



Hoosier Horse Park Redevelopment Plan

Mission

- To preserve land for equestrian activities and public recreation, while creating a positive economic impact on the area.
- To provide a not for profit venues for local, national and international competition, schooling and training; of various FEI disciplines, in a safe and inviting environment.

Vision

- To implement improvements on the current facilities and infrastructure of the horse park to provide a safer, more esthetic, family oriented venue for both horses and people using the facilities.
- To add new facilities and amenities to draw larger shows 1 to 2 star FEI rated shows and spectators to the horse park.
- To create a positive economic impact on the local economy by expanding the impact of the equine industry to the area.
- By refurbishing and expanding on the current facilities the Horse Park can move to being financially self sufficient

Brief History of Facility

The Park is estimated at 561 acres of park land, which was deeded in May 1977 by a grant from The U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. The horse community came together in 1986 and through cooperation and hard work developed a facility that hosted 50 International Riders in the 1987 Pan American Games and has continued since then to provide show grounds for many diverse horse organizations. This facility and the amenities developed by the horse community have been under the care and supervision of the park share holders for the past 20 years.

Share Holders

- Johnson County Council
- Johnson County Commissioners
- Johnson County Parks and Recreation Board of Directors
- Johnson County Soil and Water

Stake Holders

- Indiana Horse Council
- Indiana Eventing Association
- Indiana Dressage Society
- Indiana Whips and Wheels
- Heartland Region Pony Club
- Indiana Hunter Jumpers
- International Mounted Games Association
- Indiana Pony of America Association
- Mini Horse Association
- Valley Riders
- Hoosier Palomino Association
- Indiana Paint Horse Association
- Indiana Rocky Mountain Horse Association
- Boy Scouts

Size

- Over 561 acres

Current Amenities

- 200 acre Cross Country Course for eventing and driving
- 160 x 280 dressage arena (1)
- 125 x 280 dressage arena (2)
- ___ x ___ dressage warm up arena (3)
- 300 x 200 stadium jumping arena
- 100 x 275 stadium jumping arena
- 160 x 300 covered Baker arena with aluminum bleachers
- 125 x 250 Baker warm up arena
- indoor Dunn arena (to be torn down in future)
- Park Office
- Recently installed PA system around show arenas, barns and at cross country course
- On site restaurant
- Public Restrooms
- 54 RV camp sites – with electrical and water access
 - 17 sites with recently upgraded 50 amp service
- 3 shower houses
- 5 meeting rooms for rent with kitchen amenities
- 5 shelters

Ancillary Amenities

- 18 hole Golf Course
- Amphitheatre
- Outdoor POW chapel
- Model Airplane flying field
- Model Train field
- Model Airplane flying field
- Dirt bike and remote vehicle track
- tent camp sites

2007 Economic Impact

The Horse Park equine activities contributed **over \$2.7 million** to the surrounding economy in 2007 alone, much of which was income from out of state visitors.

The Horse Park rentals **contributed \$117,000** to the Johnson County general fund in 2007, which was an **increase of over 23%** over 2006 income contribution.

It takes approximately 5 years to establish/re-establish a facility or show. With increase of attendance and expansion of facility, after the critical 5 year mark, the impact to the local economy should expand to **\$3.5 million to \$4 million a year**, based on industry standards.

Location

- Southern Johnson County
- Distance to Major Cities
 - ❖ **31 miles** Indianapolis
 - ❖ **80 miles** Cincinnati, Ohio
 - ❖ **124 miles** Lexington, Kentucky
 - ❖ **194 miles** Chicago, Illinois
 - ❖ **235 miles** St. Louis, Missouri
 - ❖ **257 miles** Detroit, Michigan
- Highway Access
 - ❖ **I-65**
 - ❖ **I-465**
 - ❖ **I-70**
 - ❖ **I-69**
 - ❖ **I-74**
 - ❖ **US 31**
 - ❖ **SR 44**
 - ❖ **SR 144**
 - ❖ **SR 135**

Marketing Plan

Improving the current infrastructure and amenities at the Horse Park will provide the horse community with a venue capable of hosting any of the eight disciplines of FEI. The additional quality amenities will support the return and growth of local, sanctioned shows, which feed the higher level events. Expansion of the current amenities will also allow multiple shows to run consecutively during peak show season. Improvements and expansion will allow for growth of the current show schedule of 45 bookings over 20 weeks in the summer, and will increase horse traffic from 4,200 stall booking. For each additional booking there is additional income to off set expense and improved amenities allows fore increase fees to gradually bring them in line with market prices.

