



Connecticut Horse Council

"Horsemen United in Leadership, Service and Education"

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2020 FALL NEWSLETTER

Thank you to all who have renewed their membership and to all our new members. We are a non-profit volunteer legislative advocacy group representing all horse interests in CT.

We monitor all issues that have an impact on the horse industry. The Connecticut Horse Council is member supported by individuals and organizations representing every facet of the horse industry including owners, breeders, veterinarians, farriers, breed organizations, horsemen's associations, commercial suppliers and town horse councils. CHC represents equestrian interest with representation on the **Connecticut Greenways Council** and the **Connecticut Equine Advisory Council**. We provide information on Legislation, Road Safety, Trails, Zoning, Barn Fire Training – CT Horse 911, Fire Prevention & Emergency Disaster Preparedness and produce educational brochures for the public. We are an affiliate of the **American Horse Council**, whose primary concern is to oversee federal legislation, including taxes, which affect the horse industry.

CHC has partnered with CT Horse Magazine. Your CHC membership will include your subscription to the magazine delivered to your address.

Our supporting organizations and business members are listed on pages 21-25 and are also posted up on our website. Club, Organizations, Business & Professional support is only \$40.00 per year - all posted on our web site and in our Newsletters.

We look forward to helping our communities in all aspects of horse life, education and care. Support your state organization, get up to date information on legislation, policies and more.

The CHC, Inc., can only be as strong as its membership. Please join us and work together to protect your interests for today and tomorrow! See pages 27-28 for a 2021 application. If you have already renewed, thank you for your support.

Your CHC Representation around the state...

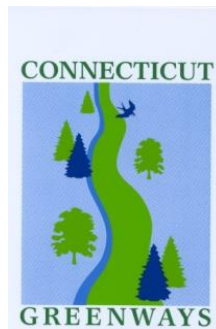
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- CT State Trails Plan - CT State Forest Plan



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A message from the President: The Best of What We Are....

There is an old Chinese saying that when translated into English reads "...May you live in interesting times." While this may seem on the surface to be a blessing, it is actually considered to be an ancient Chinese curse. Living in "interesting times" is never a good thing, as we have all experienced living through this most "interesting" of years. It is in these times, however, that we discover the worst of what we are. In interesting times, the veneer of civility is frequently stripped away to reveal the true inner self, which is often not pretty.

It is during these times, however, that we also discover the best of who we are. A few weeks back, I was fortunate to experience an event that exposed the best of who we are as a horse community. The backdrop was the catastrophic loss of a barn due to fire. This is far too common and something the Horse Council wants to address in the coming year, but on this day all I could do was watch as the barn burned to the ground. That is the bad part, of course. If you've never seen it happen, count yourself blessed, for when you do you will never want to see it again. Inside all tragedies, however, lies the opportunity to rise above and prove what is true, and noble, and good.

This is what I saw that day in the horse community in and around Ellington CT. Before the fire was even out, this community self-mobilized to collect the 30+ horses that had been chased out of the barn as the fire raged towards them. These horses ran great distances, driven by fear and adrenaline, and had to be caught to avoid even more tragedy. As I drove around in my vehicle keeping eyes peeled, I witnessed many other horse people doing the same. Many had hooked up their trailers to help transport these horses back to the barn and provide temporary shelter until things could be figured out. That evening other volunteers showed up to help erect temporary stalls that were acquired from who-knows-where. Others offered hay and anything else that would be useful, all without an expectation of any return. It was an amazing response from an amazing community.

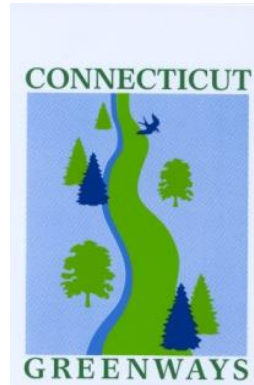
This response reflected the best of what we are. Without direction or sense of self, people just headed out into the rain to help out a fellow horse barn in any way they could. Some of these people were Democrats, some were Republicans. It didn't matter. This barn required help and they were there to give it. It was a beautiful sight that made me proud to be part of this community. What I learned here is something worth repeating - that the things that unite us are greater than the things that divide us. As we live in this most interesting of times, I think it is good to keep that in mind.

