



**GUNPOWDER  
VALLEY**  
CONSERVANCY

**December 2024**

E-Newsletter

*Bridging People, Land Preservation and Waterway  
Restoration Since 1989*

## **Double Your Impact in December!**



When the Gunpowder Valley Conservancy (GVC) was formed in Kingsville, we took inspiration from a local landmark, the Jericho Covered Bridge. It represented two important things worthy of preservation: History and Nature. Thirty five years later, the GVC continues to bridge people, land preservation, and watershed restoration.

Our impact, however, is more than getting from point A to point B. **We have established unique partnerships that are truly inspirational and have the potential to ripple across the Gunpowder Watershed.** Before we share a testimonial from the Chesapeake Mental Health Collaborative (CMHC) we want to give you an exciting update.

**We are DOUBLING all donations up to \$15,000 now through the end of 2024!**

Your financial support will go twice as far thanks to the generosity of GVC Board members and an anonymous donor. Special thanks to those of you who already supported GVC on Giving Tuesday, giving us a great start of almost \$3,500 towards our \$60,000 goal. [Click here to DOUBLE YOUR](#)



While stormwater management doesn't sound very soothing, our work with the [Chesapeake Mental Health Collaborative](#) (CMHC) is a great example of the therapeutic potential of incorporating conservation gardens in a built-up environment. GVC has been working with CMHC to prepare a master plan for their property in Towson that would feature green infrastructure to address stormwater runoff. The design would also create green space to accommodate the clinical practice of Nature Informed Therapy.

Heidi Schreiber-Pan, CMHC Founder and Executive Director, recently reflected on the value of partnering with GVC:

"Although we're in the planning stages, our shared vision is already blossoming--exploring ways to transform stormwater management into an opportunity for growth, and envisioning a green space that not only heals the environment but also becomes a sanctuary for mental health and wellness.

This project isn't just about creating a space; it's about engaging our community in meaningful ways, connecting them with nature and one another, and inspiring a deeper appreciation for the interconnectedness of mental, emotional, and environmental health."

**When you support GVC, your donation helps install conservation gardens that reduce pollution, promote pollinators, AND nurture**

**mental well-being.** You make a difference. You help us achieve our vision of a Gunpowder Watershed with healthy lands, healthy waterways, and healthy communities for all.

**DOUBLE your Donation**

## Land Preservation 101



**Friday, January 24**

8:00 - 10:00 AM

Baltimore County Agricultural Center



If you live in Baltimore County and are curious about land preservation, this is the information session for you! Join our partners, [Baltimore County Land Preservation Program](#) and [Baltimore County Land Trust Coalition](#), for light refreshments and coffee and learn more about:

- Benefits of land preservation
- Conservation easement as a tool to protect your land's natural resources AND benefit your estate planning
- Different options available and how to apply

Don't miss this opportunity to get your questions answered by the experts. [Click here to RSVP](#) or contact (410) 887-7947. This FREE info session will be held at the Baltimore County Ag Center (1114 Shawan Road, Cockeysville, MD 21030)

**Sign up for Land Pres 101**



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# Share your love of GVC



Clean water, healthy forests, and preserved natural areas. These are truly the gifts that keep on giving! This holiday season you can support GVC's important work with a couple fun options.

- [Visit our friends at Pipe the Side Brewing in Hampstead](#) and bring home cans of *Watershed Wanderers Wheat Beer* - our delicious collaboration beer. GVC receives a portion of each purchase! These sold out in September so make sure to stock up while you can.
- [Update your GVC gear by shopping our online store](#). We have comfy t-shirts, long sleeved shirts, and sweatshirts that are printed on demand. Youth sizes too! You'll be the best dressed volunteer come Spring 2025

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## Volunteer with GVC



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# Forest Fridays with GVC

Spend a couple hours helping young trees grow into healthy forests

**Friday, December 13th**

**10 AM - 12 PM**

**Loch Raven Skeet & Trap Center**



Bundle up! We have our next Forest Friday event this Friday, December 13th. If you have a flexible schedule, please consider volunteering with GVC to help remove invasive plants from newly planted trees. Tree Maintenance is a hands-on way for you to improve the health of our local forests and waterways. [Click here](#) to register for the 12/13 activity.

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