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E-Newsletter

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

You Raised \$33,000 for 33 Years!



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Thank You!

We set our sights high and you
helped us reach the top. 🌳

Goal reached. Match complete. What a way to head into the new year!!

Everything is looking up thanks to YOU, our incredible community of volunteers and supporters. We are so grateful to everyone that contributed to our Year-End Appeal campaign. Thanks to your confidence in our work and mission we were able to secure our largest match campaign ever, doubling \$16,500 into \$33,000 for our 33rd Anniversary!

We are excited for 2023 as we embark on some of our most impactful initiatives to date. Follow along as we announce events, new projects, volunteer opportunities and so much more.

One way that #GVCgrows in 2023? We are looking for more new great staff and volunteers! Some opportunities are listed at the end of this newsletter.

Not a Typo: 2021 Annual Report

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The Gunpowder Watershed is a precious natural resource that is home to so many living things, including us.

Sarah Haines
GVC Board Secretary



Still writing the wrong year on forms? You're not the only one having trouble adjusting to time changes! GVC spent all of 2022 catching up on not one, but two, annual reports. We just released our **2021 Annual Report on our website** and look forward to summarizing all of our 2022 successes ASAP!

Read our 2021 Annual Report and see why GVC board members believe our local forests and streams are a precious resource.

Discussing Our Shared Vision



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The Gunpowder in 2050 OUR SHARED VISION

**People feel secure
with their water.**



It is a place for safe swimming, fishing, and boating. The drinking water is safe.

People feel welcome & connected



Amenities along the Gunpowder feel inclusive to a wide range of people. People engage in community clean ups.

Collaboration



City and County agencies work together with local groups. They communicate smoothly and effectively across many platforms.

Restored & Regenerated



Invasive species are under control. Native landscaping and riparian buffers support healthy ecosystems.

Communication & Adoption



Messaging is clear, consistent and makes a connection between a healthy Gunpowder and healthy families

Land Use & Access

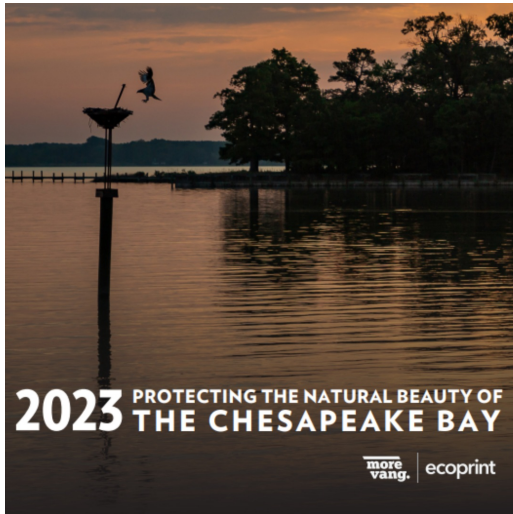


Land is zoned to protect the health of the watershed and development is managed with environmental stewardship in mind.

Last year, the Gunpowder Valley Conservancy (GVC) hosted our inaugural [Gunpowder Watershed Forum](#). A group of 60+ participants came together to assemble a vision of the Gunpowder in 2050, one rooted in our shared goal of clean water. We are excited to announce that the conversation will continue this year at two FREE events designed to encourage discussion among organizations and individuals within the Gunpowder Watershed.

The "Gunpowder in 2050" Roundtables will be held **February 23rd** (Perry Hall Library) and **March 9th** (Cockeysville Library). Visit our website for more details.

[Learn More](#)



GVC is thrilled to be featured in Ecoprint's 2023 Chesapeake Bay Calendar. Make sure to check out their [GVC: A Baltimore Connection to the Chesapeake Bay](#) blog post about our great work. Best of all, a portion of the proceeds from each calendar goes to the contributing organizations including GVC.



Dreaming of a new garden featuring native plants? A backyard without standing water?

Click this link to find out how you can get on our list to receive a rain garden at an 80% discount. We are actively seeking candidates NOW!



GVC staff spent their Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday giving back to their local communities and beyond. GVC Communications Manager, Amy Young, recruited her husband to remove several bags of trash--including rusted car parts--from a local stream within the Lower Gunpowder Falls area. She submitted the total pounds of trash removed to Baltimore County's [Clean Green 15 Challenge](#) so that Seven Oaks Elementary School can get credit towards an environmental project grant.

Other GVC staff volunteered with the [Friends of Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary](#) and [Zooniverse](#), an online tool that enables volunteers to contribute to large-scale research projects.

We'd love for you to join our team! GVC is currently seeking applicants for:

- [Stream Programs Assistant](#)
- [Chesapeake Conservation & Climate Corps member](#)
- [Reforestation and Forest Stewardship Micro-internship](#)

Visit the [GVC Intern and Careers page](#) for more details



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