Providing quality facilities, which meet the general FEI requirements, will also provide an opportunity to upgrade current events and draw new higher level one star events. Such events will bring larger name riders increasing the spectator draw and the overall impact to the local economy. Increased revenue by the expansion of the facility to support multiple, larger and higher level shows will fund repayment of the bond used for the upgrades, as well as move the horse park to being financially self sufficient.

General requirements for FEI events:

- Secure fencing to contain loose horses and provide a safe environment for horse, rider and spectators.
- Quality footing in arenas with a stable base, such as limestone, to provide bite for jumping and upward transitions and loose soft top cover, such as sand, to protect the horses legs from concussion.
- ____ size cross country course, with quality turf that is not compacted to provide bite without jeopardize the horses legs due to concussion.
- Quality safe stabling 12'x12' for large horses
- Easy access to water for horses and competitors
- Facilities for judges and show staff with electric, water and restrooms

Additional amenities to make a facility more appealing to higher level shows.

- Easy interstate access
- Easy access to hotels
- Easy access to restaurants
- Easy access to shopping
- On site camping
- On site dining
- On site shopping
- On site sawdust supply
- Year Round show and training facility

Staffing Requirements

- Johnson County Park Superintendent (current)
- Johnson County Park Assistant Superintendent (current)
- General Park Maintenance Staff 2 (current)
- Horse Park Maintenance Staff 2 (current)
- Secretary (current)
- Part time cashier at Horse Park (current)
- Horse Park Sales and Marketing Manager (new)

Additional Marketing Opportunities

- In 2010 new camps and shows can be targeted that have been displaced by the FEI World Games being held at Kentucky Horse Park.
- In 2012 the Horse Park will celebrate its 25th Anniversary
 - Events can be scheduled to generate publicity and rededicate the park
- One Star Events
- High Profile Clinicians

National Economic Impact of The US Horse Industry

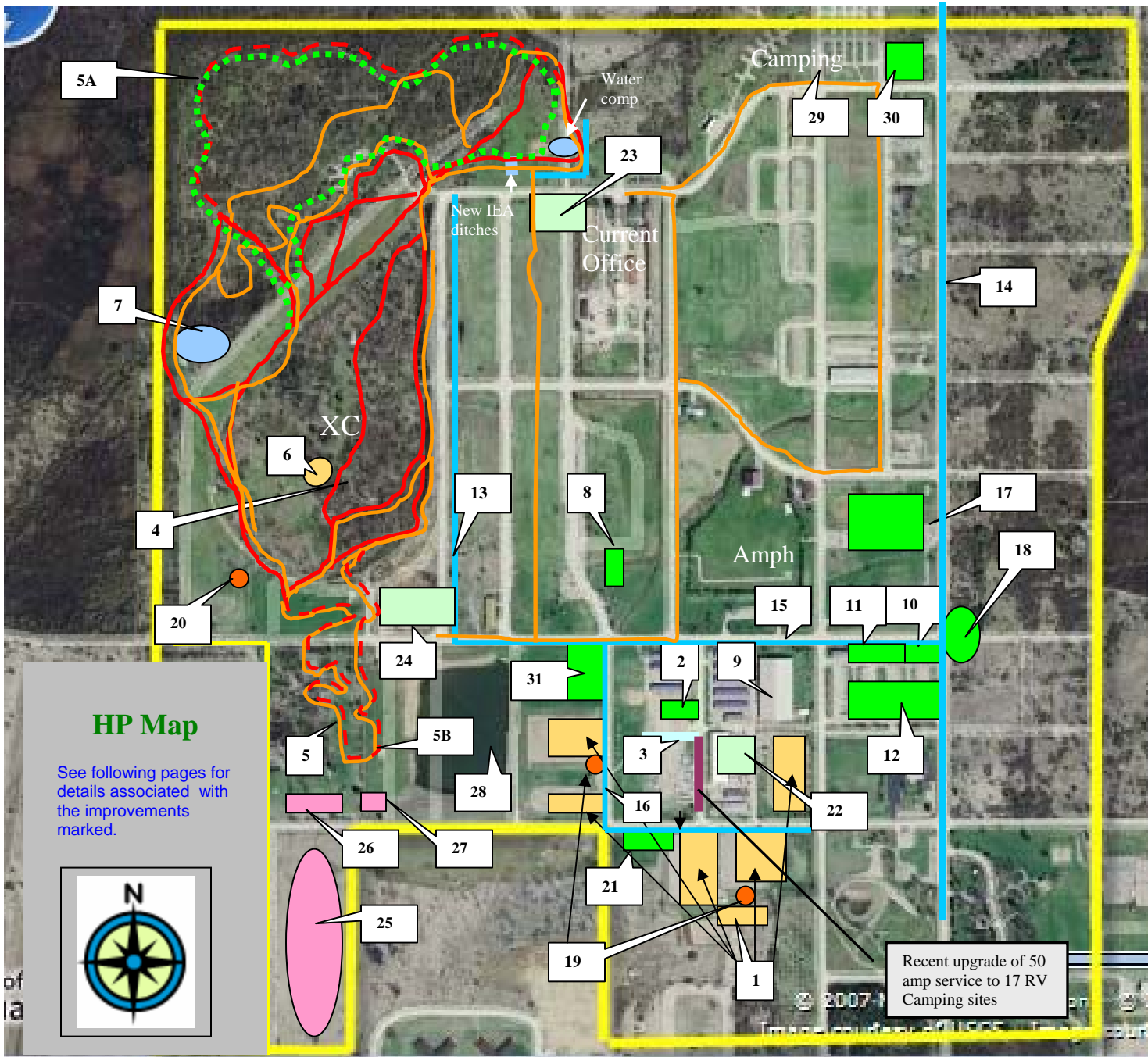
The horse industry is a very large and important part of our national, state and local economies. It is diverse, involving agriculture, business, sport, gaming, entertainment and recreation.

