



**GUNPOWDER  
VALLEY**  
CONSERVANCY

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E-Newsletter

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

## Functional Flora



Conservation gardens are often praised for their ability to provide habitat for pollinators, such as butterflies and birds. **The benefits, however, extend to all types of wildlife, as homeowners on Sue Creek recently discovered.** This spring, they noticed that a painted turtle had chosen their rain garden—installed by Gunpowder Valley Conservancy (GVC) in 2021—as a nesting site! They kept an eye on the garden throughout the summer and helped the hatchlings (pictured above) make their way to Sue Creek.

Upstream from the baby turtles, we have another story that showcases functional flora in the Gunpowder Watershed. Welcome to Marc Hauptman's property in suburban Towson, which is now a poster child for stormwater management landscaping.



Marc initiated a relationship with GVC a few years ago to address a problem. "I was getting a lot of erosion. I took down a lot of big trees...that created more water runoff than what I was getting before," Marc shared, "Plus, the ground being compact and this clay soil...[I needed help with the erosion.]"

**Marc had a stormwater problem. GVC had stormwater solutions.**

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Does Marc's story hit close to home? Join GVC for a free garden workshop to see first-hand the benefits of adding native plants to your landscape. No gardening experience required!

- **August 30th:** [Rain Garden in Timonium](#)
- **September 27th:** [Rain Garden in Essex](#)
- **October 4th:** [Rain Garden in Oliver Beach](#)
- **October 25th:** [Bayscape Garden in Timonium](#)
- **November 1st:** [Rain Garden in Essex](#)

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## Speak For the Streams



It's easy to take for granted our neighborhood streams. Many lack a name, simply referred to as the dull "unnamed tributary". **You have the chance to give voice to our local waterways by becoming a GVC Stream Captain.** Attend our free [Adopt-a-Stream workshop](#) on September 13th to learn more.

[Read more](#)

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## Help Us Grow Healthy Forests



GVC could use some more smiling faces in our forests! We're approaching our busy season for our reforestation efforts. Please check your schedules and see when you (and a friend!) can spend a couple hours making a difference for future generations.

- **August 29th:** [Tree Maintenance in Timonium](#)
- **September 6th:** [Tree Maintenance in Timonium in Essex](#)
- **September 27th:** [Tree Planting - location TBD](#)
- **October 4th:** [Tree Planting - location TBD](#)

Make sure to congratulate Colin Maglietta when you see him at an upcoming event. He recently finished his year of service with the Chesapeake Conservation & Climate Corps and is staying on with GVC as a Reforestation Technician.



# Eat at Evening Among the Trees!



School is back in session, which means fall is just around the corner! Now is the time to [purchase your tickets](#) for Gunpowder Valley Conservancy's signature fundraiser, *Evening Among the Trees*. Here at GVC we like to use acronyms and so our shorthand for the event is E.A.T.

Now that we have food on the mind, we wanted to highlight the sumptuous fare that our guests will enjoy on October 18th. The event will be catered by [Sunshine Grille](#), which is known for its casually elegant Greek & American cuisine. The menu will include:

- Vegetarian/vegan Greek Tapas
- Sandwiches (prime rib, smoked salmon, Italian deli, chicken salad)
- Skewers (meat, vegetarian, and vegan options)
- Shrimp Ceviche
- Deviled Eggs (3 varieties!!!)
- Hibachi Beef in a pastry puff

And dessert...well, you're just going to have to see for yourself!

[Purchase Tickets](#)

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