

# FSCAP Certified Steward

## Reichs Ford Farm Joy Fernon & Howard Payne



Reichs Ford Farm started in 1978 as a hay and beef operation of Howard Payne. Joy Fernon brought her horses to the Farm in 2006. After three more years of planning and improvement, Reichs Ford Farm opened a horse boarding operation in September of 2009. Howard, a home building contractor, added a new eight-stall barn and in 2014, the Frederick County Building Industry Association recognized Howard with an award in the building category, "Outstanding Accessory Building."

Reichs Ford Farm has implemented multiple best management practices on 240 acres including: forage and biomass planting; forage harvest management; nutrient management; a filter strip on land devoted to the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP); prescribed grazing; and wildlife habitat. Howard and Joy have worked with the Frederick County Soil Conservation District from the beginning of their operation, and are also members of the Farm Bureau, and the Maryland Horse Council.

To learn more about Reichs Ford Farm, visit <http://www.reichsfordfarm.com/> or <https://www.facebook.com/ReichsFordFarm/>.



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