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GAMBRILLS, MD 21054

**Preserving
Equilibrium Horse Center (EHC)**

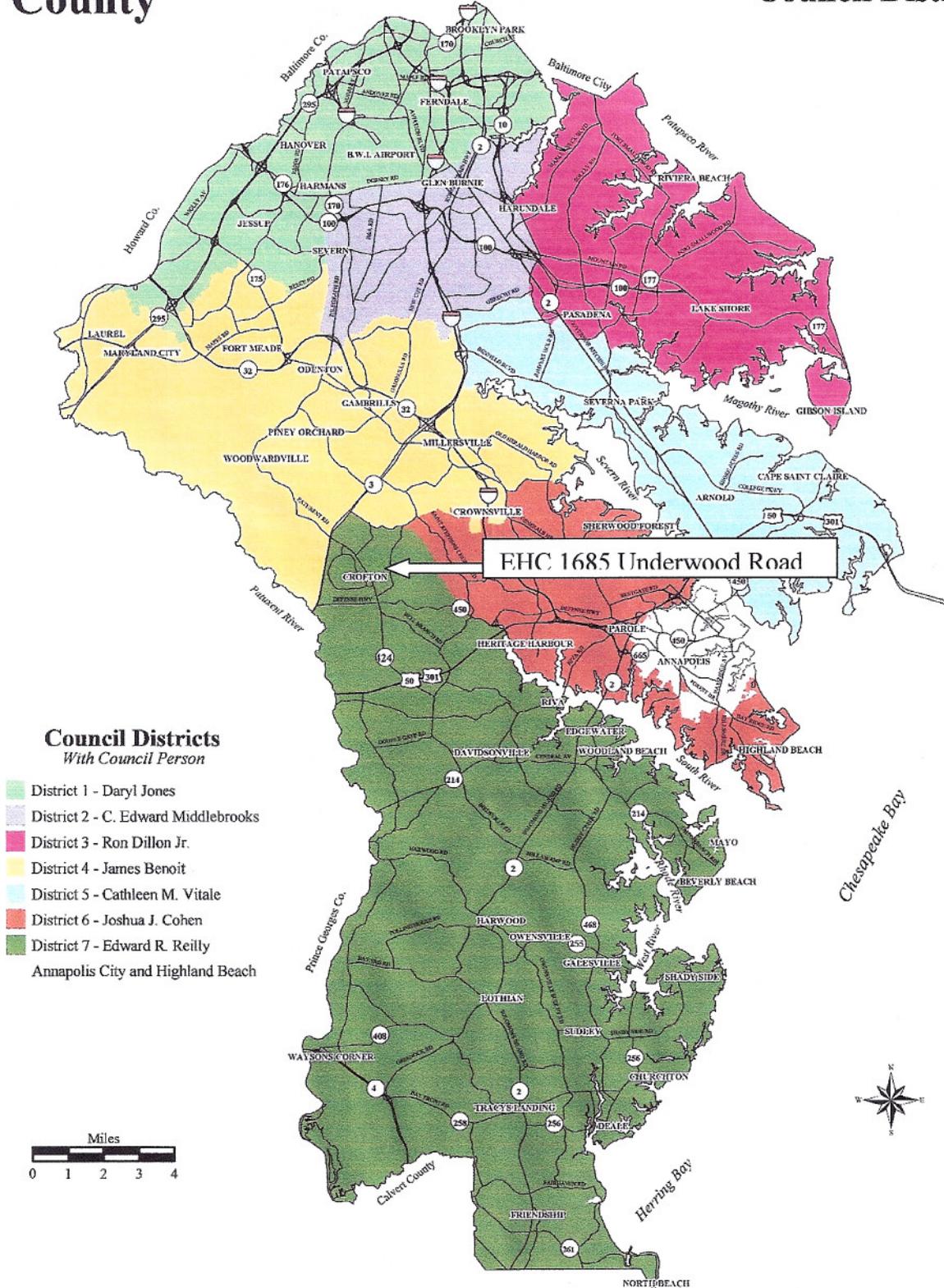
Viable Community

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Anne Arundel County Amenity

Anne Arundel County

Council Districts



Location: Just East of Crofton (near Crofton Meadows)

Centrally located to more populated areas of County

Equilibrium Horse Center (EHC)

**ADAIR LLC acquired the 82 acre parcel
on which EHC existed on 12/12/1986**

Leased back to prior Owner

Boarding Barn with Indoor Arena constructed

**ADAIR LLC acquired imbedded 1.45 acre
parcel on 11/30/1989**

Incorporated into EHC for employee housing

**ADAIR LLC acquired adjacent Murray
Land Trust property 9/5/1991**

Fields leased to American Turf to grow sod

EHC riding trails developed in woodlands

Residents of AA County since 1964

EQUILIBRIUM HORSE CENTER

EHC NEWS:

EHC in the news!
View the article here.
(Note you will be leaving the EHC Web site.)

