

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
 Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)
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2014

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2014 calendar year, or tax year beginning Jul 1, 2014, and ending Jun 30, 2015

B Check if applicable:	C Name of organization <u>The American Chestnut Foundation</u>	D Employer identification number 41-1483019
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change	Doing business as	E Telephone number (828) 281-0047
<input type="checkbox"/> Name change	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 50 North Merrimon Avenue 115	
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Asheville NC 28804	G Gross receipts \$ 2,951,876.
<input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated	F Name and address of principal officer: Betsy Gamber 50 North Merrimon Avenue Asheville NC 28804	
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Application pending		H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If 'No,' attach a list. (see instructions)

I Tax-exempt status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () (Insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527	J Website: <u>www.acf.org</u>
K Form of organization:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶	L Year of formation: 1983 M State of legal domicile: NC

Part I Summary

	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>To restore the American chestnut tree to its native range within the woodlands of the eastern United States, using a scientific research and breeding program developed by its founders.</u>		
Activities & Governance	2	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> 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	34
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	34
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2014 (Part V, line 2a)	5	42
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	350
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0.
	7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0.
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	3,222,481.	2,244,711.
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	141,043.	172,829.
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	17,130.	13,646.
	12	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	3,380,654.	2,769,183.
	Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	143,705.
14		Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		
15		Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	1,246,029.	1,312,884.
16a		Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		
b		Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ <u>180,919.</u>		
17		Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	872,425.	1,003,408.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	18	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2,262,159.	2,482,370.
	19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	1,118,495.	286,813.
	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	5,929,483.	5,994,475.
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	891,304.	836,307.
			5,038,179.	5,158,168.

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here	Signature of officer	Date
	<u>Lisa Thomson</u> Type or print name and title.	President and CEO

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	<u>John A. Criscone, CPA</u>	<u>John A. Criscone, CPA</u>	<u>10/23/15</u>		<u>P00964913</u>
	Firm's name	Firm's EIN ▶ <u>14-1800427</u>			Phone no. <u>(518) 786-3550</u>
	Firm's address				
	<u>7 Airport Park Blvd</u>				
	<u>Latham NY 12110</u>				

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

To restore the American chestnut tree to its native range within the woodlands of the eastern United States, using a scientific research and breeding program developed by its founders.

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

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

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

4 a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 1,888,228. including grants of \$ 166,078.) (Revenue \$ 0.)

Continued research in developing a biological control for disease resistance; established meadowview farm for research and breeding of the American chestnut tree.

4 b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 40,941. including grants of \$ 0.) (Revenue \$ 0.)

The Foundation publishes The Journal, which is a scientific and cultural magazine detailing research activities and the results thereof, published three times a year.

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

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

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

4 e Total program service expenses 1,929,169.

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 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II		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
20 a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule H		X
b If 'Yes' to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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

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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

		Yes	No
1 a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1 a			15
1 b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1 b			0
1 c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		
1 c			
2 a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return		
2 a			42
2 b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	X	
Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)			
3 a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
3 b	If 'Yes' has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If 'No' to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O		
3 b			
4 a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		X
4 a			
4 b	If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ _____ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts. (FBAR)		
4 b			
5 a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
5 a			
5 b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
5 b			
5 c	If 'Yes,' to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
5 c			
6 a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?		X
6 a			
6 b	If 'Yes,' did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
6 b			
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).			
7 a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	X	
7 a			
7 b	If 'Yes,' did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	X	
7 b			
7 c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		X
7 c			
7 d	If 'Yes,' indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
7 d			
7 e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		X
7 e			
7 f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		X
7 f			
7 g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
7 g			
7 h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		
7 h			
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		X
8			
9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.			
9 a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		X
9 a			
9 b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		X
9 b			
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:			
10 a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.		
10 a			
10 b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
10 b			
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:			
11 a	Gross income from members or shareholders.		
11 a			
11 b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)		
11 b			
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?			
12 a			
12 b	If 'Yes,' enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		
12 b			
13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.			
13 a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state?		
13 a			
Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.			
13 b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans		
13 b			
13 c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand		
13 c			
14 a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		X
14 a			
14 b	If 'Yes,' has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O		
14 b			

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. [X]

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with columns for line number, description, and Yes/No checkboxes. Includes questions 1a-1b, 2-9 regarding governing body members, relationships, and documentation.

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

Table with columns for line number, description, and Yes/No checkboxes. Includes questions 10a-16b regarding local chapters, policies, conflict of interest, whistleblower, and compensation.

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed. See Form 990, Page 6, Line 17 (continued)
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. [X] Own website [] Another's website [X] 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: Heather Nelson 50 North Merrimon Ave, #115 Asheville NC 28804 (828) 281-0047

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

1 a 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) Glen Rea Chairman Emeritus	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(2) Dr. Kim Steiner Chairman	3.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(3) Dr. Brian C. McCarthy Vice Chair Science	3.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(4) Michael D. Doochin Vice Chair Development	3.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(5) Catherine Mayes Secretary	3.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(6) Steve Barilovits III Treasurer	4.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(7) Donald Willeke, Esq Legal Counsel	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(8) Bryan Burhans Former President & CEO	60.00	X		X				17,500.	0.	0.
(9) Lisa Thomson President & CEO	60.00	X		X				66,346.	0.	0.
(10) Dr. Albert H. Ellingboe Science Director	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(11) Dr. John D. Agricola Director	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(12) Yurij Bihun Director	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(13) Dr. J. Hill Craddock Director	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(14) Yvonne Federowicz Director	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.

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			
(15) Ben Finegan Director	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(16) Dr. Penny Firth Director	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(17) Lynn Garrison Director	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(18) Doug Gillis Director	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(19) Dr. Joseph B. James Director	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(20) Dr. Carolyn Howes Keiffer Director	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(21) John IaMonica Director	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(22) Bruce Levine Director	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(23) Rex Mann Director	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(24) Kathleen Marmet Director	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(25) Dr. Gregory A. Miller Director	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
1 b Sub-total							83,846.	0.	0.
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A							0.	0.	0.
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							83,846.	0.	0.

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

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

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

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

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

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1 a Federated campaigns	1 a				
	b Membership dues	1 b				
	c Fundraising events	1 c				
	d Related organizations	1 d				
	e Government grants (contributions) . .	1 e 260,876.				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above . .	1 f 1,983,835.				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$	6,766.				
h Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶		2,244,711.				
Program Service Revenue	2 a <u>Membership Dues</u>	Business Code 900099	337,997.	337,997.	0.	0.
	b					
	c					
	d					
	e					
	f All other program service revenue . . .					
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶		337,997.			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts) ▶		171,560.	0.	0.	171,560.
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . ▶					
	5 Royalties ▶					
	6 a Gross rents	(i) Real				
		(ii) Personal				
		b Less: rental expenses				
		c Rental income or (loss) . .				
	d Net rental income or (loss) ▶					
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	167,328.	6,369.		
		(ii) Other				
		b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses . . .	172,428.	0.		
		c Gain or (loss)	-5,100.	6,369.		
	d Net gain or (loss) ▶		1,269.	0.	0.	1,269.
	8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including . . \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18.	a				
		b Less: direct expenses	b			
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events ▶						
9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19.	a					
	b Less: direct expenses	b				
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities ▶					
10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a 23,911.					
	b Less: cost of goods sold	b 10,265.				
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory ▶		13,646.	13,646.	0.	0.
11 a Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code					
	b					
	c					
	d All other revenue					
	e Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶					
12 Total revenue. See instructions ▶		2,769,183.	351,643.	0.	172,829.	

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	166,078.	166,078.		
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	83,846.	64,301.	13,818.	5,727.
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	1,000,525.	767,330.	164,843.	68,352.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	13,732.	9,940.	3,436.	356.
9 Other employee benefits	112,352.	82,456.	23,643.	6,253.
10 Payroll taxes	102,429.	86,308.	11,328.	4,793.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	16,278.	16,278.	0.	0.
c Accounting	22,589.	0.	22,589.	0.
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees	17,501.	17,501.	0.	0.
g Other. (If line 11g amt exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	75,671.	0.	50,657.	25,014.
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	168,152.	78,105.	28,518.	61,529.
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	57,862.	44,383.	11,921.	1,558.
17 Travel	94,722.	86,095.	8,627.	0.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	44,683.	42,781.	1,902.	0.
20 Interest	9,683.	9,683.	0.	0.
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	78,102.	74,722.	3,380.	0.
23 Insurance	42,970.	36,669.	5,080.	1,221.
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 Lab & Field Supplies	162,412.	162,412.	0.	0.
b Plantings	37,709.	37,709.	0.	0.
c Membership Promotion	29,950.	29,950.	0.	0.
d Equip Rent/Maint	43,333.	43,333.	0.	0.
e All other expenses	101,791.	73,135.	22,540.	6,116.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	2,482,370.	1,929,169.	372,282.	180,919.
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)	40,941.	40,941.	0.	0.

