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A New Chapter for GVC



Gunpowder Valley Conservancy (GVC) is thrilled to introduce our next Executive Director, Lindsay Crone. Lindsay earned her Bachelor of Business Administration from James Madison University with a minor in Nonprofit Studies. Most recently she was a key contributor to the Y in Central Maryland where her impacts ranged from developing a peer-to-peer fundraising plan that significantly increased event donations, to leading their media strategy, to co-creating the Y's 3-year strategic plan.

Lindsay has also demonstrated a deep commitment to protecting the Gunpowder Watershed. She has served on GVC's Advisory Council since May 2024. Her environmental advocacy includes volunteering with Gunpowder RIVERKEEPER®, helping establish the northern branch of Chesapeake Water Watch, and co-founding "[Mad About Mud](#)" to address runoff issues affecting the Bird and Gunpowder Rivers. Additionally, she leads the Environment Committee of the Oliver Beach Improvement Association, mobilizing her community on critical environmental challenges.

What can we expect from GVC's new leader? Lindsay recently shared the following statement: "I am deeply honored to step into the role of Executive Director and continue the incredible work begun by a passionate group of volunteers 35 years ago. This is a pivotal moment, as the Chesapeake Bay Program reimagines its strategies, and I am thrilled to lead Gunpowder

Valley Conservancy into a new chapter."

GVC would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the Executive Director Search Committee—Jim Martin, Bill Vondrasek, Darcy Herman, Kim Thomas, and Luke Hancock, who led the effort. We are also immensely thankful to Karen Stupski for serving as interim Executive Director with grace and professionalism during this transitional period. We all look forward to a promising 2025 for the Gunpowder Valley Conservancy!



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GVC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

GVC Appreciates Our Volunteers!



GVC's 2024 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at Boordy Vineyards was a success! We celebrated our volunteer leaders and the amazing work they've helped us accomplish this year, recognized our volunteer award winners, and enjoyed delicious food, drinks, and dessert.

The winner of our Dessert Competition was **Sally Callihan**, with her yummy pumpkin pie trifle. Thank you to everyone who brought desserts to share as we celebrated our 2024 Award Winners.

Charlie Conklin Volunteer of the Year: Carl Gold

Carl has served GVC for many years as an engaged Stream Captain, Crew Chief, and Board Member. Carl consistently maintains the health of his stream segment through cleanups and health assessments. Additionally, Carl hosted a successful stream cleanup last November for one of our corporate sponsors, Constellation. He led the group as they collected 200 lbs of trash along Loch Raven Reservoir!

Community Leader of the Year: Susan Meier

Susan was recognized for her leadership working with GVC to install conservation gardens and plant native trees on the grounds of Faith Lutheran Church in Cockeysville. Susan also helped found the Beaverdam Green Team, a coalition of churches in the Cockeysville area that work together to address stormwater management on their properties as part of Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake (IPC)'s [*One Water Partnership*](#)

In Memoriam: Suzanne "Suzie" Merryman

We also presented a certificate to Rev. Nancy Hennessey, Rector of Sherwood Episcopal Church, in memory of Suzie Merryman who passed in 2024. Under Suzie's guidance and leadership, Sherwood Episcopal was able to secure a \$60,000 grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust for the design and

\$1.7 million from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for construction of green infrastructure projects to filter out pollutants before reaching Beaverdam Run and Loch Raven Reservoir. Suzie was also a driving force behind the Beaverdam Green Team, providing outreach to the Cockeysville community about impacts of their actions on local streams.

The certificate was presented to memorialize Suzie's contributions to GVC's mission as well as recognize the importance of GVC partners like IPC in protecting the waterways of the Gunpowder Watershed.

THANK YOU to our generous sponsors!

[Presbyterian Senior Living](#) made this event possible through their generous sponsorship. One of their communities, Glen Meadows (11630 Glen Arm Rd, Glen Arm), has a special connection to the Gunpowder Valley Conservancy. We have hosted multiple tree plantings at Glen Meadows, and current residents Pat Novak and Charlie Conklin are treasured volunteers and supporters of GVC.

[Boordy Vineyards](#) (12820 Long Green Pike, Hydes) donated their beautiful cellar space for our use and staffed a cash bar for everyone to enjoy. We highly recommend this venue as a place for special gatherings!

[Carrabba's Italian Grill](#) (130 Shawan Rd, Hunt Valley) provided delicious food and drinks for the event. Their staff were incredibly helpful throughout the entire process, and we are so grateful! Please patronize their location next time you're up in the area.

Volunteer with GVC



Inspired by our amazing volunteers? Join us at our next [Adopt-a-Stream training on March 1st](#) to learn how YOU can help protect and improve our local creeks and rivers. This free training is open to adult volunteers.

GVC Adopt-a-Stream training

Saturday, March 1, 2025

10 am - 1 pm

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