View our NEW
Interactive Map!

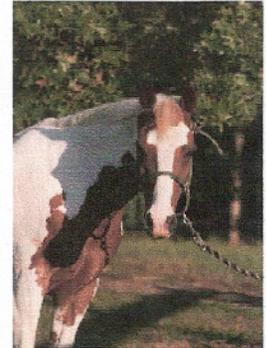
Information about our
Horse Trials and Hunter
Paces now available!
Mark your calendars!

This Month at EHC...

- ◆ April 3 - Free Braiding Clinic
- ◆ April 4-8 - Erik Herbermann Clinic
- ◆ April 19 - Dressage Show
- ◆ "All About Horses" Meetings Every Friday!
- ◆ May 3 - Horse Trials

When you arrive at *Equilibrium Horse Center*, you will find a delightful blend of human and equine friendships. Centrally located between Annapolis, Baltimore and Washington, it is a convenient, relaxing oasis in the midst of a suburban landscape. Whatever your horse interests, you will find Equilibrium Horse Center a very special place for horse and horseman.

Situated on over 80 acres of beautiful fields and forests, Equilibrium is a school dedicated to the art of classical riding, education, and horsemanship. There's a place for everyone; the competitive student and for the less competitive we offer an idyllic setting for pleasurable riding.



Equilibrium offers a unique combination of function and charm in which you can enjoy yourself. Join us for riding lessons, children's day camps during school breaks and in the summer, boarding, hunter shows, dressage shows, horse trials, and special clinics. Our large indoor riding arena makes year-round riding possible.

EHC Web-site Home Page

Only part-of first page of
Multi-page, professional quality Web-Site
with multiple pages on the facility
<http://www.equilibriumhorse.net/>



Boarding Barn and Indoor Arena

28 Stalls, each full 12x12 foot size
with office, tack room, wash stalls.

Regulation Size 70x220 foot Indoor Riding Arena



School Horse Barn, Support Shed
28 Stalls, Tack Room, Overhead Hay storage



Horse Shows
Community Involvement/Support



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Equilibrium Horse Center: A riding opportunity near DC

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Equilibrium Horse Center is situated on 83 beautiful acres of countryside in Gambrills, Maryland, 35 minutes from the center of DC. It is open seven days a week all year, including holidays, and closing time is usually around 8 p.m., depending on any individual lessons that night.

The center boasts a large indoor riding arena, stables for over 50 horses, an outdoor riding arena, wooded trails, fields and a lecture hall. As well as riding instruction, Equilibrium boards privately owned horses.

Riders of all ages and skill level are welcome. At any time during the year you will find DC residents riding at Equilibrium.

Introduction to Horses

The center's friendly environment encourages students to learn not only the basics of riding, but also those of horse management. A monthly lecture called *Hello Horses!* is recommended to new students and parents, (\$40 per family) where the fundamentals of horse care, safety, grooming, tacking and cooling out are taught. This is a great way for new riders to learn about the animals they are going to ride.

Lesson Structure

The center teaches English riding, including dressage, show-jumping, hunter jumping and cross-country jumping. Lessons are available evenings and weekends.

New students take a private ¼ hour lesson so the instructor can place the rider in the proper group or private lesson. (Call 410-721-0885 to schedule the first lesson.)

Group and private lessons are available. You will often find parents and children taking lessons together. Many other adults take private call-in lessons, which fit better into their busy work day schedule.

Practice rides are offered for semester students.

Cost of Lessons

If taken in semesters of 10 weeks, the cost is \$40 per 1 hour group lesson or ¼ hour private lesson, and \$60 for a 1 hour private lesson. You can begin during a semester at a prorated fee. Call-in lessons are available for an extra \$5 per lesson, and practice rides are \$40 per hour. Click on above link for more details.



School horses sharing hay in the field



DC resident Debra Carr and Philip



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Equilibrium Horse Center: A place for children to enjoy horses

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Youth Activities and Programs

Equilibrium Horse Center understands pony-loving youngsters and happily accommodates their desire to spend as much time as possible around horses. Here are some ways your equine-mad child can do just that.

Unmounted Activities

Every Friday there is a free unmounted Pony Club where children ages 4-16 come to learn more about horse care and riding. Every week has a theme: this Friday the students will learn about jumping distances. The club goes from 7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with barn manager Carey Readmond who runs the US Pony Club on the farm. Students in the lesson program can come to the barn on Saturdays to help out and spend time around the center's 60 horses. Equilibrium fosters a strong learning environment.



