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GROUNDSWELL CONSERVANCY, INC.  
211 S PATERSON STREET, 250  
MADISON, WI 53703

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**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

OMB No. 1545-0047

Form **990**

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)  
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**2023**

Open to Public Inspection

**A** For the **2023** calendar year, or tax year beginning **JUL 1, 2023** and ending **JUN 30, 2024**

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| <b>B</b> Check if applicable:<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Address change<br><input type="checkbox"/> Name change<br><input type="checkbox"/> Initial return<br><input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated<br><input type="checkbox"/> Amended return<br><input type="checkbox"/> Application pending | <b>C</b> Name of organization<br><b>GROUNDSWELL CONSERVANCY, INC.</b><br>Doing business as<br>Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite<br><b>211 S PATERSON STREET 250</b><br>City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code<br><b>MADISON, WI 53703</b><br><b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer: <b>HEIDI HABEGER</b><br><b>SAME AS C ABOVE</b> | <b>D</b> Employer identification number<br><b>39-1452825</b><br><b>E</b> Telephone number<br><b>608-258-9797</b><br><b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ <b>1,412,156.</b><br><b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for subordinates? ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No<br><b>H(b)</b> Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br>If "No," attach a list. See instructions<br><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>GROUNDSWELLCONSERVANCY.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>1</b>       | Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <b>WE PROTECT SPECIAL PLACES, FOREVER.</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>Activities &amp; Governance</b> | <b>3</b>       | Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)                                                                       | <b>3</b>                                        | <b>15</b>                         |
|                                    | <b>4</b>       | Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)                                                           | <b>4</b>                                        | <b>15</b>                         |
|                                    | <b>5</b>       | Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2023 (Part V, line 2a)                                                            | <b>5</b>                                        | <b>12</b>                         |
|                                    | <b>6</b>       | Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)                                                                                      | <b>6</b>                                        | <b>131</b>                        |
|                                    | <b>7a</b>      | Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12                                                                    | <b>7a</b>                                       | <b>0.</b>                         |
|                                    | <b>7b</b>      | Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11                                                                  | <b>7b</b>                                       | <b>0.</b>                         |
|                                    | <b>Revenue</b> | <b>8</b>                                                                                                                                | Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)   | <b>Prior Year</b><br>2,668,347.   |
| <b>9</b>                           |                | Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)                                                                                            | 10,512.                                         | 17,443.                           |
| <b>10</b>                          |                | Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)                                                                           | 8,135.                                          | 48,260.                           |
| <b>11</b>                          |                | Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)                                                                | 2,106.                                          | 10,470.                           |
| <b>12</b>                          |                | Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)                                                      | 2,689,100.                                      | 1,407,121.                        |
| <b>13</b>                          |                | Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)                                                                        | 1,043,675.                                      | 136,181.                          |
| <b>14</b>                          |                | Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)                                                                           | 0.                                              | 0.                                |
| <b>Expenses</b>                    | <b>15</b>      | Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)                                                       | 549,367.                                        | 662,001.                          |
|                                    | <b>16a</b>     | Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)                                                                           | 0.                                              | 0.                                |
|                                    | <b>b</b>       | Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)                                                                               | 167,635.                                        |                                   |
|                                    | <b>17</b>      | Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)                                                                            | 829,525.                                        | 418,234.                          |
|                                    | <b>18</b>      | Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)                                                               | 2,422,567.                                      | 1,216,416.                        |
|                                    | <b>19</b>      | Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12                                                                                    | 266,533.                                        | 190,705.                          |
| <b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b> | <b>20</b>      | Total assets (Part X, line 16)                                                                                                          | <b>Beginning of Current Year</b><br>10,661,241. | <b>End of Year</b><br>10,935,352. |
|                                    | <b>21</b>      | Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)                                                                                                     | 358,410.                                        | 288,609.                          |
|                                    | <b>22</b>      | Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20                                                                              | 10,302,831.                                     | 10,646,743.                       |

**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<br><b>HEIDI HABEGER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</b>             | Date                                                                     |
|                               | Type or print name and title                                                 |                                                                          |
| <b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b> | Print/Type preparer's name<br><b>BRUCE MAYER, CPA</b>                        | Preparer's signature<br><b>BRUCE MAYER, CPA</b>                          |
|                               | Firm's name<br><b>WEGNER CPAS LLP</b>                                        | Date<br><b>05/12/25</b>                                                  |
|                               | Firm's address<br><b>2921 LANDMARK PL STE 300<br/>MADISON, WI 53713-4236</b> | Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/> PTIN<br><b>P00187180</b> |
|                               |                                                                              | Firm's EIN <b>39-0974031</b><br>Phone no. (608) 274-4020                 |

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 [X]

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 [X] No

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? [ ] Yes [X] No

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

4a (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 867,892. including grants of \$ 136,181. ) (Revenue \$ 17,443. ) CONSERVATION, OUTREACH AND EDUCATION: FOUNDED IN 1983, GROUNDSWELL CONSERVANCY CONTINUES TO HELP LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND LANDOWNERS PROTECT SPECIAL PLACES FOREVER IN SOUTH-CENTRAL WISCONSIN.

GROUNDSWELL PURCHASED 20 ACRES OF WETLAND IN SOUTHERN COLUMBIA COUNTY. THIS PROPERTY ADDS LAND TO THE ANDERSON WATERFOWL PRODUCTION AREA AND PROVIDES HABITAT FOR DUCKS, GEESE, AND OTHER WILDLIFE. IT'S OPEN FOR ACTIVITIES LIKE HUNTING AND FISHING. VISITORS CAN ALSO ENJOY HIKING, CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING, AND WILDLIFE OBSERVATION. GROUNDSWELL PLANS TO DONATE THE PROPERTY TO THE US FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE FOR LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT. FUNDING FOR THIS PURCHASE CAME FROM THE KNOWLES-NELSON STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM, THE NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION ACT, AND

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

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

4d Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4e Total program service expenses 867,892.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with columns for question number, Yes, and No. Rows include questions 1 through 21 regarding organizational requirements and financial reporting.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include questions 22 through 38 regarding organizational reporting, compensation, bond issues, and transactions.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1a, 1b, and 1c regarding Form 1096, Forms W-2G, and backup withholding rules.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include questions 2a through 17 regarding employee counts, tax returns, gross income, foreign accounts, prohibited transactions, and charitable contributions.

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 on Schedule O. See instructions.

