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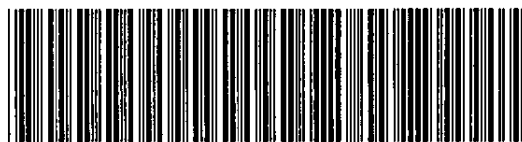
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Department of State  
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SUBJECT: Silver Springs Alliance, Inc.  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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: Natalie Lyons  
Name (Printed or typed)

P.O. Box 153  
Address

Silver Springs FL 34489  
City, State & Zip

(352) 369-0529  
Daytime Telephone number

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

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

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**ARTICLES of INCORPORATION  
SILVER SPRINGS ALLIANCE, INC.**

The undersigned, 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, do hereby certify:

**First:** The name of the Corporation shall be Silver Springs Alliance, Inc.

**Second:** The place in this state where the principal office of the Corporation is to be located is 3827 NE 17<sup>th</sup> Street Circle, Ocala, Marion County, Florida 34470-4938. The mailing address is P.O. Box 153, Silver Springs, Florida 34489.

**Third:** The goal of the Silver Springs Alliance is to ensure the protection of a healthy ecosystem at Silver Springs for future generations. The Silver Springs Alliance recognizes that the groundwater supply of Marion County is finite and vulnerable to overuse and pollution due to human activity. Therefore, it is also the goal of the Silver Springs Alliance to ensure the sustainability (quantity and quality) of the Floridan Aquifer System, the primary source of water that nourishes Silver Springs. To accomplish these goals the Silver Springs Alliance will advocate for actions that provide for the long-term maintenance of a healthy Silver Springs, Silver River, and contributing area of the Floridan Aquifer (collectively termed the Silver River System).

The purposes of the corporation are to:

Be an advocate for Silver Springs System and the environment and the surface and ground watershed that impact the Springs and/or the River.

Conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, and the habitats of the Silver Springs System.

Support stewardship of the Silver Springs System.

Produce and make available by sales, charitable donations, or free distribution, suitable interpretative and educational events and materials to increase the understanding of Silver Springs System, its wildlife, and the environment that impacts these areas.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these By-Laws, the purposes of which this corporation is formed are exclusively educational and charitable within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

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 code.

**Fourth:** The Board of Directors consists of the principal officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) and five Directors. The Officers and Directors shall be elected by the general membership. Each member of the Board shall hold office until his/her term expires or until his/her successor shall have been elected and qualified. A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, disqualification or otherwise may be filled by the Board of Directors for the

unexpired portion of the term of said office. The names and addresses of the persons who are the initial trustees of the corporation are as follows:

Title	Name	Address
President	Andy Kesselring	1920 SE Eight Street, Ocala, FL 34471
Vice President	Natalie Lyons	4700 NW 165 Street, Reddick, FL 32686
Secretary	Barbara Schwartz	3827 NE 17 <sup>th</sup> Street Circle, Ocala, FL 34470-4938
Treasurer	Lisa Saupp	c/o Aqua Pure Water & Sewer Services 10865 East SR 40, Silver Springs FL 34488 -2349
Director	Bob Knight	2821 NW 161 Court, Gainesville, FL 32609
Director	Scott Peterson	1307 SE 14 <sup>th</sup> Street, Ocala, FL 34471
Director	Brandon Buck	4479 SE 109 <sup>th</sup> Street, Belleview, FL 34420
Director	John Hare	4060 SE 44 <sup>th</sup> Street, Ocala, FL 34480
Director	Whitey Markle	1981 NW 186 <sup>th</sup> Place, Citra, FL 32113

**Fifth:** 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 Third hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be in the carrying on of 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 or in opposition to 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, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**Sixth:** Upon 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 of organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such 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.

Barbara Schwartz

Barbara Schwartz  
Required Signature of Registered Agent

March 22, 2012  
Date

3827 NE 17<sup>th</sup> Street Circle, Ocala, FL 34470-4938  
Address

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

Natalie Lyons

Natalie Lyons  
Required Signature of Incorporator

3/2/2012  
Date

4700 NW 165 Street, Reddick, FL 32686  
Address