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### News Release

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## **Summer Pasture Walk Scheduled for August 28th at Baltimore County Equestrian Center**

Annapolis, Maryland – (August 6, 2008) ----You are invited to join a free, local Summer Pasture Walk that will help you learn how to manage horses and pastures for protective cover and improved nutrient management. The Pasture Walk will be held on Thursday evening, August 28th at 6:30 pm at the Graham Equestrian Center, 10301 Harford Road, in Glean Arm, Maryland. Agricultural specialists will discuss general pasture management, opportunities for technical and cost-share assistance, and take a walking tour of the pasture plantings.

Elmer Dengler, Grazing Specialist for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) describes the benefits of highlighted conservation practice used at the equestrian center. "Participants will have a chance to see first-hand how conservation practices and pasture plantings can be used to maintain optimum conditions for forage production, provide adequate exercise opportunities for horses, and perform land stewardship and manure nutrient management practices." Program participation and opportunities for receiving technical and financial assistance to install conservation practices to protect land and water resources will be discussed.

This tour is sponsored or supported by the Maryland Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative Coalition and the Maryland USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Baltimore County Soil Conservation District, the Baltimore County Extension Service, and the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

Tour participants need to register to get updates on any changes. The tour is free and open to the public. Please call (410) 666-1020 to register so that an adequate supply of educational materials will be available.

To reach the farm, take the Baltimore Beltway (695) to MD 147 North-Harford Road to the Equestrian Center at 10301 Harford Road.

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