Riders enjoy Equilibrium's beautiful countryside

Scout Programs

Equilibrium offers the following Scout Programs:

- Horsemanship Merit Badge
- Horseback Rider
- Horse Lover



A student prepares to ride her dressage test

Camps

Summer camp is for horse-loving kids ages 6-16 and offers intensive, hands-on instruction in horsemanship and the science of equine management. The center is a recognized United States Pony Club Riding Center.

Week-long sessions are available from June 8th to August 28th and caters to beginning through advanced riders. Hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The riding camp is \$400 a week, and the farm camp (for 11-14 year olds interested in learning all about horses, life on a farm and the surrounding wildlife without actual riding) costs \$200 a week.

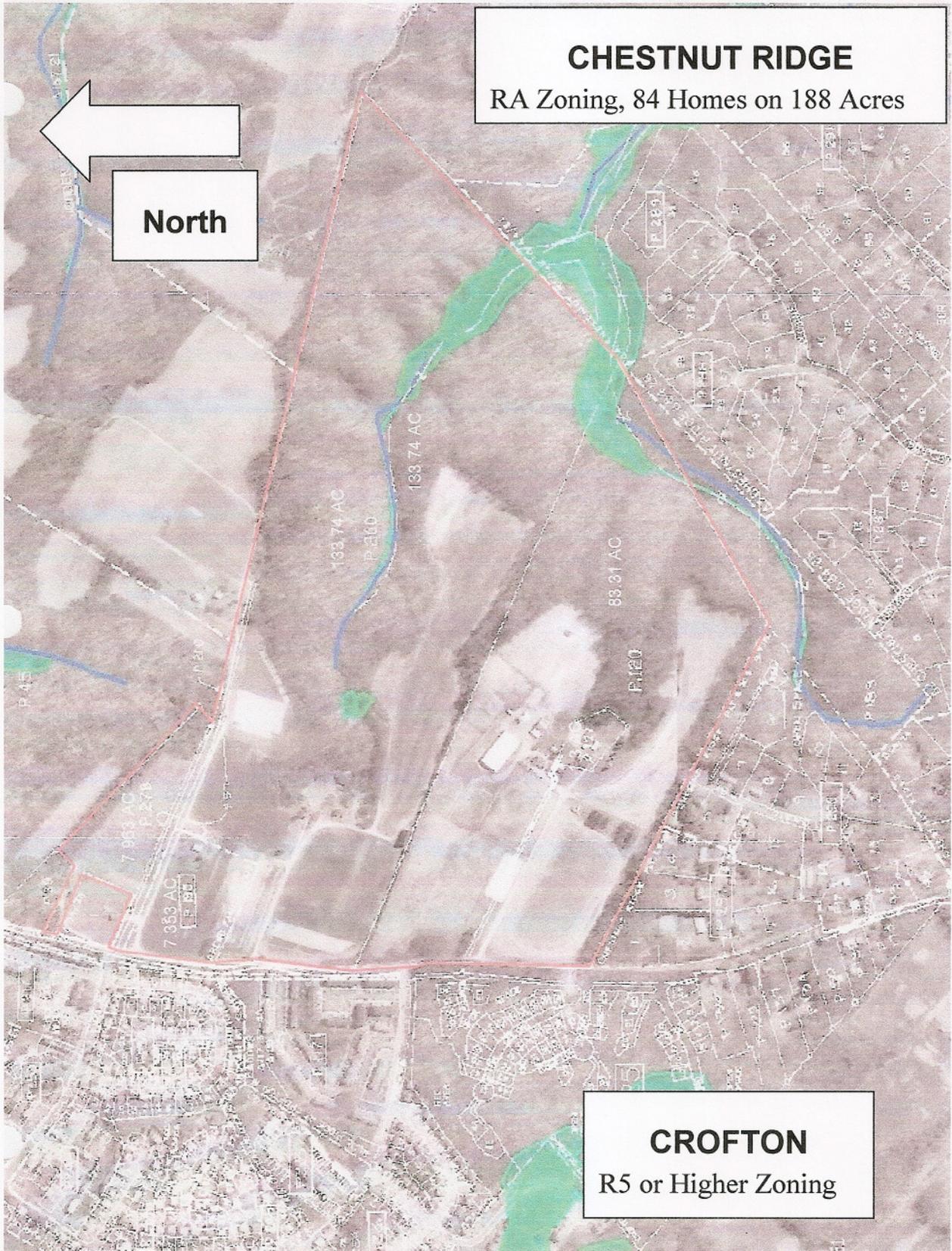
The CIT camp is for youth ages 14-17 interested in becoming a camp counselor. A letter of recommendation from their riding instructor is required, and 17 year old CIT camp graduates may receive an invitation to partake in a paid internship their next summer. Session includes two supervised rides, and costs \$275 per week.

