

CHASING CIRCLES

Cerbone Associates tackles farm mud issue

Spring is right around the corner and for many horse owners that means one thing – mud. Muddy pastures mean more than just dirty horses, they can also mean slip and fall injuries, erosion issues, even impaction colic. Most horse owners believe these issues are an unavoidable byproduct of heavy spring rains, but that is not always the case.

In truth, mud and many other issues that plague horse owners can be solved with the professional assistance. Any licensed landscape architect can tell you why you have a drainage issue and how much it will cost to fix it, but few understand the special challenges horses present to the landscape.

Deborah Cerbone Associates, Inc. specializes in equestrian site planning. Cerbone began riding after graduating college and she is an accomplished horsewoman, well versed in English and Western riding and the principles of natural horsemanship. Her associates share her love of all things equine, and are experienced horsemen and women as well.

Deborah Cerbone Associates offers a wide array of services to their equestrian clients including site feasibility studies and zoning analysis to concept planning to optimize the function, safety and beauty of the property.

Cerbone has designed undeveloped properties and updated existing facilities to meet the standards of modern horse keeping practices.

Cerbone's designs are shaped by her clients' needs and priorities, the site's opportunities and constraints, and local zoning regulations. Cerbone develops concept plans that consider practical necessities for horse owners such as trailer storage and circulation, hay storage and training facilities. She delivers simple, practical solutions that will withstand the test of time and are characterized by understated elegance and simplicity.

Science plays an important role in the work that she does. The science of keeping horses has changed dramatically and new studies are ongoing. Deborah Cerbone Associates incorporate this new body of knowledge to improve existing facilities and plan new sites. Cerbone's understanding of plant and soil sciences is critical to plant selection, plant care and the manipulation of the environment. Rooted in scientific knowledge she develops sustainable, permanent solutions that transform muddy paddocks into beautiful, functional farms.

Cerbone is currently accepting new clients interested in renovating existing properties or selecting and developing new facilities. She has partnerships with an array of professionals including architects, contractors, environmental consultants and equine experts to seamlessly bring a project from concept to completion. Deborah Cerbone Associates, Inc., 540 Route 202, Far Hills, NJ 07931 973-625-7795, office@dcerboneassoc.com