



NEWS FROM THE GVC

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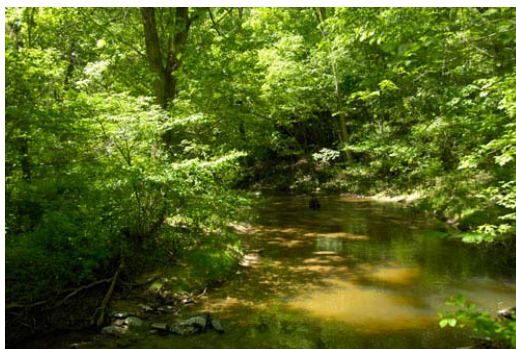
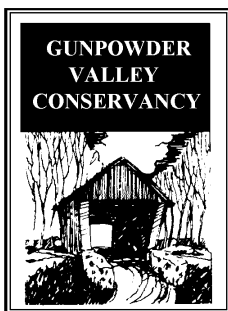
Rural Legacy Program Grants GVC \$500,000 to Preserve more Baltimore County Land!

Over the past three years the GVC has worked with Baltimore County landowners to conserve 335 additional acres of beautiful, undeveloped land. We now have 1,350 acres under stewardship. Some of this land buffers our watershed, some provides woodland for animals and native plants and other acres provide farmland for local farming. All and all, the land maintains the rural heritage of northern Baltimore County. Your generous donations and support have helped our organization grow and succeed. In my professional life, I provide services for states and local governments. Everyday, I am acutely aware of the difficult, if not overwhelming, budgetary crisis that the public sector is facing. Even in the face of a new austerity, the State, through its Rural



Legacy program has granted the **GVC \$500,000 for additional land preservation in 2010**. Our success in locating, negotiating and settling on open space land easements in Baltimore County has given Rural Legacy confidence that we can deploy new grant funding year after year. Thank you Rural Legacy Program!

Coupled with grant funds available from prior years, the GVC now has around \$750,000 in funding available for additional easements; so if you or someone you know would like to learn more about selling or donating a conservation easement please give us a call at 410 472-4886. We would be glad to meet with you to familiarize you with the in and outs of land preservation! Land Preservation Committee



GVC Restores the Gunpowder Watershed Thanks to You!

2009 was another fantastic year for restoration and education thanks to each and every one of our GVC members and volunteers! Thanks to YOU we can implement more restoration projects, conduct more educational presentations/workshops/trainings, recruit more volunteers from more community organizations and schools, and conduct more community outreach events. Take a look at our 2009 accomplishments list on page 6 and let us show you our appreciation by attending the "Evening in the Forest" 20th anniversary event (more information on the back cover)!

Upcoming Events with the GVC



Participants in our Stream Watch program look at the macro-invertebrates (bugs) on a rock from the stream.

Date	Time	Event	Location
April 10	9 – 12	Project Clean Stream	Gunpowder Watershed
April 17	9 – 1	Tree Planting	Loch Raven Reservoir
*April 24	9 – 12	Tree Planting	Cromwell Valley Park
*April 28	9 – 12	Tree Planting	Loch Raven Reservoir
May 8	9 – 1	Tree Planting	Loch Raven Reservoir
May 15	9 – 1	Tree Planting	Bee Tree Preserve
May 23	9 – 1	Tree Planting	Loch Raven Reservoir
May 29	9 – 2	Trail Maintenance Workshop	Loch Raven Reservoir
June 5	10 – 2	Stream Watch Training	Christus Victor Lutheran
June 19	10 – 12	Rain Barrel Workshop	Graham Equestrian Center

Seeking volunteers for all but the stated events! To volunteer for an event or register for a workshop or training, contact Peggy Perry, Program Director of Gunpowder Valley Conservancy and Jennifer Branch Project Manager at 410-668-0118 or email at pperry@gunpowderfalls.org. (Schedule is subject to change.)

Volunteers Wanted for Spring Restoration and Education Events

EARTH DAY is right around the corner!! That means time for **SPRING TREE PLANTINGS** again!! Have you ever considered coming out and joining us for a fun filled, educational and rewarding tree planting event? Well now is the time; we need supportive earth stewards like **You** to volunteer for our wonderful tree plantings this Spring and Summer.