Ron Hocutt President – CT Horse Council



Your CHC Representation around the state...

CONNECTICUT GREENWAYS COUNCIL



ABOUT:

Members of the Connecticut Greenways Council are appointed by the Governor and the leaders of the General Assembly. Their duties include advising and assisting in the coordination of state agencies, municipalities, regional planning organizations and private citizens in voluntarily planning and implementing a system of greenways; providing assistance to state agencies, municipalities, regional planning organizations and private citizens in the technical aspects of planning, designing and implementing greenways, including advice on securing state, federal and nongovernmental grants; and establishing criteria for designation of greenways. Many Council members have had direct experience with trail and greenway development, and they can provide valuable insight into the development of successful local and regional projects.

Our CHC Representative is Stacey Stearns

Greenways in Connecticut cover thousands of acres throughout every county in the state and may include paved or unpaved trail systems, ridgelines, or linked parcels of open space. Many other communities around Connecticut have chosen, through greenway designation, to recognize the importance of river corridors for natural resource protection, recreational opportunities, and scenic values. The CT Greenways Council website contains details on how to get designations, assistance and a map of our State Greenways.

For more information on the CT Greenways Council go to:

<http://www.ct.gov/deep/greenways>

CT Greenways Council Annual Awards presented on October 1, 2020 to 3 equestrian winners

The CT Greenways Awards ceremony took place at Charter Oak Park in Manchester recognizing the outstanding work of our statewide trail advocates. CHC was excited to see three equestrian award winners: Meg Sautter, CHC Volunteer Horse Patrol Supervisor, Penny Foisey, and the Junior mounted patrol from the Ebony Horsewomen. There were 10 awards given from a very competitive pool of applicants that was received. Congratulations to our equestrian award winners on their well-deserved awards and a heartfelt thank you to all equestrians that contribute to our trails and greenways in Connecticut. Another special thank you goes to Stacey Stearns, our CT Horse Council representative on the CT Greenways Council



Meg Sautter CT Greenways Council Volunteer Award

Meg Sautter of Newington, was a late entrant (2000) into the equestrian world. Her total emersion since, has included becoming an integral part of the Connecticut Horse Council Volunteer Horse Patrol (VHP) since its inception in 2003. She soon became a Co-Supervisor for the Statewide program and a very active participant.

The VHP is a partnership with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection that provides trail updates to DEEP and services including general information, directions, and first aid to fellow trail users and trail maintenance that includes clearing.

Meg frequently patrols several of the state parks and forests throughout the State including the Larkin State Bridal Trail, and has worked in locations completing major trail clearing projects and the re-vamping of the Lost Silver Mine Horse Camp in Natchaug State Forest.

She serves on the Connecticut Horse Council Board of Directors and the Connecticut Equine Advisory Council since its inception. She enjoys seeing her fellow trail users out on the trail, allowing them to greet her horse, take a photo, or offer directions and information on the trail and helps to educate all users on Trail Etiquette.

Meg is an American Red Cross CPR instructor and offers classes for fellow equestrians (and others interested) to become certified. She is a member of several equine organizations and a valued contributor to the equine community.



Penny Foisey, the Connecticut Horse Council Volunteer Horse Patrol Coordinator for Mashamoquet State Park and Pomfret nominated to receive the CT Greenways Council's **Volunteer Award**. Penny also patrols on private lands and worked to create a 20-mile trails system. She is the founder and president of Pomfret Horse and Trail Association (PHTA) and an avid volunteer and trail advocate.

