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Our Collaboration Beer is Here!



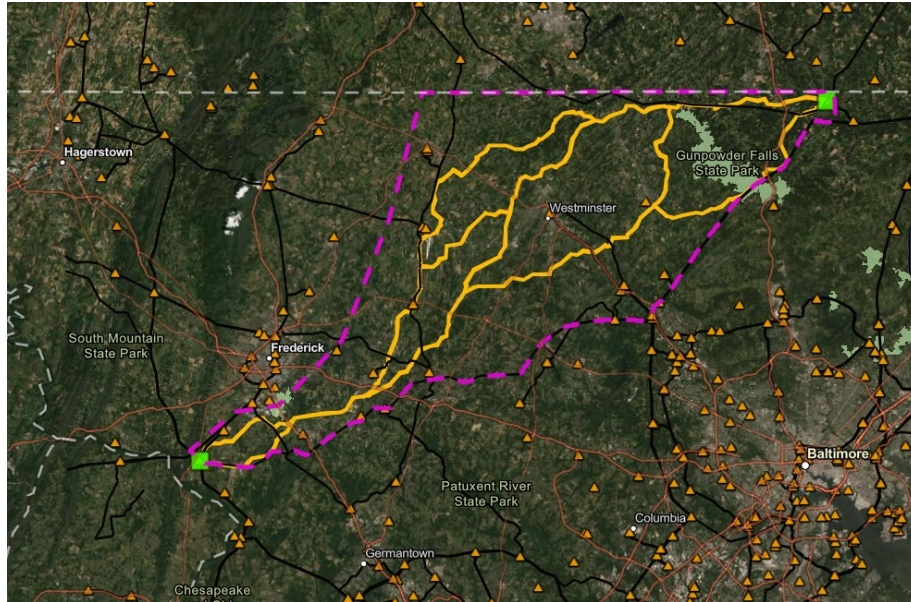
Not all those who wander are lost! Here at the Gunpowder Valley Conservancy (GVC) we know the thrill of exploring the natural beauty of the Gunpowder Watershed. It is our connection to the Chesapeake Bay and the primary source of Baltimore's drinking water supply.

Now YOU can support clean water while enjoying local beer brewed in Carroll County by [Pipe the Side Brewing Company](#)! GVC is thrilled to officially introduce *Watershed Wanderers*, a wheat beer with lemon, orange, and coriander. When you purchase *Watershed Wanderers*, 10% of sales will go back to GVC to support our mission to engage, connect, and inspire people to preserve and restore the Gunpowder Watershed.

We hope to see you at the *Watershed Wanderers* launch party on Friday, September 20, 2024. Visit Pipe the Side anytime after 5:30 pm to join the celebration with GVC staff, Board members, and volunteers. The brewery is located at 721 Hanover Pike, Suite 147, Hampstead, MD 21074. Live music starts at 6 pm. The delicious [Blowfish Poké & Grill Food Truck](#) will be there! We will also have *Watershed Wanderers* t-shirts on hand to purchase! Special thanks to [Sunny Side Creative](#) for transforming the GVC logo into an eye-catching beer label and matching gear.

Can't make it? Stop by Pipe the Side at a later date and enjoy *Watershed Wanderers* at your convenience - we will still earn 10% of sales!

GVC Stands with Land Trusts in Opposition to MPRP



GVC has signed a joint letter with 21 land trusts and conservation organizations to voice our opposition to MPRP powerline locations on permanently preserved lands. **Allowing transmission lines to travel through preserved properties violates the requirements of the IRS, the purpose of our non-profits, and most importantly the trust that landowners have placed in land trusts to protect their land in perpetuity.** Doing so is inherently detrimental to the scenic, natural, recreational, productive, and open space attributes of the properties that land trusts are obligated to protect.

[Visit our latest blog post to read the full letter from Forever Maryland](#)

What can you do as a concerned community member? Speak your mind! The Maryland Public Service Commission has established an email address for submitting public comment: piedmontcomments.psc@maryland.gov. At present time, PSEG has not filed a project application with the Maryland Public Service Commission. However, if the company does open a case, the comments submitted to the above address will be added to the public comments file.

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Meet Our Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps Member



Join us in welcoming Colin Maglietta, our Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps (CCCC) member! Colin will be a key part of GVC's reforestation team during his year of service as a Corps Member. He will also assist with other GVC programs and outreach events. A lifelong resident of Carroll County, Colin graduated from McDaniel College in 2022 with a B.A. in Environmental Studies. In his free time, Colin enjoys reading (Agatha Christie mysteries are a favorite!), gaming, hiking, and spending time with his cats.

Colin shared that he is "excited to be spending a year with the GVC, and looking forward to learning not just about reforestation, but how a nonprofit like the GVC functions and benefits the Gunpowder Watershed and its residents."

Now in its 15th year, the CCCC program connects young adults (ages 18-25) with nonprofits and government agencies that are involved in environmental restoration, community engagement, environmental education, climate change, and related fields. The CCCC is funded through a partnership between the Chesapeake Bay Trust, State of Maryland, Maryland Department of Natural Resources and BGE.

Volunteer with GVC



Get outdoors this fall! We are adding volunteer opportunities to our calendar of events on a regular basis. Join us on Saturday, October 5th for our next [Adopt-a-Stream workshop](#) where you can learn how to lead your own stream clean-up events!

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