GVC will be conducting 6 tree planting events, planting a total of 878 native hardwood trees, (such as red oak, burr oak, swamp white oak, pin oak, red buds, silver maple and sycamore) on 4.25 acres in the Gunpowder Watershed. Our plantings are made possible through a Watershed Stewardship grant provided by Chesapeake Bay Trust and a Conservation grant by Recreational Equipment Inc. GVC will plant at 3 locations this season: 750 trees on 3.75 acres in Loch Raven Reservoir, 58 (4 gallon) trees on .25 acres at Bee Tree Preserve, and 70 trees on .25 acres in Cromwell Valley Park. If you would like to volunteer for a tree planting this spring contact us ASAP, (see events above and contact info on page 5).

The GVC is also recruiting for a **Trail Maintenance/ Invasive Removal and Native Plant Workshop on May 29, 2010 at the Loch Raven Reservoir from 9:30am-2:00pm.**

Our goal is to offer a hands-on learning experience within Loch Raven Reservoir on the proper techniques of trail maintenance, (such as rolling grade dips to prevent sediment erosion and improve water quality), and an invasive removal and native planting project by a Dr. of Biology from the Catonsville Community College of Baltimore. A bonus educational presentation on the history of Loch Raven Reservoir and the water supply system will also be offered by the Baltimore City Watershed Manager. We are hoping to engage 45 participants, students ages 12 and up, community members, REI employees, scouts, and trail users who care about our drinking water, our watershed, and the Chesapeake Bay! This FREE event is made possible by a conservation grant from Recreational Equipment, Inc., a new partner with Gunpowder Valley Conservancy (GVC), and partnerships forged with the City of Baltimore Reservoir Natural Resources Section and the Watershed Rangers, the Mid-Atlantic Off Road Enthusiasts, Sierra Club, and the Catonsville Community College of Baltimore.

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Tree planting volunteers at Loch Raven Reservoir (above) and Towson University students (below).

Letter from the President: WELCOME TO SPRING

The Beginning of our 2010 Restoration and Preservation Activities!

As the temperature climbs into the “comfortable” range, as daffodils awaken and nature’s symphony draws our attention to the wonders of life, we begin the planning of our activities – tree plantings, stream watch and clean ups, trail maintenance and, most importantly, our work in Jennifer Branch to reduce the impacts of damaging rain fall – called stormwater, that is eroding this beautiful tributary to the Gunpowder River and the Bay. Our land preservation efforts, education and outreach continue as we utilize both the State Rural Legacy and Maryland Environmental Trust partners to encourage landowners to preserve their land for future generations. We continue our efforts to preserve the historical character of the Gunpowder Watershed by our support of the Historic Long Island Farm, Inc. organization that is diligently working to address the challenges and opportunities to preserve this historic treasure.

I have been frequently asked why people should volunteer and support the GVC. Having been associated with this fine organization for its 20-year history, I have no problem personally answering this question, but for others who may not have been in the trenches, literally, of the GVC activities, perhaps we have not done a good job of conveying our *value* to the community. Those of you who have volunteered and supported the GVC are aware of our accomplishments in quantifiable environmental outcomes – number of trees planted, streams adopted, trails maintained, acres preserved, conservation practices (rain barrels and gardens) installed. These measures have been increasing every year!!! You have experienced the sense of accomplishment as well as community building that makes our work meaningful to the watershed in which we live and love.

Where our positive impact may not be as evident to even those associated with the GVC is in the area of providing service opportunities to members of the community that encompasses schools and universities, scout groups, churches, businesses, senior centers, service clubs and individuals, all who have a desire to make a difference not only in their lives, but for future generations. I like to think that the GVC provides an opportunity of hope for a sustainable future for our children, by preserving a world that we have been so fortunate to have experienced.

I share with you some testimonials that our volunteers offered as to why they volunteer with the GVC:

“When I initially volunteered at the GVC I wanted service hours for my high school, but when I learned more about what the GVC was doing for the environment, I was amazed. I returned every Saturday that I could make to plant trees and started learning more about what trees do and about what the GVC is. So I volunteered and kept coming back to get that sense of gratification and accomplishment of planting as least a hundred trees every time.” *Loch Raven H.S. Student*

“GVC has a well run tree planting program and recognizes its volunteers, that makes me feel like a very valued and respected volunteer.”

