

2008 Articles of Amendment – Draft Resolution

RESOLVED, that Article 2 of the Articles of Organization of Hilltown Community Development Corporation is amended to read as follows, effective upon the filing of this amendment with the Secretary of State of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

2. Hilltown Community Development Corporation is formed exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law) and specifically for the purpose of improving the quality of life for Hilltown residents by addressing economic, educational and social needs while preserving the rural character of the area served by the corporation. The area served by the corporation (“the Service Area”) is the area composed of the following Massachusetts Hilltowns: Chester, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg and Worthington, and such other similar towns in Hampshire, Hampden, and/or Franklin counties as the Board of Directors of the corporation may from time to time determine. The purposes of the corporation include but are not limited to the following objectives:

- A. To expand opportunities for individuals and groups to own and operate business enterprises by furthering the development of business enterprises in the Service Area; to help individuals and groups to develop the entrepreneurial and management skills necessary for the successful operation of business enterprises; and to provide financial and technical assistance for the successful operation of such business enterprises;
- B. To reduce unemployment and underemployment by fostering the expansion and emergence of job-producing enterprises in the Service Area;
- C. To improve the availability of safe and affordable housing in the Service Area;
- D. To promote, coordinate, support and, where necessary, provide social and community services to the residents of the Service Area so as to complement economic growth with social stability, including, for example, services such as: day care, health care, education, transportation, and/or information;
- E. To foster and participate in regional planning and development so as to support the efforts of local governmental units in the Service Area; and
- F. To protect and preserve the natural resources of the Service Area while promoting their sustainable use.