



**GUNPOWDER  
VALLEY**  
CONSERVANCY

**November 2023**

E-Newsletter

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

## Gratitude for the Gunpowder

It's the week of Thanksgiving and we know everyone is pulled in a million directions. So, we proudly present to you **our Top 5 Achievements** from the past month (in no particular order):

### **1: Twenty volunteers monitored approximately 1000 acres of preserved properties**



**Several new faces joined and were trained alongside our longtime volunteers and members of our Board of Directors and Advisory Council.** Having the Land Preservation training at a historic location (Manor Mill) helped convey the value of protecting natural, historic, and/or agricultural resources with conservation easements.

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### **2: Shopping For Clean Water**



**GVC now has a display at Towson Town Center**(take the escalator up from The Cheesecake Factory towards Pottery Barn). We are beyond grateful for the talents of Connie Pierson (rain barrel decoration) and new GVC Board Member, Elisa Watson (marketing materials), as well as Brookfield Properties for donating the space.

**You can also support GVC by shopping local.** Local artist, Mary Magenta, is donating 10% of sales from her December 2nd Home Show to GVC! Stop by 7903 Tilmont Ave, Parkville, 21234 between 12 - 5 pm. [Visit her website](#) to see examples of her art that poignantly captures the beauty of the natural world, including "Loch Raven Fishing" (see below).



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### 3: Our Volunteer Leaders Inspire Us!



**Two months, 1,170 Native Trees!** Sounds impossible but thanks to our dedicated volunteers and volunteer leaders we had a successful Fall 2023 tree planting season. This month, we also added a few new volunteer leaders to our Adopt-a-Stream program. We look forward to supporting them in 2024 as they host stream clean-ups in their communities.





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## 4: Engaging Communities for Clean Water



The GVC team went to West Virginia to lead an interactive workshop at the **Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay's Watershed Forum**. We shared our insights growing the *Clear Creeks Project* over the past decade and encouraged participants to think about their own community's environmental issue(s) through a social marketing lens.

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## 5: Building our Watershed Community



**Your donation makes a world of difference!** [Watch our Watershed Community reel](#) to get a glimpse of what your tax-deductible donations support. Please help us reach our goal of **\$50,000** by December 31st.

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