

**Friends of Governor Dodge-Equestrians**

4175 State Highway 23N

Dodgeville, WI 53533

Dear Wisconsin Horse Council Trails Committee,

On behalf of the Friends of Governor Dodge and the many, many park users, we thank you for the two grants that helped to make our "trailhead comfort stop" the safer and more inviting spot that it has become.

The \$3,000 Trails New Development grant was used to help fund a new, permanent vault toilet that replaced the rented porta potty. The beautiful new building is located at the equestrian day ride area and is adjacent to the future campground which it will eventually serve. Rock climbers, hikers, horse riders, and park volunteers appreciate the clean, safe, roomy restrooms and are more likely to extend their time at the park as a result.

The \$3,000 Existing Trail Improvements grant was used to help create a designated parking area for cars, which frees up space for trailers and improves traffic flow in the day ride parking area. A water spigot specifically designated for horses and the newly relocated hitching rails are welcomed improvements, too. The existing picnic tables located in a shady corner of the trailhead lot add to everyone's enjoyment.

The Friends of Governor Dodge is a 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to support recreation, education, and environmental stewardship at the park. As the Equestrian Committee of the Friends, we serve as a resource for both equestrians and the park. With the support of the WI DNR, horse enthusiasts, and organizations like the WI Horse Council, we have been able to provide not only the new trailhead improvements, but also other improvements such as new trail signage, mounting blocks, campground firepits, and the much-appreciated rest area on the long and peaceful Driftless trail. Thank you!

For more information about the Friends of Governor Dodge-Equestrians or to get involved, please visit our website www.GovDodgeEquestrians.com and follow us on Facebook. We hope you plan a visit to this beautiful park soon and experience all that it has to offer!

Sincerely,

The Friends of Governor Dodge State Park

Equestrian Committee

