



**GUNPOWDER
VALLEY**
CONSERVANCY

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E-Newsletter

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

The Gratitude Issue



This November, as we (try!) to slow down and reflect upon 2024, we are thankful for **all** the ways people show up to make a difference for the Gunpowder Watershed.

Some spend their Saturday mornings picking up shovels and carefully adding young trees to the landscape. Others walk the same path multiple times a year to minimize the amount of garbage that enters our local waterways.

The volunteers on our Board of Directors, Advisory Council, and various committees generously share their professional talents to the benefit of our staff and organization.

Property owners are also amazing environmental stewards, whether they simply add a few rain barrels to their house, install a rain garden featuring native plants, or decide to put their property into a conservation easement.

It is with this sense of gratitude that we share some recent highlights from the Gunpowder Valley Conservancy (GVC)!

Evening Among the Trees



It was a wonderful evening to celebrate GVC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



On October 24th, over 100 guests joined us at the Oregon Ridge Lodge for our annual fundraiser, *Evening Among the Trees*. Many glasses were raised in honor of Ann Jones, our 2024 Lifetime Achievement honoree. Ann has helped to preserve thousands of acres of land in Baltimore County and is a highly regarded member of the land trust community in Maryland.

We were also honored to have Tom Hall, host of WYPR's *Midday*, as our Event Emcee for the evening. Tom did a wonderful job reminding us about what makes GVC such a wonderful organization! Thanks to Matt Cooper of Alex Cooper Auctioneers for hosting our first live auction.

We hope you [enjoy our brief video](#) with highlights from the event! Special thanks to our Event Committee members for all their help behind the scenes and during the event:

- Sally Callihan and Kim Tucker, Event Committee co-chairs
- Susan Bath

- Sarah Bunk
- Debbie Lancaster
- Nancy Pentz
- Marion Romans
- Amy Young

2023 By The Numbers!



When you're a small nonprofit organization, you sometimes need some extra time to reflect on your past accomplishments! We are thrilled to announce that our 2023 Annual Report is now available online. Thanks to [Sunny Side Creative](#) for elevating our publication's design and content. We can't wait to share all our 2024 successes next year.

[Read our Annual Report](#)

GVC Team is Growing!



Ebram Victoria (center) with GVC co-workers Amy Young (left) and Darcy Herman (right) in front of a newly designed Bayscape garden at the Saft factory in Cockeysville.

We are pleased to announce that **Ebram Victoria, an experienced stormwater landscape designer-builder, has been hired as our new Clear Creeks Landscape Assessor.** In this role, Ebram will be responsible for evaluating perspective client properties to determine the suitability for our many conservation programs. Each property will be provided a free report, outlining recommended programs and restoration practices. If you are interested in having your property assessed for rain gardens, micro-bioretenion practices, Bayscapes, and/or trees, [please fill out our Clear Creeks pre-assessment form.](#)

Please note that the ENTIRE Gunpowder Watershed is now eligible to receive our *Clear Creeks* discounts; this will be updated on our website by early 2025. If you filled out a form earlier this year, you already are on the wait list for a free property assessment. We thank you for your patience as we grow our programs!

GVC is also strengthening its partnerships! We have [selected Green Fin Studio](#) to develop a more formal regional collaborative to work toward common objectives promoting clean water throughout the Gunpowder Watershed. Green Fin Studio's President and Founder, Paula Jasinski recently shared that: "Green Fin Studio is delighted to have been selected to support GVC's Gunpowder Watershed Collaborative. We look forward to hearing from diverse partners on how this Collaborative can best support their needs."

Stay tuned as we anticipate plenty of exciting updates in early 2025!



Plant Trees this Weekend!



There's still room for more volunteers to help at our final tree planting event of 2024! We'd love for you to join us from 10 am - 1 pm this Saturday, November 23 at our [Tree Planting](#) in Kingsville.

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