Part X Balance Sheet

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

		(A)		(B)
		Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1 Cash — non-interest-bearing	1,224,487.	1	907,088.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	44,543.	2	57,209.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	254,544.	3	263,608.
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	
	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	17,162.	8	11,207.
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	2,019.	9	704.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 2,301,773.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 712,526.		
	11 Investments — publicly traded securities	1,590,372.	10c	1,589,247.
	12 Investments — other securities. See Part IV, line 11	2,595,356.	11	2,946,916.
	13 Investments — program-related. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	14 Intangible assets	15,496.	13	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	185,504.	14	15,040.
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	5,929,483.	15	203,456.	
17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses.	5,929,483.	16	5,994,475.	
Liabilities	18 Grants payable	150,097.	17	174,128.
	19 Deferred revenue		18	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities	154,958.	19	155,341.
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		20	
	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	168,674.	21	187,492.
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		22	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	164,773.	23	148,019.
	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		24	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	252,802.	25	171,327.
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	891,304.	26	836,307.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	5,012,213.	27	5,133,451.
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	25,966.	29	24,717.
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
	33 Total net assets or fund balances.	5,038,179.	33	5,158,168.
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	5,929,483.	34	5,994,475.

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Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	2,769,183.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	2,482,370.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	286,813.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	5,038,179.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-166,824.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	5,158,168.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

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

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Continuation Sheet for Form 990

2014

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the Organization: The American Chestnut Foundation
Employer identification number: 41-1483019

Part VII Continuation: Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

Table with columns (A) Name and Title, (B) Average hours per week, (C) Position, (D) Reportable compensation from the organization, (E) Reportable compensation from related organizations, and (F) Estimated amount of other compensation. Rows include James O. Mills, David W. Morris, Allen Nichols, Z. Cartter Patten, Dr. Brian Perkins, Timothy Phelps, Bradford G. Stanback, Mark Stoakes, George R. Thompson, Bruce Wakeland, and John Wenderoth.

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

2014

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization

The American Chestnut Foundation

Employer identification number

41-1483019

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.)
- 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 is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations
 - g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (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)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total						

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any 'unusual grants.')	2,156,664.	2,148,597.	2,250,679.	3,222,481.	2,244,711.	12,023,132.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf	0.	0.	0.	0.	337,997.	337,997.
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	2,156,664.	2,148,597.	2,250,679.	3,222,481.	2,582,708.	12,361,129.
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						4,176,521.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						8,184,608.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	2,156,664.	2,148,597.	2,250,679.	3,222,481.	2,582,708.	12,361,129.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	42,487.	72,957.	86,658.	139,142.	171,560.	512,804.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						12,873,933.
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 ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2014 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	63.58 %
15 Public support percentage from 2013 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	70.89 %

16a **33-1/3% support test — 2014.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and the 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 — 2013.** 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 — 2014.** 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 — 2013.** 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 yr beginning in) ▶	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received. (Do not include any 'unusual grants'.)						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7 a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in) ▶	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10 a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12.)						

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2014 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2013 Schedule A, Part III, line 15.	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2014 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2013 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19 a 33-1/3% support tests – 2014. 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 – 2013. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33-1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33-1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.

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

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 11 of 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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1 through 10b regarding supported organizations, including their designation, IRS status, and control.

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

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

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

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

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

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

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

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

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

- 1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions):
- a The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.
 - b The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.
 - c The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).

2 Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.

- a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If 'Yes,' then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities
- b Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If 'Yes,' explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement

3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.

- a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? Provide details in Part VI
- b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If 'Yes,' describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard

	Yes	No
2a		
2b		
3a		
3b		

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

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

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

Section B – Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1 a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1 b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1 c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c).	1 d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by .035.	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

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

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

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

Section D – Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required).	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.	
9 Distributable amount for 2014 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

Section E – Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2014	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2014
1 Distributable amount for 2014 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2014 (reasonable cause required – see instructions)			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2014:			
a			
b			
c			
d			
e From 2013			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2014 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2009 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f			
4 Distributions for 2014 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2014 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2014, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2014. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2015. Add lines 3j and 4c			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a			
b			
c			
d Excess from 2013			
e Excess from 2014			

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Part VI **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

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

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	2,865,859.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
	a Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2 a		-166,824.
	b Donated services and use of facilities	2 b		263,500.
	c Recoveries of prior year grants	2 c		
	d Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2 d		
	e Add lines 2a through 2d		2 e	96,676.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	2,769,183.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:			
	a Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4 a		
	b Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4 b		
	c Add lines 4a and 4b		4 c	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)		5	2,769,183.

