



**GUNPOWDER
VALLEY**
CONSERVANCY

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E-Newsletter

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

Our Growing Staff



Welcome Sarah, ruth, and Macon!

Winter is usually a slower season for us at Gunpowder Valley Conservancy (GVC). But not February 2026! We're sending out our monthly e-newsletter a little later than usual because we've been busy on-boarding our three new team members.

Please join us as we warmly welcome:

- **Sarah Ramsey**, Communications and Outreach Coordinator
- **ruth tyson**, Urban Community Specialist
- **Macon Thompson**, Grants Manager

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Time to Buy Rain Barrels



Save water, save money, and save our local waterways! We are thrilled to **offer our first Rain Barrel workshop of the year at Robert Oliver Park** in Middle River on Saturday, March 21 from 10:30 am - 12 pm.

When you purchase a GVC rain barrel, you are reducing waste within our watershed! Our barrels are repurposed, food-grade barrels donated by McCormick. We are encouraging participants to save their spot by pre-paying for their rain barrel(s) using our online registration form.

[Register for Rain Barrels](#)

Conservation Garden Design Workshop

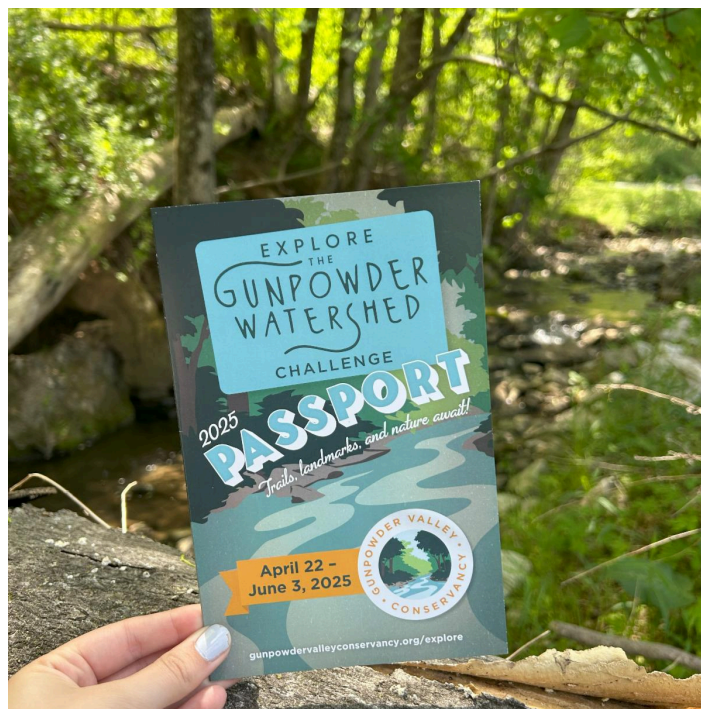


Want to create a rain garden but don't know where to start? We are offering a **Conservation Garden Design Workshop** on Saturday, March 28th in Kingsville. You will learn the principles of garden design and how to apply them to solving the stormwater problems in your yard.

Best of all, you will also have the opportunity to get personal feedback from GVC garden consultant, Patty Ceglia. This is a FREE workshop but, if you find this experience valuable, please consider making a donation to Gunpowder Valley Conservancy to support additional educational workshop in the future.

[Register for workshop!](#)

2026 Explore the Gunpowder



We are working behind-the-scenes to curate an amazing 2026 Explore the Gunpowder Watershed Challenge this spring. Stay tuned for more news in our March e-news.

We would love your input for our *Explore* celebration in June. This is when participants pick up their final prize and celebrate their adventures with our watershed community. This year, we are looking to invite vendors to make it a true celebration of all things Gunpowder! Just click on a green button below to vote in our poll. Thanks in advance!!

When would you prefer to join us for a GVC Celebration this June?

Thursday after work

Saturday afternoon

I have no preference!

Around the Gunpowder Watershed

Some quick highlights about activities happening around the Gunpowder Watershed. We'll be building out this section in upcoming issues.

The **Gunpowder Trailfest** mentioned in last month's issue has been cancelled for 2026 due to unforeseen logistical challenges. We hope to kickstart this event in 2027.

Baltimore County Forestry Board is offering its annual workshop at Oregon Ridge Lodge on March 21, 2026. This year's theme is "Forests: The Oldest, The Managed, Their Conversations" and includes four presentations by experts in their field. [Click here for more information](#)



The [Days Cove Task Force](#) now has a designated blog post on our website with bi-monthly updates regarding the Days Cove Rubble Landfill discharge permit and lease. One fun way to get involved is to sign up for the [2nd annual Flotilla for the Gunpowder River on Saturday, May 2nd](#). Show your love for the Gunpowder!

[Kudos to the following organizations for receiving Chesapeake WILD grant funding](#) to promote conservation and restoration work within and near the Gunpowder Watershed:

- Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay
- Friends of Hart Miller Island and Masonville Cove Conservation Partnership
- Harford Land Trust
- Neighbor Space of Baltimore County
- The Neighborhood Design Center

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