GWN Community: Emek Hefer

Name of project: Outdoor Seating Area, Dohal overlook, Bat Hefer

Environmental & Educational Benefits:
- The planning took into consideration facts on the ground and making the best use of whatever resources were already in existence for efficient reuse.
- Building facilities from recycled waste reduces the volume of waste that goes to the landfills, but it also means decreasing the amount of dangerous chemicals that seep into the soil and pollute the water and air due to improper waste disposal.
- This site is part of the Neighbors Path trail, part of FoEME's Good Water Neighbors Project. The goal of the project is to promote local cooperation around protection of natural resources that are shared between Israel, Jordan and Palestine. The trail is one of 25 trails within participating communities in the region.
- Learning about ecological building practices help youth understand how to cater to the everyday needs of communities while minimizing negative environmental impacts and creating and sustaining mutually beneficial relationships with all elements of the local ecology.

Date of Construction: 2010

Team: Project Support: Bat Hefer Council and FoEME. Construction: 8th grade scouts, residents, and 6th grade students from the Sadot Bat Hefer School.

Materials: recycled building materials, recycled tires, recycled waste

Description:
- The projected was conceived to serve as a site for rest, fun, and enjoying the view.

Pictures: