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OF

PRESERVE AT ROCK CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

In compliance with the requirements of the Corporations and Associations Article, Title 2, Annotated Code of Maryland (2007 Replacement Volume), and any amendments thereto, the undersigned, David W. Duggar, whose post office address is 11111 Sunset Hills Road, Suite 200, Reston, Virginia 20190, being at least eighteen (18) years of age, has this day, by execution of these Articles, voluntarily declared himself to be an incorporator for the purpose of forming a nonstock, nonprofit corporation pursuant to the general laws of Maryland, and does hereby certify:

ARTICLE 1

NAME OF CORPORATION

The name of the corporation is PRESERVE AT ROCK CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC., hereinafter called the "Association".

ARTICLE 2

PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The post office address of the initial principal office of the Association is 44425 Pecan Court, Suite 153, California, Maryland 20619.

ARTICLE 3

RESIDENT AGENT

The name of the resident agent of the Association is Steven B. Gould, a resident of the State of Maryland, whose post office address is 7700 Old Georgetown Road, Suite 500, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

ARTICLE 4

POWERS AND PURPOSES

This Association does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit, direct or indirect, to the Members thereof, and the specific purposes for which it is formed are to provide for and assure the maintenance and preservation of the Common Area and Community Facilities within the Property described in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions recorded or to be recorded among the Land Records of the County in which said Property is located, including such additions thereto as may be hereafter brought within the jurisdiction of the Association, and to promote the health and welfare of the Owners within the Property and any additions thereto as

may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of this Association. For this purpose, the Association shall have the power and authority to:

(a) exercise all of the powers and privileges and perform all of the duties and obligations of the Association as set forth in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, hereinafter called the "Declaration", applicable to the Property and recorded or to be recorded among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, and as the same may be amended from time to time as therein provided, said Declaration being incorporated herein as if set forth at length and made a part hereof;

(b) fix, levy, collect and enforce payment by any lawful means, of all charges or Assessments pursuant to the terms of the Declaration; to pay all expenses in connection therewith, including all office expenses, licenses, taxes or governmental charges levied or imposed against the property of the Association and all other expenses incident to the conduct of the business of the Association;

(c) acquire (by gift, purchase or otherwise), own, hold, improve, build upon, operate, maintain, convey, sell, lease, transfer, dedicate for public use or otherwise dispose of real or personal property in connection with the affairs incurred;

(d) borrow money, and with the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of each class of Members of the Association, mortgage, pledge, deed in trust, or hypothecate any or all of the real or personal property owned by the Association as security for money borrowed or debts incurred;

(e) dedicate, sell or transfer all or any part of the Common Area to any public agency, authority, or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the Board of Directors of the Association. No such dedication, sale or transfer shall be effective without the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of each class of Members and fifty-one percent (51%) of the Eligible Mortgage Holders, and unless the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, or its successors or assigns, has given its prior written approval thereof, which approval shall not be unreasonably delayed or denied; provided, however, that the foregoing approvals shall not be applicable with respect to the dedication, sale or transfer of all or any portion of the Common Area (which shall be deemed to include, without limitation, the grant of any easement or right-of-way) if such dedication, sale or transfer is required to satisfy requirements imposed by, or in connection with, the Development Plan or any record plat or other regulatory approval associated with the Property, and the Association is hereby authorized and required to promptly make any and all such dedications, sales or transfers.

(f) participate in mergers and consolidations with other nonprofit corporations organized for the same purposes or annex additional residential property and Common Area, provided that any such merger, consolidation or annexation shall have the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of each class of Members, unless the Declaration or Bylaws provide otherwise; and

(g) have and exercise any and all powers, rights and privileges which a nonstock corporation organized under the laws of the State of Maryland by law may now or hereafter have or exercise.

**ARTICLE 5**  
**NO CAPITAL STOCK**

This Association is not authorized to issue any capital stock and shall not be operated for profit. The Association does not anticipate distributing dividends, gains or profits to its Members. No Member shall have any personal liability for the debts, liabilities or obligations of the Association.

