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COMING UP ON THE CALENDAR

AUGUST

16—Summer Evening Walk (7pm)

SEPTEMBER

6 Sat—Annual Sip & Save (1pm) Sip
the beer-Save the land!

13 Sat—Garden Tour & Hike (10am)

21 Sun—There & Back Again Guided
Hike (10am)

21 Sun—Latino Fair (time TBD)

OCTOBER

5 Sun—Annual Dinner & Auction
(4pm)

12 Sun—Parkers Creek Challenge
(8am)

26 Sun—Halloween-themed Guided
Hike (6pm)

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History on the Trails: A Parkers Creek Heritage Trail Update

By Devon Burke, 2024/25 CCCC Member

On an overcast morning in early April, the fresh green buds and lively creek gingerly announce that spring has arrived. Kevin Donahue, Carl Fleischhauer, and I are standing along the Parkers Creek Loop Trail, a stone's throw from the raft, admiring our newly installed Parkers Creek Heritage Trail sign.

Carl and I have been drafting, designing, and overseeing the fabrication of these signs since my first day at ACLT in August 2024. Kevin, a steady ACLT volunteer, whose construction skills have been applied to numerous bridges, boardwalks, and hillside stairs on ACLT hiking trails, has generously agreed to help today with installation. This sign is titled The Old Mill Bridge and Mills on Parkers Creek, and it features a late 1930's or early 1940's photograph of the bridge that once crossed the creek. The ACLT raft, with a more modest carrying capacity, serves the same function at the same place today.

The installation of this sign marks the completion of the seven newest interpretive signs of the Parkers Creek Heritage Trail. The signs do not mark sites on a single, continuous trail but are a series—eventually to number two dozen—peppered across ACLT's 26 miles of hiking trails. (See map on page 9 for the locations of the current set of signs.)

As we install the bridge sign, a young family passes by, joyfully celebrating their arrival at the raft. I am taken aback for a moment, reflecting on the generations of life that have lived, worked, and played on Parkers Creek. The encounter reminds me of a statement on the Heritage Trail home page: "The environment and its people leave marks on each other and are inextricably intertwined."

Parkers Creek Heritage Trail researchers and content developers began their work in 2020. The project's research underpins its outreach, which interprets the cultural history of the Parkers Creek and Governors Run watersheds for the public.

In addition to the trail signs, the project's current offering of interpretive materials includes twenty webpages that illuminate aspects of five time periods from 11,000



Installation of Old Bridge Sign-Spring 2025
From left: Kevin Donahue, Carl Fleischhauer and Devon Burke.

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From the President's Desk ...

This newsletter features two research reports that show our commitment to understanding the land we manage.

The Heritage Trail Team's efforts continue to provide exciting documentation of our area's cultural heritage. Recently, seven new interpretive signs have been added to the Parker's Creek Heritage Trail. This installation is part of an ongoing initiative to place a total of 24 signs along the various ACLT trails. These signs serve as an excellent introduction for hikers to the cultural history of the land and are expected to spark further interest in the subject. The ACLT website offers a wealth of information on our cultural heritage. The high quality of the documentation and trail signs distinguishes ACLT from many small land conservation organizations. It's an impressive endeavor.

The herbaceous vegetation survey might not seem thrilling at first glance, but it plays an essential role in helping us understand the critical changes driven by climate change and urbanization. We recognize that simply saying that vegetation is changing doesn't capture the full picture. That's why reports grounded in real data are so important—they help us truly appreciate the ongoing shifts in our environment. This survey acts as a valuable reference point that we can look back on over time, allowing us to witness and comprehend the transformations occurring around us.

Both of these studies have links to additional information and resources on ACLT's website that will be expanded as the research continues.

David Farr, President



Volunteers conducting the herbaceous plant survey.

Around ACLT

2025 Patuxent River Wade-In Dedicated to Greg Bowen

By Mary Hoover, Regional Conservation Partnership Coordinator

It was a humid June morning at Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum (JPPM), as the skies above forewarned thunderstorms. For a moment, it looked like the annual Patuxent River Wade-In might be rained out. However, as attendees gathered under a big tent just off the river, the sun broke overhead, almost as if in tribute to the resilience and hope that anchor this decades-old Southern Maryland tradition. This year's Wade-In carried a bittersweet tone, as it honored the legacies of Greg Bowen and Senator Bernie Fowler—two of the event's long-standing organizers and lifelong advocates for the river.

