

Department of Environmental Protection

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February 7, 2001

Ms. Cathy Stauffer
Division of Corporations
Florida Department of State
Post Office Box 6327
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

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Dear Ms. Stauffer:

This letter is to certify to you that Nature Coast Parks Support Organization, ^{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.

Attached please find two copies of their Articles of Incorporation. After filing and assigning a document number please forward one stamped copy of the Articles with your correspondence.

If further information is needed feel free to call Phillip Werndli at 488-8243.

Warmest regards,

Wendy Spencer
Wendy Spencer, Director
Florida State Parks

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Attachments

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ARTICLES OF CORPORATION

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

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the corporation shall be: Nature Coast Parks Support Organization Inc.

ARTICLE II: PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business and mailing address of this Corporation shall be: Manatee Springs State Park, 11650 N.W. 115th Street, Chiefland, FL 32626

ARTICLE III: PURPOSE

The Nature Coast Parks Support Organization (NCPSO) is a Citizen Support Organization for the benefit of the Florida State Parks IAW Chapter 258 of the Florida Statutes. NCPSO provides support to all properties managed as part of Suwannee Basin Geo Park through the promotion of volunteerism and local community support, public awareness, development of programs and events, and fund raising for specific projects as directed by the Park Manager and specified in the parks' Unit Plans. The group will interact with local related organizations through good communications and assistance with volunteerism.

This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable purposes including making distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

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 corporations 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 this Article. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporations 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, this 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 sections of any future federal tax code, or (b) by corporation, contributions to which are deductible under sections 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding sections of any future federal tax code.

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ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

The corporation shall provide for equal membership and employment opportunities to all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, or natural origin.

ARTICLE V: MANNER OF APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

This Corporation will initially be composed of five (5) Directors. Additional Directors in any odd number may be added to the Board as set forth in the duly adopted By-Laws. The Members IAW the By-Laws shall elect new Directors annually.

ARTICLES VI: BY-LAWS

The Directors, by majority vote, are authorized to establish By-Laws for the corporation not inconsistent with these Articles of Incorporation, and to amend same from time to time.

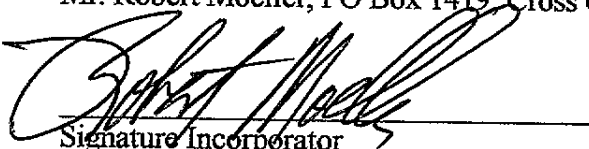
ARTICLES VII INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

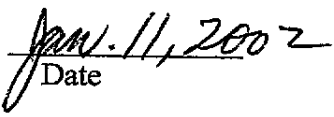
The name and Florida street address of the initial registered agent are: The initial registered agent is Mr. Robert Moeller, whose physical address is: the corner of Wilson Street and County Road 351, Cross City, FL 32628.

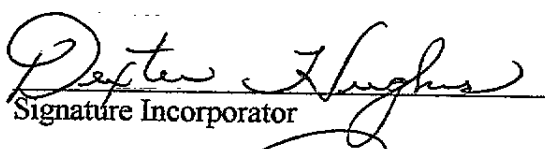
ARTICLE VII: INCORPORATORS

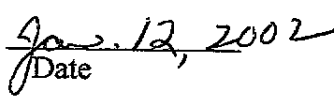
The names and addresses of the Incorporators of these Articles of Incorporation are:

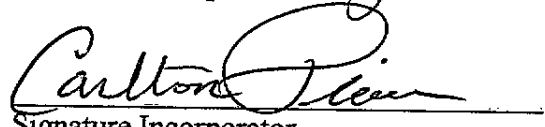
Mr. Carlton Pierce, PO Box 1342, Old Town, FL 32680-1342
Mr. Dexter Hughes, 11171 NW 109th Court, Chiefland, FL 32626
Mr. Amos Philman, 4240 SW 86th Avenue, Bell, FL 32619
Mr. Ellison Hardee, 5750 NW 135th Street, Chiefland 32626
Mr. Earl Cannon, 7151 NW 95th Street, Chiefland, FL 32626
Mr. Robert Moeller, PO Box 1419, Cross City, FL 32628

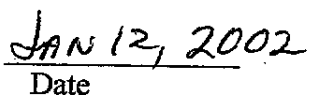

Signature Incorporator


Date


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Date

Ellen H. Horder

Signature Incorporator

1/13/02

Date

Earl E. Zama

Signature Incorporator

1-14-02

Date

Ann H. Phil

Signature Incorporator

1-16-02

Date

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the 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 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.

Robert H. Hall

Signature/Registered Agent

1-18-2002

Date

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