

Form **990**

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

OMB No. 1545-0047

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

**2015**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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**A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning** \_\_\_\_\_, **and ending** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**C Name of organization**  
**BLUE WATER LAND FUND, INC.**

**D Employer identification number**  
**45-2908074**

Doing business as \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
**500 WATER STREET**  
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  
**PORT HURON MI 48060**

**E Telephone number**  
**810-984-4761**

**F Name and address of principal officer:**  
**RANDY D. MAIERS**  
**500 WATER STREET**  
**PORT HURON MI 48060**

**G Gross receipts \$** **450,901**

**H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates?**  Yes  No  
**H(b) Are all subordinates included?**  Yes  No  
 If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)

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

**J Website:** **WWW.STCLAIRFOUNDATION.ORG**

**K Form of organization:**  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other

**L Year of formation:** **2011** **M State of legal domicile:** **MI**

**H(c) Group exemption number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Part I Summary**

**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities:  
**SEE SCHEDULE O**

**2** Check this box  if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.

**3** Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) **3** **14**

**4** Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) **4** **13**

**5** Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a) **5** **0**

**6** Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) **6** **52**

**7a** Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 **7a** **0**

**b** Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 **7b** **0**

	Prior Year	Current Year
<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	<b>928,529</b>	<b>450,759</b>
<b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		<b>0</b>
<b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	<b>297</b>	<b>142</b>
<b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	<b>35</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>12</b> Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>928,861</b>	<b>450,901</b>
<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	<b>546,502</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		<b>0</b>
<b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)		<b>0</b>
<b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		<b>0</b>
<b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) <b>3,874</b>		
<b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	<b>690,186</b>	<b>393,390</b>
<b>18</b> Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>1,236,688</b>	<b>393,390</b>
<b>19</b> Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	<b>-307,827</b>	<b>57,511</b>

	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16)	<b>3,641,242</b>	<b>3,673,143</b>
<b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	<b>115,834</b>	<b>90,224</b>
<b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	<b>3,525,408</b>	<b>3,582,919</b>

**Part II Signature Block**

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

**Sign Here**  
 Signature of officer: *Randy Maiers* Date: **8-12-16**  
**RANDY D. MAIERS** PRES/CEO  
 Type or print name and title

**Paid Preparer Use Only**  
 Print/Type preparer's name: **PAUL L. BAILEY CPA** Preparer's signature: *Paul L. Bailey* Date: **08/12/16** Check  if self-employed PTIN: **P01259200**  
 Firm's name: **STEWART, BEAUVAIS & WHIPPLE P.C.** Firm's EIN: **38-2775143**  
 Firm's address: **1979 HOLLAND AVE SUITE A**  
**PORT HURON, MI 48060-8639** Phone no. **810-984-3829**

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

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**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

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



**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:

**SEE SCHEDULE O**

**2** Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

Yes  No

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

**3** Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

Yes  No

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

**4** Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

**4a** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ **386,316** including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**DEVELOPING AND MAINTAINING PARCELS OF REAL ESTATE, LIKE THE BLUE WATER RIVER WALK OR ST. CLAIR PLAZA, DEEMED IMPORTANT FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY AND REGION THROUGH ITS CONSERVATION, PROTECTION, PUBLIC ACCESS, TOURISM AND/OR COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

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

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

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

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

**4e** Total program service expenses **u 386,316**

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

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

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

	Yes	No
<b>20a</b> Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
<b>21</b> Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II		<b>X</b>
<b>22</b> Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III		<b>X</b>
<b>23</b> Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	<b>X</b>	
<b>24a</b> Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
<b>c</b> Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
<b>d</b> Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
<b>25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		<b>X</b>
<b>26</b> Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II		<b>X</b>
<b>27</b> Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III		<b>X</b>
<b>28</b> Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
<b>a</b> A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		<b>X</b>
<b>c</b> An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		<b>X</b>
<b>29</b> Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		<b>X</b>
<b>30</b> Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		<b>X</b>
<b>31</b> Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I		<b>X</b>
<b>32</b> Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II		<b>X</b>
<b>33</b> Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I		<b>X</b>
<b>34</b> Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1	<b>X</b>	
<b>35a</b> Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		
<b>36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		<b>X</b>
<b>37</b> Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI		<b>X</b>
<b>38</b> Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	<b>X</b>	

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

Input box for Schedule O

Table with columns for question ID, question text, and Yes/No response. Includes rows 1a-1c, 2a-2b, 3a-3b, 4a-4b, 5a-5c, 6a-6b, 7a-7h, 8, 9a-9b, 10a-10b, 11a-11b, 12a-12b, 13a-13c, 14a-14b.

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

**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.	<b>14</b>	
<b>1b</b>	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	<b>13</b>	
<b>2</b>	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	<b>X</b>	
<b>3</b>	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		<b>X</b>
<b>4</b>	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		<b>X</b>
<b>5</b>	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		<b>X</b>
<b>6</b>	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		<b>X</b>
<b>7a</b>	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?		<b>X</b>
<b>7b</b>	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		<b>X</b>
<b>8</b>	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
<b>8a</b>	The governing body?	<b>X</b>	
<b>8b</b>	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	<b>X</b>	
<b>9</b>	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		<b>X</b>

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

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

**Section C. Disclosure**

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **u MI**
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.  
 Own website  Another's website  Upon request  Other (explain in Schedule O)
- 19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
- 20** State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: **u**

**KAREN LEE**  
**PORT HURON**

**500 WATER STREET**

**MI 48060**

**810-984-4761**

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

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

**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

**1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

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

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) <b>WILLIAM J. BUTLER</b>	0.25									
TRUSTEE	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(2) <b>MICHAEL CONNELL</b>	0.25									
TRUSTEE	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(3) <b>DON C. FLETCHER</b>	0.25									
TRUSTEE	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(4) <b>GORDON RUTTAN</b>	0.25									
TRUSTEE	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(5) <b>TIMOTHY J. LOZEN</b>	0.25									
TRUSTEE	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(6) <b>PENELOPE PECK</b>	0.25									
TRUSTEE	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(7) <b>JOHN ROWLING</b>	0.25									
TRUSTEE	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(8) <b>MICHAEL J. WHALING</b>	0.25									
TRUSTEE	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(9) <b>DAVID A. BROOKS</b>	0.25									
TRUSTEE	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(10) <b>JANICE C. ROSE</b>	0.25									
TRUSTEE	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(11) <b>RANDY D. MAIERS</b>	0.00									
PRES/CEO	40.00			X			0	200,526	52,708	

