

The Conservancy of Broad Creek

Vision/Mission

Excerpt from the Articles of Incorporation of the Conservancy of Broad Creek, Inc.

FOURTH: The nature of the business or objects or purposes to be transacted, promoted or carried on in any part of the world by the corporation are:

(a) To preserve or to aid in the preservation of areas and objects of scenic, natural, geological, biological, historical, artistic or recreational importance in Broad Creek located in the Potomac River Valley and elsewhere;

(b) To assist in the preservation, including owning, leasing, operating or maintaining the National Historic Register property known as Harmony Hall (c. 1723, Land Patented as Battersea in 1662) located on Broad Creek, and to assist in the general historic and environmental protection and preservation of the entire Broad Creek Historic District, established by Prince George's County in 1986.

(c) To establish or aid in the establishment of nature reserves or other protected areas for scientific, educational or aesthetic purposes;

(d) To conduct land use planning studies;

(e) To further natural history, conservation, artistic and cultural education, to the end that this corporation shall serve the people as an agency for popular enlightenment, for cultural improvement and for scientific progress, recognizing through its programs the essential relationship among the natural, artistic and historic elements of Broad Creek, the Potomac River valley and elsewhere;

(f) To buy, exchange, contract for, lease and in any and all other ways, acquire, take, hold and own, and to deal in, sell, mortgage, lease or otherwise dispose of real property, and rights and interests in and to real property, and to manage, operate, maintain, improve and develop the same;

(g) To borrow or raise money for any of the purposes of the corporation and, from time to time, without limit as to the amount, to draw, make, accept, endorse, execute and issue promissory notes, drafts, bills of exchange, bonds, debentures and other negotiable or non-negotiable instruments and evidences of indebtedness, and to secure the payment of any thereof and of the interest thereon by mortgage upon or pledge, conveyance, or assignment in trust of the whole or any part of the property of the corporation, whether at the site owned or thereafter acquired or by the assignment of any moneys owing or to be owing to the corporation or otherwise;

(h) In general, to carry on any other business in connection with the foregoing and to have and to, exercise all the powers conferred by the laws of Maryland in corporations, and to do any and all of the things hereinbefore set forth to the same extent as natural persons might or could do; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize this corporation to carry on any activities such as are now or hereafter may be impermissible for organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).