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members... 15; 1b Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a... 15; 2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship... X; 3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties... X; 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents... X; 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets... X; 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders... X; 7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body... X; 7b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body... X; 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: a The governing body... X; b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body... X; 9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses on Schedule O... X

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates... X; 10b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?; 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? X; 11b 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... X; 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? X; 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe on Schedule O how this was done... X; 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? X; 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? X; 15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision? a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official... X; b Other officers or key employees of the organization... X; 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? X; 16b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed WI
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 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 [X] Upon request [ ] Other (explain on Schedule O)
19 Describe on 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
MOLLY BERENSON, KOLLATH & ASSOCIATES, CPA LLC - 608-824-3002
6200 MINERAL POINT RD, STE 100, MADISON, WI 53705

**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, box 6 of 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, 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.
- 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)<br>Name and title                            | (B)<br>Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line) | (C)<br>Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee) |                       |         |              |                              |         | (D)<br>Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC) | (E)<br>Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC) | (F)<br>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) ANGELA WEST BLANK<br>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR      | 40.00                                                                               |                                                                                                           |                       | X       |              |                              | 88,728. | 0.                                                                            | 11,121.                                                                            |                                                                                               |
| (2) TRACY WIKLUND<br>PRESIDENT                   | 1.00                                                                                | X                                                                                                         |                       | X       |              |                              | 0.      | 0.                                                                            | 0.                                                                                 |                                                                                               |
| (3) ALEXANDRIA BAKER<br>VICE PRESIDENT           | 1.00                                                                                | X                                                                                                         |                       | X       |              |                              | 0.      | 0.                                                                            | 0.                                                                                 |                                                                                               |
| (4) ALTON MULTHAUF<br>TREASURER                  | 1.00                                                                                | X                                                                                                         |                       | X       |              |                              | 0.      | 0.                                                                            | 0.                                                                                 |                                                                                               |
| (5) GREG HYER<br>SECRETARY                       | 1.00                                                                                | X                                                                                                         |                       | X       |              |                              | 0.      | 0.                                                                            | 0.                                                                                 |                                                                                               |
| (6) ANNE M.H. BRINDLEY<br>DIRECTOR (THRU AUGUST) | 1.00                                                                                | X                                                                                                         |                       |         |              |                              | 0.      | 0.                                                                            | 0.                                                                                 |                                                                                               |
| (7) CURT BJURLIN<br>DIRECTOR                     | 1.00                                                                                | X                                                                                                         |                       |         |              |                              | 0.      | 0.                                                                            | 0.                                                                                 |                                                                                               |
| (8) MATT FRANK<br>DIRECTOR                       | 1.00                                                                                | X                                                                                                         |                       |         |              |                              | 0.      | 0.                                                                            | 0.                                                                                 |                                                                                               |
| (9) LIZZIE CONDON<br>DIRECTOR                    | 1.00                                                                                | X                                                                                                         |                       |         |              |                              | 0.      | 0.                                                                            | 0.                                                                                 |                                                                                               |
| (10) SUSAN HOFFMAN<br>DIRECTOR                   | 1.00                                                                                | X                                                                                                         |                       |         |              |                              | 0.      | 0.                                                                            | 0.                                                                                 |                                                                                               |
| (11) RODEE SCHNEIDER<br>DIRECTOR                 | 1.00                                                                                | X                                                                                                         |                       |         |              |                              | 0.      | 0.                                                                            | 0.                                                                                 |                                                                                               |
| (12) VERONICA RUECKERT<br>DIRECTOR               | 1.00                                                                                | X                                                                                                         |                       |         |              |                              | 0.      | 0.                                                                            | 0.                                                                                 |                                                                                               |
| (13) STACY RHONE<br>DIRECTOR                     | 1.00                                                                                | X                                                                                                         |                       |         |              |                              | 0.      | 0.                                                                            | 0.                                                                                 |                                                                                               |
| (14) TODD SHUCHA<br>DIRECTOR                     | 1.00                                                                                | X                                                                                                         |                       |         |              |                              | 0.      | 0.                                                                            | 0.                                                                                 |                                                                                               |
| (15) SARA WALLING<br>DIRECTOR                    | 1.00                                                                                | X                                                                                                         |                       |         |              |                              | 0.      | 0.                                                                            | 0.                                                                                 |                                                                                               |
| (16) FORREST WOOLWORTH<br>DIRECTOR               | 1.00                                                                                | X                                                                                                         |                       |         |              |                              | 0.      | 0.                                                                            | 0.                                                                                 |                                                                                               |



**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

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

|                                                        |                                                                                                                               |                                                                                    |                      | (A)                  | (B)                                | (C)                        | (D)                                                |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--|
|                                                        |                                                                                                                               |                                                                                    |                      | Total revenue        | Related or exempt function revenue | Unrelated business revenue | Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514 |  |
| Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts | <b>1 a</b>                                                                                                                    | Federated campaigns .....                                                          | <b>1a</b>            |                      |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
|                                                        | <b>b</b>                                                                                                                      | Membership dues .....                                                              | <b>1b</b>            |                      |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
|                                                        | <b>c</b>                                                                                                                      | Fundraising events .....                                                           | <b>1c</b>            | 600.                 |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
|                                                        | <b>d</b>                                                                                                                      | Related organizations .....                                                        | <b>1d</b>            |                      |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
|                                                        | <b>e</b>                                                                                                                      | Government grants (contributions) .....                                            | <b>1e</b>            | 372,089.             |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
|                                                        | <b>f</b>                                                                                                                      | All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above ... | <b>1f</b>            | 958,259.             |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
|                                                        | <b>g</b>                                                                                                                      | Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f                                      | <b>1g</b>            | \$ 92,250.           |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
|                                                        | <b>h</b>                                                                                                                      | <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f .....                                                |                      | 1,330,948.           |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
|                                                        | Program Service Revenue                                                                                                       | <b>2 a</b>                                                                         | <b>RENTAL INCOME</b> | <b>Business Code</b> |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
|                                                        |                                                                                                                               |                                                                                    | 531190               | 12,943.              | 12,943.                            |                            |                                                    |  |
| <b>b</b>                                               |                                                                                                                               | <b>SERVICE FEES</b>                                                                | 813312               | 4,500.               | 4,500.                             |                            |                                                    |  |
| <b>c</b>                                               |                                                                                                                               |                                                                                    |                      |                      |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
| <b>d</b>                                               |                                                                                                                               |                                                                                    |                      |                      |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
| <b>e</b>                                               |                                                                                                                               |                                                                                    |                      |                      |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
| <b>f</b>                                               |                                                                                                                               | All other program service revenue .....                                            |                      |                      |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
| <b>g</b>                                               |                                                                                                                               | <b>Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f .....                                                |                      | 17,443.              |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
| Other Revenue                                          | <b>3</b>                                                                                                                      | Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) ..... |                      | 48,260.              |                                    |                            | 48,260.                                            |  |
|                                                        | <b>4</b>                                                                                                                      | Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds .....                           |                      |                      |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
|                                                        | <b>5</b>                                                                                                                      | Royalties .....                                                                    |                      |                      |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
|                                                        | <b>6 a</b>                                                                                                                    | Gross rents .....                                                                  | <b>6a</b>            | (i) Real             |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
|                                                        |                                                                                                                               |                                                                                    |                      | (ii) Personal        |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
|                                                        |                                                                                                                               |                                                                                    |                      |                      |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
|                                                        | <b>b</b>                                                                                                                      | Less: rental expenses ...                                                          | <b>6b</b>            |                      |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
|                                                        | <b>c</b>                                                                                                                      | Rental income or (loss)                                                            | <b>6c</b>            |                      |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
|                                                        | <b>d</b>                                                                                                                      | Net rental income or (loss) .....                                                  |                      |                      |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
|                                                        | <b>7 a</b>                                                                                                                    | Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory .....                       | <b>7a</b>            | (i) Securities       |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
|                                                        |                                                                                                                               |                                                                                    |                      | (ii) Other           |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
|                                                        |                                                                                                                               |                                                                                    |                      |                      |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
|                                                        | <b>b</b>                                                                                                                      | Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses .....                                 | <b>7b</b>            |                      |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
|                                                        | <b>c</b>                                                                                                                      | Gain or (loss) .....                                                               | <b>7c</b>            |                      |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
|                                                        | <b>d</b>                                                                                                                      | Net gain or (loss) .....                                                           |                      |                      |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
| <b>8 a</b>                                             | Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 600. of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 ..... | <b>8a</b>                                                                          |                      | 12,010.              |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
|                                                        |                                                                                                                               |                                                                                    | <b>8b</b>            | 5,035.               |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
|                                                        |                                                                                                                               |                                                                                    |                      |                      |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
| <b>c</b>                                               | Net income or (loss) from fundraising events .....                                                                            |                                                                                    | 6,975.               |                      |                                    | 6,975.                     |                                                    |  |
| <b>9 a</b>                                             | Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 .....                                                               | <b>9a</b>                                                                          |                      |                      |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
|                                                        |                                                                                                                               |                                                                                    | <b>9b</b>            |                      |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
|                                                        |                                                                                                                               |                                                                                    |                      |                      |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
| <b>c</b>                                               | Net income or (loss) from gaming activities .....                                                                             |                                                                                    |                      |                      |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
| <b>10 a</b>                                            | Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances .....                                                                   | <b>10a</b>                                                                         |                      |                      |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
|                                                        |                                                                                                                               |                                                                                    | <b>10b</b>           |                      |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
|                                                        |                                                                                                                               |                                                                                    |                      |                      |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
| <b>c</b>                                               | Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory .....                                                                            |                                                                                    |                      |                      |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
| Miscellaneous Revenue                                  | <b>11 a</b>                                                                                                                   |                                                                                    | <b>Business Code</b> |                      |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
|                                                        | <b>b</b>                                                                                                                      |                                                                                    |                      |                      |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
|                                                        | <b>c</b>                                                                                                                      |                                                                                    |                      |                      |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
|                                                        | <b>d</b>                                                                                                                      | All other revenue .....                                                            | 900099               | 3,495.               |                                    |                            | 3,495.                                             |  |
|                                                        | <b>e</b>                                                                                                                      | <b>Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d .....                                              |                      | 3,495.               |                                    |                            |                                                    |  |
| <b>12</b>                                              | <b>Total revenue.</b> See instructions .....                                                                                  |                                                                                    | 1,407,121.           | 17,443.              | 0.                                 | 58,730.                    |                                                    |  |

