

**Dr. Karyn Malinowski**, an accomplished equine scientist, is the Director of the Rutgers Equine Science Center at the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station (NJAES).

She has been a faculty member at the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences since 1978 in various roles as a Specialist in Equine Sciences, Animal Sciences Professor and Director of Rutgers Cooperative Extension from 2002-2008. Her research and Extension programs concentrate on improving the well being and quality of life of the equine athlete while ensuring the vitality and viability of the equine industry, both statewide and nationally. She played a lead role in building the equine science program at Rutgers University.

Malinowski is the recipient of many awards, including the American Society of Animal Science – Equine Science Society Equine Award, 2012, the United States Harness Writers Association – Unsung Hero Award, 2012, Governor’s Trophy for Horse Person of the Year, 2010, Rutgers Graduate School Lifetime Achievement Award, 2007, Outstanding Equine Educator Award from the Equine Nutrition and Physiology Society, 2001, Marjorie Van Ness Award from the American Horse Council, 2001, Research Excellence Impact Award from Cook College and NJAES, 2000, and Woman of Distinction from the Delaware-Raritan Girl Scout Council, 2000. In 1995, she became only the second woman in fifty years to receive the New York Farmers Club Award, which was given by the prestigious and venerable Northeastern Agricultural Society to her for her contributions to agriculture.

Dr. Malinowski is the author of over 50 refereed journal articles and abstracts and numerous book chapters. Her expertise in the area of aging and stress management in horses has resulted in her speaking at numerous international venues, and her Extension project entitled, “Careers in the Green Industry: Youth Sow Seeds for Their Future,” which involved horses and adjudicated youth, has served as a model for similar programs around the globe. Malinowski was a member of the team which conducted the prize winning study, The New Jersey Equine Industry 2007: Economic Impact.



# Panel Discussion on the Standardbred Horse Industry in Monmouth County



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## Panel Moderator

**William J. Sciarappa, Ph.D.** is the Monmouth County Agricultural Agent and County Department Head with the Rutgers Cooperative Extension & New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station. He is responsible for the field production, marketing and informational needs of agricultural clients, primarily in the areas of commercial crops, natural resources and equine pasture management.

Dr. Sciarappa served as National Chair of the Natural Resources Group of the National Association of County Agents. He holds a bachelor's degree in biological education from Montclair State University and a Ph.D. in Economic Entomology and Zoology from Rutgers University at the former College of Agriculture and Environmental Science.

## Panelists

**Harriet Honigfeld** coordinates Monmouth County's Farmland Preservation Program and has been employed at the county since 2000. She wrote the Monmouth County Farmland Preservation Plan, an element of the Monmouth County Master Plan. Prior to her farmland role, Harriet oversaw more general environmental planning projects in the areas of community development, watershed management, environmental education, and GIS.

Ms. Honigfeld previously worked at New Jersey Conservation Foundation, first as a Land Steward and later as a Project Manager. She is the author of NJCF's Charting a Course for the Delaware Bay Watershed, a regional plan for a 4-county area.

Harriet has undergraduate degree from Williams College and Master's degree from Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.

**Sam Landy** grew up in New Shrewsbury, New Jersey (now Tinton Falls) in front of Willowbrook Farms, "Home of The Hobo's" a Standardbred Race Horse farm that was in business from the 1960's until approximately ten years ago. Sam's father Gene grew up in Freehold and spent his Saturday's at the track from the 1950's to date. Eugene Landy bought his first standardbred race horse, a mare named Blu Sue, in 1976 and bought Hidden Lake Farm in 1978. Sam worked on

the farm and became a licensed trainer and driver at the age of 21. He raced horses while going to college and law school.

Hidden Lake Farm was sold in 1983. In 1986 Eugene Landy purchased Congress Hill Farm in Monroe Township. Sam and his wife Laurie moved to the farm in 1986 and have bred, trained and raced horses at the new Freehold Raceway ever since. Now Harry Landy who was born on the farm trains and drives the horses. Laurie Landy runs Special Strides, a therapeutic riding center with 18 horses and 140 riders.

Sam's companies, UMH Properties and Monmouth Real Estate Investment Corporation sponsor The Open Space Pace which will be held September 21 at Freehold Raceway. The event begins with a parade of horses at 9:30 am and has equine activities all day, followed by a concert by Southside Johnny and The Asbury Jukes, and ending with a fireworks display. The event is free and is held to call attention to the relationship between standardbred race horses and the preservation of open space in New Jersey.

**Tom Luchento** is president of the Standardbred Breeders & Owners Association of New Jersey (SBOANJ). The SBOANJ, based in Manalapan, represents the thousands of trainers, drivers, owners, breeders, and caretakers of pacers and trotters which are racing at the Meadowlands and Freehold Raceway.

He is equally at home in the stables at the training centers in Central New Jersey as he is in the halls of the State House in Trenton, where he speaks on behalf of the needs of New Jersey's horsemen and women.

A former harness driver-trainer and restaurateur, he was the 2011 recipient of the Governor's Trophy as Horseperson of the Year in New Jersey, and saluted by the Monmouth County Freeholders with the proclamation of Thomas F. Luchento Day on April 27, 2011. He was presented with the Harness Horsemen International (HHI) Appreciation Award in 2011.

In 2012, he received both the Man of the Year Award from the New Jersey Sportswriters Association and a President's Award from the United States Harness Writers Association.

In March of 2013, Mr. Luchento was elected president of Harness Horsemen International, a consortium of horsemen's organizations from 16 states and provinces.

Luchento and his wife, Carol, reside in Freehold, NJ.