



THE MORVEN PARK EQUESTRIAN CENTER

SINCE THE EARLY YEARS OF THE 1900s, WHEN VIRGINIA GOV. WESTMORELAND DAVIS FIRST PURCHASED AND BRED THE FINEST PERCHERON DRAFT HORSES HE COULD FIND, THE NAME “MORVEN PARK” HAS BEEN SYNONYMOUS WITH EQUINE EXCELLENCE.



Gov. and Mrs. Davis led foxhunts through their verdant property. Olympic riders have trained here. Hundreds of riding instructors who teach throughout the world today got their start here. And Viola Winmill, who amassed one of the most impressive collections of horse-drawn vehicles in the country, donated her beloved carriages to Morven Park, where they continue to attract an admiring public.

Today, Morven Park is an internationally-recognized competition venue, hosting events from every English riding discipline, including:

- Carriage driving competitions and clinics for Arena Driving Trials, Pleasure Driving Shows, Combined Driving Events, and Therapeutic Driving.
- Dressage shows with 10,000 riders over 18 competition days each year, including the USDF Region 1 Youth Team Dressage Competition and USEF Young Horse Selection Trial.
- Three USEA-recognized Horse Trials each year, from Beginner Novice through Advanced levels, drawing competitors from across North America, from up-and-coming young riders to Olympians.
- The Middleburg Classic Horse Show, a five-day “AA” rated Hunter Show that includes the USHJA World Championship Hunter Rider Event.

Originally built as the premier equestrian instructors’ school in the United States, the Morven Park Equestrian Center continues to teach and inspire. Current programs include Loudoun Therapeutic Riding, offering daily programs for children and adults, and a Wounded Warrior program for injured military. The Loudoun Hunt Pony Club has made its home at Morven Park since 1980, training the next generation of equestrians. World-class professionals lead clinics to further equestrian education and excellence, and we continue to host Equine Wellness Seminars to promote veterinary knowledge and increase awareness of advances in equine healthcare.



CURRENT NEEDS

OUR GOAL IS TO CREATE THE PREMIER EQUESTRIAN VENUE ON THE EAST COAST AND TO EXCEED OUR GUESTS' EXPECTATIONS AT EVERY VISIT.

The vision begins with relocation of the outdoor riding arenas. The Davis and Bedford Arenas have been plagued by drainage issues, and the footings are due for replacement. More significant, though, is the less-than-ideal placement of the arenas, requiring riders and horses to cross roads and driveways in order to reach them.



Its location in Loudoun County, the heart of Virginia Horse Country, makes Morven Park the perfect venue to introduce new generations of spectators, riders, and owners to the world of equestrian sport. Loudoun's proximity to Washington, DC, and its status as one of the fastest growing counties in the nation reinforce that this is the time – and the place – to create a world-class equestrian venue.

Equestrian sports continue to be threatened by loss of open space in which to learn, practice and compete. With much of its 1,000 acres under conservation easement, Morven Park's open spaces will provide the ideal location for a world-class equestrian center. We invite you to help sustain a century-long tradition of equine excellence by taking this first step with us.



The construction of new outdoor riding arenas will allow us to:

- PROVIDE A TOP-QUALITY VENUE FOR EQUESTRIANS THAT IS MORE COMPETITOR-, SPECTATOR-, AND SPONSOR-FRIENDLY.
- OFFER FACILITIES IN WHICH RIDERS CAN ACHIEVE THEIR PEAK PERFORMANCE.
- BEGIN THE PROCESS OF CONSOLIDATING THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITIES WITHIN A CONTROLLED TRAFFIC AREA TO IMPROVE SAFETY AND EASE OF ACCESS.
- PROVIDE A VIEWING AREA FOR EVENTS.