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

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		1	2,745,870.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
	a Donated services and use of facilities	2 a		263,500.
	b Prior year adjustments	2 b		
	c Other losses	2 c		
	d Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2 d		
	e Add lines 2a through 2d		2 e	263,500.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	2,482,370.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:			
	a Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4 a		
	b Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4 b		
	c Add lines 4a and 4b		4 c	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)		5	2,482,370.

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.

Pt X, Line 2
 Excerpt from Financial Statements (FIN 48): The Foundation has not recognized any benefit or liabilities from uncertain tax positions in this fiscal year and believes it has no uncertain tax positions for which it is reasonably possible that will significantly increase or decrease net assets.
 The Foundation collects donations and expends monies on behalf of four of its Chapters (Carolinas, Ohio, W. Virginia and Indiana). These Chapters do not have any exempt status, however their missions are similar to the Foundation's mission and therefore all funds are expensed according to each mission. The Foundation merely collects their donations and expends the monies at the Chapters' discretion.

Pt IV, Line 2b

SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
▶ Attach to Form 990.

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

Name of the organization

The American Chestnut Foundation

Employer identification number

41-1483019

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? Yes No
- 2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

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

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) TACF -- Carolinas Chapter -- 10607 Newberry Park Lane Charlotte NC 28277	56-2235431		5,785.				Chestnut resea
(2) TACF -- New York Chapter -- 23 Carriage Circle Williamsville NY 14221	16-1369777		5,310.				Chestnut resea
(3) TACF -- Pennsylvania Chapt -- 206 Forest Resources Lab State College PA 16802	25-1654234		11,910.				Chestnut resea
(4) Pennsylvania State Univer -- 227 West Beaver Ave State College PA 16801	24-6000376		50,995.				Chestnut resea
(5) TACF -- Virginia Chapter -- PO Box 158 Marshall VA 20116	35-2282774		6,315.				Chestnut resea
(6) SUNY Research Foundation -- PO Box 9 Albany NY 12201	14-1368361		38,881.				Chestnut Resea
(7) University of Tennessee -- Morgan Hall Room 103 Knoxville TN 37996	62-6001636		6,336.				Chestnut Resea
(8) West Virginia University -- One Water Front Place 7th Morgantown WV 26507	55-6017181		5,220.				Chestnut Resea

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table 8

3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table 8

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

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					

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

Pt I Line 2 Each of the subrecipients is governed by a sub-award agreement on a reimbursement basis subject to the terms and conditions of the original grantee awards to The American Chestnut Foundation. The recipients are required to provide documentation for disbursements and are subject to audit.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is
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Pt VI, Line 12c The Foundation has a conflict of interest policy posted on the BOD website detailing out the purpose, compliance, and other matters. All directors must sign this policy and any issues are brought to the attention at the Board meeting.

Pt VI, Line 15a Various outside sources, including but not limited to consultants and other Form 990 filings, are used to determine appropriate compensation.

Pt VI, Line 15b Various outside sources, including but not limited to consultants and other Form 990 filings, are used to determine appropriate compensation. The financial information is published on the openly available website and governing documents and conflict of interest policy are posted on the limited access board pages of the website.

Pt VI, Line 19 The audited financial statements and Form 990 are presented to the BOD for review prior to being filed.

Pt VI, Line 11b

**Depreciation and Amortization
(Including Information on Listed Property)**

2014

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service (99)

▶ Information about Form 4562 and its separate instructions is at www.irs.gov/form4562.

Attachment
Sequence No. **179**

Name(s) shown on return

Identifying number

The American Chestnut Foundation

41-1483019

Business or activity to which this form relates

Form 990 / Form 990EZ

Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179

Note: If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.