The first Patuxent River Wade-In was organized in 1988 by the late Senator Bernie Fowler, who held fond memories of wading chest-deep into the Patuxent River as a young man, catching blue crabs in water so clear he could see his feet. Over the years, Senator Fowler lamented the degradation of the river's water quality, noticing the waters becoming murkier and his feet less visible as the river's health declined. In response, he kickstarted the annual Wade-In as a way to draw public attention to the river's health. Each year he would walk into the river until his signature white sneakers disappeared, at which point the depth would be measured and recorded as that year's "Sneaker Index," a playful spin on traditional measurements of water clarity. Although entirely unscientific, the Sneaker Index captured public attention and concern, and the Wade-In has transformed into a beloved tradition that champions the environmental protection and restoration of the Patuxent River.

For many years, Greg Bowen played an important role in organizing the Wade-In. As a tireless advocate for land conservation and the health of the Patuxent River, Greg's leadership and passion were always felt throughout the event. From recruiting community groups to table the event to serving as the emcee, his love of the river was palpable. His passing earlier this year was a shocking and profound loss to the conservation community in Southern Maryland, but he built a lasting legacy that continues to inspire many people. This year's Wade In was dedicated to his memory, adding a bittersweet patina to the event. Rod Cofield, Executive Director of JPPM, honored Greg's memory during his opening remarks, stating, "someone we need to recognize today is Greg Bowen... We dedicated this particular year's Wade In to his memory... He was Calvert County's most passionate defender for heritage and the environmental resources of this County."

Throughout the event, speakers remembered Greg's legacy while looking ahead to the urgent environmental challenges we continue to face today. "Today we recognize some true



Greg Bowen and Bernie Fowler, Sr. at the 2021 Wade-in. Photo by Ethan Weston, Chesapeake Bay Program.

heroes in environmental protection," said Dr. Carys Mitchellmore, Director of the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory (CBL). "As we look ahead, the challenges before us are significant. Climate change, habitat loss, pollution, and the ever-increasing demands of our natural resources require innovative solutions, interdisciplinary collaboration, and an unwavering resolve."

John Hartline, Executive Director of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, recalled Greg's unique philosophy on saving the Patuxent River, a perspective he referred to as "Greg Bowen's Tributary Rule." In short, Greg was ever-concerned with slowing down the water that enters the river from the various tributaries of the watershed. Hartline noted, "That's really what Greg was all about. Plant trees, increase the park space, give buffer zones, and make sure that we give the river a chance to heal itself."

After the speeches came the titular moment of the day: the wade-in itself. Following the tradition Senator Fowler began in 1988, attendees gathered at the riverbank and began walking into the Patuxent, step by step, until their feet vanished from sight. This year, their sneakers disappeared at 48 inches—a drastic two feet deeper than last year's reading. While not a scientific measurement, the Sneaker Index is a potent symbol of not only the health of the river but also the grassroots efforts to protect it. Whether the hopeful reading was due to favorable weather conditions, improved water quality, or perhaps the spirits of Bernie Fowler and Greg Bowen watching over the river they loved so deeply, one thing is for certain: The Patuxent River is worth protecting. And though leaders come and go, their legacies live on in the Southern Maryland community that carries the torch and keeps the flame of advocacy burning bright.

Herbaceous Highlights: Insights from ACLT's Herbaceous Vegetation Survey

By Addie Brown, 2024-2025 CCCC Member

It is no secret that a major component of ACLT's land stewardship efforts is managing invasive species across our landscapes. These species can significantly disrupt natural ecosystems by spreading rapidly and outcompeting native plant communities for resources. These aggressive invaders dominate habitats and reduce biodiversity, ultimately weakening critical ecosystem functions such as food webs. But, what about all of the beneficial plants, the native species that support and sustain our ecosystems? Native herbaceous vegetation, which includes vascular plants that do not have woody tissues such as wildflowers, ferns, and grasses, plays a crucial role in maintaining ecosystem health. These plants provide food and shelter for wildlife, stabilize soils, support pollinators, and contribute to nutrient cycling. Together, they enhance ecosystem stability and resilience, helping habitats better withstand disturbances such as a changing climate.