**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)<br>Total expenses | (B)<br>Program service expenses | (C)<br>Management and general expenses | (D)<br>Fundraising expenses |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>1</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21 ...                                                                                                                                       | 136,181.              | 136,181.                        |                                        |                             |
| <b>2</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22 .....                                                                                                                                                                |                       |                                 |                                        |                             |
| <b>3</b> Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 .....                                                                                                         |                       |                                 |                                        |                             |
| <b>4</b> Benefits paid to or for members .....                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                       |                                 |                                        |                             |
| <b>5</b> Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees .....                                                                                                                                                                 | 104,834.              | 68,142.                         | 20,967.                                | 15,725.                     |
| <b>6</b> Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) .....                                                                                             |                       |                                 |                                        |                             |
| <b>7</b> Other salaries and wages .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 474,992.              | 310,406.                        | 55,794.                                | 108,792.                    |
| <b>8</b> Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) .....                                                                                                                                       | 8,545.                | 5,579.                          | 1,131.                                 | 1,835.                      |
| <b>9</b> Other employee benefits .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 27,395.               | 17,885.                         | 3,627.                                 | 5,883.                      |
| <b>10</b> Payroll taxes .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 46,235.               | 30,185.                         | 6,121.                                 | 9,929.                      |
| <b>11</b> Fees for services (nonemployees):                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                       |                                 |                                        |                             |
| <b>a</b> Management .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                       |                                 |                                        |                             |
| <b>b</b> Legal .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 24,601.               | 24,601.                         |                                        |                             |
| <b>c</b> Accounting .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 24,307.               |                                 | 24,307.                                |                             |
| <b>d</b> Lobbying .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |                                 |                                        |                             |
| <b>e</b> Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17                                                                                                                                                                                        |                       |                                 |                                        |                             |
| <b>f</b> Investment management fees .....                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 2,331.                |                                 | 2,331.                                 |                             |
| <b>g</b> Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)                                                                                                                                       | 33,196.               | 22,945.                         | 10,251.                                |                             |
| <b>12</b> Advertising and promotion .....                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1,418.                | 979.                            | 108.                                   | 331.                        |
| <b>13</b> Office expenses .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 48,733.               | 20,472.                         | 20,049.                                | 8,212.                      |
| <b>14</b> Information technology .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2,109.                | 1,457.                          | 160.                                   | 492.                        |
| <b>15</b> Royalties .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                       |                                 |                                        |                             |
| <b>16</b> Occupancy .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 53,260.               | 37,957.                         | 3,752.                                 | 11,551.                     |
| <b>17</b> Travel .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 8,358.                | 7,790.                          | 249.                                   | 319.                        |
| <b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials ...                                                                                                                                            |                       |                                 |                                        |                             |
| <b>19</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings .....                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 31,385.               | 19,973.                         | 8,755.                                 | 2,657.                      |
| <b>20</b> Interest .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                       |                                 |                                        |                             |
| <b>21</b> Payments to affiliates .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                       |                                 |                                        |                             |
| <b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization .....                                                                                                                                                                                               | 8,181.                | 5,652.                          | 620.                                   | 1,909.                      |
| <b>23</b> Insurance .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 14,517.               | 5,995.                          | 8,522.                                 |                             |
| <b>24</b> Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)                                           |                       |                                 |                                        |                             |
| <b>a</b> <u>LAND MANAGEMENT</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 149,270.              | 149,270.                        |                                        |                             |
| <b>b</b> <u>EASEMENT ACQUISITION</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1,319.                | 1,319.                          |                                        |                             |
| <b>c</b> _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                       |                                 |                                        |                             |
| <b>d</b> _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                       |                                 |                                        |                             |
| <b>e</b> All other expenses _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 15,249.               | 1,104.                          | 14,145.                                |                             |
| <b>25</b> <b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1,216,416.            | 867,892.                        | 180,889.                               | 167,635.                    |
| <b>26</b> <b>Joint costs.</b> Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> 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)<br>Beginning of year |             | (B)<br>End of year    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                                                             | <b>1</b> Cash - non-interest-bearing .....                                                                                                                                                                                     | 34,816.                  | <b>1</b>    | 35,492.               |
|                                                                           | <b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments .....                                                                                                                                                                          | 956,610.                 | <b>2</b>    | 899,031.              |
|                                                                           | <b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net .....                                                                                                                                                                              | 114,245.                 | <b>3</b>    | 250,200.              |
|                                                                           | <b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net .....                                                                                                                                                                                        |                          | <b>4</b>    |                       |
|                                                                           | <b>5</b> 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 ..... |                          | <b>5</b>    |                       |
|                                                                           | <b>6</b> Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) .....                                                               |                          | <b>6</b>    |                       |
|                                                                           | <b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net .....                                                                                                                                                                                 |                          | <b>7</b>    |                       |
|                                                                           | <b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use .....                                                                                                                                                                                     |                          | <b>8</b>    |                       |
|                                                                           | <b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges .....                                                                                                                                                                           | 15,058.                  | <b>9</b>    | 11,465.               |
|                                                                           | <b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D .....                                                                                                                           | <b>10a</b> 7,898,434.    |             |                       |
|                                                                           | <b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation .....                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>10b</b> 19,432.       | 7,868,529.  | <b>10c</b> 7,879,002. |
|                                                                           | <b>11</b> Investments - publicly traded securities .....                                                                                                                                                                       | 744,890.                 | <b>11</b>   | 839,303.              |
|                                                                           | <b>12</b> Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11 .....                                                                                                                                                           | 9,780.                   | <b>12</b>   | 9,780.                |
|                                                                           | <b>13</b> Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11 .....                                                                                                                                                            |                          | <b>13</b>   |                       |
|                                                                           | <b>14</b> Intangible assets .....                                                                                                                                                                                              |                          | <b>14</b>   |                       |
|                                                                           | <b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 .....                                                                                                                                                                             | 917,313.                 | <b>15</b>   | 1,011,079.            |
| <b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33) ..... | 10,661,241.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>16</b>                | 10,935,352. |                       |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                                                        | <b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses .....                                                                                                                                                                          | 93,513.                  | <b>17</b>   | 66,459.               |
|                                                                           | <b>18</b> Grants payable .....                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                          | <b>18</b>   |                       |
|                                                                           | <b>19</b> Deferred revenue .....                                                                                                                                                                                               | 70,495.                  | <b>19</b>   | 91,928.               |
|                                                                           | <b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities .....                                                                                                                                                                                    |                          | <b>20</b>   |                       |
|                                                                           | <b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D .....                                                                                                                                          |                          | <b>21</b>   |                       |
|                                                                           | <b>22</b> 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 .....     |                          | <b>22</b>   |                       |
|                                                                           | <b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties .....                                                                                                                                                 |                          | <b>23</b>   |                       |
|                                                                           | <b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties .....                                                                                                                                                   |                          | <b>24</b>   |                       |
|                                                                           | <b>25</b> 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 .....                                          | 194,402.                 | <b>25</b>   | 130,222.              |
|                                                                           | <b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 .....                                                                                                                                                                     | 358,410.                 | <b>26</b>   | 288,609.              |
| <b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>                                        | <b>Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.</b>                                                                                    |                          |             |                       |
|                                                                           | <b>27</b> Net assets without donor restrictions .....                                                                                                                                                                          | 9,696,960.               | <b>27</b>   | 9,731,618.            |
|                                                                           | <b>28</b> Net assets with donor restrictions .....                                                                                                                                                                             | 605,871.                 | <b>28</b>   | 915,125.              |
|                                                                           | <b>Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 29 through 33.</b>                                                                                             |                          |             |                       |
|                                                                           | <b>29</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds .....                                                                                                                                                             |                          | <b>29</b>   |                       |
|                                                                           | <b>30</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund .....                                                                                                                                               |                          | <b>30</b>   |                       |
|                                                                           | <b>31</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds .....                                                                                                                                               |                          | <b>31</b>   |                       |
|                                                                           | <b>32</b> Total net assets or fund balances .....                                                                                                                                                                              | 10,302,831.              | <b>32</b>   | 10,646,743.           |
|                                                                           | <b>33</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances .....                                                                                                                                                                 | 10,661,241.              | <b>33</b>   | 10,935,352.           |

