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## Rotary Earns Third Trex Bench for Springfield

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As a reward for Springfield residents collecting more than 500 pounds of thin film plastics within a ten-week period during the Trex Thin Film Plastics Challenge, the Trex Company provided the Springfield Rotary Club with an outdoor bench that was placed at the Park Street School overlooking the Kingsbury house by the Union Park Neighborhood Association and the Springfield Park and Recreation Department.

The Rotary Club entered the Trex Thin Film Plastics Challenge on January 1st on behalf of the Springfield community, placing a Trex Bin in the Springfield Town Library. In addition, thin film plastic was collected at McGee CDJR of Springfield, Springfield GMC, and the Springfield Food Co-op. Since that time, Springfield residents have been avidly pitching in to recycle their share of thin film plastics, amassing 1,616 pounds of thin film plastics in under six months.

The Challenge is part of the Trex Recycling Program, aimed at encouraging the public to recycle their grocery bags, bread bags, produce bags, cereal bags, ice bags, case overwrap, bubble wrap, dry cleaning bags, Ziploc and other re-sealable bags, and similar bags and wrap for other objects. If the sponsoring group's participants collect 500 or more pounds of thin film plastics within a six-month period, Trex will send the group a Trex Outdoor Furniture 48" Yacht Club Bench.

This is the third bench that has been donated. The first two can be found at The Common.

Volunteers from the Springfield Rotary Club and from the Springfield Town Library collected and weighed the bags, reported the bags' weight to Trex, and delivered the bags to Trex's closest participating drop-off retailer location, Shaw's Supermarket in Springfield.

The Trex Bin will remain in place at the Springfield Town Library. The Springfield Rotary Club is partnering with the Black River Action Group to launch another Challenge and earn an additional outdoor bench for our community.

The benches are dedicated to the 95th anniversary of the Springfield Rotary. The Rotary Club of Springfield, founded in 1927, is an active community service club of more than 40 members who engage in community and human service projects both locally and internationally.



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