To better understand the diversity of herbaceous plant communities on ACLT-managed lands, staff and volunteers conducted surveys on four properties: Goldstein, Gravatt East, Gravatt West, and Kenwood. These surveys were carried out in quarter-acre plots used for forest diversity surveys. With guidance from Dr. Dennis Whigham, a retired plant ecologist from the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, five survey sites were assessed. Each site included four two-meter-by-two-meter subplots, located at the corners of the quarter-acre plot. Dividing the larger plot into subplots allowed surveyors to focus more intensively on specific sections. These subplots provided a representative subsample for recording herbaceous species, while the remainder of the plots was scanned quickly to note other species present that were not identified in the subplots. The selected sites represented a variety of forest types and ecological conditions. The Gravatt West and Kenwood plots featured younger and drier forests. The Gravatt East plot was also dry and flat but was characterized as an old-growth forest. The Goldstein plots were also classified as old-growth forests, though they were wetter in comparison. The diversity of habitat types allowed surveyors to gather data across different ecological conditions, capturing the variability in herbaceous vegetation observed. Surveys were conducted in May to ensure the inclusion of spring ephemeral species, which appear briefly in early spring.

Over two days, surveyors identified a total of 56 herbaceous plant species across all sites. Of these, 48 were native to Maryland. The remaining 8 species—True forget-me-not (*Myosotis scorpioides*), Japanese stiltgrass (*Microstegium vimineum*), Indian strawberry (*Potentilla indica*), Chickweed (*Stellaria media*), garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*), crow garlic (*Allium vineale*), watercress (*Nasturtium officinale*), and wavyleaf basketgrass (*Oplismenus undulatifolius*)—are non-native and considered invasive. Although the presence of inva-

sive species is notable, the high number of native herbaceous plants observed is a promising sign of ecological health across these properties.

A complete list of the species found during the survey can be found at: <https://www.acltweb.org/HerbaceousPlantList>.

A total of 24 species were recorded at the Gravatt West site (Site 1), while no herbaceous vegetation was found at the Gravatt East site (Site 2). Surveyors identified 18 species at the Kenwood site (Site 3), 31 species at the first Goldstein site (Site 4), and 32 species at the second Goldstein site (Site 5). The species identified reflected a wide range of plant types and habitat preferences, including ferns, flowering plants, grasses, and vines. When comparing habitat conditions, the Goldstein sites, representing wetter environments, had 34 species noted by surveyors. In contrast, the drier Gravatt East, Gravatt West, and Kenwood sites had 22 species noted. Regarding forest age, 22 species were found across the younger Gravatt West and Kenwood sites, while 34 species were recorded across the old-growth Goldstein and Gravatt East sites. Overall, these results suggest greater species richness in wetter habitats and older forests. Upland habitats, characterized by moist to well-drained soils and shaded slopes, supported species like Christmas fern (*Polystichum acrostichoides*) and sweet cicely (*Ozmorhiza claytonii*), among others.

In contrast, floodplain habitats and streambanks supported plant species that thrive in richer soils and higher moisture levels. These included common jewelweed (*Impatiens capensis*) and golden groundsel (*Packera aurea*). Some species, such as Jack-in-the-pulpit (*Arisaema triphyllum*), spring beauty (*Claytonia virginica*), and common violet (*Viola sororia*), were found in both upland and lowland environments, suggesting they may have broad ecological tolerance.

A few species stood out as particularly notable because of their appearance and relative rarity compared to more commonly found species: False Solomon's seal (*Maianthemum racemosum*), cardinal flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*), showy orchid (*Galearis spectabilis*), and spotted water hemlock (*Circuta aculate*). False Solomon's seal and showy orchid typically grow in rich, moist woodlands and shaded slopes, while cardinal flower and spotted water hemlock are more commonly found in floodplain areas and along streambanks.

