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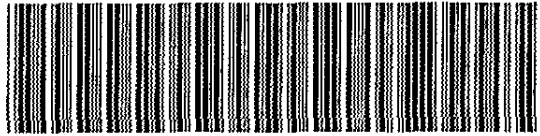
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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

SUBJECT: Alva Area Land Trust, 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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\$78.75
Filing Fee
& Certified Copy

\$87.50
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& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Sarah Gillim
Name (Printed or typed)

17651 Cypress Creek Rd
Address

Alva, FL 33920
City, State & Zip

239-728-3703
Daytime Telephone number

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

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

ALVA AREA LAND TRUST, INC

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Article I

The name of this corporation shall be the Alva Area Land Trust, Inc. The principle office and mailing address shall be located at 17651 Cypress Creek Road, Alva, Florida in Lee County, Florida

Article II

The purposes of this corporation shall be as follows:

To work with landowners, civic leaders, agricultural interests, governmental agencies and the public in conserving and preserving farmland, natural areas and environmentally sensitive lands through acquisition and management of property.

To work with and educate the public on the economic, environmental and aesthetic benefits of conservation and farmland preservation.

To purchase open space or create financial incentives to encourage the preservation of open space for environmental protection and public benefit.

To cooperate with other entities having similar or related objectives and to engage in any other activity relating to the furtherance of the foregoing objectives.

Article III

The Board of Directors shall consist of not fewer than three (3) persons, the exact number to be determined from time to time in accordance with the By-laws, said By-laws to be adopted by the Initial Incorporators within six (6) months of approval of these Articles

Article IV

The Initial Incorporators shall be Sarah Gillim, 17651 Cypress Creek Rd, Alva, FL 33920, Lynn Fensterer, 2320 Bishop Drive, Alva, FL 33920, Mike Dove 20031 South River Rd., Alva, FL 33920

Article V

This corporation shall have all the powers and authority granted to it under Chapter 617, *Florida Statutes*, unless otherwise limited in the By-laws.

Article VI

Election and appointment of officers and directors and qualifications for membership in the organization shall be in accordance with the By-laws.

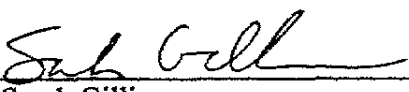
Article VII

The registered agent for this corporation shall be Sarah Gillim, 17651 Cypress Creek Road, Alva, FL 33920

Article VIII

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 II hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be used for the purpose of carrying on 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 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 of 1954 (or a corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law). In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations described in Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding sections of any prior or future law, or to the Federal, state or local government for exclusive public purpose. It is the desire of the corporation that such assets be distributed to those organizations which have substantially similar purposes as the Alva Area Land Trust

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



Sarah Gillim
Registered Agent

1/8/03

Date

Incorporators

<u>Mike Dove</u> Mike Dove	<u>1. 9. 2003</u> Date
<u>Lynn Fensterer</u> Lynn Fensterer	<u>1/9/03</u> Date
<u>Sarah Gillim</u> Sarah Gillim	<u>1/8/03</u> Date