Happy New Year

2016 was a year of significant progress for the Patapsco Heritage Greenway. Together we wrote one of the most important chapters in the story of the Patapsco Valley.

As we move forward in 2017 we hope to count on you once again to help us increase appreciation for the Patapsco Valley—its history, its culture and its natural resources.

If you have ideas for new ways to make that happen, we are all ears!

JUST DROP US A LINE!

P.S. If you misplaced our end of the year annual appeal letter amidst the holiday rush, don't worry, you can still DONATE HERE.

Partner Project
The Catonsville Tree Canopy

With funding from our mini-grant program and the help of volunteers, 60 new trees were planted on the Catonsville campus of the Community College of Baltimore County. We are happy to be helping this partner reach its goal of 1000 new trees in Catonsville by the year 2020. LEARN MORE about this project and partner.

An Historic Moment...
A picture perfect winter scene
In this 1934-35 oil painting artist Stephens Berge captures a whimsical view of skaters headed down the hill from Relay to join others enjoying the frozen Patapsco River below. The Viaduct Hotel train station stands in its full glory across the bridge. The original oil painting is in the headquarters of the Elkridge Heritage Society.

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**Make an Environmental Difference in 2017**

Registration is open for *Howard County’s Environmental Learning and Leadership Institute (HoLLIE)*, a locally coordinated environmental education program. Participants meet weekly for a comprehensive eight week course that covers a broad spectrum of both national and local environmental topics. Classes begin February 2nd. CHECK OUT the details & REGISTER by January 26th.

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**Pic Pick...**

Winter is the perfect time to discover the often unseen beauty in the Patapsco Valley. Share your photos of winter in the valley with us on social media using #Patapsco. We'll share our favorites here and on Facebook.

**CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS HAWK?**

Be the first to send us the correct answer and we'll send you a PVHA sticker.

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**Of special note...**

- **ATTENTION! UPCOMING GRANT DEADLINES:** MHAA is now accepting Letters of Intent for 2018 Grants. Deadline is January 27, 2017. [LEARN MORE]
- **INTERESTED IN SERVING ON OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS?** [LET US KNOW]
- **SAVE THE DATE:** The Maryland House & Garden Pilgrimage is coming to Oella on Saturday, May 13, 2017. [LEARN MORE]
- **DON’T MISS** the Howard County Historical Society’s popular LUNCH DATES WITH HISTORY. [CHECK OUT THE 2017 SCHEDULE]
- **BLOG FEATURE:** [Before and After 1607, The Chesapeake Bay Region and Its People: A Guide to Better Understanding]