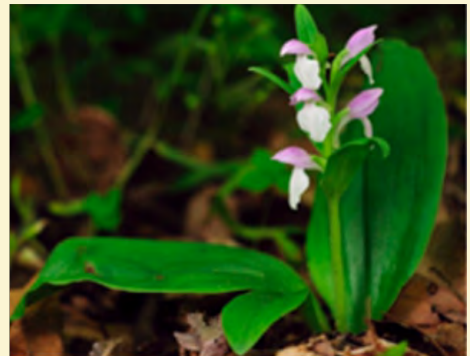
These are just a few examples of native species that play vital roles in maintaining healthy ecosystems. Their presence in the survey subplots is a strong indicator of the ecological health of the habitats where they are found. The survey results highlight the richness and abundance of native herbaceous vegetation across ACLT-managed lands. This biodiversity enhances ecosystem resilience and contributes to long-term stability, an increasingly critical role in the face of our changing climate. As ACLT continues its land stewardship efforts, it is essential to prioritize not only the removal of invasive species but also the protection and promotion of native plant communities. Preserving this diversity is key to maintaining the ecological integrity of the natural systems ACLT is dedicated to protecting.



L-R: Christmas fern (Credit: University of Maryland Extension), Sweet cicely (Credit: Maryland Biodiversity Project), False Solomon's seal (Credit: Colorado Native Plant Society).



L-R: Common jewelweed (Credit: US Forest Service), Spring beauty (Credit: Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources), Cardinal flower (Credit: Green Thumb Gardens).



Above: Jack in the pulpit (Credit: Virginia Native Plant Society), Golden groundsel (Credit: Prairie Nursery).

Right Top: Showy orchid (Credit: Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources, Bottom: Spotted water hemlock (Credit: Florida Wildflower Foundation).

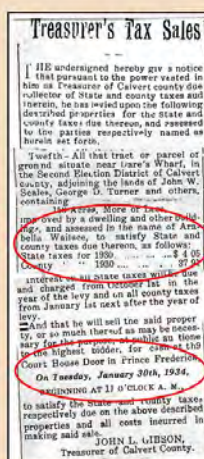
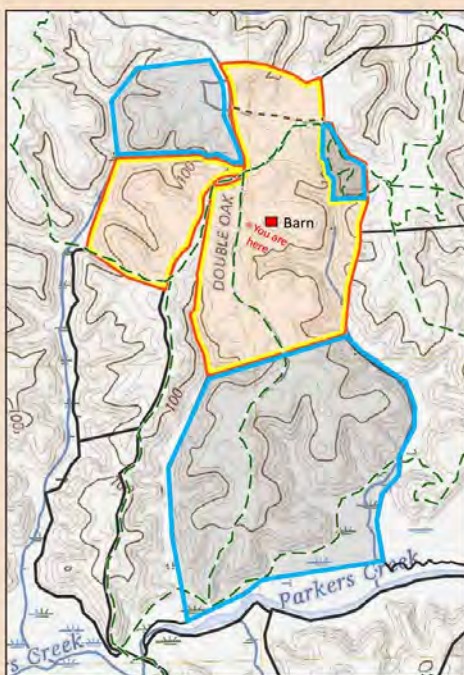


Daniel Wallace, Farmer Who Lost All During the Great Depression

Daniel Wallace (1877-1936) was one of eight children in the family of the U.S. Colored Troops Civil War veteran Joseph Wallace and his wife Arabella Watts Wallace. Daniel and his wife Ella (born ca. 1876) had 10 children from 1898 to 1925.

Daniel's parents had acquired about 269 acres of land between 1880 and 1900, the entire shaded area on the map. At the end of Joseph Wallace's life and, guided by his heirs in the decade that followed, about 144 acres, outlined in blue, were sold or transferred to others, all of whom were African American.

By the early 1920s, the immediate family retained about 125 acres, outlined in yellow. This was the land that Daniel farmed, probably beginning shortly before his father's death.



Foreclosure sale, 1934

Although Daniel's mother Arabella died in 1923, land records continued to list her as owner. Other documents indicate that taxes were not paid from 1927 to 1930. Foreclosure and an auction sale followed.

The physician Hugh W. Ward bought the property in January 1934, and Daniel Wallace became Ward's tenant farmer.

Wallace needed a workhorse, a necessity addressed in May 1934 by a Depression-era Calvert County relief agreement. However, the agreement offered only a loan: Wallace was required to pay for the horse and to grow a specified amount of tobacco, with terms similar to a sharecropper's contract. The relief agreement also demanded that Wallace labor on public works projects "during slack seasons" for thirty cents per hour.

Whatever the merits of the agreement, it was not in effect for long: Daniel Wallace died in 1936 at the age of 59. Meanwhile, the 1940 census lists Ella Wallace as a 64-year-old widow in her daughter's home in Prince George's County, Maryland.

