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PHG Welcomes Aaron Shapiro

UNCC History Professor Brings Well-Suited Experience, Heritage Area Expertise, and Critical Understanding of Environment to Patapsco Valley

Patapsco Heritage Greenway Board of Directors is excited to announce the selection of Dr. Aaron Shapiro to lead the organization forward as its new Executive Director. Shapiro arrives at PHG having served as Associate Professor and Director of Public History at UNC Charlotte.



"We are extremely pleased that a candidate with Aaron's expertise and experience is relocating to the Patapsco Valley area. We are confident he will play an important role in leading our organization and the Patapsco Valley Heritage Area through the post pandemic phase of growth and transition, said Steve Wachs, PHG President. "I, along with my fellow Board members, anticipate new and exciting initiatives under Aaron's leadership." [READ FULL MEDIA RELEASE](#)

MEET AARON AT OUR UPCOMING VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30. [Watch for details!](#)

Free Trees for Elkridge Neighbors in 21075!



Due to a shift in grant funding (during the COVID-19 pandemic) that typically allows us to conduct our normal group volunteer events in Elkridge, we are now offering a tree giveaway event for homeowners in Elkridge! The trees are FREE and will be delivered directly to your home in mid-October! You will be responsible for planting and maintaining (instructions will be provided). Those requesting a tree must live in the 21075 zip code area code. [LEARN MORE](#)

PHG Expands Heritage Area Boundry to Include More Destinations and Partners

The Patapsco Valley Heritage Area is now officially 12 square miles larger and includes new portions along the Patapsco River from the Carroll County line to the Baltimore City line. The expansion encompasses key sites on both the Baltimore and Howard County sides of the river including the Diggs-Johnson Museum, Howard County Conservancy's Mount Pleasant, a portion of the Korean Way, Granite Historic District, and Guinness Open Gate Brewery. The addition makes way for greater opportunities for recreation activities, more inclusive stories of the valley's history, and critical environmental programming. [LEARN MORE](#)



Mt. Pleasant Farmhouse

There's Still Time to Get Snappin'!

paSNAPsco Photo Contest Deadline Extended to October 11.

The deadline for the 3rd annual paSNAPsco photo contest has been extended to October 10 to give photographers a chance to capture the autumn glory of the valley. Open to both amateur and professional photographers, the contest calls for images that creatively feature historic structures and attractions, the Patapsco River and its environment, Main Street moments, recreational opportunities, and cultural activities. Winning photographs will be featured in a 2021 Patapsco Valley Heritage Area Calendar. Cash prizes will be awarded in seven different categories. [DETAILS AND ENTRY FORM AVAILABLE HERE!](#)



MHAA Awards \$367,715 for Heritage Area Projects

The Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA) awarded matching grants totaling \$367,715 for Patapsco Valley Heritage Area non-profits and local jurisdictions. The grant funds support heritage tourism projects and activities that draw visitors and expand economic development and tourism-related opportunities in the Patapsco Valley

Funded projects in the Patapsco Valley Heritage Area include:

- Howard County Conservancy, "Carriage House Adaptive ReUse"- \$50,000
- Catonsville Rails to Trails, "The Catonsville Cycling Connection" -\$50,000
- Friends of Patapsco Valley State Park, "Simpkins Industry Site, Park Infrastructure" - \$75,000
- Chesapeake Conservancy, "Enhancing the Park Experience Through Bilingual Interpreters"- \$50,000
- Patapsco Heritage Greenway, "Festival del Rio Patapsco" -\$5,000



In addition, Patapsco Heritage Greenway received a management Grant for \$100,000, a Block Grant for \$25,000, and a Marketing Grant for \$12,715. PHG's Marketing Grant will be dedicated to promoting the sites within the Patapsco Valley Heritage Area, highlighting the heritage tourism opportunities available for visitors. All funds from the Block Grant will be used for mini-grants to Patapsco Valley Heritage Area partners and stakeholders.

#PatapscoFromHome Continues

Patapsco Heritage Greenway continues to work to provide quality digital content through our ongoing #PatapscoFromHome campaign. From digital webinars to historical blog posts we are providing exciting, useful, and engaging digital content. To stay up to date on all of our efforts, visit our Facebook page, or [click here](#).

Online Resources in the Valley...

While we can't visit our favorite sites, our partners have outstanding resources that will let you experience the best that our valley has to offer from the comfort of your own home.

- [Belmont 360 Virtual Tour](#)
- [Howard County Historical Society Archives](#)
- [Historical Society of Baltimore County Archives](#)
- [Library of Congress: Historic American Buildings Survey](#)
- [Howard County Conservancy: Nature Activities](#)
- [Patapsco Valley in Virtual Reality](#)

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