

The Land Owners Liability Act Public Law 2001 : 265

This law Limits the Liability of the Owner of a property who allows a trail easement for sport and recreational opportunities on their property, unless they do something really willful or malicious to cause a problem.

The Easement would have to be held by the State, Local Government or a Non- Profit organization.

Sport and recreational opportunities include Horse back riding in the definition.

http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2000/Bills/AL01/265_.PDF

Also shown in P.L.2005,c.92 and JR6. Title 2A:42A-8

Insurance coverage by the organization holding the easement also gives the Land Owner a level of comfort.

There have been a number of studies done that show the benefits of trails to property owners and the fact that perceived or expected problems to adjoining properties don't occur. I have a few.

Good Info is also available at the Rail to Trails web site:

<http://www.railstrails.org/whatwedo/default.asp>