“To teach my kids about volunteerism and the environment in one step.”

“Improve the environment for my offspring and gain self satisfaction.”

“To make a positive impact on our environment.”

“I volunteer because I believe it is important for every citizen to be an active citizen who gives back for the greater good of the community.”

Amen!



Students from McDonough High School plant a tree at Loch Raven Reservoir

It is the intention of the GVC to continue to grow to provide increasing *value* to the community. To accomplish this, we need your help in conveying this *value* message to your friends and neighbors so they will become engaged in experiencing the sense of making a difference by volunteering and supporting the GVC. As has been said many, many times, we are all in this together. Thanks for your support at every level.

Charlie Conklin, *President*

GVC Hires New Staff!

The Gunpowder Valley Conservancy (GVC) is excited to announce the hiring of two new staff members, Kenna Oseroff and Rachel Streusand. Both were hired to assist Peggy Perry, the Program Director of Education and Restoration in the completion of many new restoration projects funded over the next 2 years.



Kenna enjoying the New Orleans Jazz Festival last year.

Kenna Oseroff was hired in December 2009 as the Assistant Project Manager for the Jennifer Branch Preservation Project, a 2 year project financed by a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (see facing page). Kenna will be assisting Peggy Perry, the Project Manager for this project, in the communities of Carney and Cub Hill under the grant.

Kenna has had a passion for environmental issues since she was a teen. Growing up around animals and being involved with outdoor sports fostered this concern for the degradation of the environment. Kenna decided she wanted to major in the environmental sciences which led to her undergraduate degree from Prescott College in Prescott, Arizona. There she completed a program in Ecology and successfully wrote a Greenway Plan for Granite Creek. She was pleased to find out that the local government and community embraced aspects of the plan and employed recommendations such as community access and restoration.

After graduation Kenna moved to California where she led at risk and disadvantaged youth to the wilderness to conduct stream restoration for two endangered species, trail maintenance, fire prevention (construction of fuel breaks) and urban tree planting projects. This non profit employed these youth, exposed them to something unfamiliar, and gave them purpose, as well as a paycheck.

Upon moving back east, Kenna worked for the Chesapeake Research Consortium at the Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) for the Living Resources Subcommittee. Being employed at the CBP she was exposed first hand to the policy and science surrounding the Chesapeake Bay. This experience influenced Kenna to complete a Master of Science Program at Johns Hopkins University in Environmental Sciences and Policy. Currently Kenna is also employed as an Environmental Specialist. Her focus is environmental planning and storm water management design.

GVC also hired Rachel Streusand in December 2009 as our Watershed Assistant. Rachel will be assisting the GVC with multiple restoration projects financed by grants from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management Watershed Stewardship grant, and Community College of Baltimore County Bay Consortium Watershed Education and Training Project, (B-WET). Rachel will be assisting the GVC Project Managers with the Jennifer Branch Preservation Project; assisting with the Stream Watch Program with our watershed partner, the Prettyboy Watershed Alliance under the Baltimore County Stewardship grant; and working as project assistant for Baltimore County School stream and vegetation samplings under the B-WET grant.

Rachel graduated Summa cum Laude from the University of Maryland in December of 2008 with a B.S. in Environmental Science and Policy, with a concentration in Biodiversity and Conservation Biology. While completing this degree she had multiple work experiences, including internships with the Center for Watershed Protection and the EPA Region III Environmental Finance Center and working at a Green Roof Nursery. In addition she studied abroad in both France and Tanzania, completing a research project on the Impact of Natural Trails on Jozani National Forest in Zanzibar, Tanzania. After graduation she began the same Environmental Management Career Development Program through the Chesapeake Research Consortium which Kenna completed. In this position she supports the Chesapeake Bay Program's Water Quality Goal Implementation Team and several of its supporting workgroups, including the Stormwater Workgroup.

Rachel's interests include various gravity powered adventure sports including snowboarding, rock climbing and skydiving. She also enjoys any opportunity to speak French, talking to people about environmental issues, and working outside. Currently, she is working on Bayscaping her new home!

We are very happy to add Kenna and Rachel onto our staff and look forward to completing many successful restoration projects together in the coming years!



