



**GUNPOWDER  
VALLEY**  
CONSERVANCY

**January 2024**

E-Newsletter

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

## A Positive Start to our 35th Year



Left to right: Carl Gold (Board Member), Kim Pause Tucker (Executive Director), Cyrus Green (Board President), and Don Callihan (Board Vice President), led a successful First Day Hike at Cromwell Valley Park.

After spending the last weeks of 2023 talking about our Watershed Community, it was energizing to actually put the idea into practice! **GVC hosted a First Day Hike at Cromwell Valley Park** on the afternoon of New Year's Day. We had 30 people in attendance, including long-time volunteers and brand new friends. GVC and Cromwell Valley Park Council Board Member, Carl Gold, led the hikers from the Sherwood House down along the Lime Kiln trail to the Minebank Run Trail and back. We learned about some of the history and ecology at the park while having fun.

Right before the hike, GVC leadership announced that we unlocked our \$10,000 match!! **Our end of year fundraising total surpassed \$40,000 and was our largest to date.** In short, a wonderful way to kick off our 35th Year.

Our First Day Hike was even **featured as part of the Baltimore Sun's "Picturing Maryland: A photo every day in 2024"** series (scroll down to beginning of January)

Stay tuned for our next GVC Social Hike in April. We hope to offer these events each quarter as an informal way for you to meet GVC staff and board members, as well as experience the natural beauty of the Gunpowder Watershed that we work so hard to preserve for future generations!

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## An Easy Way to Support GVC



New year, new partners! GVC is excited to announce that we are participating in the Target Circle program. You can vote for us and help direct Target's giving to benefit our nonprofit. For full program details and restrictions visit Target Circle at [target.com/circle](https://target.com/circle)

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## Volunteer Opportunities Coming Soon

## Make 2024 Your Year to Volunteer



We are finalizing the dates and locations of our spring volunteer opportunities. Keep an eye on [our online calendar of events](#) (and our February e-news!) for more details. GVC offers many ways for people to get their hands dirty for clean water, including stream clean-ups, tree planting, invasive plant removal, and more. Volunteers are the heart of the GVC. We can't wait to start working together again in the upcoming weeks.

## A New Member of Our Team



**Mary Ann Wilson**  
Board Treasurer

Join us in **welcoming our new Board Treasurer, Mary Ann Wilson!** Mary Ann is a CPA and a fractional CFO Consultant. The Loch Raven Reservoir holds a special place in her heart as she spent many hours biking and hiking there in her younger days and wants to help preserve the area for future generations. Learn more about Mary Ann and our other Board Members [here](#).



### Got Rain? Need Barrel?

GVC will be **hosting several Rain Barrel workshops and curbside pick-up events** between March - June this year. We want to make sure you're the first to know when the dates are publicized. Fill out our rain barrel interest form and we will send you an email notifying you of the upcoming dates.

New this year! We plan to test out a new order form that will make it more convenient for you to purchase your rain barrel in advance. Remember, if you live in our [Clear Creeks Project](#) area, you'll receive a 50% discount so that each barrel will only cost \$35.

**Sign Up for Rain Barrels**



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