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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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

SUBJECT: Friends of the Cape Haze Pioneer Trail, Inc.
(Proposed corporate name - must include suffix)

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Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check
for :

☐ \$70.00
Filing Fee

☐ \$78.75
Filing Fee
& Certificate

☐ \$122.50
Filing Fee
& Certified Copy

☒ \$131.25
Filing Fee,
Certified Copy
& Certificate

FROM:

Ann V. Mercer

Name (Printed or typed)

1990 Illinois Avenue

Address

Englewood, Florida 34224

City, State & Zip

(813) 475-2000

Daytime Telephone number

FILED
JUN 23 1995
TALLAHASSEE, FL

W95-12235

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

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Sandra B. Mortham
Secretary of State

June 15, 1995

ANN V. MERCER
1990 ILLINOIS AVE.
ENGLEWOOD, FL 34224

SUBJECT: FRIENDS OF THE CAPE HAZE PIONEER TRAIL, INC.
Ref. Number: W95000012235

We have received your document for FRIENDS OF THE CAPE HAZE PIONEER TRAIL, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$131.25. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The registered agent must sign accepting the designation.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (904) 487-6926.

Sheldon Bream
Document Specialist

Letter Number: 495A00029525

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF

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FRIENDS OF THE CAPE HAZE PIONEER TRAIL, INC.
A FLORIDA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

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STATE OF FLORIDA
CLERK OF THE COURT

The undersigned, acting as incorporators of a corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I
Name

The name of the corporation shall be:
Friends of the Cape Haze Pioneer Trail, Inc.

ARTICLE II

The principle place of business and mailing address:

The principle place of business and mailing address shall be:

1990 Illinois Avenue
Englewood, Florida 34224
Attention: Ann V. Mercer

ARTICLE III
Purposes

The specific purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

1. To act exclusively for charitable, historical, educational, recreational and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, being and dealing with other organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as well as federal and state agencies;
2. To act as a nonprofit citizens support group to foster improvements and maintenance of the Cape Haze Pioneer Trail in Charlotte County: develop additional linkages and a network of trails that connect with or are proximate to the Cape Haze Pioneer Trail, promote environmental, recreational, cultural and historical awareness of the Trail; and encourage use of the Trail as a healthful and safe facility for cycling, hiking, horseback riding and related recreational activities;
3. To preserve and protect any archeological features that are present within the boundaries of the Cape Haze Pioneer Trail;
4. To engage in any lawful purpose or purposes not for pecuniary profit, subject to the above;

5. 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 Corporation's purposes. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be 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 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 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or (b) by a Corporation, contributions to which are deductible under 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law);

6. To conduct programs and activities; raise funds; request and receive grants, gifts, and bequests of money; acquire, receive, hold, invest and administer, in its own name, securities, funds, objects of value, or other property, real or personal and make expenditures to or for the direct or indirect benefit of the Cape Haze Pioneer Trail; and

7. If the Corporation shall be or become a private foundation as such term is defined by Section 509, then the Corporation shall be required to distribute its income for each tax year at such time in such manner as not to subject it to tax under Section 4942, and the Corporation shall be prohibited from engaging in any act of self-dealing (as defined in Section 4941(d)), from retaining any excess business holdings (as defined in Section 4943(c)), from making any investments in such manner as to subject the Corporation to tax under Section 4944, and from making any taxable expenditures (as defined in Section 4945(d)). The statutory references in this Paragraph 7 are to the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, and the regulations thereunder as the same now exist and may hereafter be amended from time to time.

ARTICLE IV
Directors

There shall be seven (7) members of the initial Board of Directors. These members shall be appointed from among those citizens who have shown an interest in the establishment of the Cape Haze Pioneer Trail. Subsequent replacements to the Board of Directors shall be elected according to the bylaws of the Friends of the Cape Haze Pioneer Trail, Inc. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve on the initial Board of Directors are as follows:

Ann V. Mercer	1990 Illinois Avenue Englewood, Fl. 34224
Robert D. Mercer	1990 Illinois Avenue Englewood, Fl. 34224
David Dignam	1448 Lemon Bay Drive Englewood, Fl. 34223
John R. Hanlon	7528 Ebro Road Englewood, Fl. 34224
Charles Nardone	4301 Amondi Street Port Charlotte, Fl. 33981
Tad Kosanovich	1500 Placida Road #B2 Englewood, Fl. 34223
Virginia Carbone	1500 Placida Road #B2 Englewood, Fl. 34223

ARTICLE V
Registered office and agent:

The initial registered office of the Corporation shall be located at:

1990 Illinois Avenue
Englewood, Florida 34224

The initial registered agent of the Corporation at that address shall be Ann V. Mercer.

ARTICLE VI
Incorporators

The incorporators are the individuals who will serve as the

initial Board of Directors. Names and addresses are listed in Article IV.

ARTICLE VII Members

The Corporation shall have members. Members of the Corporation shall have an interest in and a willingness to assist with the stated purpose of the Corporation in conformity with the Bylaws and direction from the Board of Directors. Dues may be established by action of the Board of Directors. Each member shall be entitled to one vote. Nonpayment of dues shall be grounds for revocation of membership.

ARTICLE VIII Conduct of corporate affairs:

The conduct of the affairs of the Corporation will be limited in the following manner: The Board of Directors shall have all corporate authority and shall be elected annually by the members. The Board of Directors has power to amend these articles. The corporation may not incur any indebtedness.

ARTICLE IX Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, shall dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purpose of the Corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under 501(c)(93) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law, as the Board of Directors shall determine.) Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of Charlotte County in which the principle office of the Corporation is located, or organizations as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purpose.

The undersigned incorporators have executed these Articles of Incorporation this 6TH day of JUNE, 1995.

Signatures of Incorporators:

<u>Ann V. Mercer</u>	<u>Ann V. Mercer</u>
<u>Robert D. Mercer</u>	<u>Robert D. Mercer</u>
<u>David Dignam</u>	<u>David Dignam</u>
<u>John R. Hanlon</u>	<u>John R. Hanlon</u>
<u>Charles Nardone</u>	<u>Charles Nardone</u>
<u>Tad Kosanovich</u>	<u>Tad Kosanovich</u>
<u>Virginia Carbone</u>	<u>Virginia Carbone</u>

Cynthia L. Brown
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

OFFICIAL NOTARY SEAL
CYNTHIA L. BROWN
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION NO. CC403594
MY COMMISSION EXP. OCT. 29, 1998

CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 607.0501 OR 617.0501, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE UNDERSIGNED CORPORATION, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN DESIGNATING THE REGISTERED OFFICE/REGISTERED AGENT, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

1. The name of the corporation is: Friends of the Cape Haze Pioneer Trail, Inc.
(must include suffix)

2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

Ann V. Mercer

(Name)

1990 Illinois Avenue

(Street address - P. O. Box not acceptable)

Anglewood, Florida 34224

(City/State/Zip)

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.

Ann V. Mercer

(Signature)

June 21, 1995

(Date)

Registered Agent filing fee \$35.00