

**Articles of Incorporation
of
The Friends of Sligo Creek**

The undersigned incorporators, people 18 years of age or older, in order to form a corporate entity in the State of Maryland, adopt the following articles of incorporation.

**Article I
Name/Registered Office**

The name of this corporation is the Friends of Sligo Creek, located at the time of its incorporation at 606 St. Andrews Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20901.

**Article II
Purpose**

This corporation is organized exclusively for environmental protection and educational purposes, more specifically to promote the protection and engage in the restoration of the Sligo Creek watershed. To this end, the corporation shall at all times be operated exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended, 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 of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended. All funds, whether income or principal, and whether acquired by gift or contribution or otherwise, shall be devoted to said purposes.

**Article III
Exemption Requirements**

At all times the following conditions shall restrict the operations and activities of the corporation:

1. 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 purpose set forth in the purpose clause hereof.
2. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall constitute use of propaganda or other attempts to influence legislation, or any initiative or referendum before the public, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including by publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.
3. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization 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 an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**Article IV
Duration**

The duration of the corporate existence shall be perpetual.

**Article V
Membership/Board of Directors**

The corporation shall have members. The management of the affairs of the corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors, as defined in the corporation's bylaws. No Director shall have any right, title, or interest in or to any property of the corporation.

The number of Directors constituting the first Board of Directors is seven , their names and addresses being as follows:

Ann Hoffnar, 100 Hodges Lane, Takoma Park, MD 20912
Bill Erwin, 625 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002
Gary King, 807 Kennebec Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912
Jill Mullins, 9618 Brunett Ct., Silver Spring, MD 20901
Jim Baird, 8004 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912
Laura Mol, 1013 Robin Road, Silver Spring, MD 20901
Sally Gagne, 606 St. Andrews Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20901

Members of the first Board of Directors shall serve for an equal number of 1 and 2 year terms to ensure expiration in rotation, beginning January 1, 2002. Those with 1 year terms will serve until January 1, 2003, at which time their successors shall be duly elected. Board members can be removed as provided in the bylaws.

**Article VI
Personal Liability**

No member or Director of this corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of this corporation of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property of the members, or Directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation.

**Article VII
Dissolution**

Upon the dissolution of the organization, 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 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 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 or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

**Article VIII
Incorporator(s)**

The undersigned incorporators, whose names and addresses are listed above as Directors, certify that they execute these articles for the purposes herein stated.

Name

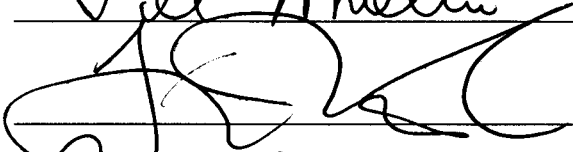
Date

Sally Gagne

January 4, 2002

Jill Mullin

January 4, 2002



January 4, 2002

Jeff H. Baird

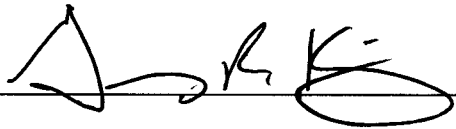
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Ann Hopper

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