

FSCAP Certified Steward

Rick Terselic
Potomac Horse Center



The Potomac Horse Center was founded in 1962 by F.G. "Stretch" Harting with a mission to "foster the Olympic spirit" and to teach and practice fine English riding. The Center offered an educational program featuring its own "Horsemaster's" certification, and was home to famous trainers and riders from around the world. Many of today's leading equine professionals and horse farm operators got their start at the renowned Potomac Horse Center. The farm was sold to Montgomery County, MD in 1981, and through the M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks system has been leased for the past twenty years to operator Paul Novograd, of Manhattan, NY's Claremont Riding Academy.

Conveniently located in North Potomac, the Center excels at teaching beginners through advanced, from age 5 to adult, and providing services such as boarding and training, horse showing, therapeutic riding, summer horse camp, birthday pony parties, open house demonstrations and more. The Potomac Horse Center's operation covers approximately 55 total acres, with 33 in pastures and the remainder wooded or developed with three indoor arenas, two outdoor arenas, stabling for just over 100 horses, paved parking, a business office, arena observation areas, farm employee residences and various maintenance structures.

Animal waste is stored and composted on a 15,000 square foot concrete pad (waste storage structure) designed by NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) and funded with the assistance of the MACS (Maryland Agricultural Cost Share) program. Other best management practices include nutrient management, stream protection fencing, and dedicated filter areas. Rick Terselic has been engaged in the Center's property and facilities management since 1993. Rick states emphatically that the honor of achieving FSCAP Certified Steward status, and his 2010 Equine Conservation Award from the Montgomery County Soil Conservation District, is a direct result of the support and assistance of his soil conservation, nutrient management, and various other agricultural advisors. For more information about the Potomac Horse Center, call 301-208-0200 or visit their website at <http://www.PotomacHorse.com>.



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