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Department of State
Division of Corporations
P. O. Box 6327
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SUBJECT: Gardening Friends of the Big Bend, 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: Jill M. Williams

Name (Printed or typed)

509 Torreya Rd.

Address

Chattahoochee, FL 32324

City, State & Zip

850-663-2280 or 850-567-6717

Daytime Telephone number

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

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

In Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

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ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation shall be Gardening Friends of the Big Bend, Inc. SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be:
University of Florida IFAS North Florida Research and Education Center - Quincy
155 Research Road
Quincy FL 32351-5677
Phone (850) 875-7100

ARTICLE III PURPOSE

The purpose for which Gardening Friends of the Big Bend, Inc. is organized is to support and assist the faculty and staff of the University of Florida IFAS North Florida Research and Education Center – Quincy to accomplish their ongoing mission.

The goals of this organization are:

- To expand outreach by fostering research and providing educational programs through partnership with community organizations, schools and the horticulture industry
- To organize and participate in:
 - Special events in support of the Center
 - Routine garden maintenance and operation
 - Development of new and expanded public gardens
- To generate additional resources to enhance the mission and goals adopted by this organization including soliciting donations, grants, fund raising activities, and volunteer time, material, and equipment.

ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION

The Board of Directors is composed of nine (9) voting members. Among the nine Board members, five (5) are elected officers – President, Vice President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and Secretary. The chairs of the four standing committees are also members of the Board. The immediate past president shall be an ex officio member of the Board for one year. The Faculty Liaison is also an ex officio member of the Board.

Election of officers will take place in October of each year. Newly elected officers shall assume their office in January of the following year. Officers shall be elected by the general membership and shall serve one (1) year terms in this official capacity. However, the initial election of officers will be for a term ending with the election of officers in January 2008. Officers may be re-elected to continue their official position for more than one year.

The following committees shall be standing committees of the organization:

(1) Fundraising Committee, (2) Education Committee, (3) Membership Committee, and (4) Garden Management Committee. Each committee shall be composed of volunteers from the membership, and the committee shall elect a chair person from among its

members at its first meeting. Committee chairs shall serve for a one year term. Chairpersons may be re-elected to serve for more than one year.

ARTICLE V INITIAL DIRECTORS AND/OR OFFICERS

The current officers are:

President	Jill Williams, 509 Torreya Rd., Chattahoochee, FL 32324
Vice President	Sally Waxgiser, P.O. Box 160, Cypress, FL 32432
Secretary	Rosemary Branson, 510 Live Oak Lane, Havana, FL 32333
Financial Secretary	Gene McKenzie, 1672 Luten Rd., Quincy 32351
Treasurer	Giles Toole, 807 Elizabeth Dr., Tallahassee, FL 32303

ARTICLE VI INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and address of the registered agent is:

Dr. Gary Knox
North Florida Research and Education Center
155 Research Road
Quincy FL 32351-5677
Phone (850) 875-7100
gwknnox@ufl.edu

ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Jill M. Williams
509 Torreya Rd.
Chattahoochee, FL 32324
850-663-2280
B419@aol.com

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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.

Gary W. Knox
Signature/Registered Agent

8/13/07
Date

Jill M. Williams
Signature/Incorporator

8/13/07
Date