



Patapsco Heritage Greenway | October/November 2021 Newsletter

PVHA Mini-Grants Awarded

The Patapsco Valley Heritage Area (PVHA) Mini-Grant Program is designed to assist heritage-related sites, organizations and municipalities to develop new and innovative programs, partnerships, exhibits, tours, events, and other initiatives consistent with the regional goals and objectives stated within our state and county approved Management Plan. The program, administered by Patapsco Heritage Greenway (PHG), encourages proposals that include collaborative partnerships, enhance preservation, encourage stewardship of natural resources, and promote heritage tourism.



This year, PHG received nearly \$38,000 in grant requests for the Mini-Grant Program, which is funded by a \$25,000 grant from the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority. This year's awardees were chosen through a competitive process.

FY2022 Patapsco Valley Heritage Area Mini-Grant Awardees include:

- Benjamin Banneker Foundation, *Colonial Market Fair Re-Enactors* (\$2500)
- Catonsville Middle School, *Courtyard Renovation: Monarch Butterfly Garden* (\$4355)
- Catonsville Rails to Trails, *Preserving the #8 Streetcar Mural as a Trail Historic Site* (\$1500)
- Ellicott City Historic District Partnership, *OEC Visitor Experience: Directory Boards* (\$2500)
- Friends of Patapsco Valley State Park, *Adaptive Trail* (\$2500)
- Granite Historical Society, *Establishing a GHS Historical Document Infrastructure* (\$1380)
- Greater Patapsco Community Association-Small Watershed Community Committee, *Supporting Habitat and Stream Health of Patapsco River Tributaries* (\$2815)
- Howard County Conservancy, *Trail System Wayfinding for Mt. Pleasant Farmstead* (\$5000)
- Howard County Historical Society, *Ellicott Mills Children's Museum Garden* (\$1500)
- Howard County Poetry and Literary Society, *See through Poetry* (\$950)

All PVHA mini-grants require a 1:1 match, with any mix of cash or in-kind match. We look forward to continuing our efforts to make our grants accessible to a wide range of partners doing work in the PVHA.

PHG Elects New Board Members and Officers

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PHG is pleased to announce the election of 7 new board members as well as new officers for the coming year. New board members elected

at the September annual meeting are: Tina Bui, Rebecca Davis-Nord, Nancy Lawson, Ruby Nwaebube, Bill Skullney, Tom Somers, and Michelle Wright. New officers elected at the November board meeting are Mark Southerland (President), Vicki Goodman (VP, Arts and Culture), Ray Haislip (VP, Recreation), Cathy Hudson (VP, Environment) and Kathy Younkin (VP, Heritage). Pete Lins and Ken Boone were re-elected as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively.



Tina Bui



Bill Skullney

Class of 2021
New Board Members



Michelle Wright



Tom Somers



Ruby Nwaebube



Rebecca Davis-Nord



Nancy Lawson

PaSNAPsco Photography Contest

Thank you to all the photographers who submitted entries for our PaSNAPsco contest this year. We look forward to announcing the award winners and previewing our 2022 calendar shortly. Here is a snapshot of last year's winners.



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Piloting a Future Course: DNR Bull Branch Grant

We are pleased to announce a new \$130,700 grant from the Maryland DNR Chesapeake and Coastal Bays Trust Fund Program to conduct an environmental assessment of the Bull Branch watershed from downtown Catonsville to where Bull Branch empties into the Patapsco River in Patapsco Valley State Park. We are cooperating with a group of local citizens, Restoring Bull Branch, and a variety of institutional stakeholders in the watershed. PHG has contracted with Environmental Systems Analysis, Inc. to conduct the watershed assessment.



This project is part of a pilot initiative in which PHG is exploring best practices for working with local community groups that do not have formal 501c3 designation but connect with our mission-driven work. We are hoping to expand these types of partnerships in future years to address issues across the Patapsco Valley Heritage Area and Patapsco River watershed.



BRIEFLY...

PHG hosted MHAAs staff on a daylong tour of the PVHA in late September. Staff started the day in the new boundary addition in Granite and Woodstock, making stops at partner sites throughout the PVHA before completing the day in the southeastern boundary addition near the Baltimore City line.

Stay tuned in early 2022 for the premiere of *Pioneering Along the Patapsco*, a PHG co-production with Maryland Public Television exploring the rich history of Ellicott City in recognition of its 250th anniversary.



Environmental Season Wrap Up

The fall season was exciting, fun, and new for Diana and Mandy as they joined the PHG team. The season saw 270 volunteers, along with PHG staff, remove over 6000 pounds of

trash and cut and remove over 18,000 square feet of invasive plants from the Patapsco River watershed. These 792 volunteer hours were a combined effort of general volunteers and new partnerships, including Girl Scouts of Central Maryland (GSCM), specialized GSCM Trailblazer and Mariner scout groups, new Boy Scouts of America (BSA) girl and boy troops, and the Rotary Clubs of Howard County. These new partnerships contributed to additional youth volunteer engagement, including education workshops and environmental events. It was incredible to see the diversity of volunteers, both within and outside the Patapsco Valley, come together and work hard in the outdoors to improve the regional environment and learn more about it.

Honoring Native American Heritage Month

When Native American Heritage Month was first celebrated in 1986, it was actually much shorter and known as American Indian Week! It wasn't until 1995 that the all of November was designated as a time to celebrate the contributions, accomplishments, and cultures of Native Americans and Alaskan Natives. To explore topics ranging from how Native Americans interacted with dogs to how Indigenous systems of governance influenced the Declaration of Independence, check out this [collection of articles](#) compiled by the editors at JSTOR.

Here in the Patapsco Valley Heritage Area (PVHA), we live, work and play on the lands of the Susquehannock, Nentego (Nanticoke), and Piscataway tribes. Prior to European settlement, these tribes used the Patapsco Valley as a hunting and trading thoroughfare. Places that served as campsites by these groups have been found along the banks of the Patapsco and its tributaries. An example of one of these sites in the PVHA is the Camel's Den rock shelter, in a part of Patapsco Valley State Park near the former mill town of Daniels. Though the tribes that used (what we now call) Camel's Den did not establish permanent settlements in the PVHA, this site reminds us that the Patapsco Valley was not "abandoned", as many early settlers thought.

To learn more about Indigenous land use histories, check out <https://native-land.ca/> to explore which Native tribes and groups occupied and had land claims in your area.

For upcoming event updates, connect to PHG social media.

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