Rachel sitting on a mangrove root during her research in Tanzania.

GVC Kicks Off the Jennifer Branch Preservation Project

The Jennifer Branch Preservation Project is a GVC led, community based project working to restore the Jennifer Branch tributary of the Lower Gunpowder River. The overall goal is to preserve Jennifer Branch by assisting residents within the Jennifer Branch watershed (Carney and Cub Hill residents), to beautify their yards in a green way to improve the health of Jennifer Branch, the Gunpowder River and ultimately the

Chesapeake Bay. The Jennifer Branch was targeted for this project as a suburban stream negatively impacted by stormwater runoff (image of Jennifer Branch below).



Stormwater runoff is the fastest growing source of pollution in the Chesapeake Bay and a concern in much

of our watershed. In the Jennifer Branch watershed, and many other areas on the Gunpowder River watershed, much of land was developed before any stormwater controls were required. The increase in impervious cover (paved surfaces, buildings, etc.) and encroachment on the stream has created an increase in the velocity, volume and pollutants in stormwater runoff. (Cont. on pg. 7)



Baltimore Co. Master Gardeners present their Bay-Wise Garden sign at the Jennifer Branch Kick-Off (above). Participants in our Stream Watch program collect critters from the stream (below).

Volunteers Wanted (continued from page 2)

GVC will also be conducting a **Stream Watch Adopt-a-stream training on June 5th, 2010** in the Jennifer Branch Watershed at the Christus Victor Lutheran Church, from 10-2.

We are looking for Earth stewards to participate in our Stream Watch/Adopt-a-Stream program. This training will include a power point presentation and a stream side hands on learning experience. Workshop participants will learn about the Gunpowder watershed, the challenges it faces, and how we can help County agencies protect and improve our local streams. Topics will include how to safely clean up the stream, how to properly identify problems such as sewer breaks and illicit discharges, who to contact to report such problems, and how to identify the health of a stream by the creatures that live within it, (so wear rubber boots!). GVC already conducted a training on March 20th for 20 participants, mostly from the Jennifer Branch watershed. It was our largest training group since this program was implemented in 2007. And we are pleased to announce that Jennifer Branch residents, who were very enthusiastic, adopted 8, ¼ mile stream sections of Jennifer Branch & tributaries. That is a huge success!



And finally this spring, GVC will be conducting a **Rain Barrel Workshop on June 19, 2010** at the Graham Equestrian Center in the Jennifer Branch Watershed. This workshop is meant for individuals interested in saving water and reducing rainwater runoff which can carry pollutants to our streams and bay. The water you save can be used for garden and lawn watering, washing your car or tools, or it can simply be released more gradually into the ground where it can recharge our groundwater supplies. Participants can save water, save money, and save our streams all at the same time! If you are interested in assembling your own rain barrel or just want to learn more about rain barrels register today! Workshop is FREE. If you wish to take a barrel home with you and you are a Gunpowder Valley Conservancy member the cost is \$50, non-members is \$60, (cost includes rain barrel and assembly kit). For those who live in Carney, your cost is HALF PRICE through the Jennifer Branch Preservation Project, a project funded by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation! Members who would like a rain barrel but can not attend the workshop can buy one preassembled for \$60. Non-members can buy one preassembled for \$75.

To register for a workshop or training, to volunteer at a tree planting or stream clean up, or to become a GVC member, contact Peggy Perry, GVC Program Director at 410-668-0118 or pperry@gunpowderfalls.org. For more information on the Jennifer Branch Preservation Project go to our website at www.jenniferbranch.org. And for more information on the GVC visit our website at www.gunpowderfalls.org.

Peggy Perry, *Education and Restoration Committee*

Our Accomplishments in 2009

Tree Plantings:

- ✦ 2,016 native trees planted on 10 acres (5 acres riparian or stream bank, 5 acres upland reforestation)
- ✦ 834 planting volunteers, more every year since we began planting in the 1990s
- ✦ 2,502 total tree planting volunteer hours
- ✦ Crew Chief leader numbers grew 60%



A proud volunteer during our planting at Bee Tree Preserve (above). Kids from Hereford High School (below).

And now we want to thank these 20 community groups (9 schools, 5 scout groups, 2 churches, 3 businesses, and 1 youth group) for providing volunteers and working so hard to make the GVC 2009 tree plantings so successful!!

