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SUBJECT: Concerned Citizens of the Nature Coast, 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  
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Certificate of  
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☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

☐ \$87.50  
Filing Fee,  
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& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Annette Long  
Name (Printed or typed)

P.O. Box 938  
Address

Fruitland Park, FL 34731  
City, State & Zip

352-728-6536  
Daytime Telephone number

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

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
CONCERNED CITIZENS OF THE NATURE COAST, INC.

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We, the undersigned, with other persons desirous of forming a corporation not for profit under the provisions of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, do agree to the following:

ARTICLE 1. NAME

The name of the organization is CONCERNED CITIZENS OF THE NATURE COAST, INC..

ARTICLE 2. PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

The principal place of business and mailing address of the corporation shall be in Levy County, Florida, with a permanent mailing address of P.O. Box 2572, Chiefland, FL 32644.

ARTICLE III. PURPOSES

The general nature and object of this organization shall be to educate the public, governmental agencies and other applicable groups about environmental issues, and the scientific study of industry and agriculture and how it relates to the natural environment of the "Nature Coast" of Florida. This includes but is not limited to Levy, Dixie, and Taylor Counties.

The said 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, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

The membership shall consist of any and all persons who express a desire to join this organization, who pay such annual dues and assessments as are fixed by the Board of Directors, and as regulated in its by-laws who agree to abide by and comply with the by-laws of the organization.

ARTICLE V. TERMS OF EXISTENCE

This corporation is to exist perpetually.

## ARTICLE VI. INCORPORATORS

The names and addresses of the incorporators of these articles are:

NAME	ADDRESSES
Paul E. Perras	P.O. Box 2572 Chiefland, FL 32644
Tammie Truett	P.O. Box 2572 Chiefland, FL 32644
Annette Long	P.O. Box 2572 Chiefland, FL 32644

## ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the corporation shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as may be provided in the by-laws.

Section 2. The names of the persons who are to serve as officers of the corporation until the first meeting of the membership are:

OFFICE	NAME
President	Paul E. Perras
Vice-President	Tammie Truett
Secretary	Annette Long
Treasurer	Annette Long

Section 3. The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the membership as provided in the by-laws.

## ARTICLE VIII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The business affairs of this corporation shall be conducted and administered by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall be members of the corporation.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the corporation, and such other members of the corporation as the membership shall select, all of whom shall be elected initially at the first meeting of the membership of the corporation and they shall serve until their successors are duly elected or appointed as provided for in the by-laws. The number of directors may be increased or decreased by changes in the by-laws but shall never be less than three.

Section 4. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as directors until their successors are duly elected are:

NAME	ADDRESS
Paul E. Perras	P.O. Box 2572 Chiefland, FL 32644
Tammie Truett	P.O. Box 2572 Chiefland, FL 32644
Annette Long	P.O. Box 2572 Chiefland, FL 32644
Sandy Fink	P.O. Box 2572 Chiefland, FL 32644
Karen Fishbaugh	P.O. Box 2572 Chiefland, FL 32644
Layne Redmond	P.O. Box 2572 Chiefland, FL 32644
Phillip Beck	P.O. Box 2572 Chiefland, FL 32644

#### ARTICLE IX. BY-LAWS

Section 1. The Board of Directors of this corporation shall provide such by-laws for the corporation as are necessary and submit the same to the membership for approval at the first meeting of the membership.

Section 2. Upon proper notice, the by-laws may be amended at any duly called regular or special meeting of the members by a two-thirds vote of the members present, and voting when a quorum as set by the by-laws is present, provided that the proposed amendments shall have been approved by the Board of Directors and a copy of the approved amendments shall have been mailed or delivered to each member at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

#### ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended at any duly called regular or special meeting of the members by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting when a quorum as set by the by-laws is present, provided that the proposed amendments shall have been approved by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of the Directors present at a meeting of the Board of Directors called for that purpose and when a majority of the Directors are present; and provided further that a copy of the proposed amendment(s) be mailed or delivered to each member at least ten (10) days prior to the membership meeting.

#### ARTICLE XI. REGISTERED AGENT

The name and address of the initial Registered Agent is:

**NAME**

Annette Long

**ADDRESS**

01363 Spring Lake Road  
Fruitland Park, FL 34731

#### ARTICLE XII. NON-PROFIT STATUS

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed 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 III hereof. This corporation shall be authorized to exercise the powers permitted corporations under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes; provided, however, that this corporation in exercising any one or more of such powers, shall do so in furtherance of the exempt purpose for which it has been organized as described in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or any amendment thereto.

#### ARTICLE XIII. POWERS

In order to promote the purposes of this corporation, it may acquire by grant, gift, purchase, devise or bequest, and hold and dispose of such property as the corporation shall require for the benefit of the members and not for pecuniary profit.

#### ARTICLE XIV. DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION


In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue code, or 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 of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal 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.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by (a) a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law or (b) a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or any other corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

The undersigned incorporators have executed these Articles of Incorporation this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001

  
\_\_\_\_\_(SEAL)  
PAUL E. PERRAS

  
\_\_\_\_\_(SEAL)  
TAMMIE TRUETT

  
\_\_\_\_\_(SEAL)  
ANNETTE LONG

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA:

CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION  
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

Pursuant to the provisions of sections 607.0501 or 617.0501, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the registered office/registered agent, in the State of Florida.

1.) The name of the corporation is:

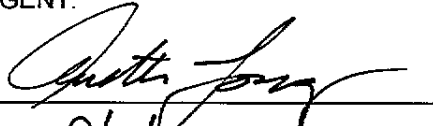
CONCERNED CITIZENS OF THE NATURE COAST, INC.

2.) The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

ANNETTE LONG  
01363 SPRING LAKE ROAD  
FRUITLAND PARK, FL 34731

HAVING BEEN NAMED AS REGISTERED AGENT AND TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED 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 THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES, AND I AM FAMILIAR WITH AND ACCEPT THE OBLIGATIONS OF MY POSITION AS REGISTERED AGENT.

SIGNATURE



DATE

9/5/01