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Trails To Trust Incorporated **SUBJECT:** (PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX) Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for : \$87.50 \$70.00 \$78.75 \$78.75 Filing Fee Filing Fee & Filing Fee Filing Fee, Certificate of & Certified Copy Certified Copy & Certificate Status ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED FROM: 1578 NW 90Th Aue.

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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: Trails To Trust Incorporated

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ARTICLE II PRINCIPLE OFFICE

Principal street address: 5700 NW 90th Ave.

Ocala, FL 34482

ARTICLE III PURPOSE

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

1.To fundraise and purchase land, easements, transfer of development rights and other conveyances, and to receive land or easements by gift or inheritance, in order to acquire and preserve pedestrian and equestrian trails in the neighborhoods of Marion County, Florida, and to set aside land to protect natural habitat, water resources, and wildlife for the benefit of the communities where land is preserved and trails are established.

2.To promote and improve the quality of life, including combating community deterioration, within

the communities where land is preserved and trails are established.

3.To lessen tensions and tighten the fabric of communities where land is preserved and trails are established and to promote healthy living and community pride through, among other things, educational programs.

4.To engage in other activities within the purposes for which nonprofit corporations may be organized under the laws of the State of Florida and pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal

Revenue Code.

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable conservation and educational purposes, including for such purposes as the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding sections of any future tax code.

No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying of for the purposes 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 this document, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding sections of any future tax code. or (b) by an organization contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding sections of any future tax code.

The Corporation shall continue forever unless the Directors terminate it and distribute all of the assets, which action may be taken by the trustees in their discretion at any time. On such termination, 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.

ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION The manner in which the directors are elected and appointed:

SECTION 1. General Powers. The activities of the Corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall possess and exercise all the general powers granted to nonprofit corporations pursuant to Chapter 617, F.S., and Chapter 496, F.S., including the powers to:

- 1. Conduct the activities and operations of the Corporation, have offices and exercise all powers granted to a nonprofit Corporation by the State of Florida;
- 2. Elect or appoint officers, employees and agents of the Corporation and define the duties of said officers, employees and agents of the Corporation;
- 3. Make and alter by-laws for the administration and regulation of the activities of the Corporation;
- 4. Participate with others in any corporate entity, partnership, limited partnership, joint venture, or other association of any kind, or in any transaction, undertaking or arrangement which the participating Corporation would have the power to conduct by itself; whether or not that participation involves sharing or delegation of control with or to others;
- 5. Have and exercise all other powers necessary or convenient to affect an of the purposes for which the Corporation is organized as provided in Article III of this document,

 The Board of Directors is responsible for overall policy and direction of the Corporation, and may designate responsibility for day-to-day operations to any Corporation officers, key employees and/or Committees.

SECTION 2. Qualifications, Number and Election. Directors shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age, the initial Board of Directors shall consist of three (3) persons, who shall elect additional Directors to reach a Board consisting of nine (9) Directors, The number of Directors may at any time be increased or decreased by amendment of these By-laws, but no decrease shall have the effect of shortening the term of any incumbent Director or reduce the number of Directors to less than three (3), and no increase shall have the effect of increasing the number of Directors to more than nine (9), the Directors shall be elected by the Board of Directors at an annual meeting to be held for such purpose, an affirmative vote of the majority of the Directors shall be required for election, the term of office of a Director shall be three (3) years, each Director shall hold office until successors have been duly elected and qualified,

The initial three (3) Directors shall comprise the Class of 2015, as additional Directors are elected, three persons shall comprise, respectively, the Class of 2016 and three the Class of 2017, when a Director has completed two consecutive three-year terms, that Director may not be re-elected, following a hiatus of one year, a former Director may be re-elected to the Board of Directors and serve one or two additional three-year terms.

From time to time, honorary members may be elected to the Board of Directors by a majority vote of the members of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3. <u>Voting Rights</u>. Each director shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the Board of Directors, a liaison representative of other corporations or entities or Honorary members of the Board of Directors shall not be entitled to vote on any matter submitted to a vote of the Board of Directors, nor need they be present for the Board of Directors to conduct business.

SECTION 4. <u>Conflict of Interest.</u> The Board of Directors shall adopt the conflict of interest policy recommended by the Internal Revenue Service,

SECTION 5. <u>Votes Required</u>. Whenever any action other than the disbursement of funds is to be taken by vote of the Directors, it shall be authorized by a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of the Board of Directors, unless a greater plurality is required by the Corporation bylaws or provisions of laws governing nonprofit Corporations in the State of Florida. A Director's vote will not be counted unless the vote is in person or in a conference call. Any action requiring a disbursement of funds will require a 3/5 vote of the Directors.

SECTION 6. Resignation. Any director may resign at any time by giving written notice of his or her resignation to the Board of Directors, or to the President, of the Corporation and such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein, or if not specified, at the time of receipt.

SECTION 7. Removal. A Director elected by the Board of Directors may be removed only by an affirmative vote of the majority of the Board.

SECTION 8. <u>Vacancies</u>. Any vacancy on the Board of Directors caused by death, resignation, removal, or other cause may be filled by the majority vote of the remaining Directors (even if less than a quorum). A Director so elected shall fill the unexpired term of their predecessor in office. In the event of a vacancy caused by the resignation of one or more Directors to become effective at a future date, any such Director(s) may participate in the vote by the Board of Directors to fill the future vacancy. Nominations for new members must be received by the Secretary from the present Board members at least two (2) weeks in advance of a Board meeting, and sent out to all members before the meeting itself. This notice requirement may be waived or amended by the Directors.

SECTION 9. Compensation. Directors of the Corporation shall not receive any salaries for their services as Board members or in any other capacity for service to the Corporation, but by resolution of the Board of Directors, Directors may be reimbursed for appropriate expenditures which had prior approval by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 10. Loans. No loans shall be made by the Corporation to any Director.

ARTICLE V INITIAL OFFICERS AND/OR DIRECTORS

Name and Title: Joan Gariboldi, DVM, President Address: 5700 NW 90th Ave., Ocala, FL 34482

Name and Title: Pamela B. Johnson, Secretary Address: 7570 NW 90th Ave., Ocala, FL 34482

Name and Title: J. Barry David, DVM, Treasurer Address: 5700 NW 90th Ave., Ocala, FL 34482

ARTICLE VI REGISTERED AGENT

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

Name:

Joan Gariboldi, DVM

Address:

5700 NW 90th Ave., Ocala, FL 34482

ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Name:

Pamela B. Johnson

Address:

7570 NW 90th Ave., Ocala, FL, 34482

Having been named as a 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

Required Signature of Registered Agent

Joan Gardfoldi, DVM

Date 3/7//2

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.

Required Signature of Incorporator			,	1
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Pamela B. Johnson				