George Strawbridge, Jr. Honored with the Robert N. Clay Conservation Award

Lexington, KY.- September 13, 2018- Equine Land Conservation Resource (ELCR) is pleased to announce that George Strawbridge, Jr. was honored with the 2018 Robert N. Clay Conservation Award at the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA) National Awards dinner on September 8th in Lexington, Kentucky.

The award, established in 2014 as a partnership between TOBA and ELCR to help increase awareness of the importance of land conservation to the Thoroughbred industry and to serve as an inspiration to others within the industry, is presented annually at the TOBA National Awards dinner.

Strawbridge, through his Augustin Stable, has been an important player in both flat and steeple chase racing and an industry leader. He has also been at the forefront in land conservation. Over the years Strawbridge, has purchased several farms in Pennsylvania with the purpose of establishing a conservation easement on the land to preserve the beauty and function of the property. While some of the properties were subsequently sold once an easement was in place, he retains ownership of over 900 acres of farmland in Pennsylvania, all of which are under conservation easement.

George has been recognized as an ardent supporter of open space preservation for decades. His donation of multiple conservation easements to the Brandywine Conservancy, since 1993, has protected over 2,500 acres of land in Lancaster and Chester counties. Strawbridge was one of the original investors in the Buck and Doe Associates Limited Partnership that bought and conserved the King Ranch Property totaling over 5,000 acres.

Strawbridge is an active trustee of the Brandywine Conservancy and encourages landowners to conserve their properties so that future generations have a chance to appreciate the land before it is lost to development.