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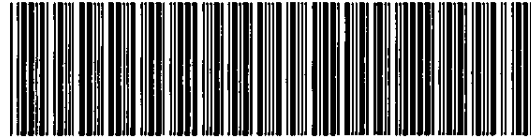
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## COVER LETTER

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

SUBJECT: FRIENDS OF VIERA WETLANDS, 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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**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

FROM: Patricia Tierney  
Name (Printed or typed)

480 Diana Blvd  
Address

Merritt Island, FL 32953  
City, State & Zip

407-474-8786  
330 Prior Daytime Telephone number

sligh2525@gmail.com  
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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

# **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF FRIENDS OF VIERA WETLANDS, INC.**

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The undersigned natural persons, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a Non-Profit Corporation under the Non-Profit Corporation Law of Florida, each being of lawful age and residency, do by execution hereof, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation not-for-profit, pursuant to the provisions of Section 617.01, et seq., Florida Statutes (F.S.); and further agree to the following condition of said corporation.

## **ARTICLE I NAME**

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The name of the corporation shall be "Friends of Viera Wetlands, Inc."

## **ARTICLE II PRINCIPLE OFFICE**

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The address of the principal office of this corporation not-for-profit shall be as follows:

Friends of Viera Wetlands, Inc.  
330 Orion CT  
Merritt Island, FL 32953

The directors may, from time to time, move the principal office to any other address in the State of Florida, as set forth in the bylaws of this corporation.

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### **ARTICLE III PURPOSES**

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The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

1. To preserve, protect, maintain and enhance the Viera Wetlands, officially known as The Ritch Grissom Memorial Wetlands—a manmade wetlands system located in Viera, Florida, constructed and operated by Brevard County Utility Services Department as a component of the South Central Water Reclamation Facility.
2. To advise and assist Brevard County in facilitating public access to the Viera Wetlands.
3. To educate the general population as to the local ecological and economic value of the Viera Wetlands.
4. To encourage and facilitate private and public financial contributions in order to enhance the Viera Wetlands.
5. To advise and assist Brevard County in the ongoing management and enhancement of Viera Wetlands.
6. To do and perform all things necessary and appropriate for the forgoing purposes, and to that end, the corporation shall have all the powers and privileges as provided by law, and shall have perpetual existence.
7. Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, 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, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax
8. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provision of any future United States Federal Tax Code.

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**ARTICLE IV  
MEMBERSHIP**

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The qualification of members and the manner of their admission to this corporation, the authorized number of members of this corporation and the different classes of membership, if any, the property, voting and other rights and privileges of members, the liability of members for dues or assessments, and the method of collection thereof, and the termination and transfer of membership shall be as set forth in the bylaws of this corporation.

**ARTICLE V  
REGISTERED AGENT**

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The name and address of the initial registered agent of this corporation is as follows:

CATHERINE EDEL SLIGH  
330 ORION CT  
MERRITT ISLAND, FL 32953

**ARTICLE VI  
INCORPORATOR**

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The names and address of incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation is as follows:

PATRICIA TIERNEY  
480 DIANA BLVD  
MERRITT ISLAND, FL 32953

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**ARTICLE VII  
INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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The following individuals shall constitute the initial Board of Directors of the corporation by the majority vote of the members present.

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	CATHERINE EDEL SLIGH	330 ORION CT MERRITT ISLAND, FL 32953
<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b>	ROBERT WICKER	6560 N. HARBOR CITY BLVD #622 MELBOURNE, FL 32940
<b>SECRETARY</b>	ROSEMARY WEBB	3650 S TROPICAL TRAIL MERRITT ISLAND, FL 32952
<b>TREASURER</b>	VALERIE CARSON-CITTA	3400 ERIE ST COCOA, FL 32926

**ARTICLE VIII  
BYLAWS**

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The bylaws for the corporation may be adopted, altered, amended, rescinded, or added to by appropriate actions of the members of the corporation, at a meeting of the membership, at a time and in the manner provided for in said bylaws.

**ARTICLE IX  
AMENDMENTS**

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Any amendment to these Articles of Incorporation shall be proposed, voted on, and adopted by resolution, at a time and in the manner provided for in the bylaws, at an annual or special meeting of the membership; and the resolution adopted shall be transmitted to the Secretary of State, as provided for in Chapter 617, Florida Statutes (2007)

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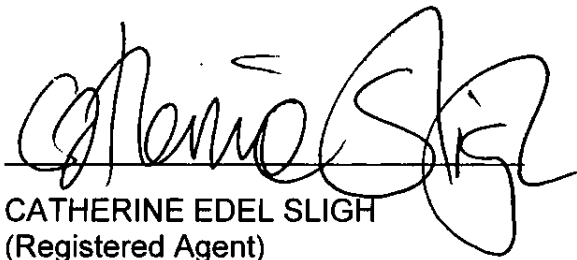
**ARTICLE X  
DISSOLUTION**

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Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the 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. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

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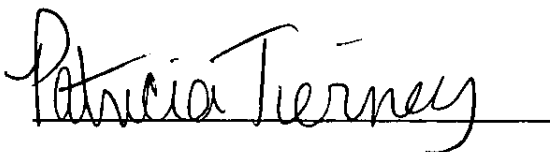
Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity

  
CATHERINE EDEL SLIGH  
(Registered Agent)

10/4/11  
(Date)

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I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.

  
PATRICIA TIERNEY  
(Incorporator)

9/28/11  
(Date)