



**GUNPOWDER
VALLEY**
CONSERVANCY

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E-Newsletter

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

Join us for a FUNdraiser next Friday

We are excited to be the recipient of The Wine Collective's FUNdraiser Friday on May 31st from 5 - 10 pm. They will be donating \$2 from every glass of rosé served that evening. What a great way to kick off the weekend!

The Wine Collective is located in Hampden's Union Collective at 1700 W 41st Street, Suite 490, Baltimore 21211.



Keep Exploring the Gunpowder



There's still time to participate in our *Explore the Gunpowder Watershed* Challenge now through Friday, May 31st. Now is the time to **motivate yourself to enjoy the outdoors and complete 35 miles** of walking, biking, rolling, or paddling; your \$35 registration fee will greatly help us expand our work preserving land and promoting clean water. **Grab a FREE Gunpowder Passport at one of our 11 Passport Partners.** All you need to do is collect 4 stickers to earn your challenge coin!



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Manor Mill Pipe the Side Brewing

Honoring *Your* Hard Work

This spring, the Gunpowder Valley Conservancy (GVC) is celebrating many accomplishments that reflect the hard work of our dedicated volunteers. Some projects are new, and others have been decades "in the works". We are honored to share them all!



GVC was one of two nonprofits **selected by Resource Environmental Solutions (RES) as 2024 EcoGuardians** for the Mid-Atlantic Region! Inspired by their employees' passion for environmental causes, RES created these awards to support nonprofits that are doing great work for the Earth. The recognition comes with a generous \$2,500 contribution to support GVC's efforts. Special thanks to GVC stream captain, Will Weaver, for the nomination! Will and his wife organize stream clean-ups of Long Quarter Branch each year.



In the 1990's, the GVC motto was "because the commitment begins at home." This sense of personal responsibility to protect and preserve the Gunpowder Watershed still drives many of our volunteers to go above and beyond. **Morry Wexler** (pictured above) **recently received a Certificate of Appreciation for his work connecting the Kiwanis Club of Towson-Timonium and Dulaney Key Club students with GVC's reforestation program.** For over 20 years, Morry has generously donated his time to ensure that high school students can appreciate the value of healthy forests. We sincerely thank you, Morry, for inspiring the next generation of

environmental stewards!



Last year, GVC initiated a partnership with Hampton National Historic Site (NHS) to help re-establish the forest buffer around the park where several hundred trees were lost to the emerald ash borer and other damage. As a result of this partnership, **GVC received the 2023 Most Outstanding Volunteer Group Award from Hampton National Historic Site.** Many thanks to the GVC staff, crew chiefs, and volunteers who planted 450 trees to date at Hampton NHS. We are especially grateful for the guidance of GVC Board Member, Bill Vondrasek, Chief of Facility and Landscape Management for the National Park Service at Fort McHenry National Monument and Hampton NHS. Bill is pictured above with GVC Executive Director, Kim Pause Tucker.

New Board and Advisory Council Members!



Join us in welcoming GVC's newest leaders (pictured from left to right):

- **Taylor Casalena**
- **Brent Clemmens**
- **Lindsay Crone** (joining the Advisory Council)
- **Amir Hammad**
- **Sachin Hebbar** (formerly on Advisory Council)
- **Kristen McConnell**
- **Joey Meyer** (formerly on Advisory Council)
- **Jenn Shunfenthal**

Stay tuned as we update our website in the upcoming weeks with their bios. We look forward to working together to achieve GVC's vision of healthy lands, healthy waterways, and healthy communities.

Join Us!



Tree planting season might be over, but there are plenty more volunteer opportunities in the works. Make sure to [visit our website](#) for additional events.

- [Adopt a Stream Workshop](#) (Saturday, June 1st)
- [Rain Barrel Workshop](#) (Sunday, June 2nd)
- [Rain Garden Workshop](#) (Saturday, June 8th)
- [Rain Garden Workshop](#) (Saturday, June 29th)

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