School Break Camps are available for all school breaks during the school year. Cost is \$100/day and camp hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Before and after care is



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CHESTNUT RIDGE

RA Zoning, 84 Homes on 188 Acres

North

CROFTON

R5 or Higher Zoning

**Location Overview showing surrounding development
(Underwood Road on Bottom running North-South)**



**1996 Aerial View from South-East Corner of Property
Boarding Barn with Indoor Arena in center**

The Washington Post

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The Region

Creature Comforts

*Luxury-Home Developers Are Luring Buyers With a Four-Legged Perk.
Hint: It's Not a Claw-Footed Tub.*

By SANDHYA SOMASHEKHAR
Washington Post Staff Writer

Developers across the Washington region are building extravagant equestrian centers in their subdivisions to lure buyers of luxury homes in the hope that horses are the new golf.

Three developments with horse centers are being built in the suburbs, which could double the number of area equestrian sites that are combined with residential communities.

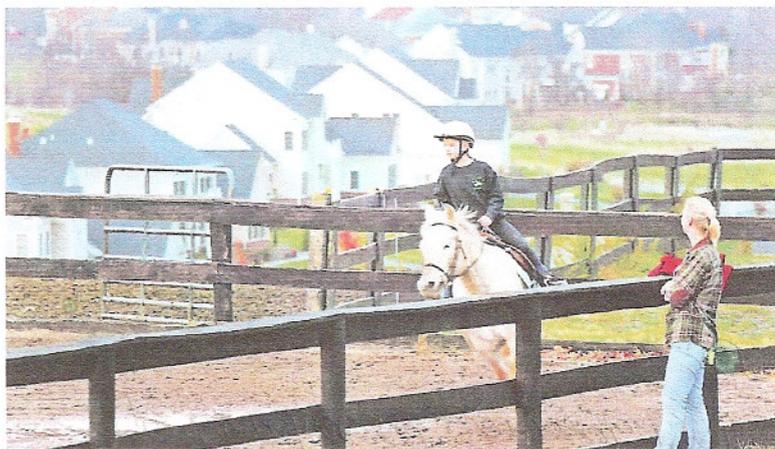
The builders are attracting such buyers as American University associate professor Rick Gibson, who never knew much about horses except that his daughter was enchanted by them.

She started riding at age 5. At 7, she petitioned her family's Laurel homeowners association to allow her to keep a horse; the association refused. Now she's 10, and her parents drive her to a stable 10 miles away in Columbia each week for lessons.

But unlike most young girls who dream of one day owning horses, Sarah could see her equestrian fantasies fulfilled next year when her family moves to Marlboro Ridge, a new community in Upper Marlboro with luxury townhouses, single-family homes — and its own equestrian center.

In recent years, some builders across the country have been banking on affluent home buyers' trading in their golf clubs for — or at least supplementing them with — saddles. Developers in the Washington suburbs are joining in.

Toll Brothers Inc. has sold more than 50 of the 1,058 homes and townhouses that eventually will be built at Marlboro Ridge.



BY TRACY A. WOODWARD — THE WASHINGTON POST

Tammy Beardsley watches her daughter Jenna, 8, as she takes a horseback-riding lesson at the Clairvaux Equestrian Center, part of the Beacon Hill community in Leesburg.

Two similar communities are being planned for Loudoun County, where polo, fox hunting and other equestrian activities have long been associated with the gentry in and around the quaint town of Middleburg.

Loudoun already has at least one subdivision with an equestrian theme, the Beacon Hill neighborhood in Leesburg, where homes in eyeshot of the Clairvaux stables can be had for \$1.5 million to \$2 million. Chesapeake Ranch Estates, a large planned community in Lusby in Southern Maryland, offers stables in addition to a private airport.

"It's gotten to the point where developers are asking themselves, 'Well, what can we add to make us attractive and differ-

ent?'" said Damon DeVito, managing director of Affinity Golf Management, a Charlottesville company that manages clubhouses and golf courses in luxury communities and resorts. "When you look at it that way, equestrian becomes a very interesting option."

Horseback riding is among the fastest-growing sports in the country, said Jennifer Donovan, co-founder of Equestrian Services, the company designing the equestrian center at Marlboro Ridge, as well as several other communities across the country. The firm promotes equestrian sports by connecting its projects with celebrity riders in the way golf courses boast the Jack Nicklaus or Arnold

Market Exists but normally part-of larger properties

22 Stalls for 1098 homes at Marlboro Ridge

30 Stalls for 1100 acres/225 homes at Beacon Hill