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Fair Hill Foundation Newsletter

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DNR to Host Stakeholder Meeting July 16

The Fair Hill Foundation is pleased to share news of an exciting invitation from the State of Maryland, owner and operator of the 5,656-acre Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area (FHNRMA), to an upcoming stakeholders' meeting about the future of the Fair Hill Special Event Zone (SEZ), an expansive world-class facility on the property designed for a variety of equestrian competitions, including three-phase eventing and Thoroughbred racing.

The invitation came by email from the Department of Natural Resources Secretary Josh Kurtz on Thursday, June 20, 2024. The meeting will be held on July 16 in the Tea Barn adjacent to the racetrack at the intersection of Routes 213 and 273 north of Elkton at 10 a.m.

"We are delighted by Secretary Kurtz' invitation to hear from stakeholders who are committed to the future of Fair Hill," Fair Hill Foundation President Charles C. Fenwick, Jr. said today. "We encourage all our donors and friends to attend if they can – either in person or virtually -- and click on the Department of Natural Resources' RSVP Link to make their affiliation with the Foundation known to the Secretary.

"The Fair Hill Foundation has been working hard since 2016 to support this project. We were pleased to be a part of the launching the MARS Maryland 5 Star Presented by Brown Advisory – now preparing for its fourth successful year – and we are eager to work with the DNR to bring training and racing back to this beautiful facility," Fenwick said.

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"The Fair Hill Foundation represents more than 150 donors from the private sector who have given 340 gifts totaling more than $5.5 million toward this effort. As such, we are keen to see the eight days of pari-mutuel racing granted to us by the Maryland Racing Commission realized.

"I would be happy to chat with anyone who is interested in learning more in advance of the July 16 meeting," Fenwick continued. "Please feel free to reach out to me at fairhillfoundation@gmail.com."

Message from Secretary Josh Kurtz

June 20, 2024

Good afternoon,

I hope this email finds you well. I am reaching out to invite you to participate in a Fair Hill Special Event Zone (SEZ) stakeholders meeting on July 16 at 10:00am in the Tea Barn at Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area. The meeting is expected to run for about an hour and a half. There will be a virtual option if you are unable to attend in person.

We welcome your vision and feedback on how we can work together to ensure the Fair Hill SEZ remains a world-class venue. Please feel free to forward this invitation to any additional stakeholders who might be interested in participating.

Kindly indicate your availability here: The nearest address to the Tea Barn is the Manor House, located at 376 Fair Hill Drive, Elkton MD 21921.

Thank you, and we look forward to meeting with you soon.

Sincerely,

Josh

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