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CLARKE COUNTY EQUINE ALLIANCE MISSION STATEMENT

The Clarke County Equine Alliance was established in 2004 under the auspices of the county's Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC), to unify and promote all equine-related business in the county, to be done by creating a central "clearing house" where members of the county's horse industry can access complete, detailed and precise information for all of their equine-related needs. We are dedicated to increasing the connectivity of all county equine and equine-related activities, spanning all types of horses and pony breeds, and equine events, businesses and properties. We serve professionals and amateurs alike.

We are affiliated with the Virginia Horse Council, who are also actively engaged in lobbying our state legislators to provide legislation that is supportive of Virginia's equine agricultural interests, under threat from excessive development.

We also coordinate closely with the county's Farm Bureau, whose Equine Division works diligently to enhance the equine industry in both our county and the Commonwealth of Virginia, and who also lobby effectively to protect the interests of the increasing numbers of horses and ponies which represent an ever increasing percentage of the Commonwealth's revenues.

Because of the increasing development in surrounding counties, and thanks to the firm control of Clarke County's conservation protections which restrict over-development, our county has seen an increasing influx of horses, attracted to its extensive green spaces and agriculture-friendly environment. With some 4,400+ equine in 2001, in 2006 we surpassed 6,000 and continue to see more and more horses arrive from surrounding counties where over-development has eaten up farmland. While the current economic downturn is hurting all of our industries, our county's equine development is holding its own!!

Our members are kept informed on a regular basis of the county's equine events and other important news that may concern them. Our annual Directory, distributed for free to feed stores, horse shows and throughout the county, gives important information on where to obtain the equine services in the county which our equine population requires.

Our website: www.clarkecountyequinealliance.com is a valuable resource used by all.

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If you are a horse lover, please join us!