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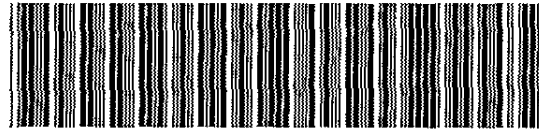
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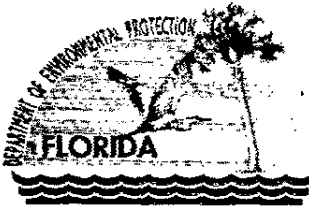
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## Department of Environmental Protection

Marjory Stoneman Douglas Building  
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000

David B. Struhs  
Secretary

March 24, 2003

Mr. Sean Toner  
Division of Corporations  
Florida Department of State  
409 East Gaines Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Mr. Toner,

This letter is to certify to you that Friends of Dunn's Creek State Park, Inc., is a duly authorized citizen support organization which is under contract to provide support for the Division of Recreation and Parks in accordance with Section 258.015, F.S.

Attached please find two copies of their Articles of Incorporation. After filing and assigning a document number please forward one stamped copy of the Articles with your correspondence.

If further information is needed feel free to call Phillip Werndli at 245-3098.

Warmest regards,

Wendy Spencer, Director  
Florida State Parks

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Attachments

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF  
FRIENDS OF DUNN'S CREEK STATE PARK, INC.  
(a corporation not for profit)**

WE, the undersigned with other persons being desirous of forming corporation for charitable and educational purposes under the provisions Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, do agree to the following:

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**ARTICLE I  
Corporate Name**

The name of this corporation is: Friends of Dunn's Creek State Park, Inc.

**ARTICLE II  
Purposes**

This organization is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Specifically, this not-for-profit corporation is organized to function as a citizen support organization for that certain Florida State Park known as Dunn's Creek State Park and any and all entities, properties, and areas which now or in the future are managed by or in conjunction with Dunn's Creek State Park in order to generate and create additional resources and support for, and in the best interest of, the Park through events and activities, including but not necessarily limited to the following: to develop and maintain membership support, to conduct park -related programs and activities, interpret and promote the Park through community outreach; assist with special work projects, special programs, special events, educational activities and communications, special exhibits, interpretive programs, fund raising activities and events, request and receive grants/gifts or contributions, guided tours, and additional activities or events which are designed to meet the needs of the Park.

**ARTICLE III**  
**Duration**

This corporation shall exist perpetually from and after the date on which these Articles are filed with the Department of State, unless sooner dissolved voluntarily or by law.

**ARTICLE IV**  
**Management of Corporate Affairs**

The powers of this Corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be elected as set forth in the By-Laws of the Corporation.

The number of directors of this corporation shall be eleven ( 11 ), provided however, that such number may be changed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors present and entitled to vote at a meeting, and further provided that there shall be not less than three (3) directors. The directors hereinafter named shall hold office until the first annual meeting, at which time new directors will be elected. The names and addresses of such initial directors are provided under Article XII.

**ARTICLE V**  
**Resident Agent and Office**

The street address of the initial registered office is: Friends of Dunns Creek State Park, Inc. , c/o Ravine Gardens state Park, PO Box 1096, Palatka FL 32178; and the name of the initial registered agent at such address is: Jim Hester.

**ARTICLE VI**

### **Membership**

The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall have the power to admit members to the Corporation in such a manner, subject to such qualifications, and upon such terms and conditions as may be provided from time to time in the By-Laws of the Corporation.

### **ARTICLE VII Amendment of the By-Laws**

By-Laws of the Corporation may be made, altered, rescinded or added to by a majority vote of the membership present and entitled to vote thereon any duly called general membership meeting of the Corporation upon 21 days notice of the proposed amendments.

### **ARTICLE VIII Amendment of the Articles on Incorporation**

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be made by a majority vote of the membership present and entitled to vote at any duly called general membership meeting of the Corporation upon 21 days notice of the proposed amendments.

### **ARTICLE IX Dedication of Assets**

The property of this Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to educational and charitable purposes as set forth above, and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual.

### **ARTICLE X**

### **Earnings and Activities of the Corporation**

- (a) No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II hereof.
- (b) No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office
- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, Friends of Dunn's Creek State Park, shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United State Internal Revenue Law.)
- (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this Corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purpose of this Corporation.

### **ARTICLE XI Distribution of Assets**

Upon the dissolution of this corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501@ (3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future federal tax code), or shall be distributed to the Federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be

disposed by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principle office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said Court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

**ARTICLE XII**  
**The names and addresses of the Board of Directors**

The names and residence addresses of the members of the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation are:

1. Gene Dechaine, P.O. Box 578, Welaka, Florida
2. Dot Driggers, P.O. Box 72 East Palatka, Florida 32131 (*Treasurer*)
3. Vicki Dunn, 104 Lakeshore Lane, Crescent City FL 32112
4. Jim Hester, 319 Tarpon Blvd, Palatka Florida 32177 (President)
5. Ken Mahaffey, PO Drawer 1339, Palatka FL 32178
6. Randall Malphus, 280 Pomona Landing Road, Crescent City Florida 32112
7. Alonzo Middleton, P.O. Box 391, Pomona Park, Florida 32181
8. June Pinkham, P.O. Box 807, Pomona Park, Florida 32181 (*Secretary*)
9. Harold Smith, 107 Glen Street, Crescent City, Florida 32112
10. Herman E. Whaley, P.O. Box 1200, East Palatka, Florida 32131
11. Rick Wotring, 189 Sisco Road, Pomona Park Florida 32181

**ARTICLE XIII**  
**Name and Address of Undersigned Incorporator**

The name and address of the undersigned incorporator is:  
Jim Hester, (Registered Agent)

Friends of Dunns Creek State Park, Inc.  
c/o Ravine Gardens State Park  
1600 Twigg Street  
Palatka, FL 32177

The undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this  
30<sup>th</sup> Day of Jun, 2003.

James M. Hester

**STATE OF FLORIDA**  
**COUNTY OF Putnam**

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 30<sup>th</sup> day of  
JAN 2003, by James M. Hester who is personally known  
to me or has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

**NOTARY PUBLIC:**

Sign: Gail Hester

Print: GAIL HESTER  
State of Florida at Large  
(Seal)

My Commission Expires

Title/Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

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Gail Hester  
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**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE  
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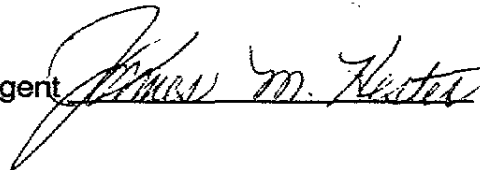
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In pursuance of Section 48.091 and Section 607.034(3), Florida Statutes,  
the following is submitted in compliance with said sections:

Friends of Dunn's Creek State Park Inc. desiring to organize under the  
laws of the State of Florida with its principal office as indicated in the Certificate  
of Incorporation, at Pomona Park, Putnam County, State of Florida, has named  
Jim Hester as its registered agent to accept service of process at its office within  
this state, who is located at: Friends of Dunns Creek State Park, c/o Ravine  
Gardens State Park, 1600 Twigg Street  
Palatka, Fl 32177

Having been named as the registered agent for the above Corporation for  
the purpose of accepting service of process at the registered office designated  
in this certificate, I hereby accept such appointment and agree to act in such  
capacity. I agree to comply with the provisions of said sections relative to  
keeping open the registered office.

Registered Agent



Date

1/30/03