STATE OF WISCONSIN  
Department of Financial Institutions



www.wdfi.org

FORM #1952 - WISCONSIN  
SUPPLEMENT TO FINANCIAL  
REPORT

**Purpose:** Charitable organizations that are registered, or are required to be registered, with the Department of Financial Institutions – Division of Corporate and Consumer Services (“division”) must file an annual financial report with the division within 12 months after the organization’s fiscal year-end unless the organization qualifies for an exemption from the annual filing requirement.

An organization must file its annual report on Form #308 or on Form #1952. This form, Form #1952, is a shorter, more commonly used version of the annual report form and must be accompanied by the organization’s IRS 990, 990EZ, or 990-PF. If an organization is unable to submit an IRS 990, 990EZ, or 990-PF, it should submit Form #308 to the division instead of Form #1952.

Please note that an organization may not have to file a Form #308 or a Form #1952 if:

- it received \$25,000 or less in contributions during its most recently completed fiscal year, or
- it operates solely in the county in which its principal office is located and received less than \$50,000 in contributions during its most recently completed fiscal year.

If the organization’s contributions fall into either of the above categories, an Affidavit in Lieu of Annual Financial Report (Form #1943) should be submitted instead of Form #308 or Form #1952.

**Print or type the information requested in the spaces provided.**

1. Name of charitable organization and any trade names or DBA (doing business as) names the organization uses when soliciting.

Groundswell Conservancy, Inc.

2. WI Charitable Organization Registration Number: 625-800

3. Federal Employer Identification Number: 39-1452825

4. Provide the following information for the organization’s headquarters office, if any:

Street: 303 S Paterson St Ste 6			
City: Madison	State: WI	Zip: 53703-4534	Daytime Phone Number: 608-258-9797

5. Provide the organization’s mailing address if different than above.

Street Address:		P.O. Box:
City:	State:	Zip:

6. Provide the following information for the organization's Wisconsin office, if any. Attach additional pages, if the organization has more than one Wisconsin office. This item does not have to be completed if the headquarters office noted on page 1 is the only Wisconsin office.

Street:			
City:	State:	Zip:	Daytime Phone Number:

7. Provide the following information for the person(s) who has custody of the organization's financial records. Attach additional pages, if necessary.

First Name: James	Last Name: Welsh	Street: 303 S Paterson St Ste 6	
City: Madison	State: WI	Zip: 53703-4534	Daytime Phone Number: 608-258-9797

8. Provide the following information for the person(s) within the charitable organization who has final responsibility for the custody of contributions. Attach additional pages, if necessary.

First Name: James	Last Name: Welsh	Street: 303 S Paterson St Ste 6	
City: Madison	State: WI	Zip: 53703-4534	Daytime Phone Number: 608-258-9797

9. Provide the following information for the person(s) within the organization who is responsible for the final distribution of contributions. Attach additional pages, if necessary.

First Name: James	Last Name: Welsh	Street: 303 S Paterson St Ste 6	
City: Madison	State: WI	Zip: 53703-4534	Daytime Phone Number: 608-258-9797

10. Provide the following information for the person to whom we can ask questions about this form and other registration related matters.

First Name: James	Last Name: Welsh	Phone: 608-258-9797	E-mail:	
Street: 303 S Paterson St Ste 6		City: Madison	State: WI	Zip: 53703-4534

11. Describe the charitable purpose or purposes for which contributions will be used or attach a document which provides such information. (You can disregard this item if you are attaching an IRS 990 that already includes this information.)

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12. For solicitations in Wisconsin, did your organization use a professional fund-raiser or fund-raising counsel or did your organization pay a person to solicit contributions, other than a salaried officer or employee of your organization, during the previous fiscal year?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, provide the following information about each fund-raiser(s), fund-raising counsel(s), or person. Attach additional pages, if necessary.

Name:		Fund-Raiser: <input type="checkbox"/>	Fund-Raising Counsel: <input type="checkbox"/>
Street:		City:	
State:	Zip:	Telephone Number:	Does the fund-raiser/fund-raising counsel/person have custody of contributions at any time: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

13. Has any of the information your organization previously submitted to the division changed (i.e. name of the organization, address of the principal office, address of any Wisconsin branch offices, accounting period, names of persons who have final authority for custody or final distribution of contributions, articles, by-laws, statement of purpose, etc.)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If YES, describe the changes below. If the organization's corporate name has changed, also attach a copy of the name change amendment. (Please note that you do not need to provide this information if, as required by law, you already submitted the information to the division within 30 days after the date of the change.)

The name of the organization has changed.

14. Is your organization authorized by any other state/governmental authority to solicit contributions? ☐ Yes ☒ No
15. During the past year, has your organization had its authority to solicit contributions denied, suspended, revoked, or enjoined by a court or other governmental authority? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, provide a detailed statement of explanation.

16. Does your organization intend to accumulate an increasing surplus in net assets, rather than spend current revenue on the organization's stated purpose? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, please explain.