The economic study done by Deloitte Consulting LLP for the American Horse Council Foundation in 2005 validates what the industry has known for some time, that the horse industry is a highly-diverse, national, serious and economically significant industry that deserves the attention of the general public, the media and federal, state and local officials.











Highlights of the study include:

- There are **9.2 million horses** in the United States.
- **4.6 million Americans** are involved in the industry as horse owners, service providers, employees and volunteers. Tens of millions more participate as spectators.
- **2 million** people own horses.
- The horse industry has a direct economic effect on the U.S. of **\$39 billion annually**.
- The industry has a **\$102 billion impact** on the U.S. economy when the multiplier effect of spending by industry suppliers and employees is taken into account. **Including off-site spending of spectators would result in an even higher figure.**
- The industry directly provides **460,000 full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs**.
- Spending by suppliers and employees generates additional jobs for a total employment **impact of 1.4 million FTE jobs**.
- The horse industry pays **\$1.9 billion in taxes** to all levels of government.
- For each horse showing, it is projected that 1.5 people attend at a average economic impact of \$9.00 per person.

Hoosier Horse Park Master Plan



Key:

-  New Footing 10" lime stone base with 2-3" of sand on top
-  New Facility
-  New Judges building with rest rooms
-  Possible Standard Bred Facility
-  Fencing
-  Redirect Traffic
-  IEA/Penny Oaks current primary XC courses
-  IWWI current primary courses
-  New Runners course keep to north end to allow horse schooling on south end at same time
-  proposed course changes noted

