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LOCAL EQUESTRIAN GROUP UNDERTAKES RESTORATION PROJECT AT MASTERSON STATION PARK

LEXINGTON, KY, NOVEMBER 11, 2011: It is with great excitement that the Masterson Equestrian Trust (MET) is embarking on a major renovation and repair project of two significant cross country obstacles at Masterson Station Park (MSP). Masterson Equestrian Trust Foundation is a non-profit foundation dedicated to the preservation of Masterson Station Park for use by all equestrian enthusiasts and to the improvement and enhancement of facilities and services available to the equestrian public. MET acts as an advocate for all MSP equine enthusiasts, thus strengthening Lexington's distinction as the Horse Capital of the World

The obstacles being renovated are the Novice Water Jump and the Preliminary/Training Bank Jump, two long time favorites of the equestrians who are involved with the sport of Eventing. The water jumps and bank jumps are part of the "meat and potatoes" of an Eventing cross country course. These obstacles were built over 25 years ago by local volunteer enthusiasts and have been showing signs of wear over the past several years. The project will allow these obstacles to be rebuilt to current safety standards and will once again allow local Eventing riders the opportunity to ride over these landmark fences.

There was significant planning and discussion amongst the board and their equestrian partners prior to committing to this project. Members of the MET Board of Directors have been in consultation with the likes of David O'Connor, an USA Eventing Olympic Gold Medal winner, and Derek di Grazia, the cross country designer for the World Equestrian Games held in 2010 in Lexington. The jumps will be built

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by top-class cross-country obstacle builder, and Lexington resident, Aaron Rust. The level of expertise and knowledge base involved throughout the project ensures the plan is well-designed and will be expertly executed. Meetings with the Lexington/Fayette County Government Officials and Park Staff resulted in their complete support of the project.

The renovations have started with completion planned for Spring 2012. MET would like to thank all donors, volunteers and patrons who have tirelessly contributed with their time and support, making funding possible for the renovation of the Novice Water Jump and the Preliminary Training Jump.

There are still additional improvements to be made to the equestrian facilities. Please join us in our efforts to enhance, improve and protect Masterson Station Equine Facilities. Donations can be made at www.mastersonequestrian.org, or email: mastersonequestrian@gmail.com for more information on how to get involved.

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