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(12) <b>DOUGLAS S. TOUMA</b>	1.00									
<b>CHAIR</b>	0.00			X			0	0	0	
(13) <b>JENIFER KUSCH</b>	1.00									
<b>SECRETARY</b>	0.00			X			0	0	0	
(14) <b>LEE J. STEVENS</b>	1.00									
<b>TREASURER</b>	0.00			X			0	0	0	
<b>1b Sub-total</b> .....							<b>u</b>	<b>200,526</b>	<b>52,708</b>	
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b> .....							<b>u</b>			
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b> .....							<b>u</b>	<b>200,526</b>	<b>52,708</b>	

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

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

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

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

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

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



**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

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

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1a</b> Federated campaigns	<b>1a</b>				
	<b>b</b> Membership dues	<b>1b</b>				
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events	<b>1c</b>				
	<b>d</b> Related organizations	<b>1d</b>	<b>450,759</b>			
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions)	<b>1e</b>				
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b>				
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$					
	<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f	<b>u</b>	<b>450,759</b>			
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2a</b>	<b>Busn. Code</b>				
	<b>b</b>					
	<b>c</b>					
	<b>d</b>					
	<b>e</b>					
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue					
	<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f	<b>u</b>				
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)	<b>u</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>142</b>		
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds	<b>u</b>				
	<b>5</b> Royalties	<b>u</b>				
	<b>6a</b> Gross rents	(i) Real (ii) Personal				
	<b>b</b> Less: rental exps.					
	<b>c</b> Rental inc. or (loss)					
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss)	<b>u</b>				
	<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities (ii) Other				
	<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis & sales exps.					
	<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)					
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss)	<b>u</b>				
	<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	<b>a</b>				
	<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses	<b>b</b>				
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events	<b>u</b>				
	<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	<b>a</b>				
<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses	<b>b</b>					
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities	<b>u</b>					
<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	<b>a</b>					
<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold	<b>b</b>					
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory	<b>u</b>					
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>		<b>Busn. Code</b>				
<b>11a</b>						
<b>b</b>						
<b>c</b>						
<b>d</b> All other revenue						
<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d	<b>u</b>					
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See instructions.	<b>u</b>	<b>450,901</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

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

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages				
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	3,200		3,200	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	13,604	13,604		
12 Advertising and promotion	7,354	3,480		3,874
13 Office expenses	22,177	22,177		
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	10,282	10,282		
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	62,226	62,226		
23 Insurance	15,873	15,873		
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a <b>INITIATIVES (SC PLAZA)</b>	236,943	236,943		
b <b>INITIATIVES (OTHER)</b>	21,381	21,381		
c <b>OTHER</b>	350	350		
d				
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	393,390	386,316	3,200	3,874
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <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) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
<b>Assets</b>	1	Cash—non-interest bearing	113,864	1	59,837
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	32,233	2	8,350
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	11,400
	4	Accounts receivable, net	1,000	4	4,910
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	756	9	
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 3,703,700		
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 115,054	10c	3,588,646
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		11	
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14	Intangible assets		14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	
16	<b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	3,641,242	16	3,673,143	
<b>Liabilities</b>	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	83,601	17	81,874
	18	Grants payable		18	
	19	Deferred revenue		19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D	32,233	21	8,350
	22	Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26	<b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25	115,834	26	90,224
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>				
	27	Unrestricted net assets	3,525,408	27	3,582,919
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
	29	Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>				
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
33	<b>Total net assets or fund balances</b>	3,525,408	33	3,582,919	
34	<b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b>	3,641,242	34	3,673,143	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	<b>450,901</b>
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	<b>393,390</b>
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	<b>57,511</b>
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	<b>4</b>	<b>3,525,408</b>
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	<b>9</b>	
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	<b>10</b>	<b>3,582,919</b>

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

		Yes	No
<b>1</b>	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
<b>2a</b>	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		<b>X</b>
<b>2b</b>	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	<b>X</b>	
<b>2c</b>	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	<b>X</b>	
<b>3a</b>	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		<b>X</b>
<b>3b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.		

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

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**  
Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.  
**u Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**

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

Name of the organization

**BLUE WATER LAND FUND, INC.**

Employer identification number

**45-2908074**

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

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

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

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A) <b>COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF ST CLAIR COUNTY</b>	<b>38-1872132</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>X</b>			<b>0</b>
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
<b>Total</b>					<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**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) <b>u</b>	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
<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						
<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)						
<b>6</b> Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) <b>u</b>	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4						
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
<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						

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

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

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

**14** Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) 14 %

**15** Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 15 %

**16a 33 1/3% support test—2015.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶

**b 33 1/3% support test—2014.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶

**17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2015.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶

**b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2014.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶

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

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 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) <b>u</b>	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(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) <b>u</b>	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

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

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

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	<b>16</b>	%

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

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>17</b>	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	<b>18</b>	%

**19a 33 1/3% support tests—2015.** 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—2014.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

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

**Part IV Supporting Organizations**

(Complete only if you checked a box in line 11 on Part I. If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

**Section A. All Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.	<b>X</b>	
<b>2</b> Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).		<b>X</b>
<b>3a</b> Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> when and how the organization made the determination.		
<b>c</b> Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.		
<b>4a</b> Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes," and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.		
<b>c</b> Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.		
<b>5a</b> Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> , including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).		<b>X</b>
<b>b Type I or Type II only.</b> Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
<b>c Substitutions only.</b> Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
<b>6</b> Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		<b>X</b>
<b>7</b> Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).		<b>X</b>
<b>8</b> Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).		<b>X</b>
<b>9a</b> Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		<b>X</b>
<b>c</b> Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		<b>X</b>
<b>10a</b> Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer 10b below.		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)		