Phase 1

Summer/Fall 2008

Most critical improvements to current facilities and infrastructure

- Drainage improvements throughout the facility
- 1. Arena footing brought to USDF standards, to improve safety for horse and rider by adding additional footing material and purchasing arena grooming equipment
- Improve turf management on the Cross Country Course with new \$5,000 Aerovator purchased by the Indiana Eventing Association, to create footing with less concussion to the horses legs
- Upgrade Electrical service in barn areas, to improve safety in barns by bringing wiring up to code.
- Upgrade Lighting in current barn areas, to improve safety and provide cost savings in type of lighting used
- Add additional lighting to the future Main Entrance to improve safety for motorists and clearly designate the main entrance to the facilities.
- Replace all water service in barn areas to improve access for patrons, improve water pressure and provide cost savings in reduced waste
- 2. Build two additional barns adding 56 additional stalls needed for current scheduled show expansion of participants.
- 3. Pave path across gravel lot between Dunn Arena and Jump Stadium to provide clear vehicle path to improve safety for both pedestrians and horses
- Work with County to repave all county roads outside the Horse Park compound but within the Horse Park grounds.
- 4. Remove any trees less than 10 years old to remove over growth areas on Cross Country Course to create more versatility for Cross Country Courses
 - This will make maintenance of the area more manageable for the Horse Park staff
 - This will also open up additional viewing for spectators
 - Relocate trees easily moved to barn and arena areas to add to aesthetics and provide additional shade for competitors and spectators
- 5. Demolish and remove the old POW buildings and relocate black powder shooting course to the new shooting range.
 - This upholds the Park rules of no fire arms on premises.
 - This creates a safer park guest experience.
 - 5 A & B** This will also start the IEA planned shift south from marshy area and open up running paths and trail riding areas in the north part of the Cross Country area, without negatively impacting cross country schooling area.
 - This will make the area more manageable to maintain for the Horse Park Staff
- 6. Refurbish Pan Am Mound to bring it in line with one Star Eventing Standards to allow for upgrade to a one star Training Event, which will bring in larger name riders
- 7. IEA to refurbish the old water complex
- 8. Construction of the new Chris Copeland covered bridge Driving obstacle by Whips and Wheels
- 9. Repaint Dunn Arena
- Create new directional signage to and around the park

Fall 2008

Main Horse Park Camping Preparation

- 10. Demolish and remove old barns near park entrance
- 11. Demolish and remove camper shower/restroom facilities and old storage buildings in Horse Park Camping Area east of Baker Arena
- 12. Remove current paving in Horse Park Camping Area east of Baker Arena
- Install PVC fencing to create low maintenance aesthetic boundary
- 13. East side of Cross Country Course
- 14. East side of Horse Park
- 15. Remove chain link fence and install down main drive of Main Entrance of Horse Park
 - Will create a safety boundary for loose horses
 - Will assist Horse Park staff to in keeping vehicle traffic off course and allow for shut down of the course when footing is not safe for riders.
 - Will help create a focal point for the Horse Park Entrance
- 16. Install new dressage and stadium arena boundary PVC fencing

Spring 2009

Main Horse Park Camping Construction

- Build new Horse Park Office at Main Entrance
 - Makes Horse Park staff monitoring of the Horse Park facilities more manageable
 - Makes Horse Park staff more accessible to those coming to the park for the first time
- Build new Horse Park camping area shower house restroom facility as part of new Horse Park office
- Repave Horse Park Camping Area east of Baker Arena
 - Upgrade Electrical service in camping area to provide 50 amp service to meet modern standards
 - Upgrade Water access in the camping area

Enclosed Arena Restaurant Construction

17. Build new enclosed arena facility which will also have adjoining restaurant facility in front
 - Moves restaurant to Park Main Entrance for greater exposure
 - Will allow restaurant patrons to also watch shows or clinics in the indoor arena
 - Auditor area in arena
 - Arena will provide year round training facility in the park bringing in additional revenue to the park
 - Restaurant provides lease revenue and satisfies needs of both Horse Park guests, Camp Atterbury staff, and the community
 - Combined arena restaurant opens equine education and promotion to public at large.
18. Build new Horse Park Main Entrance including landscaping in entrance area
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Fall 2009

Judges Score Keeper Facility improvements

19. Enhance Stadium and Dressage arena scorers and judges stands
 - Two level facilities made of low maintenance materials
 - Lower level to be hospitality area with restroom for judges
 - Upper level to be used for score keepers to prevent interruptions from competitors and upper level will allow score keepers to monitor ring efforts
20. Build Cross Country Course judges stand
 - Park Fire Tower style facility to provide overview of cross country area for judges and commentators
 - This facility will also allow Park Staff a vantage point to monitor activity on in this area of the park for safety and management
21. Add additional dressage warm up arena
 - Add shelter over dressage arena bleachers

Improved Parking

22. Take Dunn Arena down and put in place additional safer parking near barns and arenas
23. Add new parking near water complex
24. Expand parking near cross country warm up area

