

**ARTICLES
OF
INCORPORATION**

State of Florida



Department of State

I certify the attached is a true and correct copy of the Articles of Incorporation of STONEYBROOK AT GATEWAY MASTER ASSOCIATION, INC., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida, filed on August 22, 2002, as shown by the records of this office.

The document number of this corporation is N02000006418.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Florida at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this the Thirty-first day of January, 2003



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Secretary of State

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OF

STONEYBROOK AT GATEWAY
MASTER ASSOCIATION, INC.

The undersigned subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation, a natural person competent to contract, hereby form a corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation is STONEYBROOK AT GATEWAY MASTER ASSOCIATION, INC., a not for profit corporation (the "Master Association").

ARTICLE II

The nature of the business to be transacted shall be to engage in any activity or business permitted under the laws of the United States and of this State, pursuant to Chapters 617 and 720 of the Florida Statutes. The Master Association is organized for the purpose of providing an entity for the operation of a residential planned development, located in Lee County, Florida.

The Master Association is organized and shall exist upon a non-stock basis as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, and no portion of any earnings of the Master Association shall be distributed or inure to the private benefit of any member, Director or officer of the Master Association. For the accomplishment of its purposes, the Master Association shall have all of the common law and statutory powers and duties of a Master Association not for profit under Florida law, except as limited or modified by these Articles, the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions or the By-Laws of this Master Association, and it shall have all of the powers and duties reasonably necessary to operate the Community pursuant to the Declaration as it may hereafter be amended including, but not limited to, the following:

(A) To levy and collect assessments against all Members of the Master Association to defray the costs, expenses and losses of the Master Association, and to use the proceeds of assessments in the exercise of its power and duties.

(B) To own, lease, maintain, repair, replace or operate the Common Areas

(C) To purchase insurance upon the Common Areas for the protection of the Master Association and its members.

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(D) To reconstruct improvements after casualty and to make further improvements of the Common Areas.

(E) To make, amend and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of the Common Areas and the operation of the Master Association.

(F) To sue and be sued, and to enforce the provisions of the Declaration, these Articles and the By-Laws of the Master Association.

(G) To contract for the management and maintenance of the Common Areas and to delegate any powers and duties of the Master Association in connection therewith except such as are specifically required by the Declaration to be exercised by the Board of Directors or the membership of the Master Association.

(H) To employ accountants, attorneys, architects or other professional personnel to perform the services required for proper operation of the Properties.

(I) To acquire, own and convey real property and to enter into agreements or acquire leaseholds, easements, memberships and other possessory or use interests in lands or facilities such as country clubs, golf courses, marinas and other recreational facilities. It has this power whether or not the lands or facilities are contiguous to the lands of the Community, if they are intended to provide enjoyment, recreation or other use or benefit to the members.

(J) To borrow or raise money for any purposes of the Master Association; to draw, make, accept, endorse, execute and issue promissory notes, drafts, bills of exchange, warrants, bonds, debentures and other negotiable or non-negotiable instruments and evidence of indebtedness; and to secure the payment of any thereof, and of the interest therein, by mortgage pledge, conveyance or assignment in trust, of the whole or any part of the rights or property of the Corporation.

(K) To be responsible in perpetuity for maintenance of the conservation areas, i.e., all preserved, restored, or created wetlands areas and uplands buffer zones; and to take action against owners, if necessary, to enforce the conditions of the conservation easements and permit issued by the South Florida Water Management District for the Community.

(L) To be the responsible entity to operate and maintain the Surface Water Management System as permitted by the South Florida Water Management District, including but not limited to, all lakes, retention areas, culverts and related appurtenances.

Except as provided herein and in the Master Declaration, all funds and title to all property acquired by the Master Association shall be held for the benefit of the members in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration, these Articles of Incorporation, and the By-Laws.

ARTICLE III

The Master Association shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE IV

The qualifications required for membership, and the manner in which members shall be admitted to membership, shall be as stated in the Declaration and/or the By-Laws of the Master Association. Each and every owner of a lot or living unit in this subdivision shall be a member of this Association.

ARTICLE V

The street address of the initial principal office of this Master Association is 10481 Six Mile Cypress Parkway, Fort Myers, Florida 33912. The name of the initial registered agent of this Master Association is Christopher J. Shields, and the address of the initial registered office is 1833 Hendry Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901.