**Part IV Supporting Organizations** (continued)

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

**Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? If "No," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.	<b>X</b>	
<b>2</b> Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.		<b>X</b>

**Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? If "No," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).		

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

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

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

<b>1</b> Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year ( <b>see instructions</b> ):		
<b>a</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete <b>line 2</b> below.		
<b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete <b>line 3</b> below.		
<b>c</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in <b>Part VI</b> how you supported a government entity (see instructions).		
<b>2</b> Activities Test. <b>Answer (a) and (b) below.</b>		
<b>a</b> Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in <b>Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain</b> how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.		
<b>b</b> Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.		
<b>3</b> Parent of Supported Organizations. <b>Answer (a) and (b) below.</b>		
<b>a</b> Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? Provide details in <b>Part VI</b> .		
<b>b</b> Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> the role played by the organization in this regard.		

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

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

<b>Section A - Adjusted Net Income</b>		(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	
<b>Section B - Minimum Asset Amount</b>		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	<b>Discount</b> claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in <b>Part VI</b> ):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by .035	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	<b>Minimum Asset Amount</b> (add line 7 to line 6)	8	
<b>Section C - Distributable Amount</b>			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	<b>Distributable Amount.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	
7	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).		

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

<b>Section D - Distributions</b>	<b>Current Year</b>
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions.	
7 <b>Total annual distributions.</b> Add lines 1 through 6.	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions.	
9 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

<b>Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)</b>	<b>(i) Excess Distributions</b>	<b>(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2015</b>	<b>(iii) Distributable Amount for 2015</b>
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2015 (reasonable cause required-see instructions)			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015:			
a			
b			
c			
d From 2013 .....			
e From 2014 .....			
f <b>Total</b> of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2010 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2015 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2015, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions).			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2015. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions).			
7 <b>Excess distributions carryover to 2016.</b> Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a			
b			
c Excess from 2013 .....			
d Excess from 2014 .....			
e Excess from 2015 .....			

**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.)

Dotted lines for supplemental information.

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

u 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. u Attach to Form 990.

u Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Employer identification number

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

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

Part II Conservation Easements.

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include purpose of conservation easements, total number of easements, and questions about monitoring and expenses.

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.

Table with 3 columns: Question, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include questions about reporting works of art and historical treasures.

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

- 3** Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):
- a**  Public exhibition
  - b**  Scholarly research
  - c**  Preservation for future generations
  - d**  Loan or exchange programs
  - e**  Other .....
- 4** Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.
- 5** During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?  Yes  No

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.**

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

- 1a** Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?  Yes  No
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:
- |  | Amount    |
|--|-----------|
| <b>c</b> Beginning balance .....             | <b>1c</b> |
| <b>d</b> Additions during the year .....     | <b>1d</b> |
| <b>e</b> Distributions during the year ..... | <b>1e</b> |
| <b>f</b> Ending balance .....                | <b>1f</b> |
- 2a** Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?  Yes  No
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided on Part XIII

**Part V Endowment Funds.**

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

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

- 2** Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment **u** ..... %
  - b** Permanent endowment **u** ..... %
  - c** Temporarily restricted endowment **u** ..... %
- 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 |
|--|---------------|----|
| <b>(i)</b> unrelated organizations ..... | <b>3a(i)</b>  |    |
| <b>(ii)</b> related organizations .....  | <b>3a(ii)</b> |    |
- 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
<b>1a</b> Land .....	<b>79,227</b>	<b>2,662,430</b>		<b>2,741,657</b>
<b>b</b> Buildings .....				
<b>c</b> Leasehold improvements .....				
<b>d</b> Equipment .....		<b>4,868</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>4,108</b>
<b>e</b> Other .....		<b>957,175</b>	<b>114,294</b>	<b>842,881</b>
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.) <b>u</b>				<b>3,588,646</b>

**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> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) <b>u</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> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.) <b>u</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)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.) <b>u</b>	

**Part X Other Liabilities.**

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

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value	
(1) Federal income taxes		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) <b>u</b>		

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

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

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		<b>1</b>	
<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>		
<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>		
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b>		<b>2e</b>	
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b>		<b>3</b>	
<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>		
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b>		<b>4c</b>	
<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>	

**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>	
<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>		
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b>		<b>2e</b>	
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b>		<b>3</b>	
<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>		
<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>	
<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>	

**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 IV, LINE 2B - ESCROW LIABILITY ARRANGEMENT EXPLANATION**

IN 2014, BLUE WATER LAND FUND ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE FOR A PORTION OF ITS BLUE WATER RIVER WALK FOR THE PLANT SEASONS 2015, 2016, AND 2017. FUNDS ARE SEGREGATED AND HELD IN AN ESCROW ACCOUNT WITH A LOCAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTION, UNTIL SERVICES ARE PERFORMED AND PAYMENT IS RELEASED.





**SCHEDULE J**  
**(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

**Compensation Information**  
For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest  
Compensated Employees  
u Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.  
u Attach to Form 990.