**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  | 1,407,121.  |
| 2  | Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)                                                       | 2  | 1,216,416.  |
| 3  | Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1                                                             | 3  | 190,705.    |
| 4  | Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))                      | 4  | 10,302,831. |
| 5  | Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments                                                                   | 5  | 79,401.     |
| 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 on Schedule O)                                           | 9  | 73,806.     |
| 10 | Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B)) | 10 | 10,646,743. |

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

- 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
- 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
- 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 on 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 Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F? .....
- 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 on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits .....

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

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I 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) 2019 | (b) 2020 | (c) 2021 | (d) 2022 | (e) 2023 | (f) Total |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| <b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .....                                                                                                  | 1607531. | 1001029. | 2706312. | 2668347. | 1330948. | 9314167.  |
| <b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf .....                                                                                                     |          |          |          |          |          |           |
| <b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge .....                                                                                             |          |          |          |          |          |           |
| <b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3 .....                                                                                                                                                                        | 1607531. | 1001029. | 2706312. | 2668347. | 1330948. | 9314167.  |
| <b>5</b> 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) ..... |          |          |          |          |          | 1349853.  |
| <b>6 Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4.                                                                                                                                                              |          |          |          |          |          | 7964314.  |

**Section B. Total Support**

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)                                                                                                                                                       | (a) 2019 | (b) 2020 | (c) 2021 | (d) 2022 | (e) 2023 | (f) Total                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------------|
| <b>7</b> Amounts from line 4 .....                                                                                                                                                                | 1607531. | 1001029. | 2706312. | 2668347. | 1330948. | 9314167.                 |
| <b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources .....                                                    | 17,388.  | 19,977.  | 25,564.  | 32,664.  | 48,260.  | 143,853.                 |
| <b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on .....                                                                                 |          |          |          |          |          |                          |
| <b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) .....                                                                                   |          |          |          |          |          |                          |
| <b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10                                                                                                                                                   |          |          |          |          |          | 9458020.                 |
| <b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) .....                                                                                                                   |          |          |          |          | 12       | 268,051.                 |
| <b>13 First 5 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**

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |           |       |                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2023 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f)) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>14</b> | 84.21 | %                                   |
| <b>15</b> Public support percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>15</b> | 88.99 | %                                   |
| <b>16a 33 1/3% support test - 2023.</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 - 2022.</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"/>            |
| <b>17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2023.</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 - 2022.</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"/>            |
| <b>18 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) 2019 | (b) 2020 | (c) 2021 | (d) 2022 | (e) 2023 | (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) 2019 | (b) 2020 | (c) 2021 | (d) 2022 | (e) 2023 | (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 on 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 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**

|                                                                                                         |           |   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---|
| <b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2023 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) ..... | <b>15</b> | % |
| <b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 .....                       | <b>16</b> | % |

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

|                                                                                                              |           |   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---|
| <b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2023 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) ..... | <b>17</b> | % |
| <b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 .....                         | <b>18</b> | % |

**19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2023.** 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 - 2022.** 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, Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, 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? <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>                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |     |    |
| <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)? <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>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |     |    |
| <b>3a</b> 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>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)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |     |    |
| <b>c</b> 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>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |     |    |
| <b>4a</b> 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>b</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>                                                                                                                                                                                                            |     |    |
| <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)? <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>                                                                                                                                                                               |     |    |
| <b>5a</b> 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>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 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? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>                                                              |     |    |
| <b>7</b> Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (as 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>                                                                                                                                                                                                  |     |    |
| <b>8</b> 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>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |     |    |
| <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))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |     |    |
| <b>b</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>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |     |    |
| <b>c</b> 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>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |     |    |
| <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)? <i>If "Yes," answer line 10b below.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |     |    |
| <b>b</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)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 11: Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons? Sub-rows 11a, 11b, 11c.

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1: Did the governing body, members of the governing body, officers acting in their official capacity, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees at all times during the tax year? Row 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?

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 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)?

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 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? Row 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? Row 3: By reason of the relationship described on 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?

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1: Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions). Sub-rows a, b, c. Row 2: Activities Test. Answer lines 2a and 2b below. Sub-rows a, b. Row 3: Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a and 3b below. Sub-rows a, b.

