

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

THE COALITION FOR THE CAPITAL CRESCENT TRAIL, INC.

(A Maryland Non-Stock, Non-Profit Corporation)

FIRST: The undersigned incorporator, Christopher N. Brown, whose address is 26D Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770, being at least eighteen years of age, does hereby form a non-stock, non-profit corporation under and by virtue of the General Laws of the State of Maryland.

SECOND: The name of the corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation") is the Coalition for the Capital Crescent Trail, Inc.

THIRD: The purposes for which the Corporation is formed are:

- (1) To promote preservation of land for use as parks and trails in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area and its environs, focusing on (but not limited to) preservation of the Georgetown Subdivision Rail Line (the "Georgetown Spur" that runs from Silver Spring in Maryland through Bethesda to Georgetown in Northwest Washington, D.C.) for use as a linear park and recreational facility, including a trail system, hereafter referred to as the Capital Crescent Trail;
- (2) To work with Washington area environmental groups, recreational groups, civic associations, government agencies, companies, and individuals to educate the public about opportunities for parks, trails, and similar recreational facilities in the Washington area; and
- (3) To perform such other activities as are permitted corporations under the General Laws of the State of Maryland, to the extent such charitable and educational activities are permitted for organizations which are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

FOURTH: The present address of the principal office of the Corporation in this State is 26D Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

FIFTH: The name and address of the resident agent of the Corporation in this State are Christopher N. Brown, 26D Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Said resident agent is a citizen of the State of Maryland who resides there.

SIXTH: The Corporation is not authorized to issue capital stock.

SEVENTH: Membership in the Corporation shall be open to all individuals and organizations that support the specified purposes of the Coalition and are interested in helping to achieve those purposes. There shall be two classes of membership, organizational and individual, with voting rights as provided in the By-laws.

EIGHTH: The number of directors of the Corporation shall be eight, which number may be increased or decreased pursuant to the By-Laws of the Corporation but shall never be less than the minimum number required by the General Laws of the State of Maryland now or hereafter in force. The directors who will serve until the first annual meeting and until their successors are elected and qualify are: Chris Brown, Peter Harnik, Valerie Kirkpatrick, Susan Kaiser, Henri Bartholomot, Charles Montange, Pat Munoz, and Ed Healey. Subsequent directors shall be elected in the manner provided in the By-Laws.

NINTH: The following provisions are hereby adopted for defining, adopting, limiting, and regulating the powers of the Corporation and of the directors and the members.

- (1) No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, 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 purposes set forth in Article THIRD hereof. 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 provisions of these articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
- (2) Upon dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Trustees shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets 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 section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

TENTH: The duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed these Articles of Incorporation, acknowledging the same to be my act, on the date set out below.

INCORPORATOR:

WITNESS:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_