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Department of State
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SUBJECT: FRIENDS OF THE TRAILS INC
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

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FROM: ROSE M. GATTO
Name (Printed or typed)

4645 31ST CT E
Address

BRADENTON FL 34203
City, State & Zip

941-756-7841
Daytime Telephone number

email ballen@Earthlink

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

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
Friends of the Trails, inc.
A Florida "Not for Profit" Corporation**

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a corporation under Chapter 617 of Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

Article I - Name

The name of the corporation is Friends of the Trails, *INC.*

Article II - Principal office and Mailing Address

Shall be: 4645 31st Court East, Bradenton Fl 34203

Article III - Purpose

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is:

1. To promote the use of greenway trails for recreation, environmental education and alternative modes of transportation.
2. To educate the public how greenways in our communities can improve our quality of life, increase property values and spur economic development.
3. To preserve open space and create a network of trails, bikeways and greenways in Manatee County.
4. To support planning, development and implementation of trails from the Manatee County Master Greenways Plan, which was created by the Manatee County Government and Citizens Trail Committee with assistance from the National Park Service, RTCA.
5. To support historic preservation, environmental protection and education and other sustainable community elements in their scope of design.

All of the foregoing purposes shall be exercised exclusively in such a manner that the Corporation will qualify as an exempt organization 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 - Manner of Election

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors. The number of directors shall initially be 3. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time in accordance with the Bylaws of the Corporation, but shall never be less than 3. The manner of election of members of the board of Directors shall be regulated by the Bylaws of the corporation.

Article V - Duration

This corporation shall exist perpetually from and after the date on which these articles are filed with the Department of State Unless sooner dissolved voluntarily or by law.

Article VI - Initial Directors

The names and addresses of the persons who shall serve as the initial members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation are as follows:

Rose Gatto,
4645 31st Court East,
Bradenton Fl 34203

Lynn Deutch,
824 35th Ave Dr W,

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Jill Belliveau
3803 Sun Eagle Lane
Bradenton Fl 34210

Article VII - Officers

Rose Gatto
President
4645 31st Court East
Bradenton, Fl 34203

Lynn Deutch,
Vice-President
824 35th Ave Dr W,
Palmetto Fl 34221.

Jill Belliveau
Secretary
3803 Sun Eagle Lane
Bradenton Fl 34210

Article VIII Initial Registered Agent and Street Address:

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

Rose Gatto
4645 31st Court East,
Bradenton, Fl 34203

Article IX - Incorporator

The name and street address of the incorporator is:

Rose Gatto
4645 31st Court East
Bradenton, Fl 34203

Article X - Dissolution

Upon winding up and dissolution of the Corporation, the assets of the Corporation remaining after payment of all debts and liabilities shall be distributed to an organization recognized as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as it now exists or as it may hereafter be amended or shall be distributed to the federal, state or local government for a public purpose.

Article XI - Limitations

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, 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 any of its purposes.

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.

Rose M. Batts
Signature/Registered Agent

Rose M. Batts
Signature/Incorporator

3/27/06
Date

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