**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 ( <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                                | <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 0.85 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). |   |              |

**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>1</b>            |
| <b>2</b>                         | Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity               | <b>2</b>            |
| <b>3</b>                         | Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations                                                               | <b>3</b>            |
| <b>4</b>                         | Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets                                                                                                           | <b>4</b>            |
| <b>5</b>                         | Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required - <i>provide details in Part VI</i> )                                                      | <b>5</b>            |
| <b>6</b>                         | Other distributions ( <i>describe in Part VI</i> ). See instructions.                                                                               | <b>6</b>            |
| <b>7</b>                         | <b>Total annual distributions.</b> Add lines 1 through 6.                                                                                           | <b>7</b>            |
| <b>8</b>                         | Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive ( <i>provide details in Part VI</i> ). See instructions. | <b>8</b>            |
| <b>9</b>                         | Distributable amount for 2023 from Section C, line 6                                                                                                | <b>9</b>            |
| <b>10</b>                        | Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount                                                                                                              | <b>10</b>           |

| <b>Section E - Distribution Allocations</b> (see instructions)                                                                                                                           | <b>(i)<br/>Excess Distributions</b> | <b>(ii)<br/>Underdistributions<br/>Pre-2023</b> | <b>(iii)<br/>Distributable<br/>Amount for 2023</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> Distributable amount for 2023 from Section C, line 6                                                                                                                            |                                     |                                                 |                                                    |
| <b>2</b> Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2023 (reasonable cause required - <i>explain in Part VI</i> ). See instructions.                                                 |                                     |                                                 |                                                    |
| <b>3</b> Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2023                                                                                                                                 |                                     |                                                 |                                                    |
| <b>a</b> From 2018                                                                                                                                                                       |                                     |                                                 |                                                    |
| <b>b</b> From 2019                                                                                                                                                                       |                                     |                                                 |                                                    |
| <b>c</b> From 2020                                                                                                                                                                       |                                     |                                                 |                                                    |
| <b>d</b> From 2021                                                                                                                                                                       |                                     |                                                 |                                                    |
| <b>e</b> From 2022                                                                                                                                                                       |                                     |                                                 |                                                    |
| <b>f</b> <b>Total</b> of lines 3a through 3e                                                                                                                                             |                                     |                                                 |                                                    |
| <b>g</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years                                                                                                                                    |                                     |                                                 |                                                    |
| <b>h</b> Applied to 2023 distributable amount                                                                                                                                            |                                     |                                                 |                                                    |
| <b>i</b> Carryover from 2018 not applied (see instructions)                                                                                                                              |                                     |                                                 |                                                    |
| <b>j</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.                                                                                                                          |                                     |                                                 |                                                    |
| <b>4</b> Distributions for 2023 from Section D, line 7: \$                                                                                                                               |                                     |                                                 |                                                    |
| <b>a</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years                                                                                                                                    |                                     |                                                 |                                                    |
| <b>b</b> Applied to 2023 distributable amount                                                                                                                                            |                                     |                                                 |                                                    |
| <b>c</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.                                                                                                                                |                                     |                                                 |                                                    |
| <b>5</b> Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2023, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions. |                                     |                                                 |                                                    |
| <b>6</b> Remaining underdistributions for 2023. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.                        |                                     |                                                 |                                                    |
| <b>7</b> <b>Excess distributions carryover to 2024.</b> Add lines 3j and 4c.                                                                                                             |                                     |                                                 |                                                    |
| <b>8</b> Breakdown of line 7:                                                                                                                                                            |                                     |                                                 |                                                    |
| <b>a</b> Excess from 2019                                                                                                                                                                |                                     |                                                 |                                                    |
| <b>b</b> Excess from 2020                                                                                                                                                                |                                     |                                                 |                                                    |
| <b>c</b> Excess from 2021                                                                                                                                                                |                                     |                                                 |                                                    |
| <b>d</b> Excess from 2022                                                                                                                                                                |                                     |                                                 |                                                    |
| <b>e</b> Excess from 2023                                                                                                                                                                |                                     |                                                 |                                                    |

Schedule A (Form 990) 2023

**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.)

Multiple horizontal lines for supplemental information.

**Schedule B**  
**(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Schedule of Contributors**

Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.  
Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2023**

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), 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 (entering "N/A" in column (b) instead of the contributor name and address), 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), 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).

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the instructions for Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.

Schedule B (Form 990) (2023)

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| Name of organization<br><br><b>GROUNDSWELL CONSERVANCY, INC.</b> | Employer identification number<br><br><b>39-1452825</b> |
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**Part I Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

| (a)<br>No. | (b)<br>Name, address, and ZIP + 4 | (c)<br>Total contributions | (d)<br>Type of contribution                                                                                                                                         |
|------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>1</u>   | <br><hr/><br><hr/><br><hr/>       | \$ <u>242,954.</u>         | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/><br>Payroll <input type="checkbox"/><br>Noncash <input type="checkbox"/><br>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| <u>2</u>   | <br><hr/><br><hr/><br><hr/>       | \$ <u>37,900.</u>          | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/><br>Payroll <input type="checkbox"/><br>Noncash <input type="checkbox"/><br>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| <u>3</u>   | <br><hr/><br><hr/><br><hr/>       | \$ <u>30,000.</u>          | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/><br>Payroll <input type="checkbox"/><br>Noncash <input type="checkbox"/><br>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| <u>4</u>   | <br><hr/><br><hr/><br><hr/>       | \$ <u>165,000.</u>         | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/><br>Payroll <input type="checkbox"/><br>Noncash <input type="checkbox"/><br>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| <u>5</u>   | <br><hr/><br><hr/><br><hr/>       | \$ <u>37,900.</u>          | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/><br>Payroll <input type="checkbox"/><br>Noncash <input type="checkbox"/><br>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| <u>6</u>   | <br><hr/><br><hr/><br><hr/>       | \$ <u>40,104.</u>          | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/><br>Payroll <input type="checkbox"/><br>Noncash <input type="checkbox"/><br>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |

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

| (a)<br>No. | (b)<br>Name, address, and ZIP + 4 | (c)<br>Total contributions | (d)<br>Type of contribution                                                                                                                                                    |
|------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 7          | <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>                 | \$ 104,828.                | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/><br>Payroll <input type="checkbox"/><br>Noncash <input type="checkbox"/><br>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)            |
| 8          | <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>                 | \$ 50,976.                 | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/><br>Payroll <input type="checkbox"/><br>Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/><br>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
|            | <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>                 | \$ _____                   | Person <input type="checkbox"/><br>Payroll <input type="checkbox"/><br>Noncash <input type="checkbox"/><br>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)                       |
|            | <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>                 | \$ _____                   | Person <input type="checkbox"/><br>Payroll <input type="checkbox"/><br>Noncash <input type="checkbox"/><br>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)                       |
|            | <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>                 | \$ _____                   | Person <input type="checkbox"/><br>Payroll <input type="checkbox"/><br>Noncash <input type="checkbox"/><br>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)                       |
|            | <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>                 | \$ _____                   | Person <input type="checkbox"/><br>Payroll <input type="checkbox"/><br>Noncash <input type="checkbox"/><br>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)                       |
|            | <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>                 | \$ _____                   | Person <input type="checkbox"/><br>Payroll <input type="checkbox"/><br>Noncash <input type="checkbox"/><br>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)                       |

