

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • help members of the general public appreciate horses and horse people and what they contribute to MD life, • help more MD citizens to feel that their own interests align with the interests of the equestrian community, • promote Maryland as an equine tourist destination, and • attract more horse businesses to start up or to locate to Maryland? <p>Who should attend this session? Anyone operating an equine-related business dependent upon attracting “non-horse people,” including (but not limited to) spectator events, guided trail rides, horse rental operations, carriage operations, pony ride businesses, bed & breakfasts, beginner lessons stables; managers of equine camping facilities, members of local Chambers of Commerce; representatives from State and local offices of business enterprise and tourism.</p>	
<p>10:45–11:15 AM</p>	<p>Break</p>	
<p>11:15-12:15 PM</p>	<p>Second Session</p> <p>- Topic 1: Legal Matters, Liability, and Insurance</p> <p>Proposed Discussions: Can anything be done to reduce farm/stable operations liability and the cost of insurance? Discuss equine limited liability laws and Maryland's contributory negligence laws and their affect on insurance rates and availability. Is it time for an equine limited liability law in Maryland? Are there other legal mine fields we need to be wary of?</p> <p>Who should attend this session? Stable owners and operators, show/ event organizers and managers, hunt clubs, and horse clubs or organizations that host events or activities with horses; insurance agents; lawyers and attorneys who specialize in liability and negligence; members of the State insurance commission; State lawmakers.</p> <p>- Topic 2: Vision for the Future of Maryland Racing</p> <p>Proposed Discussions: What can we do to secure the future of MD's racetracks, horsemen and racehorse breeders? Will slots be enough to ensure the future of horse racing in Maryland? What can we do to regain national/international prominence? Leaders in Maryland racing, including track owners, are being offered the chance to present their visions for the future of their businesses specifically and Maryland racing in general. The floor will also be open for members of the audience to present their thoughts, concerns, hopes and visions.</p> <p>Who should attend this session? All stakeholders in racing, including but not limited to, race horse owners, trainers, breeders, owners of supporting businesses (such as tack or farrier services), members of the Racing Commission, State lawmakers, track owners and potential track owners, spectators and the betting public, lovers of the racing breeds, owners and trainers of former race horses.</p> <p>- Topic 3: Trails and Public Lands</p> <p>Proposed Discussions: How can we grow and preserve Maryland's equine friendly trails and camping facilities? Discuss linking trail systems and integrating State/locally owned public trails; needs for bridle and carriage trails; funding; ensuring that lands donated to State or local government for horses are used for the purpose intended; acquiring public easements on private land for access to park trails; ensuring that the equestrian community is represented on planning and zoning boards.</p> <p>Who should attend this session? Leaders in local trail clubs and organizations, officials from the Department of Natural Resources and from Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission, officials from county and local park systems; officials from the State Highway Administration; local and state lawmakers.</p>	<p>WINNER'S CIRCLE LOUNGE</p> <p>THE PADDOCK</p> <p>THE TACK ROOM</p>
<p>12:15-1:15 PM</p>	<p>Lunch</p>	<p>MAIN ARENA</p>

1:15 – 1:30 PM	Transition to “The Tack Room”	
1:30-2:00 PM	Reports / Review of Morning Session	THE TACK ROOM
2:00-2:45 PM	<p>Keynote Introduction – Secretary Earl F. Hance Maryland Department of Agriculture</p> <p>Keynote Speaker – Governor Martin O’Malley State of Maryland</p> <p>Question and Answer Session</p>	THE TACK ROOM
2:45-3:00 PM	Break	
3:00-4:00 PM	<p>Third Session</p> <p>- Topic 1: Going Green</p> <p>Proposed Discussions: How can we encourage best management practices (water, soil, nutrient, manure, waste, runoff, etc.) on all equine operations? Are the federal, state, and local programs in place equipped to help operators go "green"? Are organic practices compatible with modern equine husbandry practices? How can we better promote horses as environmentally friendly?</p> <p>Who should attend this session? Public and private horse farm owners and/or managers, product manufacturers, owners or managers of tractor and equipment companies, builders and excavators, land planners, animal health care providers, pasture managers, educators, local and state extension, soil conservation and nutrient management officials.</p> <p>- Topic 2: Infrastructure, and Competition Venues</p> <p>Proposed Discussions: How can we increase the number of facilities available for small and large competitions, support and improve the facilities we already have, and attract new business from outside the state? Should the State continue to pursue the concept of a State Horse Park? Should the State pursue other infrastructure projects, such as an international import/export and quarantine facility, new University research facilities or labs?</p> <p>Who should attend this session? Show and event managers and organizers, leadership from local horse show associations, trainers, competitors, breeders, dealers, veterinarians, scientists, researchers, government and university officials, and operators of support businesses (feed suppliers, tack, equipment).</p> <p>- Topic 3: Unwanted Horses</p> <p>Proposed Discussions: How do we measure the problem of unwanted horses? Can we solve the issue in MD? Are the rescues in the State prepared to handle the number of unwanted horses in the State? What can be done regarding the lack of options for euthanasia and disposal of equine? How do zoning and landfill regulations affect disposal? Are large animal composting businesses a foreseeable disposal alternative?</p> <p>Who should attend this session? Breeders, dealers, operators of large equine programs, managers of equine rescues, animal welfare officials, animal control, owners and managers of abattoirs and rendering companies, owners of large animal cremation businesses, land planners, State vets, representatives from Maryland Department of Agriculture.</p>	<p>WINNER’S CIRCLE LOUNGE</p> <p>THE PADDOCK</p> <p>THE TACK ROOM</p>
4:00 - 4:30 PM	Closing Session – Reports / Review of Afternoon Session	THE TACK ROOM