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

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**BLUE WATER LAND FUND, INC.**

Employer identification number  
**45-2908074**

**Part I Questions Regarding Compensation**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment? **4a**  Yes  No
- b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan? **4b**  Yes  No
- c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement? **4c**  Yes  No

If "Yes" to any of lines 4a–c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

**Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5–9.**

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

- a** The organization? **5a**  Yes  No
- b** Any related organization? **5b**  Yes  No

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

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

- a** The organization? **6a**  Yes  No
- b** Any related organization? **6b**  Yes  No

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

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

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

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

	Yes	No
<b>1a</b>		
<b>1b</b>		
<b>2</b>		
<b>3</b>		
<b>4a</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>4b</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>4c</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>5a</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>5b</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>6a</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>6b</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>7</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>8</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>9</b>		

**Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees.** Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

**Note:** The sum of columns (B)(i)–(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)–(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
	(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 <b>RANDY D. MAIERS</b> <b>PRES/CEO</b>	(i) 0	(ii) 0	(iii) 0	0	0	0	0
	(ii) 180,996	0	19,530	22,462	30,246	253,234	0
2	(i)	(ii)	(iii)				
3	(i)	(ii)	(iii)				
4	(i)	(ii)	(iii)				
5	(i)	(ii)	(iii)				
6	(i)	(ii)	(iii)				
7	(i)	(ii)	(iii)				
8	(i)	(ii)	(iii)				
9	(i)	(ii)	(iii)				
10	(i)	(ii)	(iii)				
11	(i)	(ii)	(iii)				
12	(i)	(ii)	(iii)				
13	(i)	(ii)	(iii)				
14	(i)	(ii)	(iii)				
15	(i)	(ii)	(iii)				
16	(i)	(ii)	(iii)				



**SCHEDULE O**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**Department of the Treasury  
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**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.

u Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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

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**BLUE WATER LAND FUND, INC.****45-2908074****FORM 990 - ORGANIZATION'S MISSION**

SUPPORT AND ENHANCE THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S EFFORTS IN DEVELOPING AND MAINTAINING PARCELS OF REAL ESTATE, LIKE THE BLUE WATER RIVER WALK OR ST. CLAIR PLAZA COURTYARD, DEEMED IMPORTANT FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY AND REGION THROUGH CONSERVATION, PROTECTION, PUBLIC ACCESS, TOURISM AND/OR COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

**FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 2 - RELATED PARTY INFORMATION AMONG OFFICERS****DOUGLAS TOUMA****MICHAEL WHALING****TRUSTEE****TRUSTEE****BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP**

**FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 11B - ORGANIZATION'S PROCESS TO REVIEW FORM 990**  
THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF ST. CLAIR COUNTY'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEET THE LAST TUESDAY OF EACH CALENDAR QUARTER AT A MINIMUM. THE BUSINESS AGENDA OF THESE BOARD MEETINGS INCLUDE A REVIEW OF INTERNAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INVESTMENT REPORTS THAT HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND ACCEPTED BY ITS FINANCE AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE AT ONE OF THEIR MONTHLY MEETINGS.

ANNUALLY, AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF ITS AUDIT COMMITTEE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ENGAGE THE SERVICES OF AN INDEPENDENT AUDITING FIRM TO PERFORM AN AUDIT OF ITS FINANCIAL RECORDS AND ISSUE AN AUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR. ADDITIONALLY, AS PART OF THE ENGAGEMENT, THE AUDITING FIRM IS HIRED TO DRAFT THE ANNUAL FORM 990 FOR THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF ST. CLAIR COUNTY AND ITS SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING

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THE BLUE WATER LAND FUND, INC.; HOWEVER, THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION STAFF ARE SIGNIFICANTLY INVOLVED IN THIS PROCESS.

MEMBERSHIP ON BOTH THE AUDIT COMMITTEE AND THE FINANCE AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE INCLUDE A NUMBER OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES AS WELL AS OTHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS WITH FINANCIAL OR AUDIT EXPERIENCE.

ASIDE FROM MEETING WITH FOUNDATION MANAGEMENT, THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS MEET JOINTLY WITH BOTH THE FOUNDATION'S AUDIT COMMITTEE AND THE FOUNDATION'S FINANCE AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE TO PRESENT THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REVIEW THE RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT.

SUBSEQUENTLY, THE CONSOLIDATED AUDIT REPORT IS PRESENTED TO AND REVIEWED BY THE FOUNDATION'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT IT SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING.

DUE TO THE TIMING ASSOCIATED WITH THE AFOREMENTIONED LEVELS OF REVIEW OF THE AUDIT REPORT, AND AUTOMATIC EXTENSION FOR FILING THE FORM 990 (FROM THE INITIAL MAY 15 DEADLINE) IS TYPICALLY REQUIRED. AFTER THE FINAL CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN ISSUED, THE FORM 990 FOR ALL COMPANIES ARE DRAFTED BY THE INDEPENDENT AUDIT FIRM AND ITS TAX MANAGER, WITH THE DIRECT ASSISTANCE OF THE FOUNDATION'S DIRECTOR OF FINANCE. THE FINAL DRAFT OF THE FORM 990S ARE REVIEWED BY THE FOUNDATION'S DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND THEN SIGNED BY THE FOUNDATION'S PRESIDENT AND CEO BEFORE FILING AND AFTER THE BOARD'S ACCEPTANCE.

THE FORM 990S (FOR THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND ITS SUPPORTED ORGANIZATIONS) ARE DISTRIBUTED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THEIR REVIEW PRIOR TO FILING. FOR THE SAKE OF TRANSPARENCY AND TIME-RELEVANCE, IT IS

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THE GOAL OF THE FOUNDATION MANAGEMENT TO FILE THE FORM 990 AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. IF A FORMAL REVIEW AT A SCHEDULED BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING IS FEASIBLE WITHIN THE TIME FRAME, FOUNDATION MANAGEMENT WILL DO SO, AND THE MEETING MINUTES WILL REFLECT THEIR FORMAL REVIEW. IF SUCH A FORMAL REVIEW WILL DELAY THE FILING UNNECESSARILY, FOUNDATION MANAGEMENT WILL DISTRIBUTE ELECTRONICALLY (OR IN HARD COPY) A COPY OF THE DRAFTED FORM 990S FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REVIEW. AN EXPLANATORY COVER LETTER WILL ACCOMPANY THE FORM 990S WITH REVIEW NOTES THAT "WALK" TRUSTEES THROUGH THE DOCUMENT AND CORRELATE THE RETURN BACK TO THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. THIS COVER LETTER INCLUDES A REQUEST THAT TRUSTEES CONTACT THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE WITH ANY QUESTIONS AND/OR TO SCHEDULE INDIVIDUAL REVIEWS AS DEEMED NECESSARY. EACH BOARD TRUSTEE IS REQUESTED TO DOCUMENT THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF THE FORM 990S FORMALLY VIA A REPLY TO THE ELECTRONIC DISTRIBUTION, OR HARD COPY DISTRIBUTION. EVIDENCE OF BOARD OF TRUSTEE REVIEW AND APPROVAL WILL BE RETAINED IN THE FORM 990 FILES. UPON APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, THE FORM 990S WILL BE FILED.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 12C - ENFORCEMENT OF CONFLICTS POLICY

