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**Equine Land Conservation Resource Releases Best Management Practices Guide for Horse Keeping**

Horse facilities come with many unanticipated costs and challenges. Changing local regulations, damage from storms and other weather events, and limited resources interrupt day-to-day operations. Best Management Practices (BMPs) are practical tactics designed to mitigate the cost and impact of these challenges.

To help horse owners and facility managers with these issues, ELCR, with support from the Dudley T. Dougherty Foundation, has developed a BMP guide. The guide, entitled *Best Management Practices Can Help Your Bottom Line*, is a series of articles that introduce the basics that any horse facility manager needs to know. The articles are designed to serve as an introduction and include links to local resources for more specialized information.

Individual articles cover the following topics:

**Managing Soil**

Pasture Management

Pasture Edges and Gateways

Manure Management

Soil Conditions and Soil Protection

Sacrifice Lots

**Managing Water**

Infiltration Basins and Rain Gardens

Vegetated Buffers

Natural and Engineered Wetlands

Healthy Streams for Water Quality

**Planning and Managing Horse Facilities**

Site Planning

Paving Surfaces

Wildlife Friendly Fencing

End of Life Issues

The complete BMP guide, *Best Management Practices Can Help Your Bottom Line*, is available on the ELCR website by using the following link <http://elcr.org/bestmanagementpractices/>.

**About the Equine Land Conservation Resource (ELCR):** *The Equine Land Conservation Resource builds awareness of the loss of lands available for horse-related activities and facilitates the protection and preservation of those lands. We work to ensure America's equine heritage lives on and the emotional, physical and economic benefits of the horse-human relationship remains accessible. ELCR serves as an information resource and clearinghouse on issues related to conserving horse properties, land use planning, land stewardship/best management practices, trails, liability and equine economic development. For more information about the ELCR visit our website at [www.elcr.org](http://www.elcr.org) or call (859) 455-8383.*