**ARTICLE 6**  
**VOTING RIGHTS**

The Association shall have two (2) classes of voting membership, Class A and Class B:

*Class A.* With the exception of the Declarant (until expiration of the Class B memberships as provided below), every person, group of persons, corporation, partnership, trust or other legal entity, or any combination thereof, who is an Owner of any Living Unit which is part of the Property (including any Participating Builder) shall be a Class A Member of the Association; provided, however, that any such person, group of persons, corporation, partnership, trust or other legal entity, or any combination thereof, who holds such interest solely as security for the performance of an obligation shall not be a Class A Member solely on account of such interest. When more than one (1) person or entity are the Owners of any Living Unit, all such persons and entities shall be Class A Members. Each Living Unit shall entitle the Owner or Owners of such Living Unit to cast one (1) vote in the affairs of the Association. The vote for each Living Unit shall be exercised as the Owner or Owners of such Living Unit determine, but in no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast with respect to any Living Unit owned by a Class A Member. Any Class A Member who leases his or her Living Unit may, in the lease or other written instrument, assign the voting right appurtenant to that Living Unit to the lessee, provided that a copy of such instrument is furnished to the Association.

*Class B.* There shall initially be five hundred fifty-eight (558) Class B memberships in the Association. This number shall be increased by three (3) memberships for each Living Unit which is annexed within the jurisdiction of the Association in accordance with Section 2.2 of the Declaration in excess of one hundred eighty-six (186) Living Units (which increase may be confirmed in a Supplementary Declaration recorded by the Declarant among the Land Records) and shall be decreased by three (3) memberships for each Living Unit conveyed to a Class A Member (excluding any Living Units conveyed to or owned by any Participating Builder). The Class B Member shall be the Declarant, its nominee or nominees, and shall include every person, group of persons, corporation, partnership, trust or other legal entity, or any combination thereof, who shall obtain any Class B membership by specific assignment in writing from the Declarant. The Class B Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Class B membership. Each Class B membership shall lapse and become a nullity on the first to happen of the following events:

(i) sixty (60) days following the date on which the total authorized, issued and outstanding votes of the Class A Members (excluding any Participating Builder) equals the number of Class B memberships; or

(ii) twenty (20) years from the date of recordation of the Declaration by the Declarant; provided, however, that if the Declarant is delayed in the improvement and development of the Property on account of a sewer, water or building permit moratorium or any other cause or event beyond the Declarant's control, then the aforesaid twenty (20)-year period shall be extended by a period of time equal to the length of the delays or an additional five (5) years, whichever is less; or

(iii) upon the surrender of said Class B memberships by the then holders thereof for cancellation on the books of the Association.

Upon the lapse or surrender of the Class B memberships as provided for in this Article, the Declarant shall thereafter become a Class A Member of the Association as to each and every Living Unit in which the Declarant then holds the interest otherwise required for such membership. The Members of the Association shall have no preemptive rights, as such Members, to acquire any memberships of this Association that may at any time be issued by the Association except as may be specifically provided in these Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws or the Declaration of the Association.

#### **ARTICLE 7** **MEMBERSHIP**

Every person or entity who is a record owner of a fee or undivided fee interest of any Living Unit, including contract sellers, shall be a Member of the Association; provided that any such person or entity who or which holds such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation shall not be a Member. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Living Unit which is subject to Assessment by the Association.

#### **ARTICLE 8** **RIGHT OF ENJOYMENT**

Every Owner shall have a right and easement of enjoyment in and to the Common Area and Community Facilities, including, without limitation, an easement for the use and enjoyment of the private streets, parking areas, sidewalks, pathways, trails and walkways, if any, within the Common Area, which shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to every Living Unit, for purposes of ingress and egress to and from such Owner's Living Unit.

**ARTICLE 9**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The affairs of this Association shall be managed by a Board initially consisting of three (3) Directors whose names and addresses are hereinafter listed. Commencing with the first annual meeting of the Association, the Board shall consist of an uneven number of not less than three (3) nor more than nine (9) Directors who shall be elected by the Members of the Association. The names and addresses of the persons who are to initially act in the capacity of Directors until the selection of their successors are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Christopher Spahr	11111 Sunset Hills Road Suite 200 Reston, Virginia 20190
David W. Duggar	11111 Sunset Hills Road Suite 200 Reston, Virginia 20190
Stuart M. Ginsberg	11111 Sunset Hills Road Suite 200 Reston, Virginia 20190

The number, classes, qualifications, powers, duties and tenure of the office of the Directors and the manner by which Directors are to be chosen shall be as prescribed and set forth in the Bylaws of the Association. Officers of the Association shall be elected and shall serve as provided for in said Bylaws.