THANKS to: Rosedale Alternative School, Hereford High School, Towson University (5 clubs); Neighbors City Charter School, Al Rahim Islamic School, Sudbrook Magnet Middle School, Dulaney High School Key Club, McDonogh Middle School, and Waldorf School of Baltimore; Cub Scout Pack 1742 and pack 247, Boy Scout Troop 742 and 451, and Girl Scout Troop 1112; Towson Presbyterian Church and Grace Fellowship Church; JOINS program; and the B. County Department of Aging, Marriott Incorporated, and REI, Inc.

Tree Maintenance:

- ✦ Conducted maintenance on 16 tree planting sites
- ✦ Held 12 tree maintenance volunteer events
- ✦ 61 volunteers assisted with tree maintenance
- ✦ 9,272 trees maintained
- ✦ 46.25 acres maintained
- ✦ Projects up 75% since 2007 and 50% since 2008

Tree survival rates at 95%, up 10% since 2007!



Rain barrel workshop attendees cutting a screen for their barrel.

Rain Barrel Distributions:

- ✦ 7 rain barrel workshops up from 5 in 2008
- ✦ 66 participants attended in 2009, up from 29 in 2008
- ✦ 48 rain barrels distributed into the Gunpowder Watershed, up from 16 in 2008

That equals 72,000 sq. ft. of rooftop runoff or nearly 1.75 acres of impervious surface controlled by storing rain water in rain barrels!

Stream Watch/Stream Adoptions:

- ✦ 5 trainings
- ✦ 32 participants
- ✦ 21 streams adopted up from 13 adopted in 2008
- ✦ 8 from Watershed Action Plan streams (priority based on population, impervious area, pollution)
- ✦ 335 stream clean up volunteers up from 113 in 2008
- ✦ 18 stream clean-ups up from 8 in 2008

9,215 lbs of trash collected, almost 3 times 2008

Trail Maintenance:

- ✦ 1 workshop
- ✦ 34 volunteers most from Towson U. Beta Alpha Psi, up from 27 in 2008

1/2 mile of trail maintained

Project Clean Stream:

- ✦ 10 clean up sites
- ✦ 247 volunteers, up slightly from 2008

8,650 lbs of trash collected

Educational Events:

- ✦ 13 outreach events up from 10 in 2008

234 participants, up from 151 in 2008

The GVC thanks each and every one of our GVC members and volunteers for our most successful year of restoration and education accomplishments ever! Thanks to YOU we can do MORE and MORE every year to educate the youth of our community and ultimately to RESTORE OUR Gunpowder Watershed! Thank YOU!

Peggy Perry, *Education and Restoration Committee*



One of our four trail maintenance groups at our Loch Raven Reservoir maintenance workshop.

Jennifer Branch (continued from page 5)

This has led to problems with flooding and sediment in the stream channel, which cause eroded stream banks exposing tree roots and sewer pipes. Sediment eroded from the stream bank and pollutants collected from the impervious surfaces in the watershed are impacting water quality, aquatic life, and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay.

To help reduce stormwater runoff in the Jennifer Branch watershed we are offering educational information about the Jennifer Branch Watershed, the problems it faces, and the practical and simple solutions, especially for residents, that will help to restore Jennifer Branch. By using these green solutions, including rain barrels, rain gardens, permaculture and baywise yards, downspout disconnections and more, we hope to return the Jennifer Branch to a more naturally functioning and balanced stream and riparian (stream bank) system that will measurably improve the water quality of Jennifer Branch.

This work is made possible by a \$100,000 grant through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and by support from our project partners including the Center for Watershed Protection, Baltimore County Master Gardeners, Baltimore County Soil Conservation District, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, Biohabitats Inc., Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management (DEPRM), and other community based organizations including Greater Parkville Community Council, Carney Improvement Association, Christus Victor Lutheran Church, and the Graham Equestrian Center.

Jennifer Branch Kick-Off Event a Success

In February, the GVC held the official kick-off event marking the start of the project. With over fifty community members in attendance, and many of them signed up for more information on our green solutions, the event was a great success! Activities included presentations about the project and on baywise yards and native plants, rain barrels and composting, and tree planting and stream adoption. The kids enjoyed creating an ice cream aquifer, learning about composting and worms and discovering who polluted the Gunpowder River!