Phase 2 with Additional Fund Raising Efforts

Construction of New Standard Bred Track and Training facility

25. Construction of 5/8 mile standard bred track
26. Construction of enclosed barn for standard bred stabling
27. Construction of on site veterinary and farrier facilities
 - Redevelopment of road access to this newly developed area of the park
28. Development of self sufficient watering system from current park lake for the dressage, stadium and track facility footing

Redevelopment of tent and RV camping in north end of park

29. New electrical and water and paving
30. Put in new shower house/rest room/swimming pool facility

Pony Club Barn/Dorm Construction

31. Build new Pony Club enclosed 100 stall barn with outside shower and public rest room access and dorms above barn area
 - o This facility will be built in conjunction with Heartland Pony Club for the education of members in the sport of riding and horse management
 - o The rental of this facility to large groups and clinics will fund maintenance and improvements to this facility
 - o This facility will pave the way for FEI higher level events
 - o Having this facility in place prior to 2010 FEI events will allow the Horse Park to pick up camps and shows displaced at the Kentucky Horse Park by this event
 - o Public Restroom and shower incorporated into this facility will make way for future demolition of the Dunn Arena

Similar Facility to Model After

Lamplight Equestrian Center

General Information about Lamplight:

Lamplight Equestrian Center, a fifty-six acre facility just 35 miles west of Chicago, is the premiere horse show facility in the Midwest. Located in the scenic and historic Fox River Valley, Lamplight offers it's competitors, guest, and spectators a beautiful and competitor friendly showing experience in the Midwest's largest equestrian community. Immediately adjacent to Lamplight is a 2000 acre public preserve devoted to equestrian uses, with an international cross country course.

Lamplight hosts between 20 and 25 equestrian competitions each show season including 7 regionwide dressage shows, two three day events, 6 "AA" rated Hunter/Jumper shows including Lamplight's two week Equifest during which the facility hosts upward of 1000 horses each week. In the past Lamplight has been chosen by the United States Dressage Federation to host the Regional Finals, The USDF Young Horse Selection trials and The Final Selection Trial for the Canadian Olympic Event Team.

Arenas & Stabling at Lamplight Equestrian Center:

All of Lamplight's competition and warm-up rings have meticulously maintained all-weather footing. All eight (8) competition Dressage rings and adjoining warm-up areas have 10" - 12" bases of compacted limestone screenings bases covered by two to three inches of beach sand for proper cushioning.

The competition and warm-up rings, are located in close proximity to the permanent stabling and are easily accessible from temporary stabling via sand horse paths.

White PVC fencing surrounds all competition and warm-up rings. All rings and warm-up areas are anyway crowned to allow surface water to run off quickly into contoured drainage scales surrounding each ring. Heavy downpours rarely, if ever, present a problem at Lamplight competitions.

Permanent Judges' stands service each competition ring. These can be fully enclosed during inclement weather.

Outstanding Arena Care

Ring and warm-up area maintenance is performed both before and during each show. Lamplight's experienced show staff schedules each ring to allow watering and dragging to take place throughout each day of competition.

At night, the competition rings and warm-up areas are thoroughly watered and dragged to insure a completely dust- free environment for competitors and spectators. To accomplish its ring maintenance, Lamplight employs its five (5) John Deere 5000 series tractors, five TR-3 drags, 3 Revell drags and four 1,200 gallon water wagons.

"Rex", Lamplight's 15,000 pound vibrating roller is used before major competitions to insure a consistent, firm footing. Prior to each season, all rings are stripped of sand and the limestone screening base is professionally re-graded to insure that no holes or soft spots have developed and that the proper crown is maintained.

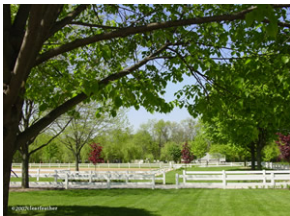
Stabling

Four hundred fifty (450) permanent 10'x10' stalls with stall doors are located in five (5) pole barns, a permanent tent with new canvas stalls and the former boarder balm. Each stall has a compacted limestone-screening base.