PHTA formed in 2007 to preserve existing trails and create new ones. Beginning in the fall of 2014, and working closely with DEEP Park Supervisor Lori Lindquist, PHTA was able to resurrect an old section of trail in Mashamoquet Brook State Park. PHTA also does all of the trail maintenance on the horse trail in Mashamoquet, as well as several other trails throughout the town; totaling 25 miles of trail stewardship. This trail connects Wolf Den Drive to the Baker Hollow and Barrett Ridge trails creating a loop of approximately six miles. About half of this trail has been permanently marked with red blazes. This is excellent woods riding with old homesteads and beautiful stonewalls. You actually feel like you've step back in time in this long-ago abandoned settlement. You can find the Baker Hollow trail as a road on the circa 1869 Pomfret map. Barrett Ridge is an amazing old cart path that climbs one of the highest ridges in town. Leaving the park, you enter into a piece of property the Town purchased to conserve, in hopes of creating a trail into the state park. Penny and PHTA have been extremely well supported by their town in efforts to expand the trail network. Crossing Jericho Road to the north side you continue on their red blaze trail through another Town piece and into New England Forestry's Chase/Kimball Preserve and eventually onto the Airline Trail. You literally can ride your horse all day from this point.



The Ebony Horsewomen Junior Mounted Patrol (JMP) program is nominated to receive the CT Greenways Council's **Community Connection Award**. The JMP was designed to help young African-American and Latino men gain useful insight and skills on how to become productive members of their communities, through the image of America's most cherished icon, The American Cowboy.

The young program participants convene every week under the guidance of adult male leaders, for inspiration, education, and to provide community service as Mounted Park Rangers for the City of Hartford's beautiful and historic 693-acre Keney Park. The mentorship, combined with specialized horsemanship training, encourage young men to become confident and civic-minded leaders. The JMP program has been active for many years, and they patrol the park every Sunday. They report downed trees, trail improvements needed, and other issues to the Keney Park Sustainability Committee. Volunteers from Ebony Horsewomen, including members of the JMP help with trail maintenance as well. Ebony Horsewomen's mission is to empower youth and guide them toward successful lives through the use of the Equine Assisted Growth and Learning-(EAGALA) model. We use equine assisted therapy and therapeutic riding, along with educational programs, to cultivate leaders, prevent risky behaviors, and encourage academic achievement. <https://www.ebonyhorsewomen.us/our-programs-about/ehi-equine-youth-programs/ehi-junior-mounted-patrol-program>

Your CHC Representation around the state...



CT Horse Council

TRAIL NEWS

Volunteer Horse Patrol



Welcome New VHP member Laura Claman & Timely Writer aka (TAG) - Somers, CT

Larkin State Bridle Trail

ATVs, motorcycles and off-road vehicles – all illegal use has sky rocketed on the Larkin and private lands of the Middlebury Land Trust (MBLA) ***Note the land trust is only open to members of the MBLA** – damaging trails, moving boulders blocking entrances, reckless driving encounters with other trail users and trespassing on private lands has been causing a lot of havoc. Most of this activity is being reported in the Middlebury area of: Allerton Rd., Shadduck Rd., Wooster Street, South Street, Long Meadow and the Middlebury Land Trust property off Wooster street as well as the powerlines. DEEP and Middlebury police have been notified and CHC is working with them and the MBLA to help report incidents.

In response to this the CHC-VHP placed Multi-Use Trail Signs up on Larkin Bridle Trail. The CHC purchased the triangular multi-use signs and they have been put up on street crossings of the 11-mile stretch. CHC is in contact with DEEP to put up gates, as boulders are constantly moved illegally.

CHC-VHP and members of the Middlebury Bridle Lands and worked hard in establishing more patrols because of the high usage of illegal motorized vehicles on the trail and also trespassing on private lands. Special thanks to ShawnaLee Kwashnak, Sylvia & Tom Preston. We need more volunteers to join VHP for patrols from Pope Rd to Jeremy Swamp Rd.



CHC has Multi-Use signs if anyone would like to put them up on trails in their area (with permission).

Thank you to the CHC members that are wearing their vests or shirts to identify and promote the CHC-VHP!



