

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

of the

SOIL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

Article I

The name of this Association shall be _____
SOIL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION.

Article II

The purposes for which this Association is formed are as follows:

To acquire and disseminate facts and information concerning the character of soil erosion by wind and water, the effects of such erosion, including rainfall runoff, floods, reservoir silting, and soil-blowing, and the character of the preventive and control measures needed; to promote the cooperation of all residents, operators, farmers, land owners and land occupiers in the geographical area covered by this Association, in a concerted and intelligent effort to prevent and control soil erosion, and the wastage of soil and moisture; to bring about widespread adoption of proven erosion control and erosion prevention practices; to promote individual and community protection and management of pasture lands, grazing lands, and wood lands; to encourage individual operators and land owners to carry on recommended erosion control practices over a period of years; to cooperate with agencies of the United States, in particular with the Soil Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, and with agencies of

the State of _____ in carrying out preventive measures and conducting demonstrational and control projects; and when desirable to solicit Federal and State assistance in accomplishing the purposes and carrying out the powers of this Association.

Article III

The area covered by this Association shall be as follows:

Article IV

This Association is a voluntary association and is being organized by the parties signing these Articles as a temporary agency to function until such time as a permanent soil conservation association or soil conservation district may be organized under the laws of this State as a public body, corporate and politic.

Article V

The activities of this Association shall be directed by a board of five directors, elected from the membership and consisting of a President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and two other members*, at least three of whom shall be owner-operators or tenant-operators of land in the Association area. The members of the said Board of Directors shall hold their respective offices for one year and until their successors are elected. Three members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum. The President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer shall perform the functions and duties customarily performed by such officers. The books and accounts of

* One of these two other members may be the Treasurer, if it is desirable to have a Federal employee as Secretary.

the Secretary-Treasurer shall be audited at least once every year by an independent auditor to be appointed by the Board of Directors, who shall submit a written audit to the Directors, which audit shall be made available for examination by the members.

Article VI

This Association shall have no capital stock. Membership in this Association shall be evidenced by membership certificates, one of which shall be issued to each member upon his signing these Articles of Association. Any member of this Association may withdraw therefrom at any time by giving written notice of such intention to the Secretary-Treasurer, and by paying to the Secretary-Treasurer at the time of delivery of such notice all fees and dues owing by such member. All fees and dues theretofore paid by such member shall remain the property of the Association, and the withdrawing member shall not be entitled to any refund.

Article VII

Membership in this Association shall be non-assessable except for the stated annual membership fees, or dues, provided hereinafter in Article VIII, and shall be limited to farm land operators, farm land owners, farm land occupiers, cities, villages and towns as member units, situated within the geographical area designated in Article III, provided that each member unit shall be entitled to only one vote.

Article VIII

There shall be assessed and collected from each member of this Association an annual membership fee as follows:

Each land owner-operator member Dollars (\$ _____)
 (Full fee)
 Each land owner-non-operator member Dollars (\$ _____)
 (one-half full fee)
 Each operator-tenant member Dollars (\$ _____)
 (one-half full fee)
 Each city, village or town member Dollars (\$ _____)
 (agreed amount)

The said membership fees shall be payable at the time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors.

Article IX

A regular annual meeting of the Association shall be held on the _____ day of _____ in every year. The President may at any time, and shall upon written request of any five members of the Association, call a special meeting of the members; of which meeting at least five days' notice, oral or written, shall be given to each member. No business shall be transacted at any special meeting except as stated in the notice thereof, unless three-fourths or more of the members of the Association are present at such meeting and a motion to consider business other than that stated in the notice is approved by a vote of a majority of those present at the meeting. _____ persons shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Association.

Article X

Title to any property to be acquired by the Association may be taken in the name of trustees designated for that purpose by the Board of Directors, and held by such trustees in trust for the members of this Association. Contracts may be entered into in the name of the Association, to be executed on behalf of the Association by

the President and Secretary-Treasurer, and the provisions of all such contracts, when properly authorized and duly executed, shall be binding upon the members of this Association. No property shall be acquired by this Association, or contracts executed on its behalf, until after the acquisition of such property or the execution of such contract has been approved by vote of a majority of the members present at a regular or special meeting of the Association. No debts shall be contracted by or on behalf of this Association except in such manner and for such amount as may be authorized at a regular or special meeting of the Association by a majority vote of the members present at such meeting.

Article XI

In the event of a dissolution of the Association, such assets as the Association may have, if any, shall be sold by the directors, at such time, for such amounts, and in such manner as the said directors may determine. From the proceeds of the sale of such assets all legal liabilities of the Association shall be paid, and the amount remaining, if any, after said payments shall have been made, shall be prorated among the members of the Association in good standing at the time of the dissolution. If no legal liabilities exist the proceeds of the sale shall be returned pro rata to the members of the Association.

Article XII

Bylaws may be adopted, and these Articles of Association

may be amended, by a majority vote of all members present at any regular or special meeting of the Association.

In Testimony Whereof, We have signed these Articles in triplicate in _____ on this _____ day of _____, A.D. 193__.