

A For the **2021** calendar year, or tax year beginning **04-01-2022** , and ending **03-31-2023**

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

C Name of organization
VERMONT INSTITUTE OF NATURAL SCIENCE INC

Doing business as

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
149 NATURES WAY PO BOX 1281

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
QUECHEE, VT 05059

F Name and address of principal officer:
CHARLES F RATTIGAN
149 NATURES WAY PO BOX 1281
QUECHEE, VT 05059

D Employer identification number

03-0231665

E Telephone number

(802) 359-5000

G Gross receipts \$ **2,873,842**

I Tax-exempt status: ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) () ◀(insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website: ▶ WWW.VINSWEB.ORG

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

L Year of formation: 1972

M State of legal domicile: VT

Part I	Summary																													
Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: VINS MISSION IS TO MOTIVATE INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES TO CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT THROUGH EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND AVIAN WILDLIFE REHABILITATION. VINS IS CREATING A NEW GENERATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDS EACH DAY. LOCATED IN VERMONT, THE ORGANIZATION COMBINES SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION, ALONG WITH WILD BIRD REHABILITATION FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF THE PUBLIC. 2 Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.																													
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	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) 4 13																													
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2021 (Part V, line 2a) 5 67																													
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) 6 155																													
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Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here

Signature of officer
CHARLES F RATTIGAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Type or print name and title

2023-10-10
Date

Print/Type preparer's name

Preparer's signature

Date

Check ☐ if self-employed

PTIN P01204048

Firm's name ▶ AM PEISCH & COMPANY LLP

Firm's EIN ▶ 03-0210880

Firm's address ▶ 24 AIRPORT ROAD SUITE 402
WEST LEBANON, NH 037841663

Phone no. (603) 306-0100

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

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Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

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1

Briefly describe the organization's mission:

TO MOTIVATE INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES TO CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT THROUGH EDUCATION, RESEARCH, AND AVIAN WILDLIFE REHABILITATION.

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 \$ 1,070,264 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 1,053,360)

NATURE CENTER: HEADQUARTERED ON 47 ACRES OF FOREST, MEADOW, AND ROLLING HILLS IN QUECHEE, VT, OPEN YEAR ROUND AND LOCATED NEXT TO THE QUECHEE GORGE, VINS NATURE CENTER FEATURES 17 STATE-OF-THE-ART RAPTOR ENCLOSURES THAT HOUSE HAWKS, EAGLES, FALCONS, OWLS AND OTHER BIRDS OF PREY. IN ADDITION, THE SITE HAS A SONGBIRD AVIARY, INDOOR AND OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS, INDOOR AND OUTDOOR PAVILLIONS, SEVERAL NATURE TRAILS INCLUDING THE ADA COMPLIANT MCKNIGHT TRAIL, EXHIBITS INCLUDING DINOSAUR, FOREST AND CANOPY WALK, WILD BIRD REHABILITATION CENTER AND NATURE STORE. IN 2013, OLD PEPPER PLACE NATURE RESERVE, AN "OFF THE GRID", 327 ACRE, SELF-SUSTAINING, SEASONAL PROPERTY WAS BEQUEATHED TO VINS BY GOOD FRIENDS. LOCATED IN WASHINGTON, VT, THIS PROPERTY HAS HOSTED OUR OVERNIGHT CAMP AND RESEARCH PROGRAMS.

4b

(Code:) (Expenses \$ 654,585 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 536,473)

EDUCATION: THE YEAR WAS EXTRAORDINARY WITH A TOTAL REACH OF 76,400 VISITORS. THE TOTAL IS FROM OUR SCHOOL PROGRAMS, COMMUNITY OUTREACH, NATURE CAMP, AND FIELD TRIPS. OUR AUDIENCE INCLUDES ALL AGE GROUPS WHICH INCLUDE; SCHOOLCHILDREN, TEACHERS, FAMILIES, ADULTS AND VOLUNTEERS. VINS SCHOOL PROGRAMS, NATURE CAMP, AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH ADD MORE PARTICIPANTS TO OUR CURRICULUM EACH YEAR. RESEARCH PROJECTS INVOLVE OBSERVING THE NATURAL WORLD, THEN ENTERING OBSERVATIONS ONLINE FOR URGENTLY NEEDED SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

4c

(Code:) (Expenses \$ 343,354 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 33,880)

WILD BIRD REHABILITATION: VINS HIGHLY TRAINED REHABILITATORS TREAT APPROXIMATELY OVER 1,000 INJURED AND ORPHANED BIRDS FROM THROUGHOUT VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE EACH YEAR. WE ALSO ANSWER WILDLIFE QUESTIONS AND CARE FOR THE MANY RESIDENT RAPTORS, SONGBIRDS, ARTHROPODS AND REPTILES! OUR NEWLY RENOVATED FACILITY WILL ACCOMMODATE OVER 60-80 SPECIES AT ONE TIME. WE ARE THE LARGEST REHABBER IN THE STATE OF VERMONT.

