

	<p>Proposed Discussion Points: What has been accomplished since Forum 2004 & 2009? What still needs to be done? How can we recruit and hire for positions, make workers compensation insurance coverage more affordable, educate the workforce we have and enhance equine management programs at local colleges and universities? How do we utilize foreign labor sources? How is the industry coping with HB2 Visa labor restrictions and, are O-1 and O-2 Visas useful options for the equestrian labor force?</p> <p>Who should attend this session? Farm owners and managers; show owners and organizers; immigration specialists; representatives from the Farm Bureau; federal lawmakers working on immigration issues; insurance agents; directors of college and university equine management programs.</p> <p><u>TRACK III LAND, GREENWAYS & GOING GREEN</u></p> <p>Topic 2: Public Lands, Wildlife Heritage Areas, Parks & Trails</p> <p>Proposed Discussion Points: What has changed, improved or gotten worse since 2009; how are DNR, MNCPPC and other jurisdictions and holders of public lands coping with decreased budgets and increasing trail-related maintenance; the challenges of multi-user trails; trail networks; shared land-use issues. How can we grow and preserve Maryland's equine friendly trails and camping facilities? How can we improve integration with State vs locally owned public trails? How do we identify the trail needs of various user groups (individual trail riders, carriage drivers, foxhunters, guided trail ride providers, trail clubs)? Where will future funding come from? How do we ensure that lands donated to the State or a local government specifically for equestrian-related uses are maintained as such? What about acquisition of public easements on private land for access to park trails? How do we ensure that the equestrian community is represented on planning/zoning boards and on advisory committees for parks and other public lands?</p> <p>Who should attend this session? Leaders in local trail groups and hunt clubs; representatives from DNR and MNCPPC; officials from county and local park systems; officials from the State Highway Administration; local and state lawmakers.</p> <p><u>TRACK IV: MANAGING THE MARYLAND HORSE POPULATION</u></p> <p>Topic 2: Coping with Surplus Horses; and handling end of life issues.</p> <p>Proposed Discussion Points: How do we measure the size and scope of the unwanted horse problem in Maryland? What factors contribute to or mitigate the problem? What solutions are out there, and which of them are acceptable? Which of them are economically and logistically feasible? [Are we any better at end of life options today than we were in 2009? If not, what can we do about it? If so, where are we still falling short? Are zoning and landfill regulations still making disposal a challenge? Are large animal composting businesses a foreseeable alternative?</p> <p>Who should attend this session? Breeders, dealers, operators of large equine programs, managers of equine rescues, animal welfare officials, animal control officers, owners and managers of abattoirs, owners of large animal cremation businesses, land planners, State vets, MDA representatives, volunteers at shelters, rescues and sanctuaries, leaders in organizations or alliances that promote alternative careers for horses.</p>	<p>Winner's Circle Lounge</p> <p>The Green Room (Arena Floor)</p>
<p>3:15 – 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>REVIEW OF AFTERNOON SESSIONS</p> <p>CLOSING</p>	<p>Main Arena</p>
<p>4:00-5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>EQUIERY WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION – All invited</p> <p>Film & Preview Screenings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Racing the Times</i> - <i>Ballad of Baltimore</i> 	<p>Winner's Circle Lounge</p>