

~~Dr. Debra Lee Tracy~~ = EQUINE HEAVENS
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 Dear DebraLee. FAX (860) 240-0207

I can't think of a better use of our trail systems than by a horse and rider. For many of us it is the almost silent crossing of the land that appeals. Man and horse mingling with the natural world. Horseback riding keeps people connected to nature. Home owners near these trails appreciate the horse and rider's almost noiseless passage. This is what trail riding is all about.

Connecticut has more horses per capita than any other state. Horse ownership brings the necessity of open fields for hay growing, of fenced pastures for horse turn-out, of barn preservation and barn building for horse housing thereby providing and preserving the rural landscape for all to admire and appreciate.

Horses have low impact on the state and its people. Horseback riders not only support local and state economies in their purchase of all things related to horse maintenance and recreation but also as a side benefit "keep the country in Connecticut".

We all know farms have and are rapidly disappearing. Suburban areas have become more urbanized, fields and pastures have become housing developments. Horses can save Connecticut's rural legacy.

Therefore, I am in full support of the bill to preserve equine trails in Connecticut.

Sincerely,

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