



## **Land Conservation – More Than a Certification Requirement**

To be truly relevant and have a positive effect on our environment, Pony Club needs an all-encompassing working definition of land conservation.

How do you define Land Conservation? What does it mean to you? How does your club or region incorporate land conservation into educational programming? Do you understand the resource management tools used by agencies/organizations?

Workshop presenters with land management, foxhunting, and Pony Club backgrounds will lead the discussion. Join in by sharing your ideas on this important topic and help develop a sound working definition of land conservation so that we can strengthen USPC's land conservation education program.

Presenter:

Alexandra Weiss, Alex is a member of the USPC Foxhunting Committee, a Bridlespur Pony Club graduate C, and Founder, Life Member, and Foxhunting Chair of Live Oak Hounds Pony Club. She is a member of Live Oak Hounds Hunt and holds her Bridlespur Basset colors. Alex's educational, professional, and volunteer paths follow her passion for the outdoors, equestrian pursuits, and dog sports. She worked thirty-four years with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection assisting city, county, state, and federal agencies, as well as nonprofits, in developing appropriate outdoor recreational facilities. Her work as the Florida Recreational Trails Program Administrator has been nationally recognized. In addition to her current club-level duties, Alex coordinated many Sunshine Region's Quiz Rallies, is a member of the Wakulla County Parks Advisory Committee, and is an active volunteer with the Friends of Wakulla Springs State Park. Encouraging youth to participate in the great sport of foxhunting, while understanding its role in land conservation and Pony Club, is now Alex's primary focus.