Hugh W. Ward, MD (1898-1978), lived in Owings, Maryland, and owned several working farms. He owned this property from 1934 until his death. The standing barn was built in the 1950s or 1960s. Photo 2012.



Scan here to learn more.

Sign at the former Daniel Wallace farm on the Double Oak Trail, including a "You are here" location indicator and a photograph of the tobacco barn built during the years of Hugh Ward's ownership.

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BCE to present day. The pages are available on ACLT's website, and most of the trail signs link to individual pages via QR codes. The project hopes to offer as many as 40 webpages by the end of 2026.



Guided Holly Hill Trail hike, September 2024. Photo by Mari-Ann Sweeney.

In addition to the signs and online presentations, PCHT outreach has featured events and printed matter. Examples include a Calvert Library public meeting that showcased local Black history, an ACLT-organized guided hike through the historic Holly Hill property (pictured), and table displays at local festivals including the annual Juneteenth celebration at Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum. Print media has featured two articles published in the Calvert Historian and a booklet detailing the history of the African American community in Parkers Creek, circa 1800-1960, now available as a free download from the ACLT website.

The interpretive presentations frequently include maps and aerial photographs that provide a historical dimension for the ACLT motto, connecting people to the land. The aerial photographs were produced for the U.S. Soil Conservation Service in 1938 when significant portions of the land were still being actively farmed. Many Parkers Creek farms were Black-owned, and this documentation helps describe the circumstances under which these farmers worked. Today, woodland has overtaken most of the farm fields of the 1930s and earlier, and only a handful of buildings remain. The maps on trail signs orient today's hikers to these changes via "you are here" labels, as well

as by indicating the locations of buildings, old roads, and the bridge that once crossed the creek.

One former dwelling, long abandoned but still standing, is the Lemuel Wallace House, located off ACLT's Ridge Loop trail on Wallace Lane. This house is introduced to hikers by the newly installed interpretive sign entitled "Lemuel Wallace: Farm, House, and Family." Lemuel Wallace lived from about 1850 to 1934; he and his wife Annie Boots Wallace raised eleven children. Lemuel and Annie lived on nearby property they also owned, while three of their adult children and their families—in succession—occupied the house marked by the sign.

Six of the seven new trail signs highlight aspects of Parkers Creek Black history, with information about branches of the Wallace, Commodore, and Scales families. Reproductions of these signs are presented in an ACLT display, showcased most recently at a heritage festival at Historic Sotterly in St. Mary's County and the Juneteenth celebration at Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum. ACLT has also produced a brochure titled Black History on the PCHT that features a trail map showing the locations of the signs that emphasize Black history.

The project's inclusive understanding of local history has been enriched by personal memories and family stories recorded as oral history interviews. Several interviewees are members of Parkers Creek-area Black families of long standing. The photograph (below) documents one such recording session, carried out by ACLT Board members Darlene Harrod and Shirley Knight. The interviewees were two sisters whose grandmother was a Commodore. A few months later, the sisters and other relatives visited the now-abandoned home of Willis Commodore. This former dwelling stands on land now owned by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and managed by ACLT.



New trail Sign at the Lemuel Wallace House.

Now that the signs have been installed, the PCHT team hopes that visitors engage with the Heritage Trail. Use the maps below to plan your hike. In terms of hiking difficulty, some trails are designated moderate while other are challenging. Information about trail difficulty is provided on the ACLT's main trail map, which can be downloaded from the ACLT website. Many hikers will limit their day's activity to visiting two or three heritage sites.

For those who wish to delve deeper into the findings of the Parkers Creek Heritage Trail project, please pay a virtual visit to the website at: bit.ly/PCHT-ACLT.



Top: Visiting the former home of Willis Commodore, November 2024. Left to right: Darlene Harrod, Karen Gross, Phyllis Dawkins, Annie Mae Gross, Delois Johnson, and Kailyn Hutchins. Dawkins, Annie Gross, and Johnson are Willis Commodore's grandnieces.

Bottom: Phyllis Harrod Dawkins and Delois Harrod Johnson interviewed by Darlene Harrod and others, April 2024.

What's Next?

The Parkers Creek Heritage Trail project plans to install about a dozen additional interpretive signs in November 2025. Meanwhile, the ACLT Community Heritage Committee is drawing up plans for a PCHT-related launch event for Spring or Fall 2026. Stay tuned to the ACLT newsletter and mailing list for future updates!