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| Name of organization<br><br><b>GROUNDSWELL CONSERVANCY, INC.</b> | Employer identification number<br><br><b>39-1452825</b> |
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**Part II Noncash Property** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

| (a)<br>No.<br>from<br>Part I | (b)<br>Description of noncash property given | (c)<br>FMV (or estimate)<br>(See instructions.) | (d)<br>Date received |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 8                            | STOCK<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____             | \$ 50,976.                                      | 11/29/23             |
| _____                        | _____<br>_____<br>_____                      | \$ _____                                        | _____                |
| _____                        | _____<br>_____<br>_____                      | \$ _____                                        | _____                |
| _____                        | _____<br>_____<br>_____                      | \$ _____                                        | _____                |
| _____                        | _____<br>_____<br>_____                      | \$ _____                                        | _____                |
| _____                        | _____<br>_____<br>_____                      | \$ _____                                        | _____                |
| _____                        | _____<br>_____<br>_____                      | \$ _____                                        | _____                |

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

**SCHEDULE C**  
**(Form 990)**

**Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2023**

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under Section 501(c) and Section 527**  
**Complete if the organization is described below. Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**  
**Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

|                                                              |                                                     |
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| Name of organization<br><b>GROUNDSWELL CONSERVANCY, INC.</b> | Employer identification number<br><b>39-1452825</b> |
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**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<br>(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 (grassroots lobbying) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 0.                                                 |                                                          |                     |                               |                                          |                                                  |                                            |                                                    |                                             |                                                   |                    |              |  |  |
| <b>b</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 0.                                                 |                                                          |                     |                               |                                          |                                                  |                                            |                                                    |                                             |                                                   |                    |              |  |  |
| <b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 0.                                                 |                                                          |                     |                               |                                          |                                                  |                                            |                                                    |                                             |                                                   |                    |              |  |  |
| <b>d</b> Other exempt purpose expenditures .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1,216,416.                                         |                                                          |                     |                               |                                          |                                                  |                                            |                                                    |                                             |                                                   |                    |              |  |  |
| <b>e</b> Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1,216,416.                                         |                                                          |                     |                               |                                          |                                                  |                                            |                                                    |                                             |                                                   |                    |              |  |  |
| <b>f</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 196,642.                                           |                                                          |                     |                               |                                          |                                                  |                                            |                                                    |                                             |                                                   |                    |              |  |  |
| <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th style="text-align: left;">The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>not over \$500,000,</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000,</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000,</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000,</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>over \$17,000,000,</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:    | The lobbying nontaxable amount is:                       | not over \$500,000, | 20% of the amount on line 1e. | over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000, | \$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000. | over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000, | \$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000. | over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000, | \$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000. | over \$17,000,000, | \$1,000,000. |  |  |
| If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | The lobbying nontaxable amount is:                 |                                                          |                     |                               |                                          |                                                  |                                            |                                                    |                                             |                                                   |                    |              |  |  |
| not over \$500,000,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 20% of the amount on line 1e.                      |                                                          |                     |                               |                                          |                                                  |                                            |                                                    |                                             |                                                   |                    |              |  |  |
| over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | \$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.   |                                                          |                     |                               |                                          |                                                  |                                            |                                                    |                                             |                                                   |                    |              |  |  |
| over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | \$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000. |                                                          |                     |                               |                                          |                                                  |                                            |                                                    |                                             |                                                   |                    |              |  |  |
| over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | \$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.  |                                                          |                     |                               |                                          |                                                  |                                            |                                                    |                                             |                                                   |                    |              |  |  |
| over \$17,000,000,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | \$1,000,000.                                       |                                                          |                     |                               |                                          |                                                  |                                            |                                                    |                                             |                                                   |                    |              |  |  |
| <b>g</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 49,161.                                            |                                                          |                     |                               |                                          |                                                  |                                            |                                                    |                                             |                                                   |                    |              |  |  |
| <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<br>(or fiscal year beginning in)                      | (a) 2020 | (b) 2021 | (c) 2022 | (d) 2023 | (e) Total  |
| <b>2a</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount                                | 167,145. | 233,384. | 271,128. | 196,642. | 868,299.   |
| <b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount<br>(150% of line 2a, column(e))    |          |          |          |          | 1,302,449. |
| <b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures                                | 25,137.  |          |          |          | 25,137.    |
| <b>d</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount                               | 41,786.  | 58,346.  | 67,782.  | 49,161.  | 217,075.   |
| <b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount<br>(150% of line 2d, column (e)) |          |          |          |          | 325,613.   |
| <b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures                           | 25,137.  |          |          |          | 25,137.    |

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)).

Table with 3 columns: (a) Yes, (a) No, (b) Amount. Rows include: 1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state, or local legislation...; 2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to not be described in section 501(c)(3)?; 2b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912; 2c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912; 2d 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).

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

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."

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members; 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); 2a Current year; 2b Carryover from last year; 2c Total; 3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues; 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 expenditures next year?; 5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures. See instructions

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.

Blank lines for providing supplemental information as required by the instructions.

**SCHEDULE D**  
**(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Financial Statements**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990,  
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.  
Attach to Form 990.

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**2023**

Open to Public  
Inspection

Name of the organization **GROUNDSWELL CONSERVANCY, INC.** Employer identification number **39-1452825**

**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).  
 Preservation of land for public use (for example, recreation or education)  Preservation of a 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 Tax Year |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| a Total number of conservation easements .....                                                                                                             | 2a 82                           |
| b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements .....                                                                                                 | 2b 8,060.00                     |
| c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included on line 2a .....                                                             | 2c 0                            |
| d Number of conservation easements included on line 2c acquired after July 25, 2006, 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 0

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 608

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year 20,603.

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2d 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 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Schedule D (Form 990) 2023

**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 make 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 program
  - 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 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                     | 748,379.         | 707,196.       | 745,516.           | 602,362.             | 614,703.            |
| b Contributions                                  | 86,362.          | 28,000.        | 9,860.             | 11,334.              | 14,033.             |
| c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses     | 81,415.          | 44,785.        | -19,653.           | 156,849.             | -3,405.             |
| d Grants or scholarships                         |                  |                |                    |                      |                     |
| e Other expenditures for facilities and programs | 26,844.          | 24,482.        | 21,027.            | 18,470.              | 16,069.             |
| f Administrative expenses                        | 7,609.           | 7,120.         | 7,500.             | 6,559.               | 6,900.              |
| g End of year balance                            | 881,703.         | 748,379.       | 707,196.           | 745,516.             | 602,362.            |

- 2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a Board designated or quasi-endowment 39.0406 %
  - b Permanent endowment .0000 %
  - c Term endowment 60.9590 %
- 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:
- |                                                                                            | Yes | No |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|
| (i) Unrelated organizations?                                                               | X   |    |
| (ii) Related organizations?                                                                |     | X  |
| 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                  |                                      | 7,836,828.                      |                              | 7,836,828.     |
| b Buildings              |                                      |                                 |                              |                |
| c Leasehold improvements |                                      | 8,558.                          | 2,435.                       | 6,123.         |
| d Equipment              |                                      | 53,048.                         | 16,997.                      | 36,051.        |
| e Other                  |                                      |                                 |                              |                |

