

2021

ANNUAL REPORT



**GUNPOWDER
VALLEY**
CONSERVANCY

Reflections from Our President



Cyrus Green

GVC Board President

2021 will be remembered as a year of sustainability for the Gunpowder Valley Conservancy (GVC). We rebounded from the global pandemic, and our Executive Director, Lou Etgen, prepared the organization that his term commitment was coming to an end. Lou, as well as the staff and Executive Committee, participated in Business Volunteers Maryland's GIVE Advisory Project, which culminated in a thought-provoking "Introduction to Change Management" workshop.

Our volunteers and funders are the driving force of our organization, and we thank you immensely for your support!

With your help, GVC held a successful in-person Fall Fundraiser and Dollar for Dollar Match Campaign. We are forever grateful for the growing list of individual, business, and community supporters and partners. You help sustain our vision of *healthy lands, healthy waterways, and healthy communities within the Gunpowder*. On behalf of GVC, we thank you for your continued support. We could not do this work without you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Cyrus Green". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

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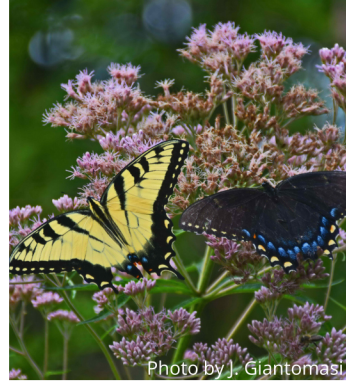


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The Gunpowder Watershed is a precious natural resource that is home to so many living things, including us.

Sarah Haines
GVC Board Secretary



Where We Work

The Gunpowder Watershed drains 500 square miles from York County, PA through Baltimore, Carroll, and Harford counties, to the shores of the Chesapeake Bay.

Our Mission

To educate and mobilize people and resources to preserve and restore the lands and waterways of the Gunpowder Watershed.

Our Vision

A Gunpowder Watershed that consists of:

Healthy lands where native plants and animals thrive and where natural habitats are abundant;

Healthy waterways where streams flow clear and are connected to and nurtured by the land around them;

Healthy communities where residents, businesses, farms, and neighborhoods thrive and are empowered with the knowledge and resources to sustain the long-term interdependency of land, water, and people.

2021

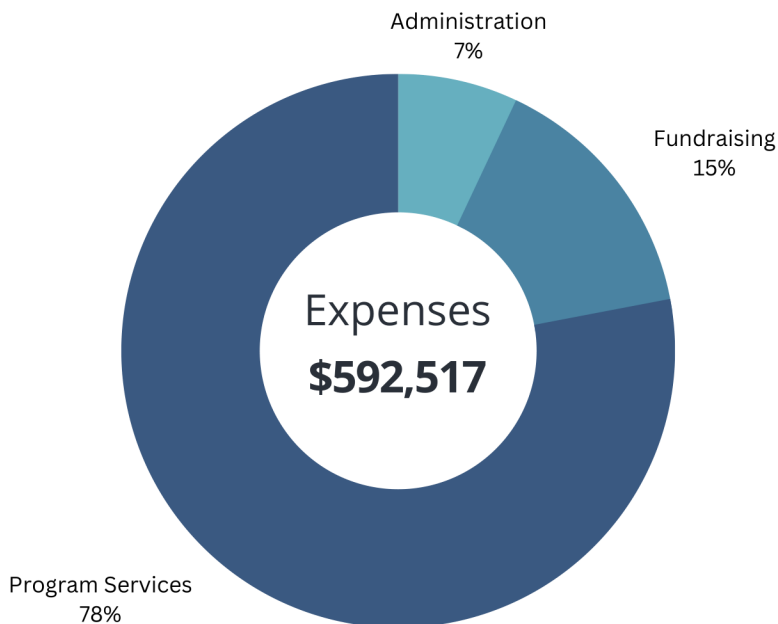
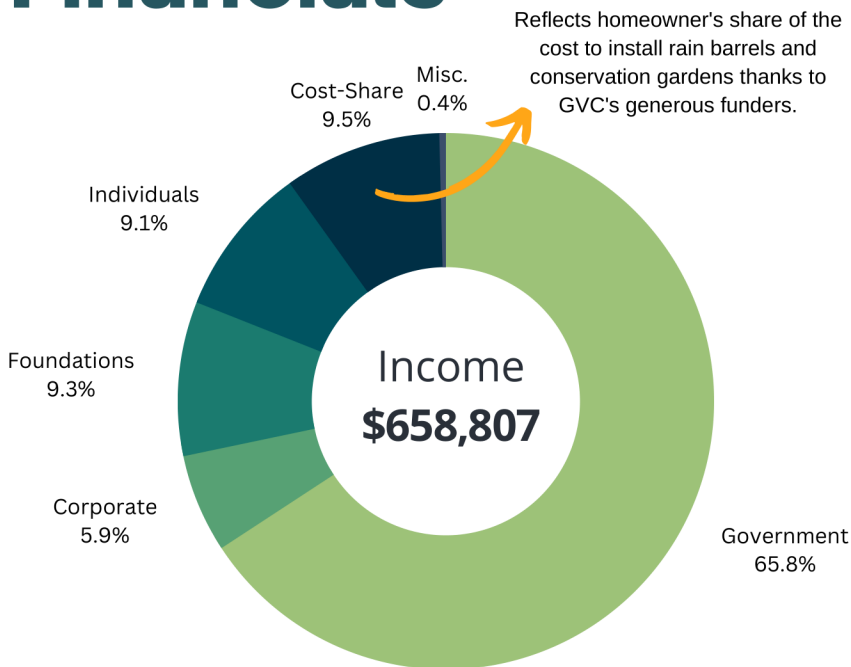
Program Highlights

GVC has been bridging people, land preservation, and waterway restoration since 1989. This year we ...

- **Land Preservation:** Received \$377,249 to conserve land within Gunpowder Valley Rural Legacy Area.
- **Reforestation:** Planted 1,500+ native trees across 29 acres *and* removed 5,100 lbs of invasive plant material.
- **Conservation Gardens:** Created 5 native plant gardens to reduce pollution and beautify the grounds at Pine Ridge Golf Course in Timonium.
- **Clean Water:** Removed 6 tons of trash from local waterways and parks. Sold 140 rain barrels that will collect 35,000 sq. feet of runoff from roofs.
- **Award:** Won the "2021 Best Education and Outreach Project in the Bay Award" from the Chesapeake Stormwater Network for our work with the Miramar Landing community in Middle River.
- **Professional Development:** Participated in Business Volunteers Maryland's GIVE Advisory Project. A team of rising professionals applied their community engagement & leadership skills to create a personalized "Introduction to Change Management" workshop for GVC staff and board.



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TAKE ACTION FOR CLEAN WATER

Since 1989, GVC has worked tirelessly to preserve the beauty of the Gunpowder Watershed and reduce pollution to our drinking water reservoirs. Today, **YOU** can make a difference for future generations.

1

VOLUNTEER

Volunteer throughout the year by working outdoors or behind the scenes.

2

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3

INVITE

Invite us to your community organization to share our expertise on ways you can take action for clean water.

4

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