Funding for the Parkers Creek Heritage Trail project has been provided by the Maryland Heritage Area Authority, part of the Maryland Historical Trust in the Maryland State Department of Planning. The project is one element within the Southern Maryland National Heritage Area.

Photos by Carl Fleischhauer, except as noted.



This bridge once crossed Parkers Creek where the ACLT raft now offers hikers a crossing. Often called the *Old Mill Bridge*, it stood until the 1940s. In several 19th century deeds, the road that crossed the bridge was called the *Old Mill Road*; by the early 20th, it was called Parkers Creek Road. To learn more, visit the "Old Mill Bridge and Mills on Parkers Creek" trail sign on the Parkers Creek Road Trail near the raft, or view the web page at www.pcheritagetrail.org/mills-bridges. The historic photo is from the Karrer family scrapbook marked "between 1937 and 1945," courtesy the Scientists Cliffs Association Archives. The bottom photo shows the remaining bridge pilings today.

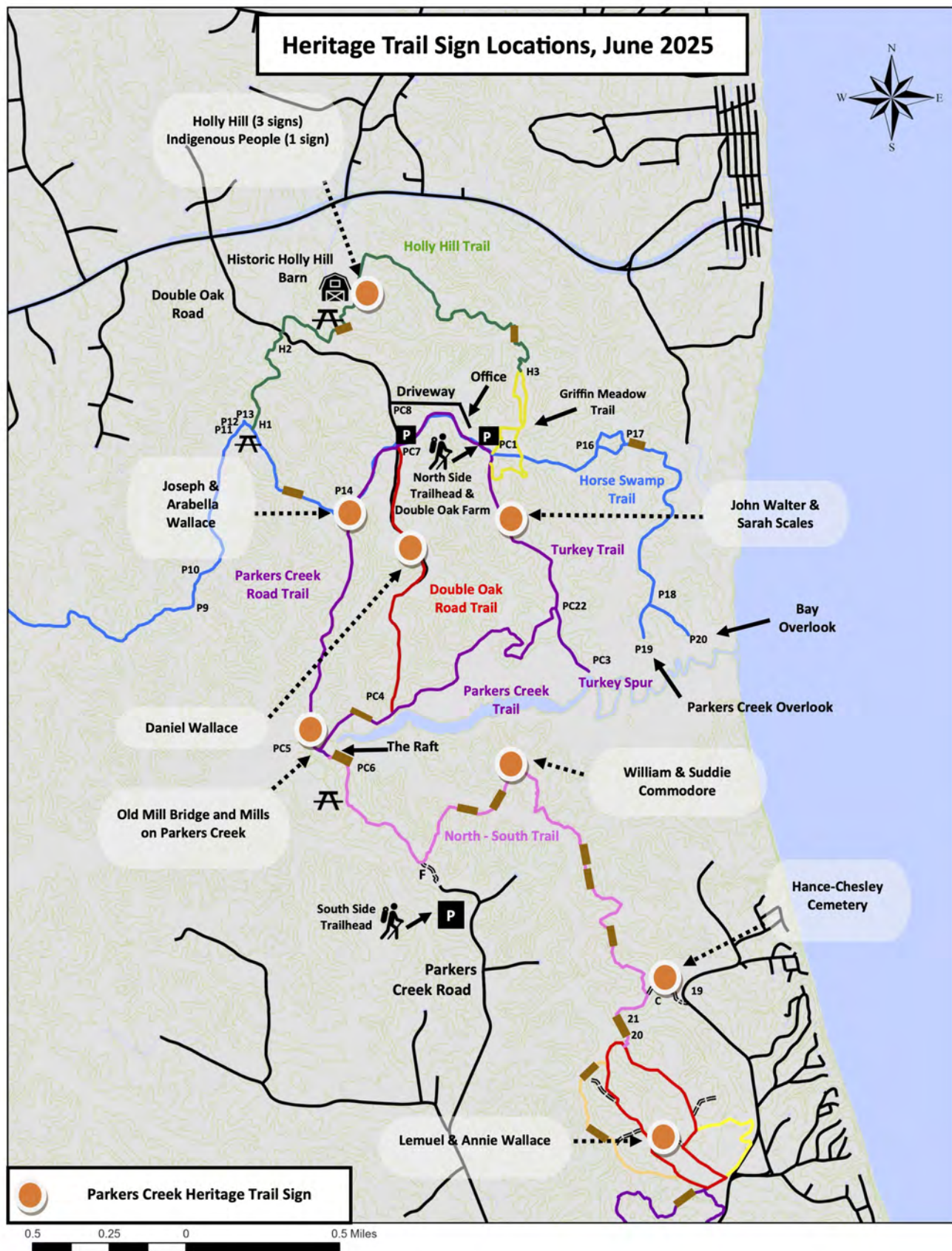
The Heritage Trail Team

From 2020 to the present, nineteen individuals have made significant contributions to the Parkers Creek Heritage Trail project. Greg Bowen, ACLT Executive Director, initiated planning and successfully obtained grant funding, while Carl Fleischhauer, retired from the Library of Congress, serves as the overall coordinator. Two ACLT board members, Darlene Harrod and Shirley Knight, are active participants, not least with a series of oral history interviews. Kirsti Uunila, a retired Calvert County historic preservation specialist, provides general guidance, historical research, and support for the oral history interviews. Stephen Stec offers important advice and insights. Stec is a native Marylander, professor at the Central European University in Budapest, and a descendant of the 17th century land-patent holder William Parker for whom the creek is named.

Leila Boyer, the retired director of the Calvert County Historical Society, provides documentary research and has drafted narrative reports about two landowning families. Robert Hurry, retired archivist from the Calvert Marine Museum (CMM), also contributes documentary materials and historical narratives, including an article published in the 2025 edition of the *Calvert Historian*.

