

## Articles of Incorporation

Article I - The name of the Corporation is the Freeman Community Farmland Trust, Inc.

Article II – The period of existence is perpetual.

Article III – The Freeman Community Farmland Trust, Inc. is a non-profit corporation whose Mission is : (1) to acquire, hold, manage, and otherwise secure lands whose future use will be reserved exclusively for those employing sustainable agricultural methods to preserve and/or improve the health and productivity of the land, (2) to encourage and support local ownership of the land and its productivity and (3) by practice, example and awareness-building expand the public's understanding of the integrated food and social system implied by (1) and (2) above.

The Freeman Community Farmland Trust, Inc. shall seek, and then at all times maintain, non-profit charitable status (501 c. 3) as approved by the United States Internal Revenue Service.

Article IV – The Corporation will not have members.

Article V – The Board of Directors of the Corporation are the membership.

The Board of Directors has total powers to control and manage the affairs, funds, and property of the Corporation. This to include disbursing the Corporation's money, setting conditions for use of the Corporation's properties or holdings, acquiring or selling land under any conditions it may define, entering into legally binding relationships, and generally exercising all of the powers normal to such a Board.

Article VI – Election of Directors. Directors shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Corporation by majority vote of those Directors not at that time standing for election or re-election. Directors shall be elected on rotational status for a term of three years or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. A Director may be elected to three consecutive three-year terms. A Director may be reelected to the Board following after a lapse of one year following completion of three consecutive full three-year terms. Vacancies on the Board of Directors

resulting from resignation, death, or otherwise, shall be filled by majority vote of the remaining Directors for the balance of the unexpired term.

Article VII – Upon dissolution, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the organization, dispose of any assets of Freeman Community Farmland Trust, Inc. for the benefit of organizations qualifying under section 501 (c.) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine.

Article VIII – Registered Agent

Article IX – Initial Board

Article X - Incorporators

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