Having been named to accept service of process for Stoneybrook at Gateway Master Association, Inc., I hereby agree to act in this capacity and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties.

ACCEPTED By: _____

Christopher J. Shields

ARTICLE VI

The number of Directors shall initially consist of three (3) but may be increased pursuant to the By-Laws, and in no event shall there be fewer than three (3) in number. Directors shall be elected, or appointed to fill a vacancy, in accordance with the By-Laws of the Master Association.

ARTICLE VII

The name and mailing address of the Directors, President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer, who, subject to the By-Laws of the Master Association shall hold office for the first year of existence of this Master Association or until his or her successor is elected and has qualified, are:

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Andrew J. Sorsensen, President/Director	10481 Six Mile Cypress Parkway Fort Myers, Florida 33912
Constantine Benetis, Vice President/Director	10481 Six Mile Cypress Parkway Fort Myers, Florida 33912
Alan R. Burns, Secretary/Treasurer/Director	10481 Six Mile Cypress Parkway Fort Myers, Florida 33912

ARTICLE VIII

The Master Association is empowered to do and perform all acts reasonably necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Master Association, which acts are not inconsistent with the powers provided for in Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE IX

The name and address of the subscriber of these Articles of Incorporation is:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Christopher J. Shields	1833 Hendry Street Fort Myers, Florida 33901

ARTICLE X

By-Laws of the Master Association may be adopted, made, altered or rescinded by the Directors at any regular meeting or any special meeting called for that purpose, so long as they are not inconsistent with the provision of these Articles.

ARTICLE XI

Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by any Director at any regular or special business meeting of the Board of Directors at which a majority is present and, if obtaining a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors present and voting at such meeting properly called and noticed as provided in the By-Laws, shall be submitted to a vote of the membership. If approved by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the membership at a meeting of the members properly called and noticed as provided in the By-Laws, such Amendment shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State of the State of Florida and filed and shall become effective upon issuance, by said officer, of a certificate reflecting same.

ARTICLE XII

The Master Association may be dissolved with the assent given in writing and signed by not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the Members. Upon dissolution of the Association, other than incident to a merger or consolidation, the assets of the Master Association shall be dedicated to an appropriate public agency to be used for purposes similar to those for which this Master Association was created. In the event that such dedication is refused acceptance, such assets shall be granted, conveyed and assigned to any non-profit Master Association, association, trust or other organization to be devoted to such similar purposes.

ARTICLE XIII

To the fullest extent permitted by Florida law, the Master Association shall indemnify and hold harmless every Director and every officer of the Corporation against all expenses and liabilities, including attorneys fees, actually and reasonably incurred by or imposed on him in connection with any legal proceeding (or settlement or appeal of such proceeding) to which he may be a party because of his being or having been a Director or officer of the Master Association. The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be available if a judgment or other final adjudication established that his actions or omissions to act were material to the cause adjudicated and involved:

- (A) Willful misconduct or a conscious disregard for the best interest of the Master Association, in a proceeding by or in the right of the Master Association to procure a judgment in its favor.
- (B) A violation of criminal law, unless the Director or officer had no reasonable cause to believe his action was unlawful or had reasonable cause to believe his action was lawful.
- (C) A transaction from which the Director or officer derived an improper personal benefit.

(D) Wrongfully conduct by Directors or officers appointed by the Developer, in a proceeding brought by or on behalf of the Master Association.

In the event of a settlement, the right to indemnification shall not apply unless the Board of Directors approved such settlement as being in the best interest of the Master Association. The foregoing rights of indemnification shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which a Director or officer may be entitled.

WHEREFORE the incorporator has caused these presents to be executed this 20 day of AUGUST, 2002.

By: [Signature]
Christopher J. Shields

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF LEE

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was acknowledged before me this 20 day of AUGUST, 2002 by Christopher J. Shields, to me known to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and acknowledged before me that they executed same for the purposes therein expressed.

(SEAL)

OFFICIAL NOTARY SEAL
JULIA K GUERNSEY
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION NO. DD052349
MY COMMISSION EXP. SEPT 10, 2005

[Signature]
Notary Public JULIA K. GUERNSEY

My Commission Expires:

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