

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
PIEDMONT APPALACHIAN TRAIL HIKERS, INC.
A NON PROFIT CORPORATION

I, the undersigned a natural person of the age of eighteen years or more, acting as incorporator for the purpose of creating a non profit corporation under the laws of the State of North Carolina, as contained in Chapter 55A of the General Statutes of North Carolina, entitled "Non Profit Corporation Act", and several amendments thereto do hereby set forth:

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I. The name of the corporation is Piedmont Appalachian Trail Hikers, Inc. (herein referred to as "PATH").

II. The period of the corporation shall be perpetual.

III. The Piedmont Appalachian Trail Hikers Appalachian Trail System (herein referred to as "PATH's AT System") shall include the following components:

1. That portion of the Appalachian Trail assigned to PATH (as it changes from time to time) by the Appalachian Trail Conference.
2. All lands of the Appalachian Trail Corridor which adjoin the Appalachian Trail assigned to PATH.
3. All other lands which have for whatever reason been assigned to PATH for management by the National Park Service, the Appalachian Trail Conference or any other entity or individual.
4. All improvements located on the above lands, including but not limited to, trails, roads, huts, shelters, houses and gates.

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

- a. To protect, improve, maintain and manage PATH's AT System as a natural resource for the benefit of the public.
- b. To provide to the public through the use of PATH's AT System, a resource for recreational, educational and scientific activities.
- c. To educate the public in the methods and techniques of safe and enjoyable hiking and backpacking, and the need for adequate trail systems and buffers.

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A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY.
C. A. H. Bland
CLOSING ATTORNEY

d. To provide assistance to the Appalachian Trail Conference, and other Appalachian Trail maintaining organizations in the management of the Appalachian Trail and associated lands.

e. To organize activities for the enjoyment and education of the members of the corporation and the public.

f. To improve, maintain and manage trails outside of PATH's AT System.

g. To encourage the members of the corporation and the public to undertake scientific, educational and recreational activities on PATH's AT System.

h. To supplement, complement and aid private and public efforts to achieve conservation purposes which effect the Appalachian Trail or PATH's AT System.

i. To preserve the natural beauty of mountain areas and to protect natural flora and fauna in there habitat.

j. To undertake all activities which are incidental to the foregoing purposes and to raise funds for the implementation of said purposes.

IV. The corporation shall have members. The qualifications, rights and classes, if any, of the members shall be established in the bylaws of the corporation.

V. The initial directors of the corporation shall be as set forth in section VII of these articles. Thereafter, the directors shall be elected by members of the corporation. The number of directors, their term of office and election procedures shall be as established in the bylaws of the corporation.

VI. The address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 3201 Glenwood Avenue, c/o David H. Bland, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609. The name of the initial registered agent of the corporation at the above address is David H. Bland.

VII. The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors shall be ~~eighteen~~ *fifteen*, and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as directors until the first meeting of the corporation or until their successors are elected and qualified are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Bill Sims	1006 North Elm St. #4, Greensboro, N.C. 27401
Kathy Pounds	3026 Grant Avenue, Raleigh, N.C. 27607

Hazel Monroe	422 Lee Avenue, Wadesboro, N.C.	28170
Ruth Huffaker	3711 Manor Drive, Greensboro, N.C.	27403
Dan Booker	1028 Cypress Dr., Reidsville, NC	27323
Danny Lineburger	Lot 7, Highway 15, Creedmoor, N.C.	
Ken Rose	2121 Sprucewood Dr., Greensboro, N.C.	27407
Henry Ford	P.O. Box 132 Colfax N.C.	27235
Gordon Burgess	415 Ridgecrest St., Graham, N.C.	27253
Barbara Council	3508-D Parkwood Dr., Greensboro, N.C.	27403
Parthena Martin	910 Constitution Dr., Durham, N.C.	27705
Tom Harmon	307 Chapman St., Greensboro, N.C.	27403
Chris Bracknell	6404 Buffaloe Road, Raleigh, N.C.	27604
Tom Watson	527 S. Stratford Road, Winston-Salem, N.C.	27103
David Bland	102 Baybrook Court, Cary, N.C.	27511

VIII. The name and address of the incorporator is David H. Bland, 3201 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

IX. The corporation shall have all the powers granted to non profit corporations under Chapter 55A of the General Statutes, and in particular, but not limited to, under N.C.G.S. § 55A-15.

X. In general, and subject to such limitations and conditions as are or may be prescribed by law, the corporation will exercise such other powers which may be necessary or incidental to the attainment of the purposes of the corporation and as may be exercised by an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and its regulations, as they now exist or may hereafter be amended, and by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of such Code and regulations. In particular, no substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying 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 campaigns on behalf of any candidates for public office.

XI. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and its regulations, as they now exist or they may hereafter be amended or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of such Code and regulations.

