

NON-PROFIT



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
OF

CITIZENS' ENVIRONMENTAL COALITION EDUCATIONAL FUND

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of the State of Texas, hereby certifies that duplicate originals of Articles of Incorporation for the above corporation duly signed and verified pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, have been received in this office and are found to conform to law.

ACCORDINGLY the undersigned, as such Secretary of State, and by virtue of the authority vested in him by law, hereby issues this Certificate of Incorporation and attaches hereto a duplicate original of the Articles of Incorporation.

Dated JULY 14 19 71 .

Martin Dies Jr.
Secretary of State



ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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FILED
In the Office of the
Secretary of State of Texas

JUL 14 1971

Bill K. ...
Deputy Director, Corporation Division

We, the undersigned natural persons of the age of twenty-one years or more at least two of whom are citizens of the State of Texas, acting as incorporators of a corporation under the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation.

ARTICLE ONE

The name of the corporation is Citizens' Environmental Coalition Educational Fund.

ARTICLE TWO

The corporation is a non-profit corporation.

ARTICLE THREE

The period of duration of this corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE FOUR

This corporation is formed exclusively for and is hereby expressly limited to charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, leading to improvement of the environment by undertaking the following activities:

- A. Provide civic and professional groups with continuing educational opportunities for the development of common policy positions concerning matters affecting environmental quality;
- B. Provide member groups with an enlarged opportunity to share such fiscal, administrative, personnel, and expert resources as may be necessary to the conduct of such studies, inquiries, research, consultative and educational activities required in the development of recommendations concerning environmental quality control policies and programs;
- C. Provide member groups and other interested organizations with continuing information concerning public hearings, legislative, and governmental actions of relevance to environmental quality control policies, programs, and actions;
- D. Disseminate information beneficial to the public and community concerning the causes and prevention of environmental degradation through public discussion groups, forums, panels, lectures, or other similar educational programs;
- E. Accept and administer gifts, donations, and bequests, whether of money, personal property, or real estate, and otherwise to accumulate, administer and disburse funds to advance or achieve any of the above stated purposes;

- F. Encourage the continuing support of the public in all the activities of the Citizens' Environmental Coalition Educational Fund throughout the area served by this organization.

ARTICLE FIVE

The address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 5243 Beechnut, Houston, Texas 77035, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is Stuart N. Henry.

ARTICLE SIX

The number of trustees constituting the initial board of trustees of the corporation is three (3), the minimum provided by law, and subject to such limitation, the number of trustees shall be fixed in the by-laws. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial trustees are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Arthur A. Atkisson, Ph. D.	5204 K. Arboles Houston, Texas 77035
Fred E. Bunger	534 Baywood Seabrook, Texas 77586
George H. Hagle	2204 Sunset Boulevard Houston, Texas 77005

ARTICLE SEVEN

The name and street address of each incorporator is:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Stuart N. Henry	5243 Beechnut Houston, Texas 77035
Andrew C. Olivo	6518 Fairway, #4 Houston, Texas 77017
Charles S. Matlock	6438 Stillwell Houston, Texas 77023

ARTICLE EIGHT

No part of the property of the corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any trustee, officer or employee of the corporation or of any individual having a personal or private interest in its activities, nor shall any such trustee, officer, employee or individual receive or be lawfully entitled to receive any benefit from the operations of the corporation except reasonable compensation for services rendered in carrying out any of its purposes or as a proper beneficiary thereof.

ARTICLE NINE

The corporation shall not engage in, and none of its funds or property shall be devoted to, carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, participating in or intervening in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office, or in any other activities or transactions which would prevent the corporation from obtaining and continuing its status as an exempt organization under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954; and the use, directly or indirectly, of any part of the corporation's funds or property in any such activities or transactions is hereby expressly prohibited.

ARTICLE TEN

In the event of the dissolution of the corporation, any funds or property of any sort, real, personal or mixed, or rights thereto then owned by the corporation, or to which it may then be entitled, shall not be transferred to private ownership, but shall be charged with a charitable public trust which is entitled to an exemption under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and shall thereafter be transferred or conveyed for one or more exempt purposes to one or more domestic or foreign corporations, societies or organizations engaged in activities substantially similar to those of the dissolving corporation, pursuant to a plan of distribution adopted by the board of trustees.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands, this 12 day of July, 1971.

Stuart N. Henry
Andrew C. Olivo
Charles S. Matlock

State of Texas |
County of Harris |

I, Dorothy Dunn Davis, a Notary Public, do hereby certify that on this day of July, 1971, personally appeared before me Stuart N. Henry, Andrew C. Olivo, and Charles S. Matlock, who each being by me first duly sworn, severally declared that they are the persons who signed the foregoing document as incorporators, and that the statements therein contained are true.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Dorothy Dunn Davis
Notary Public in and for
Harris County, Texas
My commission expires: 6-1-71