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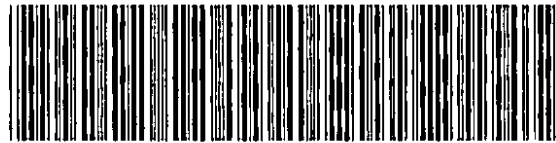
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SUBJECT: Brooker Creek Watershed Citizens Alliance, Inc.

(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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FROM: Brian Bolves, Esq.

Name (Printed or typed)

1101 West Swann Avenue

Address

Tampa, Florida 33606

City, State & Zip

(813) 514-4700

Daytime Telephone number

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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

BROOKER CREEK WATERSHED CITIZENS ALLIANCE, INCORPORATED

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The undersigned incorporator to these articles of incorporation ("**Articles**") hereby forms a corporation not for profit ("**Corporation**") under the laws of the State of Florida as follows:

Article I. Name

The name of the Corporation is Brooker Creek Watershed Citizens Alliance, Inc.

Article II. Address

The street address of the Corporation's principal office is:

1101 West Swann Avenue
Tampa, Florida 33606

Article III. Purpose

The Corporation was organized and shall be operated as a tax-exempt organization exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any of its successor laws ("**Code**") and relevant provisions of the Act. More specifically, the Corporation's purpose includes:

- (A) Protecting the Brooker Creek watershed's ecosystem, including habitat, wildlife, groundwater, and surface water, for the public benefit in Hillsborough and Pinellas County, Florida;
- (B) Preserving and protecting Brooker Creek and its watershed from air and water pollution and other environmental hazards in order to secure the multiple public benefits that follow from a clean, unimpacted creek and watershed, including safe drinking water, flood control, abundant and diverse wildlife populations, healthy recreational activities, and economic benefits from commercial activities that depend upon the environment of Brooker Creek and its watershed;
- (C) Preserving and protecting the natural beauty, recreational value and rural character of Brooker Creek watershed area;
- (D) Ensuring that the Brooker Creek watershed area will continue to be available for future generations to enjoy the rural lifestyle and recreational qualities of the watershed including, wildlife observation, hiking, horseback riding, educational study, aesthetic enjoyment and spiritual contemplation;
- (E) Promoting the health and well-being and improving the quality of life of those who live and recreate within the Brooker Creek watershed area; and

(F) Advocacy for Brooker Creek and its watershed, including:

- (1) raising public awareness of the public benefits of Brooker Creek and its watershed,
- (2) seeking federal and state agency implementation of state and federal water quality and environmental laws to protect Brooker Creek and its watershed,
- (3) enforcing environmental and land use laws designed to protect the health, safety, and welfare of those who live, work, and recreate in the Brooker Creek watershed,
- (4) protecting the public from the health impacts of pollution and other environmental hazards and improving environmental quality for the public benefit,
- (5) protecting and preserving the environment not only within the Brooker Creek watershed but also those water bodies that are connected to Brooker Creek including Tampa Bay and other water bodies, streams and tributaries, and
- (6) as necessary, initiating legal action on behalf of the Corporation to protect the Brooker Creek watershed and its rural character.

Article IV. Directors

The number of directors and the manner of their appointment will be stated in the bylaws of the Corporation. The Corporation shall always have at least three directors. The initial directors of the Corporation shall be:

Article V. Corporate Powers

The Corporation shall have all powers authorized for a corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida.

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to

Article VI. Registered Office and Registered Agent

(A) The street address of the Corporation's initial registered office is:
1101 West Swann Avenue
Tampa, Florida 33606

(B) The Corporation's initial registered agent is Brian Bolves, Esq.

Article VII. Incorporator

The name and address of the Corporation's incorporator is:
Brian Bolves, Esq.
1101 West Swann Avenue
Tampa, Florida 33606

VIII. Members

The Corporation's bylaws may specify the qualifications and manner of admission of members.

IX. Records

The Corporation shall keep a membership book containing, in alphabetical order, the name and address of each member. The Corporation shall also keep corporate records as required by Section 617.1601, Florida Statutes, as amended.

IX. Effective Date

The effective date of these Articles is September 26, 2017 ("Effective Date").

X. Terms of Existence

The Corporation shall commence existence as of the Effective Date. The Corporation shall continue to exist perpetually unless and until dissolved by the Corporation's board of directors or by operation of law.

XI. Bylaws

The board of directors shall adopt the Corporation's initial bylaws. power to adopt, alter, amend, or repeal bylaws shall be vested in the Corporation's board of directors. The bylaws may contain any provision for the regulation and management of the Corporation's affairs that is not inconsistent with law or these Articles.

XII. Amendment

These Articles may be amended in any manner provided by law.

XIII. Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Corporation, the residual assets of the Corporation shall be turned over to:

- (A) one or more organizations which are organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code;
- (B) one or more organizations which are organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Code; or
- (C) to the federal, state, or local government for exclusive public purpose; or
- (D) as otherwise provided in the Code.

Registered Agent's Acceptance of Appointment

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in these Articles, I am familiar with and accept the

appointment as the Corporation's registered agent and agree to act in this capacity until removed or replaced as provided by law.

Signed: Brian Bolves

Name: Brian Bolves, Esq.
Date: September 26, 2017

The incorporator hereby signs and submits these Articles on behalf of the Corporation.

Signed: Brian Bolves

Name: Brian Bolves, Esq.
Date: September 26, 2017

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