

# Lehigh Valley Greenways Conservation Landscape **SUCCESS STORY**

By: Whitehall Township,  
(Coordinated by Ironton Rail-  
Trail Oversight Commission)  
Irontonrailtrail.org

## **PURCHASE / INSTALL PLASTIC BENCH SLATS**

### **SUMMARY**

Replace weathered wood slats with plastic composite slats on 10 Ironton Rail-Trail Memorial Benches.



### **CHALLENGE**

Wood slats on memorial benches have deteriorated over time. Refinishing the slats lasted only a few years. Members of the Ironton Rail-Trail decided to replace the worn wood slats with low maintenance plastic composite slats. There was no charge to the original purchasers of the benches.

### **FUNDING**

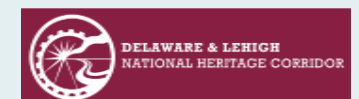
**Grant Award:**  
**\$4,000.00**

**Match:**  
**\$5223.81**

**Total Project Cost:**  
**\$9223.81**

### **PARTNERSHIP IS KEY**

Members of the Ironton Rail-Trail Oversight Commission, as a Whitehall Township Municipal Commission, required the help of Whitehall Township to purchase and deliver the plastic slats to the Parkway Red Barn staging area.



## SOLUTION

Friends of the IRT who purchased the Memorial Benches refinished the wood slats or asked the IRT to refinish. The wood slats deteriorated quickly from the sun ultraviolet rays. Replacing the wood slats with plastic composite slats resolved the problem of slat deterioration.

## RESULTS

Wood slats on many Memorial Benches were replaced with plastic composite slats in 2020. The plastic bench slats showed no deterioration. The remaining 10 benches were refurbished with the same plastic composite slats. The Community response was very positive.

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