



**GUNPOWDER
VALLEY**
CONSERVANCY

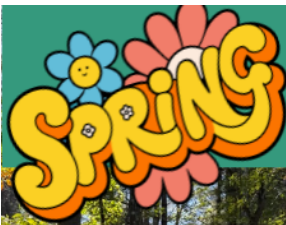
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E-Newsletter

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

What Are You Waiting For?!

Summer vibes, snow flurries, tornado warnings, and back to more sun! While the Maryland weather can't make up its mind, Gunpowder Valley Conservancy (GVC) is *confident* that spring (aka our busy season) is here!

We have 20+ outdoor opportunities for you to help protect and restore the places you love in the Gunpowder Watershed!



**into Volunteering with Gunpowder
Valley Conservancy!**



Time to plant more trees! Spend a spring Saturday morning at one of our upcoming tree planting events. Perfect for families, co-workers, Scout

troops, and anyone that values clean air and water.

- [Saturday, April 4 Tree Planting](#)
- [Saturday, April 11 Tree Planting](#)
- [Saturday, April 18 Tree Planting](#)
- [Saturday, April 25 Tree Planting](#)
- [Saturday, May 2 Tree Planting](#)
- [Saturday, May 9, Tree Planting](#)
- [Saturday, May 16, Tree Planting](#)
- [Saturday, May 23 Tree Planting](#)

Help our trees grow into healthy forests! Join us on [Saturday, March 28th to maintain native trees](#) planted at Pine Ridge Golf Course.

Volunteers are needed to remove invasive vines and make sure the trees are growing upright. P.S. We'll be adding more of these events to our calendar in the near future!

Leaders needed to clean streams! Our [April 4th Adopt-a-Stream Workshop](#) is now full, but we'll be offering another one later this year. Email Sydney West at swest@gunpowdervc.org to be added to our waitlist.

Help preserve land and wildlife habitat for future generations. It's time for our next [Land Preservation Monitoring event on May 16th](#). Volunteers will go out in teams to visit preserved properties and assess the condition of natural resources onsite.

Got rain? Need barrel? Now is the perfect time to add a rain barrel to your yard to conserve water and do your part to reduce stormwater runoff to our local waterways. Purchase your rain barrels now for our [April 30th Rain Barrel Workshop](#).

Grow clean water with native gardens! Learn about the benefits of rain gardens and Bayscapes at our upcoming workshops. You can even brush up on your gardening skills and help add the final plants to a newly-installed garden.

- [Saturday, April 18 Bayscape Workshop](#)
- [Saturday, April 25 Rain Garden Workshop](#)
- [Saturday, May 2 Rain Garden Workshop](#)
- [Saturday, May 16 Bayscape Workshop](#)
- [Saturday, May 30 Bayscape Tour & Workshop](#)

Looking for professional guidance to build your own rain garden? We are offering two FREE conservation garden design workshops this spring geared towards do-it-yourself gardeners interested in adding native plants to their yard. Space is limited - so sign up today for our [March 28th workshop in Kingsville](#) or [April 11th design workshop in Cockeysville](#).

Celebrate the beauty of the Gunpowder! Our partners at Mad About Mud are hosting their [2nd Annual Flotilla for the Gunpowder River on Saturday, May 2nd](#). Come together with fellow water enthusiasts to celebrate our progress and show your support for the future of the Gunpowder.

Speak your mind! Public comments are open for the next Maryland State Wildlife Action Plan. This is your opportunity to provide feedback that will guide conservation efforts concerning our state's Species of Greatest Conservation Need and the habitats they depend on. Deadline to comment is Friday, April 10th. [Click here to learn more.](#)

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