What is the economic impact of a horse park?

Horse sport is growing all across the United States, as are the number of first class competition venues. Many other states and municipalities have begun to understand the economic impact coming from equestrian events; more than half already have horse parks or large equestrian centers.

A horse show/equine event brings non-residents into the area where they spend money on lodging, food and incidentals and other recreational and entertainment activities. The show participants themselves, besides spending money on entry fees and stabling, purchase other goods and services for their horses, including food, other horse supplies, tack, bedding, farrier and veterinary services.

It is a proven fact that sports events of all types have a tremendous, positive economic impact on an area;

* the 2-day Scholastic Rowing Nationals has an estimated economic impact to Saratoga Springs, NY of $2.5 million.
* the three month HITS horse show series in Saugerties, NY has an estimated at 34 million dollar annual economic impact to that region.
* the economic impact of the Kentucky Horse Park on the State of Kentucky is an estimated $251 million annually in tax revenues.

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