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**Equestrian Land Conservation Resource and
Hudson Mohawk Resource Conservation & Development Council
Team Up to Promote Good Land Stewardship for Horse Farms**

LEXINGTON, KY -- Equestrian Land Conservation Resource (ELCR) and Hudson Mohawk Resource Conservation & Development Council (HMRC&D) of New York are offering "Keeping It Green: Pasture and Environmental Farm Management for the Horse Owner" at ELCR's web site, <http://www.elcr.org/hmrc.php>

The collaboration between ELCR and the HMRC&D is intended to raise awareness and improve knowledge amongst horse owners across the nation about how to improve pastures and minimize their horse's impact on the environment. With open space disappearing at the rate of 250 acres per hour (USDA figures), it is important for horse people to recognize the crisis of loss of land for horses and the importance of caring for the land we have.

Degraded pastures and improper manure management can have a serious, detrimental impact on the environment. We hope horse owners find this video useful for the management of their properties and pastures. This video is offered in 8 segments with titles such as "Water Quality and Manure Management," "Rotational Grazing – Weed & Forage Control," and "Drainage Improvements in High Traffic Areas." Funding for the segments was provided by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative.

For more information visit www.elcr.org

About Equestrian Land Conservation Resource:

ELCR, the only national not-for-profit organization assisting in the conservation of land for horses and horse-related activity, serves as a clearinghouse and technical resource for land and horse owners on issues related to good land stewardship, conserving land, and preserving horse access on public and private lands.

About Hudson Mohawk Resource & Development Council:

Hudson Mohawk RC&D Council, Inc. is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization working in partnership with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA NRCS) to

promote regional, economic and natural resource conservation development in the greater Albany area in New York.