4d

Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)

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

4e

Total program service expenses ▶ 2,068,203

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	1 Yes	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? See instructions.	2 Yes	
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	3	No
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4	No
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Rev. Proc. 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	5	No
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	6	No
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	7	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	8	No
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	9	No
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	10 Yes	
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	11a Yes	
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	11b	No
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	11c	No
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	11d	No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11e Yes	
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)?	11f	No
12a If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part XI. Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	12a Yes	
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	12b	No
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
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	14b	No
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	15	No
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	16	No
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. See instructions.	17	No
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	18 Yes	
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	19	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20a	No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b	
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21	No

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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

Part V	Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance	Yes	No
	Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V		
1a	Enter the number reported in box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	13
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included on line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	Yes

Part V		Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)							
2a		Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return			2a	67			
b		If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file. See instructions.			2b			No	
3a		Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?			3a			No	
b		If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? <i>If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O</i>			3b				
4a		At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?			4a			No	
b		Enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).							
5a		Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? . . .			5a			No	
b		Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?			5b			No	
c		If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?			5c				
6a		Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?			6a			No	
b		If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?			6b				
7		Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).							
a		Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?			7a			No	
b		If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?			7b				
c		Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?			7c			No	
d		If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year			7d				
e		Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?			7e				
f		Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?			7f				
g		If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?			7g				
h		If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?			7h				
8		Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?			8				
9		Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.							
a		Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?			9a				
b		Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?			9b				
10		Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:							
a		Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12			10a				
b		Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities			10b				
11		Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:							
a		Gross income from members or shareholders			11a				
b		Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)			11b				
12a		Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?			12a				
b		If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.			12b				
13		Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.							
a		Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.			13a				
b		Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans			13b				
c		Enter the amount of reserves on hand			13c				
14a		Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?			14a			No	
b		If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? <i>If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O</i>			14b				
15		Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year?			15			No	
16		If the organization is a trust, did it file Form 720, Schedule N, to report the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income?			16			No	
17		Section 501(c)(21) organizations. Did the trust, any disqualified person, or mine operator engage in any activities that would result in the imposition of an excise tax under section 4951, 4952, or 4953? . . . If "Yes," complete Form 6069.			17				

Part VI

Governance, Management, and Disclosure. For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 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
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year. 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.	1a14		
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	1b13		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2		No
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5		No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6		No
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	7a		No
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		No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:			
a	The governing body?	8a	Yes	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	Yes	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	9		No

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

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

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.

☐ Own website

☒ Another's website

☒ Upon request

☐ Other (explain 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:

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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 the 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, Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization’s **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization’s **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

See the instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) JOHN LEE CHAIR	2.00	X		X				0	0	0
(2) DAVID TILLINGHAST VICE CHAIR	2.00	X		X				0	0	0
(3) JONATHAN BOUTON TRUSTEE	1.00	X						0	0	0
(4) RONALD PAPROCKI TREASURER	2.00	X		X				0	0	0
(5) RICHARD FERRELL TRUSTEE	1.00	X						0	0	0
(6) CHUCK SHERMAN TRUSTEE	1.00	X						0	0	0
(7) EDITH HUBBELL TRUSTEE	1.00	X						0	0	0
(8) PATRICE MUSHLIN TRUSTEE	1.00	X						0	0	0
(9) ELIZABETH ADAMS SECRETARY	2.00	X		X				0	0	0
(10) THOMAS WESCHLER TRUSTEE	1.00	X						0	0	0
(11) STACEY GERRISH TRUSTEE	1.00	X						0	0	0
(12) LEONARD REITSMA TRUSTEE	1.00	X						0	0	0
(13) SUSAN LOGAN TRUSTEE	1.00	X						0	0	0
(14) CHARLES RATTIGAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	45.00			X				104,587	0	0

Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

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

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514
Contributions, gifts, grants, and other similar amounts	1a Federated campaigns			1a			
	b Membership dues			1b			
	c Fundraising events			1c	19,429		
	d Related organizations			1d			
	e Government grants (contributions)			1e			
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above			1f	862,735		
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f:\$			1g	69,881		
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f				882,164		
Program Service Revenue	2a			Business Code			
	ADMISSION FEES			900099	860,382	860,382	
	b EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FE			900099	326,989	326,989	
	c MEMBERSHIP FEES			900099	209,484	209,484	
	d ADOPT-A-RAPTOR			900099	33,880	33,880	
	e						
	f All other program service revenue.						
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f.				1,430,735			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)				40,516		40,516
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5 Royalties						
		(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
	6a	Gross rents	22,516				
	b	Less: rental expenses	0				
	c	Rental income or (loss)	22,516				
	d	Net rental income or (loss)		22,516	22,516		
		(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	160,857	0			
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	160,903	7,000			
	c	Gain or (loss)	-46	-7,000			
	d	Net gain or (loss)		-7,046		-7,046	
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 19,429 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a	18,338			
	b	Less: direct expenses	8b	20,521			
c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		-2,183		-2,183		
9a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	9a					
b	Less: direct expenses	9b					
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less						

returns and allowances . . .		10a	318,296				
b Less: cost of goods sold		10b	147,834				
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . .				170,462	170,462		
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
11a MISCELLANEOUS INCOME		900099		420	420		
b							
c							
d All other revenue							
e Total. Add lines 11a–11d				420			
12 Total revenue. See instructions				2,537,584	1,624,133	0	31,287

Part IX

Statement of Functional Expenses

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

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	105,150	42,060	47,318	15,772
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	1,338,031	1,104,676	83,982	149,373
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits	174,253	143,955	14,971	15,327
10 Payroll taxes	111,938	88,945	10,184	12,809
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	57,120		57,120	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	99,571	39,458	8,151	51,962
12 Advertising and promotion	54,517	46,371	903	7,243
13 Office expenses	61,035	17,862	11,684	31,489
14 Information technology	31,789	11,753	13,592	6,444
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	181,864	165,251	16,604	9
17 Travel	16,950	13,739	994	2,217
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	21,508	711	3,814	16,983
20 Interest	52,656	31,805	11,081	9,770
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	254,903	235,640	12,675	6,588
23 Insurance				
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 PROGRAM EXPENSES	118,003	116,049	1,329	625
b IN-KIND DONATIONS	29,175	7,125		22,050
c DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	10,015	1,962	4,102	3,951
d MISC	841	841		
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	2,719,319	2,068,203	298,504	352,612
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 IX

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				(A)		(B)	
				Beginning of year		End of year	
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing		58,987	1	76,907	
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		1,027,675	2	822,640	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net			3	50,000	
	4	Accounts receivable, net		10,632	4	16,160	
	5	Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons			5		
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)			6		
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net			7		
	8	Inventories for sale or use		43,352	8	50,949	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		23,702	9	29,900	
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	8,880,431			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	2,864,332	6,132,752	10c	6,016,099
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		1,727,499	11	1,571,009	
	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		0	15	13,017	
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)		9,024,599	16	8,646,681		
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		117,815	17	61,455	
	18	Grants payable			18		
	19	Deferred revenue		109,689	19	124,185	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities			20		
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D			21		
	22	Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons			22		
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		152,203	23	146,640	
	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		148,520	25	151,150	
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		528,227	26	483,430	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here ☒ and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.						
	27	Net assets without donor restrictions		7,580,898	27	7,286,061	
	28	Net assets with donor restrictions		915,474	28	877,190	
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here ☐ and complete lines 29 through 33.						
	29	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds			29		
	30	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund			30		
	31	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds			31		
	32	Total net assets or fund balances		8,496,372	32	8,163,251	
	33	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		9,024,599	33	8,646,681	

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	2,537,584
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	2,719,319
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-181,735
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	8,496,372
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-151,386
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	10	8,163,251

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: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule O.		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis		No
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: ☒ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis	Yes	
c If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	Yes	
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?		No
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.		

Additional Data

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Software ID:

Software Version:

Form 990, Special Condition Description:

Special Condition Description

Name of the organization

VERMONT INSTITUTE OF NATURAL SCIENCE INC

Employer identification number

03-0231665

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

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 1

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A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2

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A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E (Form 990).)
- 3

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A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4

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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

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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

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A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7

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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

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A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 9

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An agricultural research organization described in **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

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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

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An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 12

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An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2).** See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box on lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
- a

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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 failed to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) 2022	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grant.") . . .	2,019,671	1,878,243	1,608,566	1,673,252	1,090,948	8,270,680
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge..						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	2,019,671	1,878,243	1,608,566	1,673,252	1,090,948	8,270,680
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f) . . .						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						8,270,680