**Total.** Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 10c, column (B)) 7,879,002.

**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, line 12, col. (B)) |                |                                                           |

**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, line 13, col. (B)) |                |                                                           |

**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                                                            | 881,703.       |
| (3) RIGHT-OF-USE LEASE ASSET                                              | 129,376.       |
| (4)                                                                       |                |
| (5)                                                                       |                |
| (6)                                                                       |                |
| (7)                                                                       |                |
| (8)                                                                       |                |
| (9)                                                                       |                |
| <b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 15, col. (B)) | 1,011,079.     |

**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) LEASE LIABILITY                                                       | 130,222.       |
| (3)                                                                       |                |
| (4)                                                                       |                |
| (5)                                                                       |                |
| (6)                                                                       |                |
| (7)                                                                       |                |
| (8)                                                                       |                |
| (9)                                                                       |                |
| <b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 25, col. (B)) | 130,222.       |

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 FASB 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.

|          |                                                                                                |                   |           |            |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|------------|
| <b>1</b> | Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements                       |                   | <b>1</b>  | 1,489,226. |
| <b>2</b> | Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:                            |                   |           |            |
| <b>a</b> | Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments                                                   | <b>2a</b> 79,401. |           |            |
| <b>b</b> | Donated services and use of facilities                                                         | <b>2b</b>         |           |            |
| <b>c</b> | Recoveries of prior year grants                                                                | <b>2c</b>         |           |            |
| <b>d</b> | Other (Describe in Part XIII.)                                                                 | <b>2d</b> -2,331. |           |            |
| <b>e</b> | Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b>                                                          |                   | <b>2e</b> | 77,070.    |
| <b>3</b> | Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b>                                                     |                   | <b>3</b>  | 1,412,156. |
| <b>4</b> | Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:                           |                   |           |            |
| <b>a</b> | Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b                               | <b>4a</b>         |           |            |
| <b>b</b> | Other (Describe in Part XIII.)                                                                 | <b>4b</b> -5,035. |           |            |
| <b>c</b> | Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b>                                                              |                   | <b>4c</b> | -5,035.    |
| <b>5</b> | Total revenue. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.) |                   | <b>5</b>  | 1,407,121. |

**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.

|          |                                                                                                 |                  |           |            |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|------------|
| <b>1</b> | Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements                                      |                  | <b>1</b>  | 1,219,120. |
| <b>2</b> | Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:                               |                  |           |            |
| <b>a</b> | Donated services and use of facilities                                                          | <b>2a</b>        |           |            |
| <b>b</b> | Prior year adjustments                                                                          | <b>2b</b>        |           |            |
| <b>c</b> | Other losses                                                                                    | <b>2c</b>        |           |            |
| <b>d</b> | Other (Describe in Part XIII.)                                                                  | <b>2d</b> 5,035. |           |            |
| <b>e</b> | Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b>                                                           |                  | <b>2e</b> | 5,035.     |
| <b>3</b> | Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b>                                                      |                  | <b>3</b>  | 1,214,085. |
| <b>4</b> | Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:                              |                  |           |            |
| <b>a</b> | Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b                                | <b>4a</b> 2,331. |           |            |
| <b>b</b> | Other (Describe in Part XIII.)                                                                  | <b>4b</b>        |           |            |
| <b>c</b> | Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b>                                                               |                  | <b>4c</b> | 2,331.     |
| <b>5</b> | Total expenses. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.) |                  | <b>5</b>  | 1,216,416. |

**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 5:**

**GROUNDSWELL'S ANNUAL EASEMENT MONITORING POLICY REQUIRES US TO:**

- COMPLETE A PHYSICAL INSPECTION OF THE PROPERTY COVERED BY THE CONSERVATION EASEMENT;
- CONSULT WITH THE LANDOWNER ABOUT THE RESTRICTIONS THE CONSERVATION EASEMENT PLACES ON THE PROPERTY;
- COMPARE CURRENT CONDITIONS OF THE PROPERTY TO THE CONDITIONS DEPICTED IN THE BASELINE REPORT, INCLUDING BASELINE PHOTO DOCUMENTATION AND THE INDIVIDUAL RESTRICTIONS THE CONSERVATION EASEMENT PLACES ON THE PROPERTY;
- DOCUMENT AND FILE EACH MONITORING EVENT;
- PROVIDE COPIES OF THE ANNUAL MONITORING DOCUMENTATION TO THE LANDOWNER, EASEMENT HOLDERS, AND OTHERS WITH INTEREST IN THE EASEMENT.

**Part XIII** Supplemental Information (continued)

EACH FULL EASEMENT MONITORING REPORT IS COMPLETED WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE MONITORING VISIT.

PART II, LINE 9:

CONSERVATION EASEMENTS ACCEPTED OR PURCHASED BY GROUNDSWELL ARE NOT RECOGNIZED AS ASSETS OR REVENUE IN THE ACCOMPANYING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BECAUSE GROUNDSWELL DOES NOT HOLD FEE TITLE TO THESE PROPERTIES AND THERE ARE NO EXPECTED FUTURE ECONOMIC BENEFITS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EASEMENTS. IN ADDITION, CONSERVATION EASEMENTS CARRY SIGNIFICANT OBLIGATIONS TO MONITOR AND DEFEND THEIR TERMS. IF PURCHASED, THE COSTS OF CONSERVATION EASEMENTS ARE EXPENSED WHEN THE EASEMENTS ARE ACQUIRED.

PART V, LINE 4:

GROUNDSWELL HAS TWO AGENCY ENDOWMENT FUNDS WITH THE MADISON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT EASEMENT ENFORCEMENT AND GROUNDSWELL'S OPERATIONS FROM THE EARNINGS IN EACH OF THE TWO FUNDS.

PART XI, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEES REPORTED ON FORM 990, PART IX,  
LINE 11F -2,331.

PART XI, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

DIRECT EXPENSES REPORTED ON FORM 990, PART VIII, LINE 8B -5,035.

PART XII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

DIRECT EXPENSES REPORTED ON FORM 990, PART VIII, LINE 8B 5,035.

**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.**  
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**2023**

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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.

| <b>1 (a)</b> Name and address of organization or government                     | <b>(b)</b> EIN | <b>(c)</b> IRC section (if applicable) | <b>(d)</b> Amount of cash grant | <b>(e)</b> Amount of noncash assistance | <b>(f)</b> Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other) | <b>(g)</b> Description of noncash assistance | <b>(h)</b> Purpose of grant or assistance       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| UW-EXTENSION<br>21 N PARK ST, STE 6301<br>MADISON, WI 53715                     | 39-6006492     | STATE OF<br>WISCONSIN                  | 85,515.                         | 0.                                      |                                                              |                                              | USDA PASS-THRU GRANT                            |
| FAIRSHARE CSA COALITION INC.<br>211 S PATERSON ST, STE 280<br>MADISON, WI 53703 | 27-2588129     | 501(C)(3)                              | 17,546.                         | 0.                                      |                                                              |                                              | USDA PASS-THRU GRANT                            |
| OPERATION FRESH START<br>2670 MILWAUKEE STREET<br>MADISON, WI 53704             | 13-4148824     | STATE OF<br>WISCONSIN                  | 30,000.                         | 0.                                      |                                                              |                                              | PASS THRU GRANT MADISON<br>COMMUNITY FOUNDATION |
|                                                                                 |                |                                        |                                 |                                         |                                                              |                                              |                                                 |
|                                                                                 |                |                                        |                                 |                                         |                                                              |                                              |                                                 |
|                                                                                 |                |                                        |                                 |                                         |                                                              |                                              |                                                 |

**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 0.

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Schedule I (Form 990) 2023

**Part III** Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22.  
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

| (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 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                                 |                          |                          |                                   |                                                       |                                       |
|                                 |                          |                          |                                   |                                                       |                                       |
|                                 |                          |                          |                                   |                                                       |                                       |
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|                                 |                          |                          |                                   |                                                       |                                       |
|                                 |                          |                          |                                   |                                                       |                                       |
|                                 |                          |                          |                                   |                                                       |                                       |

**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:

GROUNDSWELL CONSERVANCY REVIEWS REPORTS SUBMITTED BY GRANTEEES DESCRIBING  
EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS GRANTED.

