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Equestrian Land Conservation Resource Welcomes Five New Partners

The Equestrian Land Conservation Resource (ELCR) is very pleased to welcome LifeTime Composites LLC (CA), The Natural Gait, Inc. (IA), Rockford Park District / Lockwood Park (IL), Loomis Basin Horsemen's Association (CA) and Fort Harrod Back Country Horsemen (KY) as members in its Equestrian Partners program.

LifeTime Composites LLC makes green and sustainable composite lumber products that look and feel like wood without the maintenance. LifeTime Composites LLC, manufacturer of LifeTime Lumber, developed products using recycled content because they value environmental stewardship. LifeTime Lumber products serve decking and fencing needs in residential, commercial and equestrian applications. Visit <http://lumlumber.com/>.

The Natural Gait, Inc. is the perfect getaway for those who love horses and nature. The Natural Gait provides unique accommodations from camping to cabins to The Lodge and Indoor Arena, a special place uniquely suited for family reunions. Endless outdoor fun may be found at The Natural Gait, from star gazing to canoeing to trail riding and much more. Visit www.thenaturalgait.com.

Located just minutes from downtown Rockford, Illinois, Lockwood Park offers a beautiful trail system where people love to hike, bike and ride horses. Over 94 acres of gently rolling hills, meadows, woods, natural areas and a stream provide a backdrop for the Lockwood Park Trailside Equestrian Centre and Children's Farm. Visit www.rockfordparkdistrict.org.

Loomis Basin Horsemen's Association was formed in 1984 to stop developers from taking away the beautiful equestrian trails of the Loomis Basin in California. This 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization works closely with federal, state and local agencies to maintain and protect existing trails, to promote the establishment of new trails and to protect the rural lifestyle. Visit www.garlic.com/~lbha/.

Fort Harrod Back Country Horsemen is an affiliate of Back Country Horsemen of America. Members of the Fort Harrod BCH work hard to steward existing riding lands and create new riding opportunities for equestrians in areas surrounding Harrodsburg, Kentucky. The group devotes many volunteer hours to maintaining trails at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill and at Eagles Nest, a privately-owned property comprising roughly 1000 acres of beautiful wooded and open space. Fort Harrod BCH has received

a grant from the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance program to help develop a plan to forever protect Eagles Nest for enjoyment by hikers and horseback riders. Visit www.kybch.com/.

The Equestrian Partners program is a rapidly 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 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 our national efforts to 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):

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 educational resource for land and horse owners on issues related to good land stewardship, conserving land, and preserving horse access on public and private lands.