Maps are central to the project's outreach. Rachel Bissett, now a graduate student at the University of Maryland, carried out painstaking research regarding colonial land patents and developed the geospatial data needed to map them. The retired surveyor Art Cochran researched and mapped several 19th and 20th century properties. Exa Marmee Grubb, GIS Specialist at the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, assembled the preceding as an ESRI ArcGIS dataset as well as producing the StoryMap about land patents. Mary Hoover at ACLT now serves as keeper of the digital data.

Other contributors include Beth Yoe Fiddler, co-author of the webpage about the Yoe family from the 17th century forward; Mary Rockefeller, Calvert County Historical Society, diligent online researcher; and Shelby Cowan, an independent researcher who located documents at the National Archives. Advice and information have been provided by Ralph Eshelman, the retired CMM director, and Richard Dodds, retired CMM curator. Bert Lane has pitched in on several fronts, while ACLT staff member Miriam Gholl set up the project's digital archive and manages the PCHT extension to the ACLT website. Devon Burke, in addition to her full time work as ACLT's Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps Farm Manager, is overseeing the production of trail signs and other graphics in 2024 and 2025.



View and/or download the map
here: www.acltweb.org/PCHTSignMap.

Congratulations are in Order



Congrats to our team of ACLT Staff & Volunteers for their amazing win at their 1st North Beach Dragon Boat Festival to End Hunger on June 14th! Our goal in participating in the event was to raise awareness of ACLT among the local residents and attendees. We made some great connections and with the win, they won't soon forget ACLT!

Pictured Above: Back Row L-R: Doug Harbold, Jake Rupard, Tod Ricks, Jarrod Prescott, Allison Burnett, Jeffrey Lewis, Liz Laher, Bruce Laher, and Shawn Kyle. Front Row L-R: Mari-Ann Sweeney, Dianne Kyle, Team Captain Autumn Phillips-Lewis, Devon Burke, Amy Bancroft, Addie Brown, Clara Brill-Carl, and Dale Hutchins. Seated: #1 Team Cheerleaders. Not Pictured: Mary Hoover.

Also, congratulations to the graduates of the 2025 Maryland Master Naturalist Class at ACLT! You'll be seeing more of them around ACLT as they complete their volunteer hours.

Pictured from top left to bottom row: Doug Harbold, Bruce Fall, Karl Bugenhagen, Nick Doner, James Czarzasty, Justin Thomson, Addie Brown, Corinna Christensen, Autumn Phillips-Lewis, Nicole Bega, Sarah Webb, Cody Hance, Amy Stich, Elin Quigley, Jayme Pieretti, Devon Burke, Kataryna Strayer, and Carly Rizzuto

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