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## Florida Department of Environmental Protection

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December 18, 2009

Mr. Sean Toner  
Division of Corporations  
Florida Department of State  
P.O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

Re: Request to Incorporate as a Not For Profit Corporation

Dear Mr. Toner:

This letter is to certify that The Friends of Weeki Wachee State Park Inc has been designated as and is authorized to serve as the citizen support organization to provide support for the Division of Recreation and Parks in accordance with Section 258.015, F.S. They are requesting to incorporate as a Not For Profit corporation.

Enclosed are the cover letter and Articles of Incorporation. Pursuant to Section 617.0122, F.S., this filing is exempt from any fees when certified by this department.

Please call Mary Hanley at 245-3081 if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

Mike Bullock  
Director  
Florida Park Service

MB/mh

Enclosure

## COVER LETTER

Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: Friends of Florida State Parks, Inc  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME – MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

☐ \$70.00  
Filing Fee

☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee &  
Certificate of  
Status

☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

☐ \$87.50  
Filing Fee,  
Certified Copy  
& Certificate

**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

FROM: Mary C. Hanley  
Name (Printed or typed)

2939 Commonwealth Blvd. Mail Station 535  
Address

Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000  
City, State & Zip

850-245-3081  
Daytime Telephone number

mary.hanley@dep.state.fl.us  
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

**NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.**

**FRIENDS OF WEEKI WACHEE SPRINGS STATE PARK,  
INC.**

**Citizen Support Organization**

**Weeki Wachee Springs**

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF  
FRIENDS OF WEEKI WACHEE SPRINGS STATE PARK  
INC.**

**(a corporation not for profit)**

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

**ARTICLE I**

**Corporate Name**

The name of this corporation is: Friends of Weeki Wachee Springs State Park, Inc.

**ARTICLE II**

**Purposes**

This is a corporation not-for-profit organized exclusively for public charitable and educational purposes under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code. Specifically, this not-for-profit corporation is organized to function as a citizen support organization for that certain Florida State Park known as Weeki Wachee Springs State Park and any and all entities, properties, and areas which now or in the future are managed by or in conjunction with Weeki Wachee Springs 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: work for the preservation, protection, interpretation and promotion of the Park: through special work projects, special programs, special events, outreach programs, educational activities and communications, special exhibits, interpretive programs, fund raising activities and events, guided tours, and additional activities or events which are designed to meet the needs of the Park.

**ARTICLE III**

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#### **Duration**

This corporation shall exist perpetually from and after the date on which these Articles are filed with the Florida 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 fifteen (15), 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 five (5) 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**

##### **Registered Agent and Office**

The street address of the initial registered office is: 6131 Commercial Way, Weeki Wachee, Florida 34606 *and* the name of the initial registered agent at such address is: Raymond Virgilio

#### **ARTICLE VI**

##### **Membership**

The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall have the power to admit members to the Corporation in such 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 Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

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

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be made, altered, rescinded or added to by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

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

11-19-2009

Friends of Weeki Wachee Springs State Park, Inc.  
6131 Commercial Way  
Weeki Wachee, Florida 34606  
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## **ARTICLE XII**

### **The names and addresses of the Board of Directors**

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

**Emilio Vergara**  
**5075 White Road**  
**Brooksville, Florida 34602**

**Raymond P. Virgilio**  
**7215 Hiawatha Parkway**  
**Spring Hill, Florida 34606**

**Rose Rocca**  
**20 North Main Street Room 460**  
**Brooksville, Florida 34601**

**Anne McClung**  
**7153 Broad Street**  
**Brooksville, Florida 34601**

**Sue Rupe**  
**30305 Cortez Blvd.**  
**Brooksville, Florida 34601**

**Tony Covell**  
**600 South Main Street**  
**Brooksville, Florida 34601**

**Judy Whitehead**  
**270 North Broad Street**  
**Brooksville, Florida 34601**

**Maria Sanvernero**  
**13494 Twinberry Drive**  
**Spring Hill, Florida 34609**

**Roger Davidson**  
**6450 Arbutus Avenue**  
**Weeki Wachee, Florida 34607**

**Chuck Morton**  
**7404 Shoal Line Blvd**  
**Weeki Wachee, Florida 34607**

**Beth Fiffie**  
**4088 Commercial Way**  
**Spring Hill, Florida 34606**

**Denise Tenuto**  
**18431 Floralton Drive**  
**Spring Hill, Florida 34610**

**Vince Vanni**  
**PO Box 5562**  
**Spring Hill, Florida 34611**

**Vicki Smith**  
**7053 Dawn Lane**  
**Weeki Wachee, Florida 34607**

**Judy Whitehead**  
**270 N. Broad St.**  
**Brooksville, Fl 34601**

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### **Name and Address of Undersigned Incorporator**

The name and address of the undersigned incorporator is:

**Emilio Vergara**  
**6131 Commercial Way**  
**Weeki Wachee, FL 34606**

### **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, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (1) by a corporation 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 (2) by a corporation, 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**

In the event of dissolution or other termination of the corporation, title to all of its assets shall vest in the Department of Environmental Protection of the State of Florida, or its successor, to be used exclusively for the purposes hereinabove set forth, if being intended that no distribution or payment shall be made which will impair or destroy the tax exempt status of the corporation or which will result in the denial of tax exempt status to donations, contributions, legacies or dues received by this corporation to the extent that such tax exempt status shall be allowed under any applicable law or regulation.

**Name and address**

The undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 19 Day of November, 2009.

Emilio Vergara  
Incorporator, President

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF Hernando

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 2009, by Emilio Vergara, who is personally known to me or has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

**NOTARY PUBLIC:**

Sign: Sarah L. Tenison

Print: Sarah L. Tenison

State of Florida at Large  
(Seal)



My Commission Expires

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

**Commission Number:**

**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED AND THE**

**PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

In pursuance of Section 48.091 and Section 607.034(3), Florida Statutes, the following is submitted in compliance with said sections:

Friends of Weeki Wachee Springs 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 Weeki Wachee, Hernando County, State of Florida, has named Raymond Virgilio as its registered agent to accept service of process at its office within this state, who is located at 6131 Commercial Way, Weeki Wachee, Florida 34606.