THE BLUE WATER LAND FUND, INC. HAS A BOARD-APPROVED CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH SUCH POLICIES OF THE COUNCIL ON FOUNDATIONS AND THE COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATIONS.

ALL BOARD TRUSTEES, INCLUDING BLUE WATER LAND FUND, INC. OFFICERS, MUST REVIEW THE POLICY ANNUALLY AND SIGN A STATEMENT WHICH AFFIRMS THAT THEY:

A.) HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY;

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B.) HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE POLICY AS WELL AS THE NEED TO COMPLY WITH THE POLICY (GIVEN THAT BLUE WATER LAND FUND, INC'S MISSION IS CHARITABLE AND IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN ITS FEDERAL TAX EXEMPTION IT MUST ENGAGE PRIMARILY IN ACTIVITIES WHICH ACCOMPLISH ITS TAX-EXEMPT PURPOSE);

C.) HAVE LISTED ALL AREAS OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST THAT EXIST AS OF THE DATE THEY ARE COMPLETING THE DISCLOSURE FORM, INCLUDING SERVICE ON OTHER NON-PROFIT BOARDS, FINANCIAL INTERESTS, AND FAMILY OR BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS; AND

D.) HAVE AGREED TO DISCLOSE OTHERS AS THEY ARISE THROUGH THE YEAR, AND WHEN THE POTENTIAL FOR CONFLICT ARISES, AGREE TO VERBALLY DISCLOSE SUCH AREAS OF POTENTIAL CONFLICT AT ALL BOARD MEETINGS.

FOUNDATION MANAGEMENT REVIEWS THESE CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES UPON RECEIPT, SUMMARIZES FOR THE BOARD AND INCLUDES IN BOARD BOOKS. THE DISCLOSURE FORMS ARE MAINTAINED ON FILE.

PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF ANY MOTION FOR ACTION ON ITEMS OF BUSINESS DURING MEETINGS, BOARD OF TRUSTEES ARE ASKED IF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST EXIST. UPON DISCLOSURE OF A POTENTIAL CONFLICT, THE BOARD MUST DETERMINE IF THE POTENTIAL CONFLICT IS DEEMED MATERIAL OR IMMATERIAL. FOR TYPICAL DISCLOSURES INVOLVING A BOARD TRUSTEE'S SERVICE WITH A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION BEING CONSIDERED FOR A GRANT, WHILE THE BOARD TRUSTEE MAY STAY AND PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSION, THEY ABSTAIN FROM ANY VOTE. FOR ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST THAT IS DEEMED MATERIAL, AS OUTLINED IN THE BLUE WATER LAND FUND'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, THE BOARD TRUSTEE IS



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ASKED TO LEAVE THE MEETING WHILE THE ITEM OF BUSINESS IS DISCUSSED AND VOTED UPON.

THE MINUTES OF ALL BOARD MEETINGS RECORD THE NAME(S) OF THE PERSON(S) WHO WERE IN ATTENDANCE FOR DISCUSSIONS AND VOTES AND ALSO OUTLINE 1) THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO DISCLOSED OR OTHERWISE WERE FOUND TO HAVE A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST, 2) THE NATURE OF THE POTENTIAL CONFLICT, AND 3) ANY ACTION TAKEN INVOLVING THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST AS WELL AS THE DECISION ON THE ITEM OF BUSINESS FOR WHICH THE POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST AROSE.

WHEN THE NATURE OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IS OTHER THAN AS PREVIOUSLY REFERENCED, THE FOUNDATION'S PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DISCUSSES THE POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH THE INDIVIDUAL INVOLVED AND ADDRESS HOW SUCH CONFLICT CAN BE HANDLED. RESOLUTION OF THE POTENTIAL CONFLICT IS GUIDED BY THE FOUNDATION'S STRONG DESIRE TO MAINTAIN ITS HIGH STANDARDS, TRANSPARENCY AND CREDIBILITY WITH ITS DONORS, GRANTEES, PUBLIC, AND TAXING AGENCIES. IN THE FEW OCCURRENCES THIS HAS ARISEN THAT CANNOT BE AVOIDED, ALTHOUGH THE INDIVIDUAL INVOLVED HAS KNOWN THAT PURSUANT TO THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, HE/SHE COULD PRESENT THE POTENTIAL CONFLICT TO THE BOARD, HE/SHE HAS CHOSEN TO VOLUNTARILY RESIGN FROM THE BOARD.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 19 - GOVERNING DOCUMENTS DISCLOSURE EXPLANATION GOVERNING DOCUMENTS (ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BYLAWS) FOR THE BLUE WATER LAND FUND, INC. ARE AVAILABLE ON THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF ST. CLAIR COUNTY'S (SUPPORTED ORGANIZATION) WEBSITE (WWW.STCLAIRFOUNDATION.ORG) AS DOWNLOADABLE DOCUMENTS, ALONG WITH OTHER POLICIES AND KEY DOCUMENTS SUCH AS THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND IRS FORM 990S. HARD-COPIES ARE ALSO

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AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

