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Equine Land Conservation Resource

Saving the land our horses depend on.

Our Impact

As the nation's leading organization dedicated to protecting land for horses and horse-related activities, the Equine Land Conservation Resource's (ELCR) impact extends far beyond individual conservation projects. ELCR strengthens communities through education, assistance, and resources that help preserve equestrian access nationwide and keeps America's equine heritage alive.

By equipping advocates, organizations, and decision-makers with proven strategies and expert guidance, **ELCR helps ensure that horses and riders continue to have access to the land that horses, horse sports, and the equine-driven economy need to thrive.**

Why it Matters

Every day, we lose around 2,000 acres agricultural land. If we continue to lose land at this alarming rate, the land our horses depend on to thrive will rapidly disappear. This land feeds, shelters, and provides space to raise, ride, compete, and care for our horses.

Additionally, horses play a huge role in American culture and history. From Native American mounts to the horses that pulled the Conestoga wagons across the Great Plains, horses have always been a part of the American tradition.

Poorly planned, uncontrolled development or sprawl, competing demands for land, and a national population that is increasingly unfamiliar with horses are major threats to horse lands. **This affects every region in different ways and loss of land is a genuine threat to all horses.**

What We Do

Together, we can protect and conserve equine places and spaces. ELCR works with individuals and organizations to provide information, tools, templates, and one-on-one counseling and technical assistance to help keep lands open for horses in their communities.

It is imperative that horse enthusiasts be made aware of the existing threats and understand how they can become actively engaged in protecting horse lands and trails in their own communities.

ELCR Provides:

- Advocacy tools, templates, and resources
- An engaged network of people, across the country who are willing and able to assist in protecting land
- Educational resource library at www.elcr.org
- Webinars with partner organizations on conservation
- Best practice guidelines for managing conversations and relationships with private landowners and public lands stakeholders to create support for equine access and beneficial zoning strategies
- One-on-one counseling and technical assistance to local organizations and individuals to support conservation efforts



Saving Land for Horses. Securing Futures for Communities.



Did you know...

- The majority of the US equestrian community is located in and near the urban and suburban areas where development often occurs.
- There are around **7 million horses in the US** that require an estimated 39 million acres to support their basic feed, forage, and acreage needs.
- Healthy horse pastures can act as natural water filters and actively grazed fields reduce fuel for wildfires.
- Pasture grasses capture carbon dioxide from the air, helping balance out local greenhouse gases and reduce our carbon footprint.

Challenges

- Public and private lands are facing **increased competition** for use and space as non-equestrians move into traditionally equine-centered areas.
- **AI Data Centers** and **commercial growth** are becoming more prevalent and a major growing threat.
- Poorly planned, uncontrolled **development** and **zoning changes**

Ways to Support ELCR

1. Join ELCR as a **Conservation Member or Partner** at www.elcr.org/join.
2. **Make a gift** in honor of friends and family, become a **monthly donor**, or **donate stock** to secure long-term change at www.elcr.org/donate.
3. Remember a loved one or equine companion with a **Memorial Tribute Gift**.
4. Like and share ELCR on **Facebook** and **Instagram** and help us continue the conversation online.  

ELCR's work is funded by charitable contributions and memberships.

Visit www.elcr.org for more information or contact us at info@elcr.org.



Current Projects

Strengthen Governance and Leadership
Expand Programmatic Impact
Elevate Advocacy and National Influence
Build Organizational Capacity
Design Upgraded Website

Read the **2026 - 2028 Strategic Plan**

www.elcr.org/strategic-plan-2026-2028

Over the past five years, **ELCR** staff have responded to **197 requests** for assistance across **20 states**.



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