Our partners were very active in orchestrating the kick-off, participating on the planning committee and running presentations and booths at the event. In addition to our GVC booth, we had ones from the Baltimore County Master Gardeners (three of them!), Upper Western Shore Tributary Team, Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management (DEPRM), Greater Parkville Community Council, and Karen Stupski's permaculture booth. We would like to thank everyone who helped run the sessions and booths, and Victor Lutheran Church, including Pastor Joe and Kathleen Ettinger, for providing a location, assisting with the kick off plans, welcoming attendees, and participating in our event!

An Update on GVC's Other Recent Grants

The Gunpowder Valley Conservancy received two grants this past quarter. Baltimore County awarded the GVC a Watershed Association Citizen Restoration Planning and Implementation Grant for \$30,000. This grant will fund our staff to work on restoration, education, outreach, and capacity building projects in 2010. This is the fourth year that the GVC has received this grant, and it is an essential part of our budget. The GVC also received a Mini Grant for \$936.10 from the Chesapeake Bay Trust for planting trees at Cromwell Valley Park this spring. Baltimore County and the Chesapeake Bay Trust have supported the GVC's work for many years, and we are grateful for their ongoing collaboration!!

From top to bottom:

- Local politicians Klausmeir and Bartenfelder (center) at the Jennifer Branch Kick-off with GVC staff.
- Jennifer Branch attendees at rain barrel workshop gather for a group picture.
- A Baltimore County Master Gardener teaches children at the event how to compost with worms.



Historical Preservation Efforts in the Gunpowder Valley

The effort to preserve Long Island Farm has hit a bump in the road, but its namesake organization, Historic Long Island Farm, Inc. (HLIF), is shifting into a new gear and moving on. Due to the slowdown in the economy and Baltimore County's reluctance to own the property, the State of Maryland has withdrawn the funds earmarked for purchasing the Farm. HLIF is now exploring the national level for potential owners. Under the leadership of the Baltimore County Historical Trust an application has been submitted to put Long Island Farm on the National Register of Historical Properties. Letters have been written to our Federal Senators and a search is being conducted for sources of funding at the State and National levels. If you or someone you know is in need of generous tax deductions and tax credits for the purchase and donation

of the Farm please contact Jim Kelly at jkelly1304@gmail.com. This historical and cultural site is worthy of preservation and the lessons it can teach should not be lost to future generations.

Recently, the Historical Society of Baltimore County accepted a sizeable donation of antique farm implements and old household items dating from the middle 1800s. These items were owned and used by the Shanklin family who lived in the Cromwell Valley and Gunpowder River area. Many of the antiques are scheduled to be put on display at Cromwell Valley Park in a series of rotating exhibits. It is important to note that a large part of Cromwell Valley Park was once owned by John W. Shanklin, Sr., the great grandfather of the donor. In the late 1800s the donor's grandfather, William Jefferson Shanklin, owned

the Park's lime kilns in partnership with Thomas Risteau Jenifer, the owner of Long Island Farm. Even back then it was a small world.

Our most recent attempt to preserve oral history from people along the tributaries of the Gunpowder River involves a family who lived on the banks of Towson Run. It is one of the larger streams that flows into the Gunpowder between the big and little Loch Raven dams. (Towson Run was named after the Towson family who farmed along its banks.) The 92 year old history teller was raised at the headwaters of Towson Run in the area that is now called Hampton Gardens. The GVC History Committee has recorded her memories from the 1920s to the present in the hopes of preserving this information about the past for future generations.

Jennifer Branch (cont. from pg. 7)

More about our Green Solutions

At the kick-off residents showed interest in 8 rain gardens, 6 rain barrels, 2 downspout disconnections, and 8 stream adoptions! We're promoting these in the Jennifer Branch area through this project, but these and other solutions will improve your yard and local stream anywhere:

Downspout Disconnections - downspouts that currently flow directly onto the street and into a storm drain can be altered to drain onto lawn or gardens.

Planting a Rain Garden - a rain garden is a special, water loving garden that helps soak up and filter rain water from your roof, driveway, or other hard surfaces.