17. Did the registrant make a grant, award, or contribution to any organization in which any of the registrant's officers or directors hold an interest; or was the registrant a party to any transaction in which any of its directors, trustees or officers has a material financial interest; or did any officer or director of the registrant receive anything of value not reported as compensation? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES to any of the above, please explain.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Enter the accounting period (month, day, and year) that the following financial information applies to and identify the accounting method used when preparing the information.

Beginning Date: 7/1/2016

Ending Date: 6/30/2017

Accounting Method:

Cash

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Accrual

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Other (specify)

1. Contributions .....  
 ("Contribution" means a grant or pledge of money, credit, property, or other thing of any kind or value, except food, used clothing, or used household goods, to a charitable organization or for a charitable purpose. Bequests received directly from the public and indirect public support, such as contributions received through solicitation campaigns conducted by federated fundraising agencies like United Way should be included in this amount. "Contribution" does not include:
  - Income from bingo or raffles conducted under ch. 563, Wis. Stats.
  - government grants
  - bona fide fees, dues, or assessments paid by a member of a charitable organization, except that, if initial membership in a charitable organization is conferred solely as consideration for making a grant or pledge of money to the charitable organization in response to a solicitation, that grant or pledge of money is a contribution.)
2. Other Revenues .....
3. Total Revenue (line 1 plus line 2) .....
4. Expenses:
 

a. Expenses Allocated to Program Services .....	4a	2649808
b. Expenses Allocated to Management and General .....	4b	80185
c. Expenses Allocated to Fund-raising .....	4c	87261
d. Expenses Allocated to Payments to Affiliates .....	4d	
- e. Total Expenses .....
5. Excess or Deficit (line 3 minus line 4e) .....
6. Net Assets at Beginning of Year .....
7. Other Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See 990, part XI).....
8. Net Assets at End of Year .....

1	526858
2	2137725
3	2664583
4e	2817254
5	-152671
6	6821527
7	104430
8	6773286

## ATTACHMENTS

Check the box next to the items that are attached to your annual report. Items A., B., and C. are required. Item D. or E. (or Waiver Application of D. or E.) is required if the contributions received by your organization fall into the described ranges. (Note: If you are submitting this form with your initial application, DO NOT submit the following attachments. Submit the attachments cited in the application form instead).

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**A. List of all officers, directors, trustees, and principal salaried employees** – The list must include each individual's name, address, and title. Please note that "principal salaried employees" refers to the chief administrative officers of your organization, but does not include the heads of separate departments or smaller units within the organization. (You can disregard this item if you are attaching an IRS 990 that already includes the requested information.)

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**B. A list of states that have issued a license, registration, permit, or other formal authorization to the organization to solicit contributions.** (You can disregard this item if you are attaching an IRS 990 that already includes the requested information.)

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**C. IRS Form #990, 990EZ, or 990-PF. Do not include Schedule B of the 990.**

(Note: If you file an IRS Form 990-N, you cannot use this form. You must complete a Form #308 or Form #1943 instead.)

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**D. Audited Financial Statements** if the organization received contributions in excess of \$500,000 during its fiscal year. The financial statements must be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and be accompanied by the opinion of an independent certified public accountant.



**Apply for Waiver of "D. Audited Financial Statements"** if (1.) the organization's contributions were, during each of the past 3 fiscal years, less than \$100,000; and (2.) during the fiscal year for which the waiver is being requested, the organization received one or more contributions from one contributor that exceeded \$400,000. Include documentation to support (1.) and (2.).



**E. Reviewed Financial Statements** if the organization received contributions in excess of \$300,000, but not more than \$500,000 during its fiscal year. The financial statements must be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles by an independent certified public accountant. Audited financial statements are also acceptable.

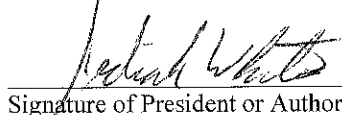


**Apply for Waiver of "E. Reviewed Financial Statements"** if (1.) the organization's contributions were, during each of the past 3 fiscal years, less than \$100,000; and (2.) during the fiscal year for which the waiver is being requested, the organization received one or more contributions from one contributor that exceeded \$200,000. Include documentation to support (1.) and (2.).

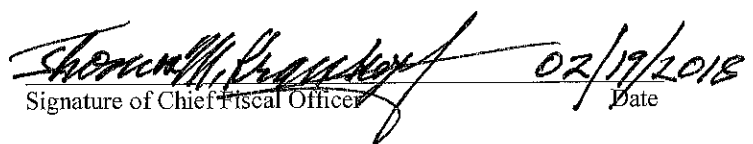
**CERTIFICATION**

*This document MUST be signed by the chief fiscal officer. Two different officer signatures required.*

We certify that we have reviewed this report, including the accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of our knowledge the information furnished is true, correct, and complete.

  
Signature of President or Authorized Officer

2/17/2018  
Date

  
Signature of Chief Fiscal Officer

02/19/2018  
Date

**RETURN MATERIALS TO:**

Department of Financial Institutions  
Division of Corporate and Consumer Services

*Mailing Address:*

PO Box 7879  
Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7879

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