



**GUNPOWDER
VALLEY**
CONSERVANCY

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E-Newsletter

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

Sneak Peek: *Explore the Gunpowder*



Trails, landmarks, and nature await! Be sure to check out next month's e-news for more details about GVC's 2025 *Explore the Gunpowder Watershed* Challenge. This year the Challenge will run for six weeks starting on Earth Day, April 22nd!

Join GVC Board of Directors



Is 2025 getting you down? Why not focus on a meaningful way you can make a positive difference in your community! Gunpowder Valley Conservancy (GVC) is **seeking several new Board Members to achieve our mission** to engage, connect, and inspire people to preserve and restore the Gunpowder Watershed.

Over 60% of the greater Baltimore region's drinking water supply comes from within the Gunpowder Watershed. GVC is unique in that we are both a land trust AND environmental restoration nonprofit. Our work is focused on improving the land, water, and communities that make up our beautiful part of the Chesapeake Bay.

Interested? Please send your resume and cover letter to GVC Board President, Cyrus Green, at cyruslgreen@gmail.com.

Protecting the Watershed: The Fight for Funding

You've probably heard about the **Federal Funding Freeze** that went into effect in late January and the uncertainty it's causing across the non-profit sector. While a judge has temporarily paused the freeze, agencies are still scrambling to understand what it means. The result? **About half of GVC's operating revenue is now in question.**

But federal funding isn't the only concern. **The Maryland General Assembly is currently considering drastic cuts to conservation funding for the next four years.**

We need your help to ensure a healthier future for our watershed and our communities.

GVC Welcomes New Staff



Join GVC in welcoming our newest staff member, Audrey Azzam. As GVC Programs Assistant, she is learning about all the different activities that GVC coordinates...just in time for our busy spring season!

Audrey grew up searching for salamanders and exploring forests around the Loch Raven Reservoir. She recently graduated from the University of Maryland with bachelor's degrees in Biology and Environmental Science.

Make sure to say hi when you see Audrey at an upcoming GVC activity!

You Planted 40,000 Trees!



Our hard working volunteers never cease to amaze us. Last year, GVC officially **exceeded the milestone of planting 40,000 native trees** throughout our watershed. That's a lot of healthy air, clean water, and preferred wildlife habitat that you helped create.

Let's keep the momentum going! Make sure to register for our upcoming tree planting events.

- **Saturday, March 29:** [Tree Planting \(Reisterstown\)](#)
- **Saturday, April 5:** [Tree Planting](#)
- **Saturday, April 12:** [Tree Planting \(Reisterstown\)](#)
- **Saturday, April 19:** [Tree Planting](#)
- **Tuesday, April 22:** [Tree Planting \(Loch Raven Reservoir\)](#)
- **Friday, April 25:** [Tree Planting](#)
- **Saturday, April 26:** [Tree Planting](#)
- **Saturday, May 3:** [Tree Planting](#)
- **Saturday, May 10:** [Tree Planting](#)
- **Saturday, May 17:** [Tree Planting](#)
- **Saturday, May 24:** [Tree Planting \(Kingsville\)](#)

Several locations are still being finalized. You will receive updated driving directions by email prior to the event.

Volunteer with GVC

Keep in touch with Gunpowder Valley Conservancy:





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