Installation of a Rain Barrel - a large barrel (~50 gallons) that collects rainwater from your roof through your downspouts that you can use to water your lawn or garden, wash your car, clean your tools, etc. It will help save on your water bill, too!

Permaculture Gardens - a typical backyard design will include gardens with fruit & nut trees, edible shrubs & herbs, vegetables, & plants that capture stormwater, attract beneficial insects & provide home grown food.

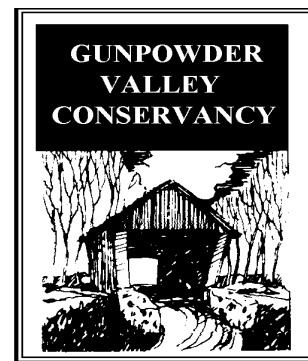
Bayscaped Gardens and Yards - a beautiful landscaped alternative to standard yards, planted and maintained with native plants to benefit people, the local environment, and the Bay. It reduces the time and expense of mowing, watering, fertilizing and treating lawn and garden areas and can address problems such as erosion, poor soils or drainage and steep slopes.

Plans for the Project in 2010

By April, we will have a pilot neighborhood selected within the Jennifer Branch watershed where we will focus our efforts for the first year of this project. In February we worked with the Center for Watershed Protection to assess the neighborhoods in the watershed. We will choose one based on the pollution it contributes to the stream, the level of community interest and a few other factors. As soon as the pilot neighborhood is selected we'll get to work improving Jennifer Branch by beautifying the yards of community residents! This is the first step towards our goal of motivating at least sixty-seven households to implement one of our green solutions. If you'd like to learn more about the project please visit the project website at www.jenniferbranch.org!

Rachel Streusand, *Education and Restoration*

GUNPOWDER VALLEY CONSERVANCY MEMBERSHIP FORM



Please mark the appropriate line:

Yes! I want to become a member ____, or renew membership ____ with the Gunpowder Valley Conservancy today to support GVC's conservation, education and restoration efforts within the Gunpowder Watershed.

As a volunteer organization, we depend on the efforts and support of our membership for the success of our work. As a member I will receive the bi-annual GVC Newsletter, discounts on rain barrels, and first priority for GVC events. I have enclosed a tax-deductible check for:

\$25-\$49 \$50-\$99 \$100-\$499 \$500-\$999 \$1000 or more

Supporting Guardian Steward Champion Patron

Please make check out to **Gunpowder Valley Conservancy** and return in enclosed envelope to Gunpowder Valley Conservancy, PO Box 9733, Towson, MD 21284.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Family Members: _____

I'd like to volunteer for [check those that apply]:

My interests are :

- ___ 1. Restoration events:
 - ___ Stream clean-up events
 - ___ Tree plantings
 - ___ Adopting a stream
- ___ 2. Storm water reduction measures
 - ___ Rain barrel assembly
 - ___ Rain garden installation
 - ___ Down spout disconnection
- ___ 3. Land preservation activities
- ___ 4. Historic preservation
- ___ 5. Outreach / PR / education / (speaking, writing, etc.)
- ___ 5. Helping with mailings / office work

- ___ a. Birds / wildlife
- ___ b. Hiking / boating / biking
- ___ c. Fishing / hunting
- ___ d. Gardening / trees / forestry
- ___ e. Stream science / ecology
- ___ f. Rain Barrels/Rain Gardens

THANK YOU!
WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

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Save the Date! On Saturday, September 25, 2010 from 5-9pm, the Gunpowder Valley Conservancy in conjunction with Camp Puh'tok will host an "Evening in the Forest" to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the GVC! We will be celebrating the contributions of our volunteers and donors with a special event, "Heroes of The Green". Tours of the campgrounds will be conducted at special times. Please reserve the date in your calendar - Saturday, September 25, 2010 from 5-9 pm in the Lodge. Further details will be available soon. Please contact Pat Novak at 410-592-2977 or pnovak8525@aol.com if you are interested in helping plan this awesome event.

Gunpowder Valley Conservancy, Inc.

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GVC is seeking individuals who would be interested in becoming a member of the Board of Directors. Individuals who are dedicated to the protection and restoration of the lands within the Gunpowder Watershed and bring skills to this mission should contact Mac McAvoy, Chair of the Governance Committee, at 410-307-6627