IT IS THE GOAL OF THE FOUNDATION, ITS STAFF, AND BOARD TO BE ACCOUNTABLE AND TRASPARENT TO OUR DONORS AND THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY BY REGULARLY DISSEMINATING OUR PROGRAM AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION. IT IS OUR INTENT TO COMPLY WITH THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE AND REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT TO PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE FORM 990S, IRS FORM 990-TS TO THE EXTENT A FILING WERE REQUIRED, AND THE IRS DETERMINATION LETTERS FOR THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND ITS CONTROLLED SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS. THEREFORE THE FOUNDATION WILL:

1) MAKE THESE DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT ITS OFFICES DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS WITHOUT CHARGE;

2) PROVIDE A COPY WITHOUT CHARGE, OTHER THAN A REASONABLE FEE FOR REPRODUCTION AND ACTUAL POSTAGE COSTS, OF ALL OR ANY PART OF THESE DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION TO ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO MAKES A REQUEST FOR SUCH A COPY IN PERSON OR IN WRITING; AND

3) UPLOAD AND MAINTAIN ON OUR WEBSITE THE FOUNDATION'S AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, FORM 990S AND FORM 990-TS TO THE EXTENT FILINGS WERE REQUIRED FOR A MINIMUM OF 3 YEARS.

ADDITIONALLY, THE GUIDESTAR ORGANIZATION SERVES AS A RESOURCE FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS WISHING TO RESEARCH NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS BY WORKING WITH THE IRS TO MAKE AVAILABLE THE 990S OF ALL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZAITONS. RECOGNIZING THAT THIS AVAILABILITY IS SOMETIMES DELAYED AND

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READERS MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THE FULL PICTURE OF WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO THROUGH THE FORM 990 ALONE, THE FOUNDATION WILL PAY THE NOMINAL FEE TO VOLUNTARILY HAVE ITS IRS FORM 990S UPLOADED TO GUIDESTAR'S WEBSITE, ALONG WITH ITS AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS THAT INCLUDES AN OPENING COVER LETTER FROM MANAGEMENT DISCUSSING KEY PHILOSOPHIES, INITIATIVES, AND THE FINANCIALS.

FORM 990, PART VII - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

BLUE WATER LAND FUND - 990 NARRATIVE ADDRESSING COMMON PAYMASTER: THE COMUNITY FOUNDAITON OF ST. CLAIR COUNTY, TAX ID #38-1872132, ACTS AS COMMON PAYMASTER FOR BOTH ITS ORGANIZAITON AS WELL AS ITS SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS - THE COMMUNITY RENAISSANCE FUND, TAX ID #20-1649237, AND THE BLUE WATER LAND FUND, TAX ID #45-2908074.

AS THE COMMON PAYMASTER, ALL FORM W-2S ARE REPORTED UNDER AND TAXES ARE PAID THROUGH THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S TAX ID #38-1872132. WAGES, BENEFITS, AND RELATED TAXES ARE ALLOCATED AND RECORDED BETWEEN THE ORGANIZATIONS BASED UPON THE ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITIES, TIME SPENT, AND SPECIFIC WORK PERFORMED.

OF THE 9 W-2S FILED FOR 2015 ONLY ONE OF THESE FORM W-2S INVOLVED AN ALLOCATION OF WAGES AND BENEFITS BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND THE COMMUNITY RENAISSANCE FUND. THE REMAINING RELATED SOLELY TO THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION INCLUDING TWO EMPLOYEES WHO LEFT THE FOUNDATION EMPLOYMENT IN 2015. THE BLUE WATER LAND FUND HAD NO EMPLOYEES AND RECEIVED NO ALLOCATION OF WAGES FOR 2015.

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WHILE THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REFLECT THE CONSOLIDATION OF  
 COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND ITS CONTROLLED ORGANIZATIONS, SEPARATE FORM 990S  
 ARE FILED FOR EACH ORGANIZATION INDEPENDENTLY, AND CONSEQUENTLY, THIS  
 COMMON PAYMASTER STATUS AND THE EXISTENCE OF SHARED EMPLOYEES SHOULD BE  
 NOTED.

ALTHOUGH THE FOUNDATION'S PRESIDENT/CEO OVERSEES OPERATIONS AND INITIATIVE  
 AND IS AN OFFICER OF COMMUNITY RENAISSANCE FUND AND BLUE WATER LAND FUND  
 (ITS SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS), 100% OF HIS TIME AND RELATED WAGES AND  
 BENEFITS ARE ABSORBED UNDER THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S OPERATIONS.  
 HOWEVER, GIVEN THIS RELATED ORGANIZATION RELATIONSHIP, IRS FORM 990/990EZ  
 REQUIREMENTS OUTLINE THAT THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S PRESIDENT/CEO'S  
 COMPENSATION PACKAGE MUST BE REPORTED ON THE FORM 990S OF ITS SUPPORTING  
 ORGANIZATIONS, EVEN THOUGH IT IS PAID FOR BY THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AS  
 THE SUPPORTED ORGANIZATION.

**SCHEDULE R  
(Form 990)**

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**Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships**

**u** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.  
**u** Attach to Form 990.  
**u** Information about Schedule R (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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**Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity
(1) .....					
(2) .....					
(3) .....					
(4) .....					
(5) .....					

**Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
(1) <b>COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF ST CLAIR CO</b> 500 WATER STREET 38-1872132 PORT HURON MI 48060	<b>COMM DEVEL</b>	<b>MI</b>	<b>501C3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>N/A</b>		<b>X</b>
(2) <b>COMMUNITY RENAISSANCE FUND</b> 500 WATER STREET 20-1649237 PORT HURON MI 48060	<b>COMM. DEV</b>	<b>MI</b>	<b>501C3</b>	<b>11A</b>	<b>N/A</b>		<b>X</b>
(3) .....							
(4) .....							
(5) .....							

**Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate alloc.?		(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	
(1) .....												
(2) .....												
(3) .....												
(4) .....												

**Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No
(1) .....									
(2) .....									
(3) .....									
(4) .....									

