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Ellis Equestrian Center

Kendall County Forest Preserve District, Kendall County, Illinois

Saddle up!

As part of the 400-acre Baker Woods Forest Preserve, the Kendall County Forest Preserve District acquired a private residence and horse facility. Upland Design created a master plan for the conversion to a public facility which outlined phasing of site improvements. A trail system and designs for future expansions were detailed along with budget projections.

Following Owner review of the master plan, Upland Design prepared construction documents for phase one and assisted with bidding and construction observation. The implementation of improvements, allows the site to be used as a public equestrian center and a rentable event space. District residents now use the facility for wedding receptions, business meetings, equestrian lessons and trail riding.

Amenities built as part of the Phase I include:

- Storage Shed - 36' x 48' metal structure
- Restroom Building
- Accessible Walks throughout sites
- Permeable Paving Parking Area
- Entry Drive improvements
- Fenced Outdoor Storage Area
- Utility Upgrades
- Seating and Picnic Areas
- Welcome Kiosk
- Landscaping