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David B. Struhs
Secretary

March 27, 2000

Mr. David Mann, Director
Division of Corporations
Department of State
Post Office Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

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Dear Mr. Mann:

This letter is to certify to you that Friends of The Gainesville-Hawthorne Trail, 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.

Sincerely,

Fran P. Mainella, CLP
Director
Division of Recreation and Parks

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Attachments

PURSUANT TO F.S. 617.0122, THIS FILING IS EXEMPT
FROM ANY FEES REQUIRED FOR INCORPORATION
AS A NON PROFIT CORPORATION

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF
FRIENDS OF THE GAINESVILLE-HAWTHORNE TRAIL, INC.
A Florida Not for Profit Corporation**

The undersigned incorporators, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

**ARTICLE I
NAME**

The name of the corporation is FRIENDS OF THE GAINESVILLE-HAWTHORNE TRAIL, INC., a not for profit Florida corporation.

**ARTICLE II
PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be

Paynes Prairie State Preserve
100 Savannah Boulevard
Micanopy, FL 32667

**ARTICLE III
TERM OF EXISTENCE**

The date and time of the commencement of the corporate existence of the corporation shall be as of the time of the filing of the Articles of Incorporation by the Florida Department of State, and this corporation shall exist perpetually, unless sooner dissolved by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of its members.

**ARTICLE IV
PURPOSE**

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is as follows:

1. This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
2. To serve as the Citizen Support Organization (CSO) as provided in Chapter 258, Florida Statutes to conduct programs and activities; raise funds; request and receive grants, gifts, contributions, dues and bequests of money; acquire, receive, hold, invest and administer, in its own name, securities, funds, objects of value, or other property, real or personal; make expenditures and distributions to or for the direct or indirect benefit of the Florida state park

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system or individual units of the Florida state park system, including the Gainesville-Hawthorne State Trail (Trail); assist with Trail events, assist with recruitment and training of volunteers, assist in identifying Trail needs and develop educational programs and displays along the Trail.

ARTICLE V PUBLICLY SUPPORTED TAX-EXEMPT NONPROFIT CORPORATION

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 IV above. 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 otherwise intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE VI DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution or other termination of the corporation, title to all of its assets shall vest in the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks, or its successor, to be used exclusively for the purposes hereinabove set forth, it 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.

ARTICLE VII MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The directors of the Corporation shall be elected in accordance with methods and qualifications specified in the Bylaws of the Corporation. In no event, shall the number of directors be fewer than three.

ARTICLE VIII MEMBERSHIP

1. Eligible members of the Corporation shall consist of all persons, including individuals and families, who have an interest in and a willingness to assist with the stated purposes of the Corporation in conformity with the Bylaws of the Corporation.

2. Members shall pay annual dues as designated in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

3. Membership classes shall be prescribed in the Bylaws of the Corporation; provided, however, that the right to vote at meetings of the corporation shall be limited to voting members as designated in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

4. The Corporation shall provide for equal membership and employment opportunities to all persons regardless of race, gender, religion, age, national origin or disability.

5. For proper reasons and cause defined in the Bylaws of the Corporation and after reasonable notice and board meeting, the membership of a person may be terminated by the Board of Directors. Failure to pay membership dues as required under the Bylaws shall be sufficient cause for termination of membership.

ARTICLE IX BYLAWS

The Bylaws of this Corporation, not inconsistent with law or these Articles, for the administration of the affairs of the Corporation and the exercise of its corporate powers, shall be adopted and may be amended, amended and restated, or repealed and new bylaws adopted only by the approval of a majority of the directors present at any regular or special meeting at which a quorum is present, if at least ten (10) days' written notice is given to each director of the intention to amend, amend and restate, or repeal and adopt new bylaws at such meeting, together with a summary of such proposed amendment, amendment and restatement or new bylaws.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended only by a majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Corporation, at a meeting duly noticed at which at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors are present.