**Part V Transactions With Related Organizations** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

**Note.** Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.

**1** During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

**a** Receipt of **(i)** interest, **(ii)** annuities, **(iii)** royalties, or **(iv)** rent from a controlled entity .....

**b** Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s) .....

**c** Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s) .....

**d** Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s) .....

**e** Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s) .....

**f** Dividends from related organization(s) .....

**g** Sale of assets to related organization(s) .....

**h** Purchase of assets from related organization(s) .....

**i** Exchange of assets with related organization(s) .....

**j** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s) .....

**k** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s) .....

**l** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s) .....

**m** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s) .....

**n** Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s) .....

**o** Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s) .....

**p** Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses .....

**q** Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses .....

**r** Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s) .....

**s** Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s) .....

	Yes	No
<b>1a</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>1b</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>1c</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>1d</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>1e</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>1f</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>1g</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>1h</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>1i</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>1j</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>1k</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>1l</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>1m</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>1n</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>1o</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>1p</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>1q</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>1r</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>1s</b>		<b>X</b>

**2** If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
<b>(1)</b> COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF ST CLAIR CO	<b>C</b>	<b>450,759</b>	<b>CASH</b>
<b>(2)</b>			
<b>(3)</b>			
<b>(4)</b>			
<b>(5)</b>			
<b>(6)</b>			

**Part VI Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 37.

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(e) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations?		(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
				Yes	No			Yes	No		Yes	No	
(1) .....													
(2) .....													
(3) .....													
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**Federal Statements****Form 990 - Federal General Footnote****Description**

## 990 NARRATIVE ADDRESSING RELATIONSHIPS:

AS OUTLINED BY THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, THE BLUE WATER LAND FUND'S BOARD IS APPOINTED BY THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S BOARD AND SHALL BE COMPRISED OF AN ODD NUMBER, NOT LESS THAN SEVEN AND NOT MORE THAN 15, AND THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S PRESIDENT SHALL BE A PERMANENT MEMBER. IN 2015, THE BOARD HAD 13 BOARD MEMBERS OF WHICH, THREE WERE COMMON BOARD MEMBERS WITH THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF ST. CLAIR COUNTY PLUS THE FOUNDATION'S PRESIDENT.

THERE ARE A FEW INSTANCES, AS EXPLAINED BELOW, IN WHICH A BOARD MEMBER HAS OR MAY HAVE A BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FOUNDATION OR ITS SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS OR ANY OTHER BOARD MEMBER OF THOSE ORGANIZATIONS. GIVEN THE NUMBER OF BOARD MEMBERS, NO TWO BOARD MEMBERS TOGETHER COULD CONTROL, NOR PLACE UNDUE INFLUENCE ON ANY BUSINESS OR ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY THE BOARD.

ONE OF THE STRENGTHS OF OUR ORGANIZATION IS THAT ITS GOVERNANCE IS STRUCTURED TO ENGAGE KEY COMMUNITY LEADERS FROM ALL BUSINESS ASPECTS AND GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF THE COUNTY AND THIS PHILOSOPHY IS CARRIED OUT THROUGH ITS SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS. GIVEN THIS APPROACH, THERE INEVITABLY WILL BE SOME SITUATIONS WHERE A RELATIONSHIP MAY ARISE. IN EACH OF THESE INSTANCES, HOWEVER, THE FOUNDATION HAS TAKEN MEASURES TO MAINTAIN TRANSPARENCY, KEEP ANY TRANSACTION AT ARM'S-LENGTH, AND ENFORCE ITS CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY.

ANNUALLY, ALL BOARD MEMBERS COMPLETE A DISCLOSURE OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, INCLUDING SERVICE ON OTHER BOARDS, FAMILY, WHICH IS SUMMARIZED IN BOARD BOOKS AND ARE DISCLOSED VERBALLY AND IN MEETING MINUTES WHEN CONFLICTS OF INTEREST ARISE.

IN THEIR RESPECTIVE BUSINESSES, BOARD MEMBERS MAY HAVE BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER BOARD MEMBERS WHETHER IT BE THROUGH A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION, LAW FIRM, ACCOUNTING FIRM ETC...; HOWEVER, THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND ITS SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS HAVE HAD NO INVOLVEMENT OTHERWISE WITH RESPECT TO THOSE POTENTIAL RELATIONSHIPS.

FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE BUSINESS AND OTHER RELATIONSHIPS THAT EXISTED IN 2015:

- 1) THE BOARD OF THE BLUE WATER LAND FUND IS APPOINTED BY ITS SUPPORTED ORGANIZATION, THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF ST. CLAIR COUNTY. AS PART OF THE GOVERNANCE AND OVERSIGHT OF BLUE WATER LAND FUND, AS A SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF ST. CLAIR COUNTY, IT MAINTAINS SOME COMMON BOARD MEMBERS WITH THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION. IN 2015, THOSE COMMON BOARD MEMBERS ARE: DOUGLAS S. TOUMA WHO SERVED AS THE BLUE WATER LAND FUND BOARD CHAIR, JENIFER KUSCH, WHO SERVED AS THE BLUE WATER LAND FUND SECRETARY AND WAS A MEMBER-AT-LARGE ON THE FOUNDATION'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AND DON C. FLETCHER WHO WAS NOT AN OFFICER OF EITHER BLUE WATER LAND FUND OR THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION BUT DID SERVE AS THE FOUNDATION'S FINANCE AND INVESTMENT CHAIR. THEIR RESPECTIVE ROLES ON THE BLUE WATER LAND FUND'S BOARD ARE INDEPENDENT TO ANY ROLE OR COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION.
- 2) THREE LOCAL ATTORNEYS SERVE AS TRUSTEES ON THE BLUE WATER LAND FUND'S BOARD IN 2015, EACH IS A PARTNER AT LOCAL LAW FIRMS -- DOUGLAS S.