Ruth Strontzer



Denise Ciano



Vevette Greenberg



Christel Maturo



Cathy Clouse



Melissa Evarts



**VHP members at the CT Greenways Award
Meg Sautter, Diane Ciano, Vevette Greenberg, Cathy Sautter, Marcia Sigman, Denise Ciano, Diane Morton,**

OTHER TRAIL NEWS - Perspective and Horse Manure on the Trails

The CHC has received many complaints for many years about horse manure on Greenways, in particular the Hop River, Bolton Notch and Airline Greenways (*most notably in the Pomfret & Columbia area*). These complaints are sent to DEEP, who then refer them to CHC. We are working with the Equine Advisory Council, CT Greenways Council and UCONN to find solutions to help educate all user groups.

Some of our ideas include putting our CHC "Share the Trail" brochures at Kiosks, building benches at various points along the trail so that riders could use them to remount after removing manure off to the side of the trail, laminating the two flyers attached and posting them at kiosks, utilizing these to spread the word and offering PowerPoint presentations.

Our CHC Greenways representative Stacey Stearns has created two posters: one to educate equestrians about horse manure on trails and what they can do and the other to educate other trail users on how to approach a horse. **The posters below are attached.** UCONN also has an etiquette webinar that can be presented by Dr. Jenifer Nadeau, Associate Professor, Equine Extension Specialist. **Attached the PowerPoint that you can utilize.**

- We are asking everyone to help in whatever way they can. We need help in spreading the word and raising money for projects to ensure education to all user groups. Let us know if you would like to help or send us contact information for potential volunteers.
- We ask that you utilize the posters attached by posting them on whatever media you have, posting on Horse Organization websites and Facebook pages, printing them out to bring to barns to post - especially those that may be along Greenway trails.
- Help to fund material costs for brochure holders and benches. (Benches can have a recognition plaque with the name of the organization or individual). . Wouldn't it be wonderful if all benches were donations from all the horse organizations in CT!!!!
- We need volunteers to make brochure holders for kiosks and benches.
- VHP patrols on well used Greenways to promote horseback riding, educating other riders that are using the trail, and to be good stewards by helping to keep the trails cleared if others leave manure on the trails or at the trail heads.



Below is an article by Stacey Stearns. She is on our Volunteer Horse Patrol and our Representative on the CT Greenways Council. Both councils have been receiving reports from other users about horse manure left on the Greenway trails. In particular, The Bolton Notch Trail and the Airline Rail in the Columbia area. Please take note of this.

Tracy wrote this blog post article about perspective and horse manure on the trails: <http://rideeverystride.blogspot.com/2020/08/perspective-and-horse-manure-on-trails.html>

Ride Every Stride



Perspective and Horse Manure on the Trails

Merriam Webster Dictionary has four definitions for [perspective](#). The one I'm using is "a mental view or prospect." We need to gain perspective for how other trail users view horse manure on the trails. Trail user conflicts about horse manure on trails are increasing. It's recently become an issue on a multi-use greenway near my location in Connecticut. But I have read articles about trail user conflicts over horse manure in California, Colorado, and everywhere in between. We need to take action to preserve our access to the trails and show that we respect the perspective of other trail users.



Manure is natural for equestrians. But it offends other trail users. A mountain biker told me that the manure splashes up their leg the same way mud on the trail does if they don't see it and ride over it.

While mountain bikers expect to get dirty on the trail, running through a pile of manure is not what they had in mind.

Parents may let their children run ahead on the trail, or a walker may have their dog off leash. Imagine their dismay at coming around a corner to find their child or dog playing in a pile of horse manure. I understand that neither of these situations is supposed to occur. But we also know that it happens.

Therefore, let's respect the perspective of other trail users. Dismounting and kicking horse manure to the side of the trail when possible is a simple habit that can build goodwill among trail users. Especially on the popular and highly used trail systems.

Better yet, train trail horses to curb themselves and leave manure on the side of the trail. My gelding heads for the side of the trail. I know several other horses that curb themselves too. It's possible. A curbed horse isn't blocking trail access for other horses or trail users either. Horses that leave manure while on the go are sometimes less problematic because it's not a large, unsightly pile. But training them to trot on the side of the trail when they're leaving manure wouldn't hurt.

