



## **Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy Albany County Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail Bench Program Policy**

The Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy is working with Albany County to provide Honorarium/ Memorial Benches along the Albany County Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail. Initially, 25 benches will be available for donation by either individuals, organizations or businesses.

To donate the funds for a bench, contact the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy at: (518) 436-6346 or email [mhlc@mohawkhudson.org](mailto:mhlc@mohawkhudson.org).

### **POLICIES:**

#### **Ordering Information**

- The total donation for each bench is \$500.
- Orders for benches and plaques will be placed by MHLC once full payment is received by the Conservancy. MHLC expects to receive benches within 4 to 6 weeks of placing the order. Once, MHLC is notified that the bench is available for pickup we will notify Albany County. Albany County will install plaques and determine the schedule for bench installation.
- Any donations for benches in excess of the cost of the bench will be used to support MHLC.
- Each entity is allowed to donate funds for a single bench.
- The benches are cedar 2x4 slats, with concrete sides and stainless-steel hardware and are six feet long (see photo). No options or variations are available.
- Albany County will own the benches. Benches are expected to have a useful life of ten (10) years and the County's Department of Public Works will provide the necessary upkeep and maintenance for all benches.

#### **Plaques**

- Benches will have one engraved 2" x 8" brass plaque, which will have 2 lines available for inscription with 25 characters allowed for each line. Bench donors should provide inscription to MHLC in writing.
- Benches will have only one engraved plaque, ordered through MHLC and installed by Albany County. No additional plaques can be added to the bench.
- MHLC reserves the right to refuse any plaque inscriptions that are vulgar or offensive.

#### **Bench Location**

- The Albany County Department of Public Works will determine the location for each bench along the rail trail and will install the bench. Benches will be placed at roughly ¼ mile intervals along the paved portions of the trail.

- The area of the Rail Trail in which the bench is placed is not available to the donor for gardens, signs, or any other permanent or semi-permanent installations.
- Albany County reserves the right to move a bench to a new location if necessary.

**Replacement**

- If a bench is vandalized or lost it may be repaired or replaced at the discretion of Albany County.
- Should a bench require replacement after this initial ten-year period, the donor shall have a right of first refusal, and may make a donation for a replacement bench within sixty (60) days. If the donor fails to make such a donation, the bench may be purchased by another individual or institution after the sixty day period. Albany County is responsible for bench replacement and any subsequent repurchases at their discretion.

**AGREEMENT:**

I have read the Albany County Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail Bench Program Policy thoroughly and understand all terms and conditions. My signature below constitutes my acceptance to all of the terms and conditions set forth herein.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Photo of sample Honorarium/ Memorial Bench (without the personalized plaque):



Plaque Inscription – 2 lines, 25 characters per line (spaces count)

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Please make the check out to the **Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy** and send to

**Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy**

**425 Kenwood Avenue**

**Delmar, NY 12054**

**Att: Rail Trail Benches**



You don't just spell Nature,  
you feel it. Enjoy! Berg-Loves

A example of a typical brass plaque, not actual size.