

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

No 1000001129

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

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SUBJECT: United Property Owners & Friends  
of the 8.5 Square Mile Area, 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: MADELEINE Fortin  
Name (Printed or typed)

21801 SW 152 St  
Address

Miami, FL 33187  
City, State & Zip

305-255-7098  
Daytime Telephone number

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

Affidavit of Madeleine Fortin

I, Madeleine Fortin, board member of the dissolved not for profit corporation, United Property Owners and Friends of the 8.5 Square Mile Area, Inc., document number N99000000206, state that I have no intention of reinstating this corporation. I am releasing the name to be filed as a new not for profit corporation.

Madeleine Fortin  
21801 SW 152 St,  
Miami, FL 33187  
phone 305-255-7098

*Madeleine Fortin*  
*2/15/01*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
15 day of Feb, 2001.

by: Madeleine Fortin  
Virginia A. Achenbach  
Signature of Notary Public

Notary's Name, Printed, Stamped or Typed  
Personally Known:  or Produced ID:   
Type of ID produced: \_\_\_\_\_



Virginia A. Achenbach  
Commission # CC 770566  
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ATLANTIC BONDING CO., INC.

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

In Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation shall be:

United Property Owners + Friends of the 8.5 Square Mile Area, INC.

ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

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

Miami-Dade County  
21801 SW 152 St, Miami, FL 33187

ARTICLE III PURPOSE

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is:

See attached Mission Statement

ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed:

Initially - The President, Vice President, and Secretary will appoint four additional Board Members - all will serve for a period of 2 year. There after - elections will be held and all 7 members of board will be elected.

ARTICLE V INITIAL DIRECTORS/OFFICERS

The name and addresses:

President - Madeline Fortin 21801 SW 152 St Miami, FL 33187  
Vice President Mike Black PO Box 97-1298 Miami, FL 33197  
Secretary/Treas. Madeline Woodard 14701 SW 205 Ave Miami, FL 33196

ARTICLE VI INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:

Madeline Fortin  
21801 SW 152 St, Miami, FL 33187

ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Madeline Fortin  
21801 SW 152 St, Miami, FL 33187

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Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Madeline Fortin  
Signature/Registered Agent

2/9/01  
Date

Madeline Fortin  
Signature/Incorporator

2/9/01  
Date

**THE UNITED PROPERTY OWNERS & FRIENDS  
OF THE 8.5 SQUARE MILE AREA**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Our goals in forming the above not-for-profit community organization are as follows:

1. In the 1989 Everglades National Park Protection and Expansion Act, Congress authorized the Army Corps of Engineers to protect our community from the increased water levels that will result from the effort to restore more natural hydro patterns to Shark River Slough. Protection is not acquisition! Destroying our community will not help the environment in any way. **It is our goal to prevent the acquisition of our property by any government agency.**

2. Residents of our community feel strongly that preserving environmental quality is important for all citizens in South Florida. **It is our goal to help in any way we can in the effort to restore more natural hydro patterns within the Everglades watershed.**

3. As people who chose to live in a rural setting, we understand the importance of maintaining the quality of our environment. The environment is our home and no one chooses to degrade the home they live in. Our organization seeks to prevent the environmental degradation that occurs when rural land becomes urbanized. We also seek to prevent the environmental degradation that occurs when government agencies acquire land that they are unable to manage effectively. **It is our goal to preserve the rural, agricultural character of our community.**

4. In the past, decisions about our community were made by people with interests that diverged sharply from our own. Our elected officials have refused to represent us in any way. Adequate representation is essential if we are to preserve our constitutional rights. **It is our goal to truly represent the community's interests to the government agencies making decisions that will affect our future.**