I know horse manure on the trail shouldn't seem like a big deal, and I've heard all the arguments about it being biodegradable, difficult to dismount and remount, or that the rider doesn't know when the horse is going. I understand those arguments. But, I also know that as equestrians we are the minority on most trail systems. Therefore, we need to be proactive about sharing the trails and respecting other trail users.

Equestrians and horses built many of our trail systems, but that doesn't mean that we're entitled to them. We need to work to preserve our access to trails and public lands. We are losing land to development and urban sprawl. We all need to do our part to maintain access, and the first step is limiting trail user conflicts.

Horse manure on the trails is only one issue we're facing with trail use and access. I've heard complaints that equestrians are not participating in trail maintenance, or serving on trail use committees and boards of directors.

Some equestrians are donating thousands of hours in trail maintenance, serving on committees, and lobbying for funding. Others, myself included, could be doing more to support and promote equestrian use on the trails. If we want to keep enjoying the trails, we need to do more to support them.

I'm working with our Connecticut Horse Council and Connecticut Greenways Council to educate equestrians about kicking manure off the side of the trail. We're also educating cyclists on how to approach equestrians on the trail, in partnership with local bicycle groups. I joined the Volunteer Horse Patrol, an initiative of our Connecticut Horse Council and Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

I still need to sign up to volunteer at some trail maintenance days. And lately, I've been dismounting when I see manure from another horse on a busy trail, and kicking it off to the side in an effort to minimize trail user conflicts in our area. Together we can help everyone enjoy the trails and recreate responsibly.

[Your CHC Representation around the state...](#)



The Connecticut Equine Advisory Council was established on May 22, 2007 by **Public Act 07-42** to assist the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection with issues related to the preservation of equine trails in the state.

Membership: The council consists of the president of the Connecticut Horse Council and five representatives from organizations that serve the horse industry within each congressional district statewide in addition to one member of the Connecticut Forests and Parks Association, appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.

The mission of the Equine Advisory Council and is to promote equestrian use on public lands, creating, preserving, maintaining and restoring trails.

The CT Equine Advisory Council's website and link to the **Multi Use Trail Surface Study** and the **CT Horse Council's Volunteer Horse Patrol Trail User Study** can be viewed on: <http://www.ct.gov/deep/eac> under "Links" and on our CHC website. These studies can be used to educate and promote multi-use trails and surfaces for planners of trails who may play a role in maintaining or implementing trail systems including town planners, recreation committees and Council of Governments throughout the state.

2020 Meeting Schedule:

The EAC will meet at the [Connecticut Forest & Park Association](#), 16 Meriden Road, in Rockfall, CT from 6:30-8 PM on the following Thursdays: March 19th, June 18th, September 17th, and December 17th. The public is welcomed. Zoom or Conference calls are available.

Please contact Diane Ciano for current updates for 2020 meetings.

DEEP Liaison - Laurie Giannotti

CT Horse Council President – Ron Hocutt 2020

CT Forest & Park Association - Eric Hammerling

1st Congressional District – Meg Sautter (Appointed 2008)

2nd Congressional District – Ruth Strontzer (Appointed 2019)

3rd Congressional District – Danielle Borelli (Appointed 2020)

4th Congressional District – Open – pending Vevette Greenberg appointment





5th Congressional District – Diane Ciano (Appointed 2009)

Say “Neigh” to Negativity: How Horses Can Help Us Find Lifelong Happiness

Dr. Jenifer Nadeau, UConn Equine Extension Specialist and CHC Education Chair

As people that love horses, horses make us happy! Seems like a simplistic statement but I recently realized how much they are a part of my own happiness when the pandemic hit. We weren't really allowed to be on campus but I would drive by where my favorite horses were and have a 5-minute visit/treat session with them just because I missed them so much. It was not until around May that I asked a horse friend if I could ride on the trails with her and then I realized how much a part of my happiness is due to horses and riding. Luckily we can ride with our students again at UConn, but are eagerly awaiting the time that the community can join us again.