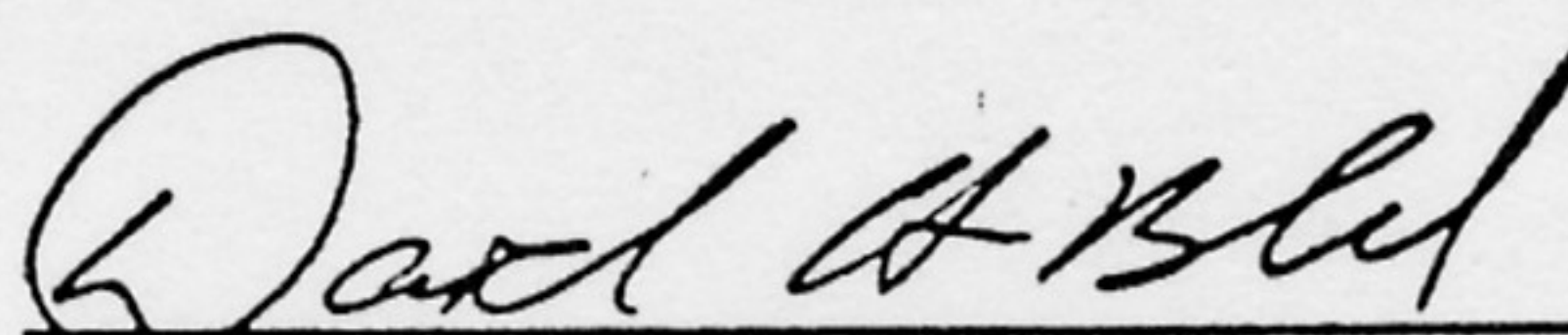
XII. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its directors, officers or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for the services rendered and to

make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in section III hereof, and no director, officer or other private person shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any other corporate assets on dissolution of the corporation.

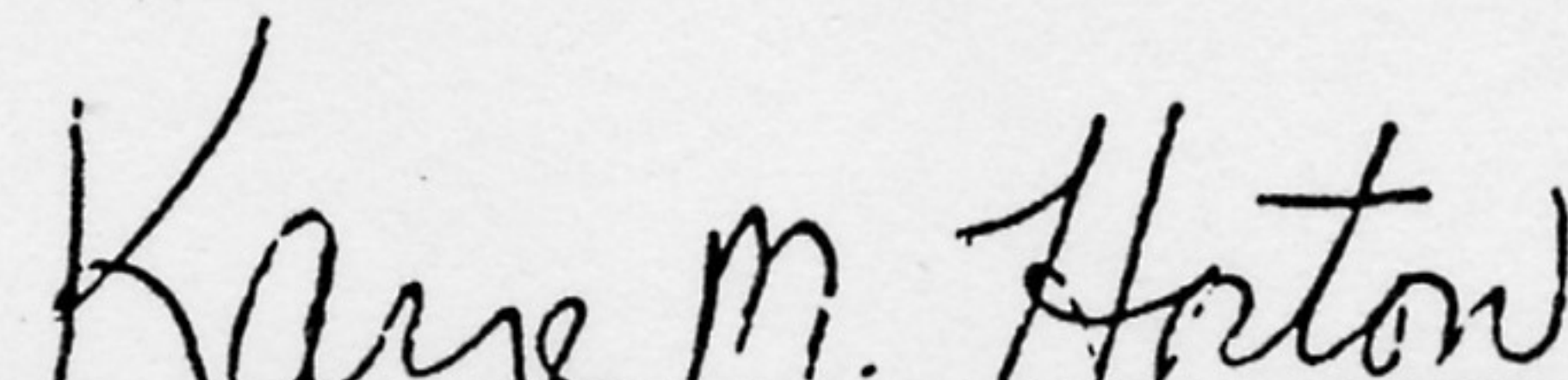
XIII. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the board of directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization 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 1954 (or the corresponding revisions 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 competent jurisdiction in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as the court shall determine, which are organized and operated and operated exclusively for such purposes.

XIV. These Articles may be amended at a duly called meeting of the members of the corporation by an affirmative vote of 75% of the members present or represented by written proxy, provided that notice of the proposed amendments shall have been given to each member at least ten days prior to said meeting.

In testimony whereof, I have set my hand and seal on this the 8th day of March, 1987.


David H. Bland (SEAL)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 8th day of March, 1987.


Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

July 2, 1991
KAYE M. HORTON
NOTARY PUBLIC
JOHNSTON COUNTY, N.C.
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 7-2-91

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State of North Carolina



Department
of the
Secretary of State

To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting:

I, Thad Eure, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify the following and hereto attached (4 sheets) to be a true copy of

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and the probates thereon, the original of which was filed in this office on the 9th day of March 19⁸⁷, after having been found to conform to law.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal.

Done in Office, at Raleigh, this 9th day of March in the year of our Lord 19⁸⁷.