



**GUNPOWDER
VALLEY**
CONSERVANCY

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E-Newsletter

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

Reducing Pollution on Providence Road



This month, GVC officially kicked off our year-long **Bay-Wise Project at Divinity Lutheran** located at 1220 Providence Road. Nestled among mature forest and homes, the church already has a strong connection with the outdoors. We look forward to working in partnership with [Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake](#) to reduce stormwater runoff on the property AND nurture a new community of environmental stewards. We will also be working with [Baltimore County Master Gardeners](#) to achieve Bay-Wise Certification for the Divinity Lutheran Church campus.

We began our meeting with a shared blessing ("Water Unites Us All") to *'open our minds and hearts to heal our disconnect from the sacred waters of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed...our shared home.'* We hope to repair that disconnect by engaging the church community, affiliated garden club members, neighbors, and high school students at a variety of free educational workshops, including a rain barrel sale and Bayscape installation.

Stayed tuned for more details about how we'll be updating the area around their outdoor chapel. The Bay-Wise Project at Divinity Lutheran is primarily funded by a [Chesapeake Bay Trust's Outreach and Restoration Grant](#).

Are you affiliated with a local business or faith-based organization with a commitment to clean water for all? Fill out our interest form to identify ways to get involved with GVC!

Connect your Group with GVC!

Calendar of Events

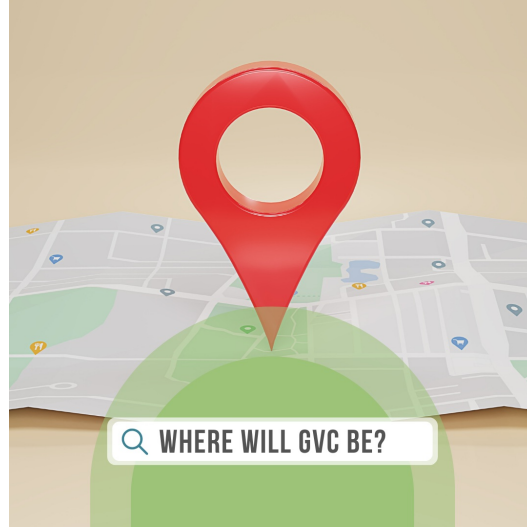
March 22nd was [World Water Day](#) and here in the Gunpowder Watershed, every drop counts! Over 60% of Baltimore's drinking water comes from within our watershed boundaries, meaning we need to be better stewards to ensure clean water for all. Attending a GVC volunteer activity is a great place to start! Get riled up when you see trash strewn on hiking trails (or even in your neighborhood)? Sign up for our free Adopt-A-Stream training on April 15th.



Make sure you register yourself, your family and/or volunteer group as soon as possible. Advance registration is required and some dates are already close to full. More opportunities will be added to our online calendar in upcoming weeks.

- **Saturday, April 15** (10 am - 1 pm): [Adopt a Stream workshop \(Kingsville\)](#)
- **Saturday, April 15** (9 am - 12 pm): [Stream Clean-Up \(Parkville\)](#)
- **Saturday, May 6** (10 am - 1 pm): [Tree Planting \(Lutherville\)](#)
- **Saturday, May 13** (10 am - 1 pm): [Tree Planting \(Parkton\)](#)
- **Saturday, May 20** (10 am - 1 pm): [Tree Planting \(Loch Raven\)](#)

See You During Earth Month!



Earth Day is everyday when you work for an environmental nonprofit. But now you don't have to settle for just a single day or long weekend to participate in environmentally-friendly events. April is full of Earth MONTH events and GVC is excited to participate in many of them across the Gunpowder Watershed. Make sure to also [visit IPC's calendar of events](#) for even more Earth Day activities across the Chesapeake Bay!

- Saturday, April 15: [Spring Festival @ Marshy Point](#)
- Thursday, April 20: [CCBC Essex Earth Day Fair](#)
- Thursday, April 20: [Sparks-Glencoe Community Planning Council Annual Meeting](#)
- Saturday, April 22: [Earth Day @ Piney Run Nature Center](#)
- Saturday, April 22: [Earth Day @ Dejon Vineyard](#)
- Thursday, April 27: [Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland](#)
- Thursday, April 27: [Earth Day @ Textron Systems](#)

Saturday, April 29: *Explore the Gunpowder KICKOFF!*

#GVCExplore is Returning in May!



Save the date! Our favorite fundraiser, *Explore the Gunpowder Watershed Challenge*, is returning as a 45 DAY CHALLENGE from May 1st - June 14th. It will be free to participate and will include a passport where you can collect GVC stickers at local businesses and nature centers.

You're invited to learn more about *Explore the Gunpowder* at our kickoff event at Oregon Ridge Nature Center's Lake Pavilion on Saturday, April 29th. Details to follow in April.

We'd also love your help connecting with local sponsors interested in being featured in our event passport. This exciting opportunity is available to sponsors at the \$500 level or above. [Visit our sponsor page](#) to find out more.

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