So, one thing I do is I try to read a lot of books that are inspirational and help keep me grounded and happy. One I ran across was called The Happiness Project by Gretchen Rubin. After reading the book, I decided to apply the concepts to horses for a talk at the American Youth Horse Council Symposium. They didn't have enough slots for all of the talks so I agreed to give the talk on the bus on the way to and from the event. It was extremely popular. So here are my ideas on how horses can help us to find lifelong happiness through their regular actions:

-  **Lesson 1. Stay hydrated.** Water is needed for every metabolic activity that takes place in our body as well as the horse's body. If you don't drink enough water, it can lead to sleepiness, fatigue, confusion, headache and dizziness or lightheadedness. So, drinking water is an easy potential solution to these problems.
-  **Lesson 2. Keep up on your exercise!** Exercise is not only good for the body, it has been found to make you better able to deal with present stress (who doesn't have some of that?) as well as more resilient toward future stress, improve your mood, improve spatial memory (like you use for directions or finding your way through a fun house maze), improved social skills (self-esteem, leadership and empathy), help you achieve better sleep, and helps your brain create new neurons. Luckily as horse people we usually get lots of exercise!
-  **Lesson 3. Get enough sleep!** Sleep can boost our immune systems (helping to prevent COVID?), help prevent weight gain, reduce stress, improve our mood, increase exercise performance, improve memory, increase productivity and lower our risk for serious health problems like diabetes and heart disease.
-  **Lesson 4. Find time for hugging.** Ok, this may be an issue when it comes to hugging people during COVID but you can still hug those that share your household as well as your horse, dog or cat...One of my students taught the horse I used to ride to hug, so when you put your arms around her she put her neck around you and held you tight! It always feels so nice! Hugs have been found to protect people from increased susceptibility to the kind of stress that leads to infection. Hugs release oxytocin, often called the love hormone, which helps improve mood. Hugs can combat cortisol, a stress hormone.

- 🐾 **Lesson 5. Live in the now!** Some people are having a hard time during the pandemic but I think it's important to try to find something good in every day. Horses are animals that like dogs, live in the present. They don't worry about the past or obsess about the future. It's ok to have some thoughts like that but try to look at every day as a gift. Instead of looking at what went wrong with your day, try to reflect on what went right! It will help you have a more positive outlook. Also, reading inspirational books and quotes can also help with that too.
- 🐾 **Lesson 6. Enjoy your food.** Horses know that by slowing down and savoring your meal or snack you will get more enjoyment from it (OK, maybe not all horses lol). Slowing down will also help you feel better when you start to get full because your stomach will have more time to signal your brain that it's had enough so that you can stop eating when you are comfortably full.
- 🐾 **Lesson 7. Spend time with friends.** Ok, again, maybe a little hard during a pandemic but you can talk to them on the phone, go for a ride (trail riding has pretty much always been a socially distanced sport, remember, we are supposed to keep a horse length away!), take a hike or you can Facetime or use Webex or Zoom to talk to them! Horses are social animals like us and definitely appreciate their friends.
- 🐾 **Lesson 8. Appreciate the steps along the way to a goal.** Maybe you want to ride in the Tevis Cup one day. Well, first you will need to start with shorter rides, make sure you enjoy those experiences. Or you have a goal of being able to jump a course. Appreciate your success in jumping those cross rails before you get to the big fences.
- 🐾 **Lesson 9. Enjoy time outside.** The outdoors has fresh, clean air and can help lift our spirits during hard times. In Japan, they practice forest bathing or shinrin-yoku. It is simply being in nature and connecting with it through our senses of smell, sight, hearing, taste and touch. Give it a try! There are directions on how to do it here: <https://time.com/5259602/japanese-forest-bathing/>
- 🐾 **Lesson 10. Find time to play!** Our equine friends know that playing relieves stress, stimulates the mind, boosts creativity and much more! Now is the time to go back to doing that paint by number you used to enjoy (I completed one during the pandemic and have started another!), play a game online with friends or strangers, play a board game at home with your close family or household, complete a see a word, or any of the playful things you enjoy.