ARTICLE XI INCORPORATORS

The name and address of the Incorporators to these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

NANCY DOHN
RICHARD HAMANN

2804 NW 48th Terrace, Gainesville, Florida 32606
Post Office Box 117629, Gainesville, Florida 32611-7629

JANE L. SEGAL Post Office Box 130, Hawthorne, Florida 32640
NOAH D. VALENSTEIN 2030 NW 71st Street, Gainesville, Florida 32605
ELIZABETH VANMIEROP 2130 SW 43rd Place, Gainesville, Florida 32608

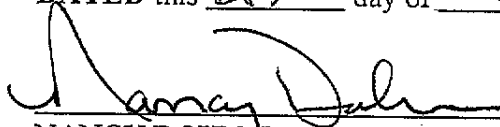
ARTICLE XII
INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and Florida street address of the initial registered agent are:

THOMAS T. ANKERSEN Holland Law Center
230 Bruton-Geer
Gainesville, Florida 32611

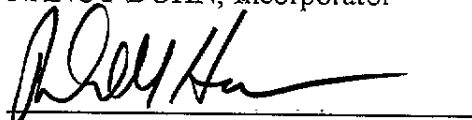
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the undersigned, do hereby make, subscribe, acknowledge and file these Articles of Incorporation hereby declaring and certifying that the facts herein stated are true and that we have executed these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of creating a corporation, not for profit. Under the Laws of the State of Florida.

DATED this 29th day of February, 2000.




NANCY DOHN, Incorporator

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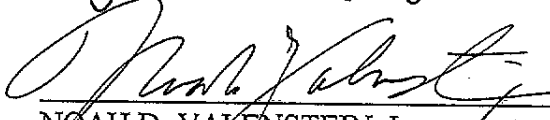
RICHARD HAMANN, Incorporator

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JANE L. SEGAL, Incorporator

personally known
Identification



NOAH D. VALENSTEIN, Incorporator

personally known
Identification



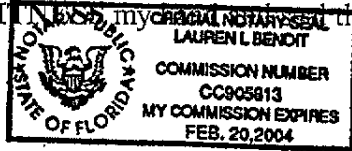
ELIZABETH VANMIEROP, Incorporator

FDL V56-227-32-757-0
Identification

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF ALACHUA

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public authorized to take acknowledgments in the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared NANCY DOHN, RICHARD HAMANN, JANE L. SEGAL, and ELIZABETH VANMIEROP, known to be the persons who executed the foregoing ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE FRIENDS OF THE GAINESVILLE-HAWTHORNE TRAIL, INC., a Florida Not for Profit corporation, and who is personally known to me or has produced FLORIDA DRIVER'S LICENSE as identification and who did/did not take an oath.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 29th day of February, 2000.



Print Name of Notary

My commission expires: 2-20-2004

Lauren L. Benoit
NOTARY PUBLIC

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF LEON

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public authorized to take acknowledgments in the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared NOAH D. VALENSTEIN, known to be the person who executed the foregoing ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE FRIENDS OF THE GAINESVILLE-HAWTHORNE TRAIL, INC., a Florida Not for Profit corporation, and who is personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification and who did/did not take an oath.

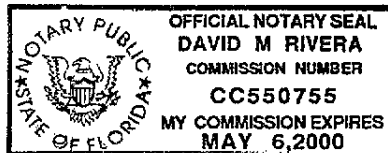
WITNESS my hand and seal this 3 day of March, 2000.

DAVID RIVERA

Print Name of Notary

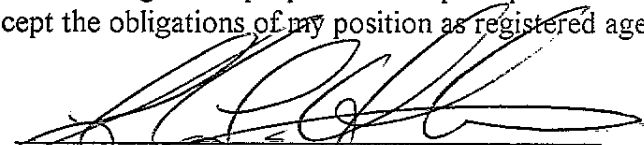
My commission expires:

David M. Rivera
NOTARY PUBLIC



ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above state corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.


THOMAS T. ANKERSEN, Registered Agent

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