1	Maximum amount (see instructions)	1	
2	Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3	Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	3	
4	Reduction in limitation. Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5	Dollar limitation for tax year. Subtract line 4 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0-. If married filing separately, see instructions.	5	
6	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
7	Listed property. Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8	Total elected cost of section 179 property. Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9	Tentative deduction. Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2013 Form 4562	10	
11	Business income limitation. Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instrs)	11	
12	Section 179 expense deduction. Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11.	12	
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2015. Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12.	13	

Note: Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V.

Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions.)

14	Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year (see instructions)	14	
15	Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16	Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	

Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions.)

Section A

17	MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2014.	17	67,017.
18	If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here. <input type="checkbox"/>		

Section B — Assets Placed in Service During 2014 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only — see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19 a 3-year property						
b 5-year property		12,300.	5.0	HY	S/L	2,460.
c 7-year property		40,761.	7.0	HY	S/L	5,823.
d 10-year property		23,460.	10.0	HY	S/L	2,346.
e 15-year property						
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs		S/L	
h Residential rental property			27.5 yrs	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property			39 yrs	MM	S/L	

Section C — Assets Placed in Service During 2014 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

20 a Class life					S/L	
b 12-year			12 yrs		S/L	
c 40-year			40 yrs	MM	S/L	

Part IV Summary (See instructions.)

21	Listed property. Enter amount from line 28	21	
22	Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21. Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return. Partnerships and S corporations — see instructions	22	77,646.
23	For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

Part V Listed Property (Include automobiles, certain other vehicles, certain aircraft, certain computers, and property used for entertainment, recreation, or amusement.)

Note: For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete only 24a, 24b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A, all of Section B, and Section C if applicable.

Section A – Depreciation and Other Information (Caution: See the instructions for limits for passenger automobiles.)

24 a Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No									24b If 'Yes,' is the evidence written? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
(a) Type of property (list vehicles first)	(b) Date placed in service	(c) Business/ investment use percentage	(d) Cost or other basis	(e) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only)	(f) Recovery period	(g) Method/ Convention	(h) Depreciation deduction	(i) Elected section 179 cost		
25 Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use (see instructions)							25			
26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use:										
27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use:										
28 Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27. Enter here and on line 21, page 1							28			
29 Add amounts in column (i), line 26. Enter here and on line 7, page 1								29		

Section B – Information on Use of Vehicles

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other 'more than 5% owner,' or related person. If you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles.

30 Total business/investment miles driven during the year (do not include commuting miles)	(a) Vehicle 1		(b) Vehicle 2		(c) Vehicle 3		(d) Vehicle 4		(e) Vehicle 5		(f) Vehicle 6	
31 Total commuting miles driven during the year												
32 Total other personal (noncommuting) miles driven												
33 Total miles driven during the year. Add lines 30 through 32												
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
34 Was the vehicle available for personal use during off-duty hours?												
35 Was the vehicle used primarily by a more than 5% owner or related person?												
36 Is another vehicle available for personal use?												

Section C – Questions for Employers Who Provide Vehicles for Use by Their Employees

Answer these questions to determine if you meet an exception to completing Section B for vehicles used by employees who are not more than 5% owners or related persons (see instructions).

37 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits all personal use of vehicles, including commuting, by your employees?	Yes	No
38 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits personal use of vehicles, except commuting, by your employees? See the instructions for vehicles used by corporate officers, directors, or 1% or more owners	Yes	No
39 Do you treat all use of vehicles by employees as personal use?	Yes	No
40 Do you provide more than five vehicles to your employees, obtain information from your employees about the use of the vehicles, and retain the information received?	Yes	No
41 Do you meet the requirements concerning qualified automobile demonstration use? (See instructions.)	Yes	No

Note: If your answer to 37, 38, 39, 40, or 41 is 'Yes,' do not complete Section B for the covered vehicles.

Part VI Amortization

(a) Description of costs	(b) Date amortization begins	(c) Amortizable amount	(d) Code section	(e) Amortization period or percentage	(f) Amortization for this year	
42 Amortization of costs that begins during your 2014 tax year (see instructions):						
43 Amortization of costs that began before your 2014 tax year					43	456.
44 Total. Add amounts in column (f). See the instructions for where to report					44	456.

Schedule O (Form 990), Supplemental Information to Form 990
Form 990, Page 6, Line 17 (continued)

- Alabama
- Connecticut
- Georgia
- Indiana
- Maine
- Massachusetts
- New York
- Tennessee
- Kentucky
- Maryland
- North Carolina
- South Carolina
- Ohio
- Pennsylvania
- Vermont
- New Hampshire
- Virginia
- West Virginia