Horses are great guides for how to live in the present. Horses don't dwell on their problems; they figure out how to deal with them and go on. Little lifestyle changes can make a big difference in becoming more happy and less negative. Horses are always there to show us what to do! Feel free to call or email with any questions you have: (860) 486-4471 or jenifer.nadeau@uconn.edu. Also, check out my web site <http://animalscience.uconn.edu/equine/extension/extensionIndex.php> for more information on upcoming horse specialist events and information. What topics would you like to see in the horse owner's corner next month? Send ideas to jenifer.nadeau@uconn.edu. Thanks, and have fun with your horses!

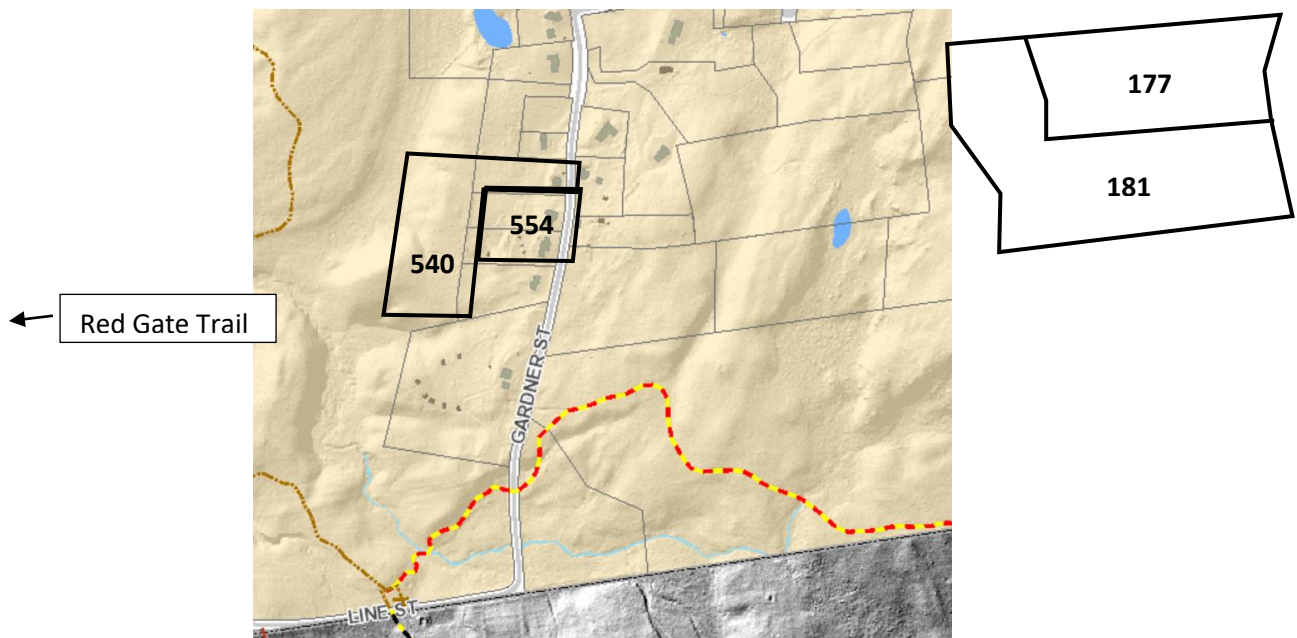
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Do you know someone looking for Horse Property? We have an opportunity to raise some donation money if you refer them to Bill O'Neil, a long-time member of the Connecticut Greenways Council who has a few lots for sale in Manchester. Zoning in Manchester is relaxed, so all lots are approved for horses.

