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June 4, 2001

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

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

**RE: Center for Community Environmental Research, Inc.**

Dear Sir or Madam:

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Regarding the above referenced Non-Profit Corporation, enclosed are the following:

- ◆ Articles of Incorporation;
- ◆ Registered Agent Designation; and,
- ◆ Check payable to the Florida Department of State in the amount of \$78.75 representing the \$35.00 filing fee, the \$35.00 Registered Agent Designation fee, and the \$8.75 fee for a certified copy of the Articles of Incorporation.

If you should have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

JONES, FOSTER, JOHNSTON & STUBBS, P.A.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Trent S. Kiziah

Enclosures

cc: Margaret Highsmith (w/enclosures)

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF  
CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH, INC.  
A FLORIDA NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION**

SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

The undersigned person acting as incorporator of a Corporation not for profit under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, as set forth in Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for the Corporation:

**Article I**

The name of the Corporation is CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH, INC.

**Article II**

The Corporation shall have perpetual duration.

**Article III**

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, 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 of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

**Article IV**

The Corporation shall have one class of members which shall be distinct from its Board of Directors. Margaret F. Highsmith shall be the sole member of the Corporation. The member shall be solely empowered and solely responsible for appointing the Board of Directors of the Corporation. The member shall be the only party authorized to amend these Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws. The member may remove any Director or Officer with or without cause at any time. The number of members may be increased or decreased from time to time by an Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation. Additional members shall be selected only by the current member(s) by a written acknowledged instrument. The member(s) may appoint additional member(s) which shall become members upon the happening of an event, such as incapacity or death. Such designations may be revoked at any time prior to the stated event resulting in the named individual's entitlement to membership. In the event Margaret F. Highsmith becomes incapacitated or dies without having duly appointed any other member, Helen F. Swafford and Jeannie F. Hollifield, shall succeed her as members.

## Article V

The street address and mailing address of the office of the Corporation is c/o Trent S. Kiziah, Esq., Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubbs, P.A., 505 South Flagler Drive, Suite 1100, West Palm Beach, Florida 33401. The name and address of its initial registered agent is Trent S. Kiziah.

## Article VI

The powers of this Corporation shall be exercised, its property controlled, and its affairs conducted by a Board of Directors. The number of Directors of the Corporation shall be three, provided, however, that that number may be changed by a by-law duly adopted but at all times at least be three in number.

The Directors named herein as the first Board of Directors shall hold office until the first meeting of members, to be held at 9:00 a.m. on the first business day in October 2001, or such other time as determined by the member, at which time an election of Directors shall be held.

Directors elected at the first annual meeting, and at all subsequent times, shall serve for a term of a year until the next annual meeting of members following the election of Directors and until the qualification of the successors in office. Annual meetings shall be held at 9:00 a.m., on the first Tuesday in January of each year, or such other time as determined by the Directors, at the principal office of the Corporation, or at any other place or places designated by the Board of Directors by resolution.

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Directors under any provision of law may be taken without a meeting, if all the Directors individually or collectively consent in writing to the action. Written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board, and any action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as if taken by unanimous vote of the Directors. Any certificate or other document filed under any provision of law that relates to action taken in this manner shall state that the action was taken by unanimous written consent of the Board of Directors without a meeting and that the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of this Corporation authorize the Directors to act in this manner. This statement shall be prima facie evidence of the Directors' authority.

The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial Directors are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Margaret F. Highsmith	P.O. Box 221136 West Palm Beach, Florida 33422-1136
Helen F. Swafford	P.O. Box 82 Jasper, Tennessee 37347

Jeannie F. Hollifield

3126 S. Dunn Street  
Smyrna, Georgia 30080

#### Article VII

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Name

Address

Margaret F. Highsmith

P.O. Box 221136  
West Palm Beach, Florida 33422-1136

#### Article VIII

The Board of Directors shall elect the following officers: president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary, and any other officers which the By-Laws of this Corporation authorize the Directors to elect. Initially, officers shall be elected at the first annual meeting of the Board of Directors. Until that election is held, the following persons shall serve as corporate officers:

Margaret F. Highsmith

President, Treasurer

Helen F. Swafford

Vice President and Secretary

#### Article IX

Subject to the limitations contained in the By-Laws and any limitations set forth in the Not For Profit Corporation Act of Florida described above, the By-Laws of this Corporation may be made, altered, rescinded, added to, or new By-Laws may be adopted solely by the member(s).

#### Article X

The property of the corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, directors, 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 Section 501(c)(3) purposes. 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 or in opposition to 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 from Federal income tax 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 XI

On the dissolution or winding up of this Corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the Corporation, shall be distributed to a not for profit fund, foundation, or Corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable or, educational purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

#### Article XII

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, this Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law. In addition:

1. The Corporation will distribute its income for each tax year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
2. The Corporation will not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
3. The Corporation will not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
4. The Corporation will not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
5. The Corporation will not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal revenue code.

Article XIII

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by the members at the annual meeting or a specially called meeting or by a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors and presented to a quorum of member(s) for their vote. A vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the Corporation is required for an Amendment to be adopted.

I, the undersigned, being the incorporator of this Corporation, for the purpose of forming this Not For Profit Charitable Corporation under the Laws of Florida, have executed these Articles of Incorporation on June 1, 2001.

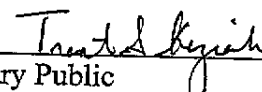
  
Margaret F. Highsmith

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF PALM BEACH

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 1 day of June, 2001 by Margaret F. Highsmith, the incorporator, who is personally known to me or who has produced a driver's license as identification and who did take an oath.

(NOTARY SEAL)

  
Notary Public  
Print Name: TRENT S. KIZIAH  
My Commission Expires:

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CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING REGISTERED  
OFFICE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS  
WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT  
UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

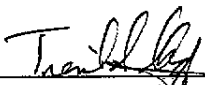
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SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

Pursuant to Chapter 48.091 and Chapter 617.0501, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted in compliance with said Act:

That CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH, INC., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its registered office as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation at Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubbs, P.A., 505 South Flagler Drive, Suite 1100, West Palm Beach, County of Palm Beach, has named Trent S. Kiziah as its agent to accept service of process within this State.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT:**

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated Corporation, at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity and agree to comply with the provisions of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

  
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Trent S. Kiziah, Registered Agent  
Dated: June 4, 2001