



## **LCEA** | Loudoun County Equine Alliance

Loudoun County Board of Supervisors

The Loudoun County Equine Alliance (LCEA) supports a Board of Supervisors directive to staff to prepare a study on an Equine and Agricultural Center AND to authorize the study's inclusion into the 2025 CIP. This is a long awaited and necessary catalyst to further the economic impact of the equestrian, agriculture and tourism industries in Loudoun. To date, there is one park that contains a properly constructed equestrian ring (Lovettsville), and no county park with more than 4 miles of equestrian trails. The few county parks that contain "equestrian areas" within the master plan are not funded and are of inadequate size.

Our board has previously recommended infrastructure items of high importance for inclusion in an equestrian center. They include

Acreage sufficient for

1. A minimum of 2 large outdoor LIGHTED arenas of the size of Lovettsville. At least one should have sand footing and another geo-tech footing to accommodate additional equine disciplines.
2. Indoor with competition area of at least 150 x 300 plus adjoining covered warm up area approximately 100-225. The pavilion and indoor arenas at VA Horse Center are good examples.
3. Outside course acreage for cross-country jumps.
4. Flexible grass arena for combined driving. At least 700 x 300 feet.
5. Minimum of 8-12 permanent stalls with added area sufficient to accommodate at least 75-100 additional temporary stalls. Temporary stall area should have electrical and sufficient number of spigots for water.
6. Wash areas with drains near stalls for horses.
7. Bathrooms with showers (in at least some of them) .

8. Manure management bays.
9. Separate parking for trailers and spectator vehicles. Spillover for both could be field parking .
10. Electric and water hookup for tent, horse trailer or RV camping.
11. Area for primitive camping that would allow for trailer parking and room to make temporary corrals for horses.
12. Trails of at least 8 miles on site and preferable more to add interest for multi-day campers. This could be part of LPAT/Trails and Waterways.
13. Storage bays for the bedding, and jumps.
14. Storage bays for all the equipment needed to care for the place – mowers, forklifts, back hoes, arena dragging equipment, etc.

In addition to the comparable facilities provided by the Johnson Group, LCEA would offer the World Equestrian Center's two locations for review. [World Equestrian Center](#)

LCEA does not recommend linking a quarantine facility to an equestrian park but does recommend that the County support the Cuticelli group of investors and owners of the Ark quarantine station in NY, in their efforts to build a similar operation at Dulles.

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