

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

## Successful Spring for GVC

Proud to be a 2024  
Grant Recipient!



Spring is usually our busy season for field work. This spring is no exception as Gunpowder Valley Conservancy (GVC) has **recently been awarded two grants totaling \$60,000** to expand our work as a land trust and watershed restoration nonprofit.

GVC was fortunate to receive awards from two different tracks within the [Keep Maryland Beautiful grant program](#). One project will add 600 native trees to a pollinator farm in Reisterstown, which had lost a substantial number of ash trees due to emerald ash borer in recent years. The other project will enable GVC to focus on expanding capacity building for our land preservation work. Stay tuned for updates later this year!

The Keep Maryland Beautiful grant program awarded \$236,276 for environmental education, community cleanup, and beautification projects. This grant program is funded by the Maryland Environmental Trust, Maryland Department of Transportation, Maryland Department of Agriculture, and the Chesapeake Bay Trust.

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## Time is Running Out!

# Help support us with Target Circle.

Vote by March 31.



Attention, Target shoppers! **March 31st is the last day to vote for GVC through Target Circle.** Your vote will help direct Target's giving to benefit our organization and the community. Visit [target.com/circle](https://target.com/circle) or follow these steps in the Target app:

- Step 1: Choose "My Target" in the Target app
- Step 2: Tap on "Target Circle"
- Step 3: Select "Vote for nonprofits"
- Step 4: Find us & vote!

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## Our Latest Annual Report



The past two years have been filled with lots of change and growth in our organization. As such, we had a slight delay compiling our 2022 Annual Report. We hope you enjoy our 2022 summary and look forward to bringing you our 2023 highlights later this year!

[Read more](#)

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## We've Got Rain Barrels!

**Spring is the perfect time to add rain barrels to your yard!** GVC is excited to announce our upcoming Rain Barrel workshops:

- [Saturday, May 11th at Graham Equestrian Center](#)
- [Sunday, June 2nd at Ashland Presbyterian Church](#)

We offer blue rain barrels for \$70. If you live in our [Clear Creeks Project area](#), you're eligible for a 50% discount of \$35/barrel! Reserve your barrels today with our new online order form!

**Register for May 11th**

**Register for June 2nd**



*Celebrating World Water Day Together*



Working together to reduce water pollution, one yard at a time! Last week, GVC celebrated World Water Day with about 20 McCormick employees at their Technical Auxiliary Center in Hunt Valley.

Did you know that GVC repurposes McCormick's food-grade plastic containers into rain barrels that collect rainwater to use at a later date? This reduces the volume of water running across our yards and hard surfaces that can lead to pollution, flooding, and erosion. Rain barrels are an easy way to maintain your yard's landscaping in the summer.

Thank you, McCormick, for helping us promote sustainability in the Gunpowder Watershed and beyond

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**Join us for a "Night Out With  
Nature"**



## Preserving the Gunpowder for Future Generations

**Friday, April 5th**

6:30 PM @ Sherwood House  
\$10 includes dessert

Register online at:

[cromwellvalleypark.org](http://cromwellvalleypark.org)

We'd love for you to join us at Cromwell Valley Park on Friday, April 5th. Charlie Conklin will share why he has volunteered with GVC for three decades and provide insight into how GVC helped preserve the land that would become Cromwell Valley Park. GVC staff Amy Young will provide an overview of ways you can take action at home and in the community to promote clean water for future generations.

Tickets are \$10/person and include dessert. Reservations are required. Visit [www.cromwellvalleypark.org/nown-2/](http://www.cromwellvalleypark.org/nown-2/)

[Click here to register](#)

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