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) 2022	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4. . .	2,019,671	1,878,243	1,608,566	1,673,252	1,090,948	8,270,680
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	53,209	26,682	15,306	92,870	40,516	228,583
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on. . .						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.). . .	70,483	9,219	11,531	198	420	91,851
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						8,591,114

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) **12** 5,501,762

13 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** ☐

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2022 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	96.270 %
15 Public support percentage for 2020 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	96.010 %

16a 33 1/3% support test—2022. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☒

b 33 1/3% support test—2021. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐

17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2022. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐

b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2021. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐

18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ☐

Part IIISupport 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) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) 2022	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year.						
c Add lines 7a and 7b. .						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) 2022	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6. . .						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources . .						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975.						
c Add lines 10a and 10b.						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on.						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) . .						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.) .						
14 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here.						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2022 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2021 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2022 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from 2021 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	
19a 33 1/3% support tests–2022. 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–2021. 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 on line 12 of Part I. If you checked box 12a, of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.</i>		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.</i>		
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes" and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.</i>		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i>		
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.</i>		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 5b and 5c below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).</i>		
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990) .</i>		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described on line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).</i>		
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons, as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined on line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined on line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If "Yes," answer line 10b below.</i>		
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings).</i>		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

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

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

		Yes	No
1	Did the officers, 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? <i>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.</i>		
2	Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? <i>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.</i>		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

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

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

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

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

1	Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions):			
a	☐ The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.			
b	☐ The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.			
c	☐ The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions)			
2	Activities Test. Answer lines 2a and 2b below.			
a	Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? <i>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.</i>			
b	Did the activities described on line 2a, above constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? <i>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.</i>			
3	Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a and 3b below.			
a	Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? <i>If "Yes" or "No," provide details in Part VI.</i>			
b	Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI. the role played by the organization in this regard.</i>			

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

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

Section A - Adjusted Net Income

(A) Prior Year

(B) Current Year
(optional)

- | | |
|---|----------|
| 1 Net short-term capital gain | 1 |
| 2 Recoveries of prior-year distributions | 2 |
| 3 Other gross income (see instructions) | 3 |
| 4 Add lines 1 through 3 | 4 |
| 5 Depreciation and depletion | 5 |
| 6 Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions) | 6 |
| 7 Other expenses (see instructions) | 7 |
| 8 Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4) | 8 |

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount

(A) Prior Year

(B) Current Year
(optional)

- | | |
|--|-----------|
| 1 Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year): | 1 |
| a Average monthly value of securities | 1a |
| b Average monthly cash balances | 1b |
| c Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets | 1c |
| d Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c) | 1d |
| e Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (<i>explain in detail in Part VI</i>): | |
| 2 Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets | 2 |
| 3 Subtract line 2 from line 1d | 3 |
| 4 Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions). | 4 |
| 5 Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3) | 5 |
| 6 Multiply line 5 by 0.035 | 6 |
| 7 Recoveries of prior-year distributions | 7 |
| 8 Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6) | 8 |

Section C - Distributable Amount

Current Year

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

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

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations			(continued)
Section D - Distributions		Current Year	
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	1		
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	2		
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	3		
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	4		
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (<i>prior IRS approval required - provide details in Part VI</i>)	5		
6 Other distributions (<i>describe in Part VI</i>). See instructions	6		
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	7		
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (<i>provide details in Part VI</i>). See instructions	8		
9 Distributable amount for 2022 from Section C, line 6	9		
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	10		

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2022	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2022
1 Distributable amount for 2022 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2022 (reasonable cause required-- <i>explain in Part VI</i>). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2022:			
a From 2017.			
b From 2018.			
c From 2019.			
d From 2020.			
e From 2021.			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2022 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2017 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2022 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2022 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2022, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. If the amount is greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2022. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. If the amount is greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2023. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2018.			
b Excess from 2019.			
c Excess from 2020.			
d Excess from 2021.			
e Excess from 2022.			

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).

Facts And Circumstances Test

Return Reference	Explanation
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Additional Data

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Software ID:

Software Version:

Name of the organization
VERMONT INSTITUTE OF NATURAL SCIENCE INC

Employer identification number
03-0231665

Part I

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

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year	
2	Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)	
3	Aggregate value of grants from (during year)	
4	Aggregate value at end of year	

5

Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?

