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Restoration Since 1989*

Investing In Our Collective Future



When the Gunpowder Valley Conservancy (GVC) started in 1989, our grassroots efforts were focused on the "green triangle" of land between the Big and Little Gunpowder Falls in Kingsville, MD.

Thirty-five years later, we are excited to share that **GVC has recently received over \$1.4 million in funding to enable us to strengthen our work across the entire 480 square miles of the Gunpowder Watershed.** We are grateful for the support of:

- **National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)** through their [Chesapeake Small Watershed Grant](#)
- **Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR)** through their [Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund](#)

The *Clear Creeks Project* now extends throughout the Gunpowder Watershed! This means our substantial discounts on rain barrels and conservation garden installations will be available from the Prettyboy Reservoir to historic Joppatowne, and everywhere in between. Our staff are working hard to scale up the project, while simultaneously fine-tuning our methodology to ensure that we are working efficiently to implement stormwater management and habitat restoration projects. We might not have as many garden workshops this fall, but get your trowels and garden gloves ready for Spring 2025!

JUST ANNOUNCED! As the *Clear Creeks Project* area expands, we will need to grow our capacity to install conservation gardens. GVC seeks to develop a list of qualified landscape architect and/or landscape designer contractors to carry out the work of our conservation garden program. The request for proposal (RFP) has just been released. [Visit our website](#) for more information.

We also received funding to build an inclusive Gunpowder Watershed Collaborative! This concept is a direct outgrowth of our 2022 Gunpowder Watershed Forum and 2023 Roundtables. We envision a regional-scale partnership that includes individuals, community groups, nonprofit organizations, local government, and businesses from across the Gunpowder Watershed. GVC will be hiring additional staff in the near future to ensure that we foster connections with rural landowners as well as historically underserved communities. Together, we can amplify our ability to achieve our shared vision of [The Gunpowder in 2050](#)

Finally, GVC will provide support to Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake (IPC) as part of their One Water Partnership initiative, which recently received a NFWF [Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction Grant](#). We look forward to continuing our work with IPC connecting faith-based institutions in our watershed to green infrastructure projects.

Celebrate with GVC this Friday!



We hope you'll join us for **GVC and Pipe the Side Brewing's Collaboration Beer, *Watershed Wanderers Wheat***, this Friday, **September 20th** at 5:30 PM! 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.

Meet us at [Pipe the Side Brewing](#) at 721 Hanover Pike - Suite 147, Hampstead, MD. It will be a great time and you will enjoy:

- Chatting with GVC staff, board members, and volunteers
- Discovering your new favorite wheat beer (*Watershed Wanderers!*)
- Delicious Hawaiian food available for purchase from [Blowfish Poké and Grill Food Truck](#)
- Listening to live music featuring Americana folk pop artist, David Sparrow, starting at 6 PM.

We'd love to see the trails filled with *Watershed Wanderers* merch this fall! Pick up a limited run of espresso and sky blue t-shirts at the brewery. If you aren't able to join us in person, support us with a purchase in our [online store](#). More styles, colors, and sizes are available online. Cheers to clean water and building community!

Volunteer with GVC



Fall in love with environmental stewardship this season! It's time to sign up for GVC's tree planting opportunities. Clean air and clean water are rooted in healthy forests. You can make a difference by giving a few hours of your time to add a diverse mix of native trees across the Gunpowder Watershed. We are offering a total of **10 tree plantings** this fall and hope to have registration open for all of them by the end of the week.

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