

Spencer, Tenn. – Over seven years ago, Edmond Cash envisioned Long Branch Lakes as an equestrian community, where families can thrive.

“Long Branch Lakes is more than a responsible development; it’s a lifestyle,” said Cash, owner and developer of Long Branch Lakes. “Set along the Cumberland Plateau with Bledsoe and Fall Creek Falls State Parks as the backdrop, our community truly gets back to nature.”

Completed amenities already accentuate community roads carved from wagon trails of the one-time working farm. Amenities including a heated pool with waterfall, children’s pool, gazebo, walking trails, outdoor cooking center, four Har-Tru tennis courts and basketball court are designed to blend into the community’s focal point: two lakes spanning more than 130 acres.

“Long Branch Lakes is a place where families and friends reconnect while horseback riding, enjoying a picnic lunch or playing games and swimming. Basically just enjoying nature,” said Rick Klewein, co-developer of Long Branch Lakes, who is spearheading the equestrian center effort.

A world-class equestrian center will define the 4500+ acre community. However, Cash would also like to share his passion for the land with Long Branch Lakes’ residents.

Eco-sensitive land use requires expertise about how to reuse and repurpose parts of the environment that must be removed to build the community. To do so, Cash has partnered with Lorri Hayward of Hayward Designs, Ltd., who shares his vision of maintaining the property’s natural beauty while creating an equestrian-centered green space.

Hayward brings an impressive 25 years experience in planning and designing communities, “where there is a harmonious union between preservation and development.”

“Because the property was a working farm for many years, it is very conducive for an equestrian development,” commented Hayward. “Mr. Cash and Mr. Klewein are developing with the softest environmental footprint in mind.”

The plans for the expansive equestrian center will utilize two existing farm structures on the property and reclaimed timber. Long Branch Lakes will also take part in an “innovative composting management system” which will be used as landscaping fertilizer for the whole community.

Once phase 1 is complete, the equestrian amenity will include a remodeled 8-s tall barn with indoor wash rack, tack room, break room with half bath, laundry and covered

porch. There will also be 60-foot outdoor working pen, compost shed, turn out paddocks, large pasture turn outs with run-in sheds and secured trailer parking.

Expansion plans include a 28-stall dream barn with attached covered arena, five indoor wash and grooming stalls, vet stall, farrier stall and spacious boarder's tack and locker rooms. The barn will also house a trainer's office and tack room, gathering room with kitchen and bar. Meeting, guest and viewing rooms with kitchenettes, offices, laundry and full bathroom facilities will complete phase 2 along with working student apartments and covered porches.

Final construction of the site will include an outdoor arena, viewing pavilion, announcer stand, combination hot walker and round pen, bunk houses and camp sites.

According to Hayward, the specially-designed community provides an opportunity for the Long Branch Lakes families to enjoy horses on their own terms and with the level of interaction they want.

Hayward says, "Long Branch's strongest pull will probably be recreational because of the miles of trails [for use by both horses and hikers] being put into place and the feeling of really getting away and connecting with nature."

Edmond Cash's vision also includes families who appreciate equestrian features for the green space, but desire to utilize the community for other interests. Proposed future amenities include additional conservation areas with an 18-hole championship golf course and pro shop. Adding to the existing creature comforts, Cash is planning a community center, general store, deli, tennis shop, fitness center, canoe/kayak storage and an on-property helipad.