**ARTICLE 10**  
**DISSOLUTION**

The Association may be dissolved with the consent given in writing and signed by not less than two-thirds (2/3) of each class of voting Members, and with the written approval of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, or its successors or assigns, which approval shall not be unreasonably delayed or denied. Written notice of a proposal to dissolve, setting forth the reasons therefor and the disposition to be made of the assets (which shall be consonant with this Article 10), shall be mailed to every Member not less than ten (10) days nor more than fifty (50) days in advance of any action to be taken. Upon dissolution of the Association, other than incident to a merger or consolidation, the assets of the Association shall be dedicated to an appropriate public agency to be used for purposes similar to those for which

this Association was created. In the event that such dedication is refused acceptance, such assets shall be granted, conveyed and assigned to any nonprofit corporation, association, trust or other organization to be devoted to such similar purposes.

**ARTICLE 11**  
**DURATION**

The Association shall exist perpetually.

**ARTICLE 12**  
**AMENDMENTS**

Amendment of these Articles shall require the consent of Members entitled to cast not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the votes of all Members of the Association.

**ARTICLE 13**  
**LIABILITY**

No Director or officer of the Association shall be liable to the Association or to its Members for money damages except (i) to the extent that it is proved that such Director or officer actually received an improper benefit or profit in money, property or services, for the amount of the benefit or profit in money, property or services actually received, or (ii) to the extent that a judgment or other final adjudication adverse to such Director or officer is entered in a proceeding based on a finding in the proceeding that such Director's or officer's action, or failure to act, was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty and was material to the cause of action adjudicated in the proceeding.

**ARTICLE 14**  
**MISCELLANEOUS**

Unless it is plainly evident from the context that a different meaning is intended, all terms used herein shall have the same meaning as they are defined to have in the Declaration. In the event of any conflict between these Articles and the Declaration, the terms and provisions of the Declaration shall control, and in the event of any conflict between these Articles and the Bylaws, the terms and provisions of these Articles shall control.

**[SIGNATURE PAGES FOLLOW]**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has signed, sealed and delivered these Articles of Incorporation as his own free act and deed on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of AUGUST, 2011.

WITNESS:

[Signature]

[Signature] (SEAL)  
David W. Duggar

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STATE OF Virginia

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\* to wit:

COUNTY OF Fairfax

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On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011, before me, a Notary Public in and for the above County and State, personally appeared David W. Duggar, and acknowledged that he signed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation for the purposes therein stated.

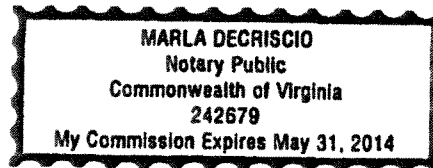
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[Signature]

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: May 31, 2014

[NOTARIAL SEAL]





**CONSENT TO ACT AS RESIDENT AGENT**

Pursuant to Section 1-208 of the Corporations and Associations Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (2007 Replacement Volume), the undersigned, a resident of the State of Maryland, consents to serve as the resident agent of the Association.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this Consent and acknowledge it to be my act as of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2011.

  
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Steven B. Gould

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**RESOLUTION TO CHANGE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OR RESIDENT AGENT**

The directors/stockholders/general partner/authorized person of \_\_\_\_\_

Preserve at Rock Creek Community Association, Inc.

(Name of Entity)

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organized under the laws of Maryland, passed the following resolution:  
(State)

[CHECK APPLICABLE BOX(ES)]

The principal office is changed from: (old address)

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to: (new address)

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The name and address of the resident agent is changed from:

Steven B. Gould, Brown & Gould, LLP

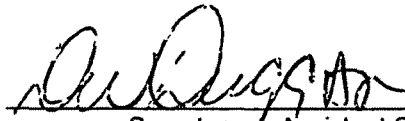
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to:

Steven B. Gould, Brown & Gould, LLP

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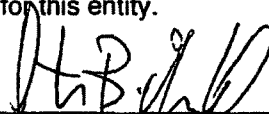
I certify under penalties of perjury the foregoing is true.



Secretary or Assistant Secretary  
General Partner  
Authorized Person

I hereby consent to my designation in this document as resident agent for this entity.

SIGNED



Resident Agent

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