To accommodate larger shows, Lamplight has constructed elevated tent pads at the north end of the property to insure adequate storm water drainage. These tents with canvas stalls can accommodate up to 1,200 additional horses. Underground electric and water serves both the temporary and permanent stabling. All stabling areas have conveniently located permanent wash racks with individual wash stalls. Photos of the wash rack facilities are attached. Limestone based, sand covered equestrian paths lead from the stabling areas to warm-up and competition rings. Horses are never required to walk on cement or asphalt. The horse paths are fenced to insure that a separation is maintained between pedestrians, vehicles and horses. The paths are tree lined to provide shade for the horses and competitors.

Separate lunging areas are adjacent to the stabling areas.

Source: <http://www.lamplightequestriancenter.com/>



Near By World Class Facility



Kentucky Horse Park

The **Kentucky Horse Park** is a working horse farm and an educational theme park opened in 1978 in Lexington, Kentucky. It is located off of KY 1973 (Iron Works Pike) and Interstate 75 in northern Fayette County in the United States. The equestrian facility is a 1,200 acre park dedicated to "man's relationship with the horse." Open to the public, the Park has a twice daily Parade of Breeds, showcasing both common and rare horses from across the globe. The horses are ridden in authentic costume. Each year the Park is host to a number of special events and horse shows.

Beginning with the 1985 arrival of John Henry, Horse of the Decade for the 1980s and the top money-winning thoroughbred gelding in racing history, the Kentucky Horse Park has been a retirement home for some of the world's greatest competition horses. With the exception of a few months in 1986, John Henry lived at the park until his death in 2007, alongside other racing greats such as 1970s champions Forego and Bold Forbes, and current residents Cigar, voted Horse of the Decade for the 1990s, and Da Hoss, the first of only two thoroughbreds to win Breeders' Cup races in non-consecutive years.

Besides thoroughbred horses, standardbred greats such as Western Dreamer, Cam Fella and Rambling Willie have made the Kentucky Horse Park their home, as well as 5-gaited Saddlebred gelding CH Gypsy Supreme and late champions CH Imperator and CH Sky Watch

National Horse Center

The Kentucky Horse Park also contains the National Horse Center, headquarters for several organizations including:

- American Association of Equine Practitioners
- American Farrier's Association
- American Hackney Horse Society
- American Hanoverian Society
- American Saddlebred Horse Association
- Carriage Association of America
- Kentucky Horse Racing Authority
- Equestrian Events, Inc.
- United States Hunter/Jumper Association
- United States Dressage Federation
- United States Equestrian Federation
- United States Pony Clubs, Inc.

2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games

On December 6, 2005, it was announced the Lexington and Kentucky Horse Park will host the **2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games** in September and October. The 2010 games will mark the first time the games have been held outside of Europe. The games will include **eight Olympic-level world championships** that have never been held outside of Europe, and is expected to attract **an estimated 500,000 visitors and \$100 million into the state's economy.**

As part of the games, several improvements are slated.

- A new \$36 million indoor arena that was approved in 2006 by the legislature.^[2]
- Enhancements to the arena's sound system.
- A resort hotel that would be constructed near the park. Bids from private developers have been received and are currently under review.

On February 1, 2007, Governor Ernie Fletcher announced that he will seek an additional \$38.3 million in improvements to the park in preparation for the games and other major horse events.^[2] Included in his address to the 2007 General Assembly will include,

- \$24 million for a new outdoor stadium that would feature 10,075 permanent seats but could be expanded to 30,325 temporarily for major events.
- \$4 million for an additional 21,000 sq. ft. of exhibition space for vendors.
- \$10.3 million for roadway improvements inside the park that would give the facility a second entrance via the campground. A wide loop road would be constructed so that events could be held on both sides of the horse park.

Construction on the segments of the expanded park, in preparation for the equestrian games, could start in April.^[2] A contract for the resort hotel could be awarded in the spring.

Funding

The new outdoor stadium and additional exhibition space, costing \$28 million, would be financed with 20-year bonds.^[2] The roadway improvements, at \$10.3 million within the park would come from the state highway fund. The resort hotel would be constructed and financed without state funds.

Administration

Although the park is owned by the state government, it is administered separately from the state park system.

Source: [Wikipedia](#): Kentucky Horse Park

Admission

- a. All exhibitors are required to pay a one-time \$5.00 parking fee upon arrival on park grounds. Exhibitors will receive an exhibitor parking pass that will allow them entry to the main parking lot for the remainder of that event.
- b. Exhibitors wishing to tour the Kentucky Horse Park may purchase reduced Park admission tickets at the Kentucky Horse Park Visitor Information Center.

