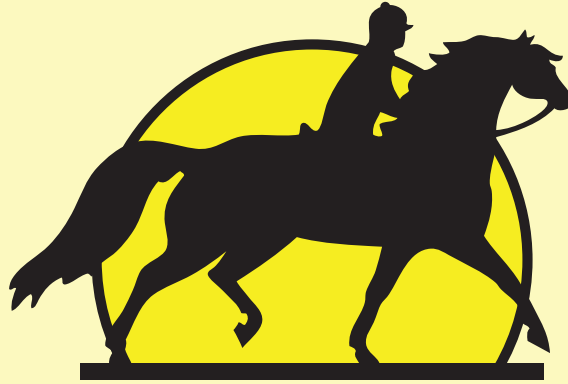


ABOUT TROT



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Background

- TROT is an all-volunteer grassroots organization founded in 1980 by a group of 22 riders seeking to save a trail in the Paint Branch Stream Valley in Maryland's eastern Montgomery County. As word of its efforts spread, TROT's mission expanded to include the preservation and creation of equestrian riding trails throughout Maryland.
- TROT works with state and local governments and departments of park and planning, private organizations with similar goals and developers to preserve, create, and maintain riding trails.
- TROT is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Mission

- To obtain, maintain, preserve, and promote open space and equestrian trails for public recreational use and for the ecological and aesthetic benefit of the community
- To work with land developers and owners to create new trails and preserve existing trails
- To seek inclusion of a trail system within various county organization's master plans
- To educate citizens and members with respect to trail riding and proper horse care by use of a newsletter, the media and other publications, and clinics and workshops
- To promote trail riding in all forms and across all disciplines
- To promote good trail stewardship and safe riding, proper horse care, and etiquette at all times

TROT Leadership and Organization

- **Board** - The current 10-member Board meets the first Wednesday of each month at a TROT member's home. All TROT members are welcome to attend the monthly meetings or participate by conference call.
- **Committees** - include Membership, Newsletter, Trail Rides, and the Mapping Project. All TROT members are welcome to participate in one or more committees.
- **County Coordinators and Area Contacts** – TROT depends on County Coordinators and Area Contacts to identify local issues or topics relevant to TROT's mission and bring these to the attention of the membership; lead and/or promote trail riding and other TROT-sponsored activities; suggest ideas for TROT-supported educational and training activities, such as a talk given by a park ranger, trail obstacle training; establish good working relationships with local officials, including state and local park service representatives.