**SCHEDULE M  
(Form 990)**

**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.

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization: **GROUNDSWELL CONSERVANCY, INC.**  
Employer identification number: **39-1452825**

| Part I | Types of Property                                         | (a)<br>Check if applicable | (b)<br>Number of contributions or items contributed | (c)<br>Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g | (d)<br>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                                                   | 92,250.                                                                      | QUOTED MARKET PRICE                                       |
| 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 ( )                                                 |                            |                                                     |                                                                              |                                                           |
| 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 V, Donee Acknowledgement ..... **29** **0**

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Yes | No |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|
| 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 3 years from the date of the initial contribution, and which isn't required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period? ..... |     | 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? .....                                                                                                                                                                               | X   |    |
| 32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions? .....                                                                                                                                                                |     | 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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**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 CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED IN COLUMN B.

**SCHEDULE O  
(Form 990)**

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.  
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Name of the organization

GROUNDSWELL CONSERVANCY, INC.

Employer identification number

39-1452825

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

OUR GENEROUS GROUNDSWELL SUPPORTERS. WE ALSO THANK DUCKS UNLIMITED FOR  
THEIR HELP IN SECURING THE FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THIS ACQUISITION.

GROUNDSWELL HOLDS AND MONITORS MORE THAN 80 CONSERVATION EASEMENTS  
EVERY YEAR TO ENSURE THEIR CONSERVATION VALUES ARE UPHELD.

GROUNDSWELL SUPPORTERS AND THE PUBLIC ENJOYED NATURE EXPERIENCES,  
INCLUDING A BIRDING FOR FAMILIES OUTING WITH THE BIPOC BIRDING CLUB, A  
HIKE AT HAUGE HISTORIC DISTRICT PARK, A BONFIRE AND CANDLELIT HIKE AT  
PATRICK MARSH, A TOUR OF FOUR OAKS FARM, WATERFOWL VIEWING AT CHEROKEE  
MARSH, AND OUR ANNUAL BLACK HAWK RIDGE TRAIL RUN. WE ALSO HOSTED A 40TH  
ANNIVERSARY PARTY FOR OUR FOUNDERS PLUS CURRENT AND PAST BOARD MEMBERS,  
WHOSE INSPIRING LEADERSHIP MADE ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN LOCAL LAND  
PROTECTION THESE PAST 40 YEARS!

AT WESTPORT PRAIRIE, OUR DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS AND WAUNAKEE HIGH SCHOOL  
STUDENTS ADDED ANOTHER 6.5 ACRES OF PRAIRIE HABITAT. THE SEED HAD BEEN  
COLLECTED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AT WESTPORT PRAIRIE BY VOLUNTEERS AND OUR  
CONTRACTED SEED COLLECTOR, KAYLEE NELSEN. WE ALSO BOUGHT A BRAND-NEW  
TRACTOR AND MOWER IN THE SUMMER OF 2023 TO HELP US MANAGE OUR  
EVER-GROWING PRAIRIE. WE'RE GRATEFUL TO THE JUST OVER TWO DOZEN  
GROUNDSWELL SUPPORTERS WHO MADE THESE PURCHASES POSSIBLE.

AT PATRICK MARSH AND WESTPORT PRAIRIE WE OFFERED MONTHLY OUTDOOR  
VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP RESTORE AND CARE FOR OUR LOCAL

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Schedule O (Form 990) 2023

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|                                                           |                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Name of the organization<br>GROUNDSWELL CONSERVANCY, INC. | Employer identification number<br>39-1452825 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|

NATURAL LANDSCAPES. VOLUNTEERS CUT BRUSH, COLLECTED PRAIRIE SEEDS,  
PULLED INVASIVE WEEDS, BURNED BRUSH, AND MORE.

OUR 2023 SUMMER ECOLOGY INTERN PROGRAM, CALLED THE PRAIRIE PARTNERS,  
IMPROVED WILDLIFE HABITAT AT BOTH WESTPORT PRAIRIE AND PATRICK MARSH,  
GAINING VALUABLE WORK EXPERIENCE ABOUT MANAGING NATURAL AREAS.

GROUNDSWELL OWNS TWO COMMUNITY FARMS THAT PROMOTE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO  
LAND FOR NEXT-GENERATION FARMERS: WESTPORT FARM IN WAUNAKEE AND  
PASLEY'S SWAN CREEK FARM IN FITCHBURG. AT WESTPORT FARM IS OUR LIFTING  
HEARTS THERAPY GARDEN, A PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SOUTHEAST  
ASIAN HEALING CENTER. HMOOB (HMONG) ELDERS FIND SOLACE GARDENING HERE.  
IMPROVEMENTS TO THE GARDEN (RAISED BEDS) AND THE FARM ARE THANKS TO  
MANY GROUNDSWELL SUPPORTERS. AT PASLEY'S SWAN CREEK FARM WE INSTALLED A  
WELL, TO PROVIDE NON-CHLORINATED WATER, WHICH IS PREFERRED FOR FARMING.  
WE LEASE THE FARMLAND TO NEIGHBORHOOD FOOD SOLUTIONS, A LOCAL NONPROFIT  
LED BY ROBERT PIERCE.

GROUNDSWELL CONTINUED TO PROVIDE OUTREACH AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO  
HMOOB (HMONG) FARMERS TO CONNECT THEM WITH USDA PROGRAMS AND OTHER  
RESOURCES. THIS WORK IS POSSIBLE THANKS TO THE OUTREACH AND ASSISTANCE  
FOR SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMERS AND RANCHERS AND VETERAN FARMERS AND  
RANCHERS (2501) PROGRAM GRANT, FUNDED BY THE USDA OFFICE OF  
PARTNERSHIPS AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT. THE IS A 3-YEAR GRANT RUNNING  
THROUGH THE FALL OF 2025. THIS GRANT IS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH UW-MADISON  
DIVISION OF EXTENSION AND FAIRSHARE CSA COALITION.

GROUNDSWELL CONSERVANCY WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1983 AND HAS PERMANENTLY

|                                                           |                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Name of the organization<br>GROUNDSWELL CONSERVANCY, INC. | Employer identification number<br>39-1452825 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|

PROTECTED NEARLY 14,000 ACRES OF IMPORTANT LAND AND WATER IN SOUTH-CENTRAL WI. GROUNDSWELL 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 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 HELD BY  
MADISON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION 73,806.  
TOTAL TO FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9 73,806.