Stabling

- a. Stabling is in 10 x 10 shed row-style permanent stalls.
- b. Additional space is available for tent temporary stabling at the discretion of the event.
- c. Exhibitors not requiring stabling who are showing out of their trailers will need to park in the grass lot adjacent to barns 17-21 when available. Show management may make arrangements for additional space if needed. A Trailer Pass is required for all trailers with non-stabled horses.
- d. No temporary equipment may be permanently attached to any existing Kentucky Horse Park property such as signs, barricades, stabling, trees, etc. Staples, nails, and/or screws of any kind are not allowed. Exhibitors may not remove panels, boards, or doors from any stall.

Layover Stabling

- a. Layover stabling may be available for the public. The cost of layover stabling is \$30 per night. Competitors wishing to layover prior to or following a show should contact the competition management to inquire about availability. Parties wishing to request layover stabling while traveling should contact the Kentucky Horse Park Special Events Office at 859-259-4205. Reservations are required and a credit card number must be on file prior to arrival.
- b. The cost of layover stabling is \$20 per day for competition horses. This fee is in effect until prior to an event at which time normal event stabling fees will take effect. Horses present in layover stabling whom will be competing in an event at the Park, should pay the event all layover stabling charges. The Kentucky Horse Park will invoice show management for any layover stabling.
- c. The Kentucky Horse Park will attempt to accommodate all requests for early arrivals or late ship-outs, however, events must adhere to the dates of available stabling as stated in the event contract. Early arrival and/or late ship-out stabling may not be available due to other events.
- d. Horses occupying early ship-in or layover stabling are not allowed in any Park arena, ring or other facilities. No horses in early ship-in or layover stabling may be ridden on Park grounds unless a certificate of insurance is on file.

KHP Campground

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[Set amidst the rolling hills of the Bluegrass lies one of America's finest resort campgrounds - the Kentucky Horse Park Campground.](#)

- Our Campground boasts 260 campsites, each complete with electrical and water hookups, paved pads, fire rings and picnic tables. A full service facility, our campground has many extras for your comfort...a grocery and gift shop, two bathhouses with modern conveniences, laundromats and two dump stations.

During your stay, be sure and take advantage of our planned recreational activities or catch a game of tennis or basketball on lighted courts. Then cool off in our junior Olympic-size swimming pool...or try your hand at pitching horse shoes, croquet, or maybe square dancing in the recreation pavilion.

Your children are number one on our lists. In addition to planned activities and games led by our recreational leader, your children will enjoy swimming or playing in our playground.

Come on, relax and enjoy the complete resort atmosphere of the Kentucky Horse Park Campground!

Extras

Pavilion rentals include access to all recreational areas except the swimming pool on a first come, first served basis. By leaving a deposit with the KHP Campground store staff, Pavilion renters may sign out basketballs, softballs and bats, horseshoes, croquet, and badminton sets. Equipment must be returned before the store closes for the day; depending on the time of year, this varies from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

Group rates on admission to the park are extended to renters on the day of the rental. Adults: \$12.00 Children (7-12): \$6.00 Children (6 and under): free of charge

Source: <http://www.kyhorsepark.com/>

New Facility Development

Monterey Horse Park

MHP's revenue will derive from rental of the facilities in each component of the park: shows, horse camping, community events and the RV park. As with any fee-based business, full utilization of its facilities will be important to MHP's success and MHP expects to forge ongoing marketing relationships towards that end.

A recent analysis has determined that the positive economic impact on the County of Monterey generated by **the operation of the Monterey Horse Park and its events will approximate \$65 Million per year**. Management anticipates that major equestrian events will come to MHP due to the quality of its facilities, its location, and the tourist destination which Monterey has become.

The Monterey Horse Park was incorporated under California law in 2001 as a nonprofit public benefit charity. At present, it is managed by a 16-member Board of Directors, which will retain final decision-making authority. An Advisory Council, representing various equine disciplines as well as community representatives, provides welcome guidance. There is a part-time Executive Director and MHP has retained consultants in the fields of civil engineering, transportation and water conservation.

