

## What's the Connection?

Ever wonder what happens to the plastic film collected at the Goshen Public Library & Historical Society? The short story - the composite outdoor bench on the Library grounds. The Library earned the outdoor bench through the Trex® Community Challenge Program. To earn the bench, the Library coordinated the collection, weighing, and drop off to Hannaford, the local drop-off location for the Trex® Community Challenge Program, of more than 500 pounds of recyclable plastic film.

Collecting the plastic film keeps thousands of pounds of waste out of landfills and helps Trex® convert the recyclable plastic film into eco-friendly outdoor products. Trex® also offers programs and challenges for schools as well. See <a href="https://nextrex.com/view/programs">https://nextrex.com/view/programs</a> for more information.

The Trex® community program allows non-profits and community organizations to earn up to two free benches. The Library will earn its second bench in the coming weeks and is interested in keeping the project going by remaining as a collection site for efforts of other non-profits and community organizations that may want to earn benches. If you are a non-profit or community group interested in partnering with the Library, please contact Kathleen Welshoff, Business Affairs, at kcw@goshenpubliclibrary or by calling 845.294.6606, ext. 113, to learn more about how to register to earn benches as a partner of the Library on this important sustainability project.

Continued donations of plastic film are encouraged, as is, taking some time to relax and enjoy the Library's' beautiful grounds while sitting on our new Trex® bench.

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