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SUBJECT: _____

Groundswell Community, 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: _____

Michael Brezin

Name (Printed or typed)

1401 N. Randolph Circle

Address

Tallahassee, FL 32308

City, State & Zip

850-386-6267

Daytime Telephone number

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
GROUNDSWELL COMMUNITY, INC.
(A FLORIDA NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION)**

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Articles of Incorporation

The undersigned, a citizen of the United States, desiring to form a Corporation Not for Profit under the Corporation Not for Profit Law of Florida, Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, certifies and acknowledges:

ARTICLE I. NAME.

The name of the Corporation Not for Profit shall be Groundswell Community, Incorporated (the "Corporation").

ARTICLE II. PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND ADDRESS.

The initial principal office and mailing address of the Corporation is 1401 N. Randolph Circle, Tallahassee, FL 32308.

ARTICLE III. PURPOSES.

Section 1. IRC Section 501(C)(3) Purposes

This corporation is organized exclusively for one or more of the purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 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.

Section 2. Specific Purposes

The specific purposes of the Corporation are:

- To create and evaluate demonstration projects, centers, programs, gatherings, etc. to model innovative sustainable and socially just living practices.
- To create timely and practical sustainable approaches to home-based energy and water conservation and efficiency, local food production and distribution, and an appreciation of the local natural environment and social history.
- To develop and provide education programs and events that teach innovative sustainable and socially just living practices and an appreciation and understanding of the local natural environment.
- To encourage people to live a more sustainable, self-reliant, and socially just lifestyle.
- To promote a sense of participation in and service to the broader, local community.
- To promote a more local and sustainable economy.

- To create diverse partnerships to fund projects that lead to choices/actions to reduce personal contributions to climate change, natural resource depletion, or environmental degradation and that prepare people to adjust to the changes that may accompany these conditions in practical, creative, cooperative, and just ways.
- To promote an understanding of global climate change, energy/natural resource depletion, and environmental degradation and their potential impacts on local, national, and worldwide levels.
- To do all things necessary to accomplish the purposes described above.

ARTICLE IV. ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The business affairs of this corporation shall be managed by the board of directors. This corporation will have 3 Directors initially, who shall hold office until their successors are chosen. The number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time as provided in the bylaws, but there shall never be fewer than three Directors. Directors shall be elected and hold office in accordance with the bylaws. Individuals are elected to the Board of Directors by a majority vote of the current Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V. INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The names and addresses of the persons who are the initial Directors of the Corporation are as follows:

Name: Michael J. Brezin Address: 1401 N. Randolph Circle, Tallahassee, FL 32308

Name: Kathryn Ziewitz Address: 2741 NW 39th Drive, Gainesville, FL 32606

Name: June Wiaz Address: 3436 Welwyn Way, Tallahassee, FL 32309

ARTICLE VI. REGISTERED AGENT.

The registered agent is:

Michael J. Brezin
1401 N. Randolph Circle
Tallahassee, FL 32308

(850) 386-6767

ARTICLE VII. INCORPORATOR.

The name and address of the incorporator are:

Michael J. Brezin
1401 N. Randolph Circle
Tallahassee, FL 32308

ARTICLE VIII. BYLAWS.

The bylaws of this Corporation shall be adopted by the board of directors, which shall have the authority to amend, alter, or rescind by majority vote all or any part of the bylaws at any regular or special meeting.


ARTICLE IX. MEMBERS.

This corporation shall have no members initially. Membership may be provided in the future as established in the bylaws.

ARTICLE X. DISSOLUTION.

In the event of, and upon dissolution of the Corporation, the Corporation may make distributions to its members as authorized by law. Any net assets not distributed to members shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government or to a state or local government for a public purpose, or to one or more organizations whose purposes generally conform, at least in some respects, with the purposes of this Corporation.

As signed and acknowledged on April 12, 2010 by:



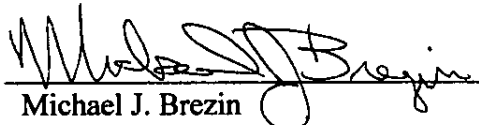
Michael J. Brezin, Incorporator,
Groundswell Community, Inc.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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 HEARBY 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 to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

Date: April 12, 2010

Name of Registered Agent:


Michael J. Brezin
1401 N. Randolph Circle
Tallahassee, FL 32308-

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