In December 2005, the County of Monterey formally authorized MHP to proceed with the planning and development of the project, with certain milestones to be met prior to the transfer of the land to MHP. An early transfer of the land from the Army to FORA (the Fort Ord Reuse Authority) could expedite development of the horse park.

Management has created concept plans for three phases of development, estimating construction costs and raising awareness in the local, state and national equestrian and non-equine community about the potential of the Monterey Horse Park.

The greatest concern for all equestrians is the disappearance of land. Over and over, land used for horse parks and recreation, is being taken for commercial uses. As the Equestrian Land Conservation Resource warns, "If horsemen and women in the future are to have places to enjoy riding in natural settings, plans must be made today." With your help, the Monterey Horse Park can be that plan and that place.

MHP is located on approximately 390 acres of land (including habitat reserve) in Parker Flats, on the decommissioned military base, Ft. Ord, in Monterey County, California.

15,000 acres of Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") open space will be just adjacent to MHP property, enriching the experience for trail riders. The climate in and around Monterey Bay is ideal for maximum performance and the footing provided by the terrain is exceptional for horse competition. In addition, given the temperate climate, events can be scheduled year round.

VISION

MHP will construct and operate a multi-discipline equestrian park, located on approximately 390 acres of land (including habitat reserve) in Parker Flats, on the decommissioned military base, Ft. Ord, in Monterey County, California. The facility is designed to promote the training of amateur equestrians and to host breed shows and competition in all eight Federation Equestre Internationale ("FEI") disciplines. MHP's facility will provide California with a major equestrian center which, in time, is expected to attract prestigious international events of the caliber of The Rolex Three-Day Event at the Kentucky Horse Park.

Competition and Training Facilities

- Multi-purpose indoor arena
- Sand-based outdoor arenas
- Grass Grand Prix field
- Cross-country course

Recreational Facilities

- RV Park
- Horse camping
- Equestrian Museum
- Tourist information center
- 150 miles of trails

Administration Facilities

- Event Planning Center
- Offices

Source: <http://www.montereyhorsepark.org>



Facility Redevelopment

Christopher Columbus Horse Park

Updated 8/31/06

Welcome to the Christopher Columbus Park homepage for information on planning and development of new park improvements. This site was created in response to public input.

Christopher Columbus Park

This City of Tucson park is a nearly 350 acre park west of Silverbell Road, north of Sweetweater Road and east of the Santa Cruz River along I-10. In June 2004 the park was expanded to the north to include a 55 acre city owned parcel north of Camino del Cerro. Amenities at the park include 2 lakes, a model airplane field, parking, restrooms, ramadas, picnic tables, a play area and landscaping. Click here for a map of the park and its existing facilities.

Funding for Improvements

The voter approved 1997 Pima County bonds include \$2 million for improvements at Christopher Columbus Park.

History of the Planning and Development Project

A substantial public planning process resulted in a Mayor and Council approved master plan. To see the master plan that was approved in June 2004 by Mayor and Council. The public planning process included several public meetings that were organized cooperatively by the City and the County.

Funded Improvements

Currently, funding is available for improvements near the lake, along the Santa Cruz and just south of Camino del Cerro. The funded improvements are as follows: a little field, soccer field, parking, trail staging area and new entrance off of Camino del Cerro; a river park trail along the Santa Cruz that includes an equestrian trail head; a path around the lake and a maintenance facility. Pima County combined the 1997 Columbus Park bond funds with 2004 Pima County bond funds for the De Anza Trail development to fund these improvements. For a map of the funded improvements. Other amenities included in the master plan are not currently funded.

Next Steps

An intergovernmental agreement between the City of Tucson and Pima County was approved in mid-February 2006. This agreement describes the scope, funding and management of the project. A design consultant is currently being hired through the County's procurement process and clearance from the State Historic Preservation Office will continue. The design consultant team, led by a landscape architect, will compile design drawings. These drawings will be permitted and then a contractor will be hired through the County's procurement process.

Schedule

The project is in the early stages of design and construction and the estimated schedule is subject to change.

IGA approval – completed mid- February

Design consultant selection – March 2006 to August 2006

Historic Preservation Clearance – March 2006 to August 2006

Design drawings – September 2006 to March 2007

Permitting and Contractor Procurement – April 2007 to October 2007

Construction – November 2007 to November 2008

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