☐ Yes ☐ No

6

Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Part II

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

1

Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).
☐ Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education) ☐ Preservation of an historically important land area
☐ Protection of natural habitat ☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure
☐ Preservation of open space

2

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

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

3

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

4

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

5

Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

☐ Yes ☐ No

6

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

7

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

8

Does each conservation easement reported on line 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 FASB ASC 958, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b

If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:
(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ _____
(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ _____

2

If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under FASB ASC 958 relating to these items:
a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ _____
b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ _____

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

3

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

a

☐ Public exhibition

d

☐ Loan or exchange programs

b

☐ Scholarly research

e

☐ Other

c

☐ Preservation for future generations

4

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

5

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

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

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

1a

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

b

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

c

Beginning balance

d

Additions during the year

e

Distributions during the year

f

Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
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 in Part XIII ☐

Part V Endowment Funds.

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	1,002,715	1,023,180	767,699	855,402	866,969
b Contributions	3,462	4,844	8,754	2,650	
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	-71,791	9,691	281,727	-66,027	24,233
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	37,000	35,000	35,000	24,326	35,800
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	897,386	1,002,715	1,023,180	767,699	855,402

2

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

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ 18.000 %

b

Permanent endowment ▶ 72.000 %

c

Term endowment ▶ 10.000 %

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

3a

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

(i) Unrelated organizations

(ii) Related organizations

b

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

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

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		1,133,985		1,133,985
b Buildings		7,032,116	2,327,852	4,704,264
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		686,105	536,480	149,625
e Other		28,225		28,225
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) . . . ▶				6,016,099

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Part VII

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

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

Part VIII

Investments - Program Related.
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

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

Part IX

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

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

Part X

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

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 25.)	151,150

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	2,553,853
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	-151,386
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	168,355
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	16,969
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	2,536,884
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	700
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	700
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	2,537,584

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	2,886,974
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	168,355
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	168,355
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	2,718,619
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	700
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	700
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	2,719,319

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.

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PART V, LINE 4:	ENDOWMENT FUND INCOME IS FOR USE IN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND GENERAL OPERATIONS.
PART XI, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:	COST OF MERCHANDISE 147,834. FUNDRAISING DIRECT EXPENSE 20,521.
PART XI, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:	FUNDRAISING GROSS RECEIPTS 700.
PART XII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:	COST OF MERCHANDISE 147,834. FUNDRAISING DIRECT EXPENSE 20,521.
PART XII, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:	FUNDRAISING GROSS RECEIPTS 700.

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Supplemental Information Regarding
Fundraising or Gaming Activities

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

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

e ☐ Solicitation of non-government grants

b ☐ Internet and email solicitations

f ☐ Solicitation of government grants

c ☐ Phone solicitations

g ☐ Special fundraising events

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

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

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

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.

Revenue		(a)Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c)Other events	(d) Total events
		SILENT AUCTION (event type)	(event type)	(total number)	(add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	37,767			37,767
	2 Less: Contributions	19,429			19,429
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	18,338			18,338
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages				
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses	20,521			20,521
	10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				20,521
	11 Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) ▶				-2,183

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.

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

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

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

b If "No," explain: _____

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

b If "Yes," explain: _____

11

Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers?

☐ Yes ☐ No

12

Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?

☐ Yes ☐ No

13

Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:

a The organization's facility	13a	%
b An outside facility	13b	%

14

Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name ▶ -----

Address ▶ -----

15a

Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?

☐ Yes ☐ No

b

If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ _____.

c

If "Yes," enter 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 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.	
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Part I

Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art—Works of art				
2 Art—Historical treasures				
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded	X	3	21,977	FAIR MARKET VALUE
10 Securities—Closely held stock				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other				
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 (WILDLIFE ► FEED)	X	103	18,849	FAIR MARKET VALUE
26 Other (AUCTION ► ITEMS)	X	110	18,729	FAIR MARKET VALUE
27 Other ► (OTHER)	X	21	10,326	FAIR MARKET VALUE
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

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

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?

Yes

No

32a

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

Yes

No

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.

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.

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B	THE ORGANIZATION'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BOTH REVIEWED THE FORM 990 BEFORE IT WAS FILED. A COPY OF THE FORM 990 WAS ALSO THEN DISTRIBUTED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	THE ORGANIZATION REGULARLY AND CONSISTENTLY MONITORS AND ENFORCES COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY BY REQUIRING ALL BOARD MEMBERS TO DISCLOSE ANNUALLY INTERESTS THAT COULD GIVE RISE TO CONFLICT.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	THE ORGANIZATION'S COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REVIEWS AND APPROVES THE PROPOSED INCREASES FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST.
FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C	PROCESS HAS NOT CHANGED FROM PRIOR YEAR.

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