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**Equine Land Conservation Resource and American Trails Offer Equestrian Trails on Private Land Webinar**

Lexington, KY – July 22, 2020 – Equine Land Conservation Resource (ELCR), in partnership with American Trails (AT), will be presenting the free webinar ***Successful Models in Developing and Maintaining Equestrian Trail Systems on Private Land*** on July 30, 2020 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM (Pacific Time). The webinar, sponsored by Aretes Structures, will spotlight how three different communities have developed and maintained successful equestrian trail system on private land.

Privately owned land is the most at-risk component of our equestrian landscape. Boarding barns, competition venues, trails, hunt fixtures and hayfields are being lost every day as a result of development, misunderstanding of liability issues by new owners of land, and rising demand for land around urbanizing areas. Access to private land for equestrian use can be an asset to your community and can result in not only a viable recreational trail system but a corridor providing equine access to public land.

Webinar participants will learn:

- About the models three different communities have employed to develop and sustain successful private equestrian trail systems.
- How to deal with issues related to private trail systems such as protected access, liability and landowner relations.
- How to determine if a private equestrian trail system is right for your community.

For additional information or to register for the webinar go to:

<https://www.americantrails.org/training/successful-models-in-developing-and-maintaining-private-equestrian-trail-systems>

For additional information on equine access to private land, ELCR offers talking points for explaining liability issues to landowners; liability management tools; guidelines for fostering positive relationships with landowners; model rules of usage and other protections for landowners who wish to open their land to horse usage; and information about the benefits of ensuring that horses stay in your community at <https://elcr.org/conservation-resources/trails-access-and-other-issues/>

***About American Trails:*** American Trails (AT) is a national, nonprofit organization working on behalf of all trail interests, including hiking, bicycling, mountain biking, horseback riding, water trails, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, trail motorcycling, ATVs, snowmobiling and four-wheeling. AT supports local, regional, and long-distance trails and greenways, whether they be in backcountry, rural or urban areas by finding common ground and promoting cooperation among all trail interests. AT's website, [www.americantrails.org](http://www.americantrails.org), is a comprehensive online source for planning, building, designing, funding, managing, enhancing, and supporting trails, greenways, and blue ways. Contact American Trails at their Redding California office: (530) 605-4395.

***About the Equine Land Conservation Resource (ELCR):*** ELCR builds awareness of the loss of lands available for horse-related activities and facilitates the protection and conservation of those lands working 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 conserving horse properties, land use planning, land stewardship/best management practices, trails, liability and equine economic impact. For more information about the ELCR visit [www.elcr.org](http://www.elcr.org) or call (859) 455-8383.