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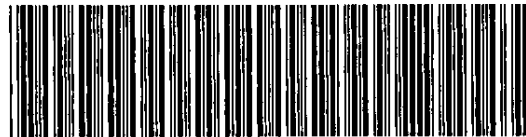
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## COVER LETTER

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

**SUBJECT:** PUTNAM BLUEWAYS & TRAILS COMMUNITY SUPPORT ORGANIZATION, 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: Richard Kevin Sharbaugh  
Name (Printed or typed)

114 Riverview Drive  
Address

East Palatka, Florida 32131  
City, State & Zip

904-501-8487  
Daytime Telephone number

putnambluewaysandtrails@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  
PUTNAM BLUEWAYS & TRAILS COMMUNITY SUPPORT ORGANIZATION, INC.**

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a corporation organized under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

**ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of this corporation shall be:

*Putnam Blueways & Trails Community Support Organization, Inc.*

**ARTICLE II – PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS**

The initial principal office of this corporation shall be at 114 Riverview Drive, East Palatka, Florida 32131, and its mailing address is the same.

**ARTICLE III – DURATION AND COMMENCEMENT**

This corporation shall exist perpetually beginning on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2012.

**ARTICLE IV – PURPOSES**

The purposes for which this corporation is organized are:

1. To support the acquisition, development, operation, and non-motorized use of water and land trails in Putnam County and the State of Florida in an environmentally sustainable manner; and, to be a resource and voice for trail users. The CSO will be the steward of all Putnam County trails, in cooperation with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's State Parks and other local, regional, state and federal entities.
2. The organization is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
3. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization 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 the purpose clause hereof. No substantial

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part of the activities of the organization shall be carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt for federal income tax under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization to which contributions are deductible under section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### **ARTICLE V – MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

The number of directors, their methods of election, appointment and their respective duties shall be as stated in the bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE VI – INITIAL OFFICERS**

1. Chair: Gaye Anastasia Esperson,  
114 Riverview Drive,  
East Palatka, Florida 32131
2. Vice Chair: Linda Crider  
116 Kirkland Street  
Palatka, Florida 32177
3. Secretary: Teresa Simpson  
125 Magnolia Drive  
East Palatka, Florida 32131
4. Treasurer: Janet Stone-Erdman  
6103 Fourth Manor West  
Palatka, FL 32177

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#### **ARTICLE VII - DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION**

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 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 disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located exclusively for such purposes, or to such organization or organizations that are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes as said Court shall determine.

#### **ARTICLE VII - REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT**

The name of the registered agent is Gaye Anastasia Esperson and her street address is 114 Riverview Drive, East Palatka, Florida 32131.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - INCORPORATOR**

The name and street address of the incorporator for these articles of incorporation is Richard Kevin Sharbaugh of 114 Riverview Drive, East Palatka, Florida 32131.

#### **EXECUTION**

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.

Signed on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2012.

  
RICHARD KEVIN SHARBAUGH

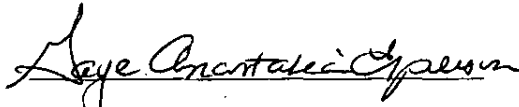
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### ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

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 hereby 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.

Signed on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2012.



GAYE ANASTASIA ESPERSON

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