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VALLEY**  
CONSERVANCY

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E-Newsletter

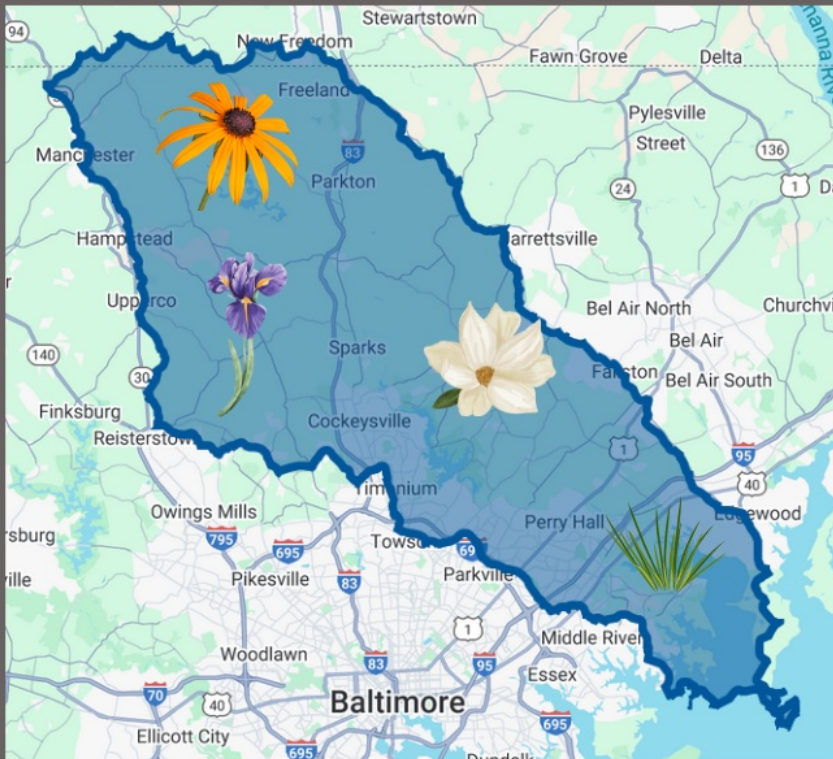
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# Protect Our Waterways

We all know that April showers bring May flowers...but what happens when all that rainwater falls on our homes, businesses, and other hard surfaces? It can become polluted if it comes into contact with automotive oils, garbage, sediment, pet waste, or lawn chemicals.

**Gunpowder Valley Conservancy (GVC) invites you to grow clean water by participating in our [Clear Creeks Project](#)**, which now covers the entire Gunpowder Watershed!

*Grow Clean Water In Your Backyard*



*with the Clear Creeks Project*

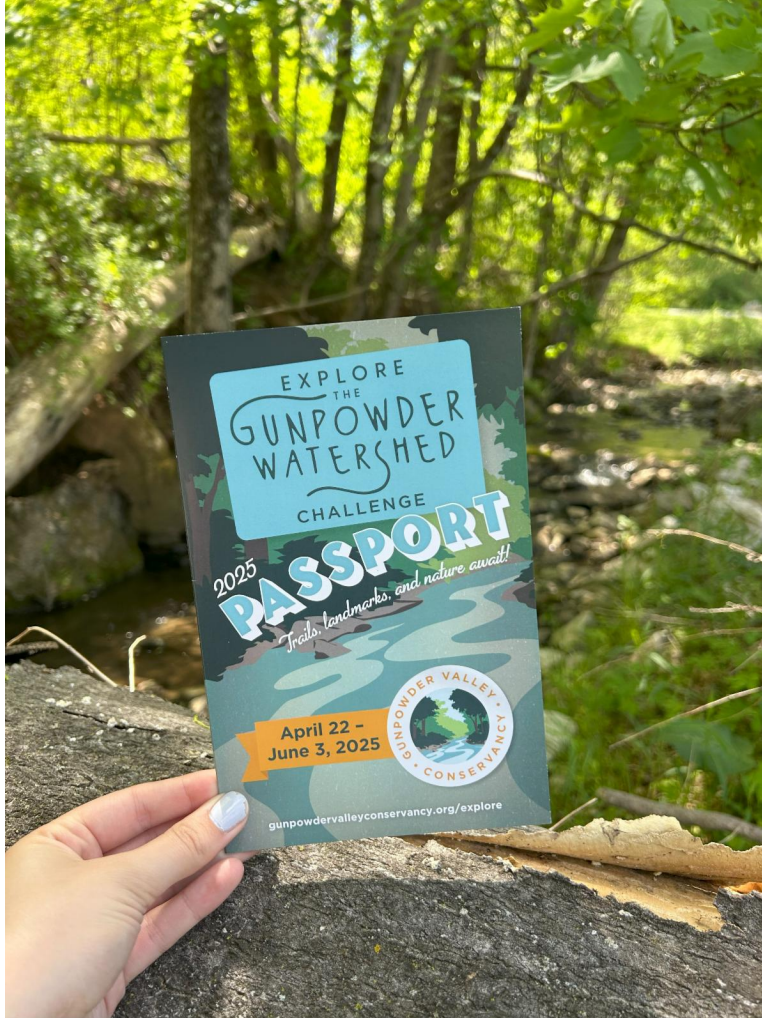
Here are a few ways to get started with GVC's [Clear Creeks Project](#)

- **Attend a FREE native plant workshop:** Learn about the benefits of adding native plants to your home garden. Join us as we finish installing a [Bayscape in Glen Arm](#) (Saturday, May 31 at 10 am), [Bayscape in Timonium](#) (Saturday, June 14 at 10 am), or [Rain Garden in Parkville](#) (Saturday, June 14 at 10 am). No gardening experience necessary!
- **Let us know you'd like a garden assessment:** [Fill out a brief form](#) to be considered for a Clear Creeks Project conservation garden. We currently have a wait list but look forward to connecting with you as soon as possible to discuss ways to promote clean water at your home.
- **Got rain? Need Barrel?:** We are finalizing a couple rain barrel workshops this summer. Rain barrels are an easy way to reduce stormwater runoff on your property. Best of all, if you live in the Gunpowder Watershed, each barrel only costs \$75 (including PVC elbow for downspout). [Fill out our interest form](#) and we will notify you of upcoming rain barrel workshops and sales.
- **Train to become a GVC Stream Captain:** Each year, GVC volunteer leaders help remove hundreds of pounds of trash from our local waterways. Join us on [Saturday, June 7th for our next "Adopt-a-Stream" workshop](#). Learn best practices for leading volunteers in a stream clean-up, how to identify stream hazards, and get matched with a stream segment.

*Coordinated by Gunpowder Valley Conservancy, the Clear Creeks Project is a grant-funded, citizen-based initiative that helps answer a community desire to restore the water quality of the Gunpowder Watershed. Additional funding provided by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation; Chesapeake Bay Trust; Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability; and Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund, administered by Maryland Department of Natural Resources.*

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# Last Chance to Explore!



Through our [2025 Explore the Gunpowder Watershed Challenge](#), we're spreading awareness about caring for the Gunpowder Watershed while staying active and getting out in nature. Bonus: challenge completers win prizes!

Next Tuesday, June 3rd, is the final day to earn 4 passport stickers and/or complete 20 miles of activity. We'd love for you to earn a FREE t-shirt and a chance at our grand prize: a full day paddleboarding or kayaking experience for two from Ultimate Watersports.

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