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TOUMA, MICHAEL WHALING, AND TIMOTHY LOZEN. ALTHOUGH BLUE WATER LAND FUND, AND ITS SUPPORTED ORGANIZATION, THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, WOULD TYPICALLY ENGAGE THE SERVICES OF INDEPENDENT ATTORNEYS WHEN NECESSARY, IN THE CAPACITY OF TRUSTEE, THESE THREE TRUSTEES, GIVEN THEIR EXPERTISE AND KNOWLEDGE, MAY FROM TIME TO TIME PROVIDE LEGAL COUNSEL ON GENERAL MATTERS SHOULD SUCH MATTERS ARISE.

- 3) BLUE WATER LAND FUND BOARD MEMBERS DOUGLAS S. TOUMA AND MICHAEL WHALING HAVE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH ONE ANOTHER AS THEY ARE PARTNERS TOGETHER AT THE LAW FIRM OF TOUMA, WATSON, WHALING, COURY, CASTELLO & STREMER, P.C. EACH OF THESE TRUSTEES WAS INDEPENDENTLY APPOINTED TO THE BOARD BASED UPON HIS RESPECTIVE SKILL SET, EXPERIENCE, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND OTHER FACTORS AND THEIR ROLE AT THE FOUNDATION IS NOT IMPACTED BY THEIR WORKING RELATIONSHIPS. FOR THE REASONS OUTLINED IN THE INITIAL PARAGRAPHS OF THIS NARRATIVE, SIMILAR TO FAMILY RELATIONSHIP, THE FOUNDATION'S GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE, AND POLICIES AND PRACTICES ARE SUCH THAT NO ONE TRUSTEE, OR TWO OR THREE TRUSTEES TOGETHER, COULD SIGNIFICANTLY INFLUENCE BOARD ACTION AND FOUNDATION AND ITS SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS' OPERATIONS.

**Federal Statements****Taxable Interest on Investments**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Unrelated Business Code</u>	<u>Exclusion Code</u>	<u>Postal Code</u>	<u>Acquired after 6/30/75</u>	<u>US Obs (\$ or %)</u>
INTEREST	\$ 142					
TOTAL	\$ 142					

**Federal Statements****Form 990, Part IX, Line 11g - Other Fees for Service (Non-employee)**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>Program Service</u>	<u>Management &amp; General</u>	<u>Fund Raising</u>
CONSULTANCIES	\$ 13,604	\$ 13,604	\$	\$
TOTAL	\$ 13,604	\$ 13,604	\$ 0	\$ 0

Form **8879-EO**

### IRS e-file Signature Authorization for an Exempt Organization

OMB No. 1545-1878

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

For calendar year 2015, or fiscal year beginning ....., 2015, and ending ....., 20 .....

▶ Do not send to the IRS. Keep for your records.

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# 2015

Name of exempt organization

**BLUE WATER LAND FUND, INC.**

Employer identification number

**45-2908074**

Name and title of officer

**RANDY D. MAIERS  
PRES/CEO**

#### Part I Type of Return and Return Information (Whole Dollars Only)

Check the box for the return for which you are using this Form 8879-EO and enter the applicable amount, if any, from the return. If you check the box on line 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, or 5a, below, and the amount on that line for the return being filed with this form was blank, then leave line 1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, or 5b, whichever is applicable, blank (do not enter -0-). But, if you entered -0- on the return, then enter -0- on the applicable line below. Do not complete more than 1 line in Part I.

1a	Form 990 check here ▶	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b	Total revenue, if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12) .....	1b	<u>450,901</u>
2a	Form 990-EZ check here ▶	<input type="checkbox"/>	b	Total revenue, if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9) .....	2b	_____
3a	Form 1120-POL check here ▶	<input type="checkbox"/>	b	Total tax (Form 1120-POL, line 22) .....	3b	_____
4a	Form 990-PF check here ▶	<input type="checkbox"/>	b	Tax based on investment income (Form 990-PF, Part VI, line 5) .....	4b	_____
5a	Form 8868 check here ▶	<input type="checkbox"/>	b	Balance Due (Form 8868, Part I, line 3c or Part II, line 8c) .....	5b	_____

#### Part II Declaration and Signature Authorization of Officer

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am an officer of the above organization and that I have examined a copy of the organization's 2015 electronic return and accompanying schedules and statements and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I further declare that the amount in Part I above is the amount shown on the copy of the organization's electronic return. I consent to allow my intermediate service provider, transmitter, or electronic return originator (ERO) to send the organization's return to the IRS and to receive from the IRS (a) an acknowledgement of receipt or reason for rejection of the transmission, (b) the reason for any delay in processing the return or refund, and (c) the date of any refund. If applicable, I authorize the U.S. Treasury and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) entry to the financial institution account indicated in the tax preparation software for payment of the organization's federal taxes owed on this return, and the financial institution to debit the entry to this account. To revoke a payment, I must contact the U.S. Treasury Financial Agent at 1-888-353-4537 no later than 2 business days prior to the payment (settlement) date. I also authorize the financial institutions involved in the processing of the electronic payment of taxes to receive confidential information necessary to answer inquiries and resolve issues related to the payment. I have selected a personal identification number (PIN) as my signature for the organization's electronic return and, if applicable, the organization's consent to electronic funds withdrawal.

Officer's PIN: check one box only

I authorize **STEWART, BEAUVAIS & WHIPPLE P.C.** to enter my PIN **33832** as my signature  
ERO firm name Enter five numbers, but do not enter all zeros

on the organization's tax year 2015 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I also authorize the aforementioned ERO to enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

As an officer of the organization, I will enter my PIN as my signature on the organization's tax year 2015 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I will enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

Officer's signature ▶

Date ▶ **08/12/16**

#### Part III Certification and Authentication

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

**40743948060**

do not enter all zeros

I certify that the above numeric entry is my PIN, which is my signature on the 2015 electronically filed return for the organization indicated above. I confirm that I am submitting this return in accordance with the requirements of Pub. 4163, Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers for Business Returns.

ERO's signature ▶

Date ▶ **08/12/16**

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