If we can help him get a buyer for one (or more) of the lots, **he will make a donation to the CT Horse Council to help pay for the benches along the Hop River Greenway.** The benches on this Greenway will serve a dual purpose of providing a way for riders to mount up if they need to get off their horse to move manure off to the side and be able to get back up on the horse. This trail has gotten a lot of complaints of manure issues and we are trying to promote Trail Etiquette with the posters attached along with getting donations for benches. Can you please help me spread the word about these?

Approved Building Lots for Sale - 540, 554 Gardner St. and 177, 181 Wyneding Hill Rd
Contact Bill O'Neill – 860-614-5368 billoneillgreenways@gmail.com



30,000 sq. ft rear flag lot (.804 acres) in Manchester (near the Glastonbury town line)
 Location is on Gardner Street - it's a quiet neighborhood

Abuts town open space watershed

Distances to trails:

Line St. parking lot for Case Mountain Trails - 0.5 mi.

Neipsic Tennis Club - 1.1 mi.

Manchester Country Club - 1.5 mi.

I-384 W - S miles, I-384 E - 2.2 mi.

Downtown Hartford - 11.5 mi., Boston - 100 miles, New York City - 125 mi.

Schools - Martin Elementary - 1.4 mi., Saint James School - 3.1. mi., Bennet Academy (grade 6) - 2.6 mi., Illing Middle School (grade 8-9) - 3.4 mi.,

Manchester High School - 3.5 mi., East Catholic High School - 6.6 mi.

Asking price: \$90,000

There is a second lot that is 55,016 square feet - or 1.263 acres - and it's right next to the flag lot.

He also has two other lots that are down Wyneding Hill Road - these are large Case Mountain Trails. The views of Hartford - they are up high on a hill - off some work before you could have a horse at them due to the topography.

Zoning in Manchester is very equine friendly - you only need a 1/2 acre to have a horse. Article IV, Section 14 of Manchester's zoning regulations covers keeping horses. It doesn't have to be a horse owner; anyone we can help connect to these lots would be okay.

*The **East Coast Greenway Alliance** is working to develop and publish both an on-line and printed guide to the 170-mile New Haven to Providence corridor with the help of a major grant from the 1772 Foundation.

You, your organization, and any interested friends have been selected to help us provide the necessary information to make this guide a success.

We seek to provide a valuable resource to enhance the pursuit of the multi-use trail experience in Connecticut and Rhode Island. This guide would showcase this amazing resource, and most importantly, the historic and cultural sights that it passes through while also highlighting local businesses for economic development purposes. All of our partners will receive recognition for their help with the data collection process. There will be nine chapters broken up into geographical sections, with historical and cultural information, things to do, walks and rides, and maps.

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Here is the specific information that we need, ideally with citations, or a website URL attached. All information is gratefully accepted. Please remember that data points should be no more than 2.5 miles from the trail unless they are major attractions.

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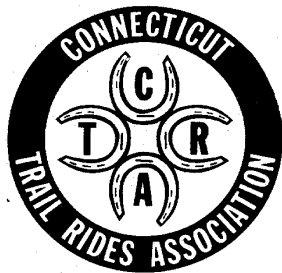
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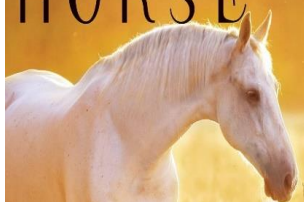
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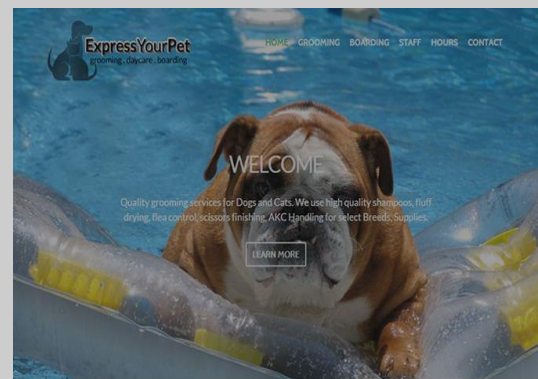
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