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Equine Land Conservation Resource Presents Anson W. Taylor, Jr. Award for Leadership in Equine Land Conservation to Caledonia Conservancy

Lexington, KY – The Equine Land Conservation Resource (ELCR) is proud to name Caledonia Conservancy of Racine, Wisconsin, as the recipient of the Anson W. Taylor, Jr. Award for Leadership in Equine Land Conservation.

The award will be presented to Caledonia Conservancy President, Eric Roberson and past president Eric Schumann by ELCR director emeritus Nancy Hamill Winter during the Midwest Reception at Rally in Salt Lake City on September 30, 2012.

The goal of the award is to recognize an individual or organization that demonstrates outstanding leadership in land conservation and access for equine use, and/or sets an inspirational example for others to do the same. Initially established in 1999, this award was renamed in 2010 in honor of the late Anson W. Taylor, Jr. of Pennsylvania. Taylor, a founder and past president of ELCR, was a visionary leader and tireless advocate for land conservation for equestrian use. Taylor was also a generous volunteer and national leader with the United States Pony Clubs, an avid horseman, foxhunter and member of the Radnor Hunt.

Caledonia Conservancy is a Land Trust which was started by horse people and equestrians in 1994 to protect and expand Caledonia's unique system of trails. One of Wisconsin's oldest land trusts, the Conservancy has permanently protected more than 122 acres. Along with land protection, the Conservancy partners with landowners to maintain more than 36 miles of trails. While horse trails remain a major focus, the organization has successfully broadened its membership and support beyond the horse community with a broad level of conservation interests that include land, trails and stewardship and significant youth involvement.

"We are proud to honor Caledonia Conservancy with the Anson W. Taylor, Jr. award because of the organization's strength in equine land and trail conservation, understanding of and activity in shared-use recreational trails, positive organizational development and recent accreditation from the Land Trust Alliance," noted ELCR CEO Anna Gibson. "The Caledonia Conservancy's outstanding examples of equine land protection will serve as an inspiration to many other organizations."

Former award recipients include New Englander Denny Emerson (1999) an eventer and columnist for Chronicle of the Horse who advocated for equine land conservation; Ann Lang of California (2002), a trail rider and tireless proponent of equine trail access; Kentucky-based U.S. Pony Clubs (2007), the organization developed the first known equine land conservation standards for youth into their ratings system; Eve Prime Fout (2008), a Virginia foxhunter and strident land conservation advocate, awarded posthumously; Robert Clay (2010) a Kentucky Thoroughbred breeder and land conservationist and founder of Bluegrass Tomorrow and the Bluegrass

Conservancy; Majorie V. Kittredge (2011) founder of Windrush Therapeutic Equitation in Massachusetts and owner of Windrush Farm, a property that was conserved with help from a number of towns and organizations, awarded posthumously.

About the Equine Land Conservation Resource (ELCR): *The Equine Land Conservation Resource is the only national not-for-profit organization advancing the conservation of land for horse-related activity. ELCR serves as an information and networking resource for land and horse owner, organizations, agencies and all equine enthusiasts on issues related to farm and ranch land conservation, land use planning, farm and ranch land stewardship/best management practices, trail access and sustainability, liability and equine economic impacts. For more information about the ELCR visit our website at www.elcr.org or call (859) 455-8383. Equine Land Conservation Resource Presents Anson W. Taylor, Jr. Award for Leadership in Equine Land Conservation to Caledonia Conservancy*