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Equestrian Land Conservation Resource Launches New Benefit for Partner Organizations

The Equestrian Land Conservation Resource (ELCR) recently launched a new networking tool for its Partner organizations—the ELCR Partner List Serve.

The ELCR Partner List Serve is designed to allow members of ELCR's Equestrian Partners Program to fully and immediately explore issues related to conserving land for horse-related activities. Examples of pertinent topic areas include the following:

- Acquiring and retaining access to land for horse use
- Saving horse land from development using equine-friendly conservation easements, PDR program agreements and other tools
- Advocating for equine-friendly land use planning and zoning in local communities
- Cultivating relationships with managers and owners of lands on which horses may be allowed
- Funding opportunities for horse land projects
- Best management practices for taking care of lands used for horse-related purposes
- Planning, development and maintenance of equestrian parks, trails and greenways
- Creating and managing an equestrian trails organization

The Equestrian Partners program is a growing coalition of organizations from across the country that are committed to helping ELCR fulfill its mission of conserving land and access for all equines. Despite their diverse interests and activities, our Partners recognize that with land in the U.S. being developed at the rate of 250 acres per hour, the future of our lives with horses as we know it know is in dire jeopardy. Equestrian Partners network through ELCR and promote ELCR's mission to their various members, constituents, donors, etc.

It is necessary for us to *act now* to conserve land so that future generations will be able to enjoy horses as horsemen do today. If your organization would like to join the Equestrian Partners and help save land for horses, visit www.elcr.org, or call (859) 455-8383 for more information.

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About Equestrian Land Conservation Resource (ELCR):

The Equestrian Land Conservation Resource, the only national not-for-profit organization assisting in the conservation of land for horse-related activity, serves as a clearinghouse and educational resource for land and horse owners on farmland conservation, community land use planning, preserving horse access on public and private trails, and good land stewardship.