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The Equine Land Conservation Resource Awarded Dougherty Foundation Grant

Lexington, KY – January 6, 2012 – The Equine Land Conservation Resource (ELCR) is proud to announce that it has been awarded a grant from the Dudley T. Dougherty Foundation to promote best management practices for farm and ranch land stewardship. The funds will be used to produce and disseminate materials that educate horsemen and women, horse farm and ranch owners, and the general public of the need for low impact, sustainable methods and practices in the use and management of horse lands.

The Dudley T. Dougherty Foundation aims to make a critical difference on the planet by giving voice to those who wish to be part of the many worthy forces for change in the world. The grant fits the Foundation's goal by enabling the ELCR to produce learning modules aimed at dealing with issues of concern to those who own, manage and enjoy horse lands, including horsemen and women, and farm and ranch owners and managers.

The educational materials will deal directly with the issues of:

- Storm Water Quality and Quantity
- Manure Management
- Wildlife Friendly Fencing
- Air Quality

“All of us connected with ELCR are honored that the Dougherty Foundation has chosen us for this grant. These funds will help us promote our mission of protecting the lands that are of primary concern to those involved in equestrian sport, horse recreation and the equine industry,” said Deb Balliet, ELCR CEO. “This assistance from the Dougherty Foundation will allow us to effectively reach many more people who, through our educational outreach, can have a positive impact on lands of concern to those in the equine community.”

The Dudley T. Dougherty Foundation, "A Foundation for All", was established in 2002. It was begun in order to give a clear voice for those who wish to be a part of the many, worthy, forces for change in the world. The Foundation's purpose is to look ahead towards the future, giving the past its due by remembering where we came from, and how much we can all accomplish together. The aim is to make the critical difference on our planet by recognizing and

having respect for our ever changing world. The Foundation respects all Life, the Environment, and all People, no matter who they are. Further information on the Foundation is available on line at www.dudleydoughertyfoundation.org.

The Equine Land Conservation Resource (ELCR) is the only national not-for-profit organization advancing the conservation of land for horse-related activity. ELCR serves as an information resource and clearinghouse for land and horse owners on issues related to equine land conservation, land use planning, land stewardship/best management practices, trails, liability and equine economic development. Further information about the Equine Land Conservation Resource is available on line at www.elcr.org or by calling 859-455-8383.