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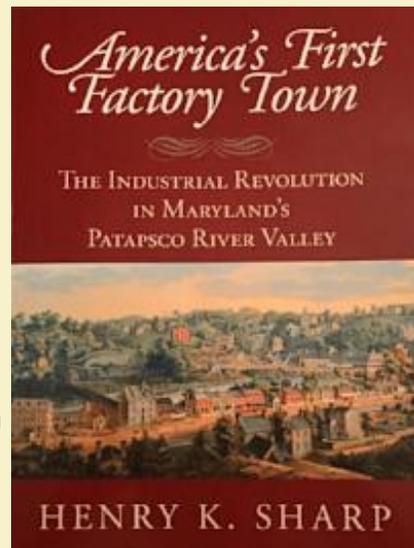
## Valley Heritage Area

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### *America's First Factory Town*

**COMING NOVEMBER 15...** New England's late 18th and early 19th century textile mills have long been seen as the originators of the American Industrial Revolution. Is it true? At this special event, noted architectural historian, **Henry K. Sharp**, presents his new research and book, ***America's First Factory Town*** which tells another story.

Sharp's groundbreaking research identifies the Patapsco Valley and the mid-Atlantic region as the epicenter of the industrial revolution which began a full generation before the textile mills of New England began production. This is a free event co-sponsored by Howard County Library System and the Howard County Historical Society. Books will be available for purchase and for signature. Space is limited and reservations are required.



**RESERVE YOUR SPOT**

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### *Sneak Peak Inside Patapsco Valley's Castle...*



Enjoy light fare and refreshments on **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13** within the beautifully renovated rooms and gardens of Castle Angelo. Join the Board of Directors of Patapsco Heritage Greenway for an exclusive evening at this iconic home overlooking the river and rails that built one of America's first factory town.

Space is limited. Proceeds benefit Patapsco Heritage Greenway. **TICKETS**

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### *Partner Project*

**WHITE HALL - Historic Ellicott City Inc.'s 2017 Decorator Showhouse**

will be open to the public through **October 22**.

White Hall was part of the early land grant called Freeborn's Progress. The house was constructed prior to 1822 and family lore suggests that the east wing was used as a hospital during the War of 1812. In 1977 the house was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. White Hall is located at just outside the Patapsco Heritage Area at 4130 Chatham Road, in Ellicott City. [TICKETS](#)



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## *Join Us for National Public Lands Clean Up With REI*

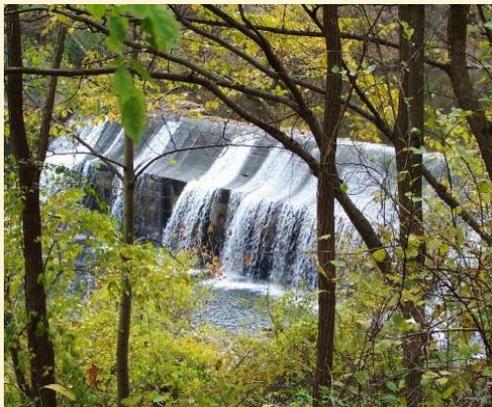
Join REI employees on **SEPTEMBER 30** in this Patapsco Valley State Park clean up to celebrate **National Public Lands Day!** Wear sturdy shoes, long pants, long sleeves and sunscreen! Bring a water bottle to stay hydrated. We'll provide the training and materials you need to make a difference. [SIGN UP HERE](#)

- **OCTOBER 5 - INVASIVE IVY REMOVAL AT SPRING GROVE...** We need your help to remove the ivy before it can further compromise the safety and health of the trees in the future Spring Grove Arboretum. [MORE INFO](#)

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## *An Historic Moment...*

Work has begun on the [BLOEDE DAM REMOVAL](#) project with demolition scheduled to begin in summer 2018. Originally built in the early 1900s to supply electrical power to Catonsville, it was the first known instance of a submerged hydroelectric plant. The dam is hollow, forming a chamber or tunnel underneath the river bed and behind the spillway where the power plant was actually housed.



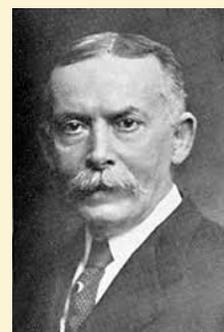
It has been described and illustrated in many scientific and engineering journals, and noted hydraulic engineers from all parts of the world noted it as one of the "wonders of progress in modern power development." The innovative dam generated power until 1924.

Here is an interesting 1937 account by [P.M.Lasswell of \*The History and Development of the Patapsco Underwater Generator\*](#).

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## *Pic Pick...*

Recent developments along the Patapsco River's Grist Mill Trail may be shocking to this past resident of Catonsville who held 30 known patents, one of which was for an adhesive that gave him a decades-long commission to provide all the glue used for U.S. postage stamps. Locally, he may be better known for generating excitement by illuminating his neighbors. Be the first to [shed a light on his name](#) and we'll send you something special.



## *Of special note... Grants!*

PHA is offering competitive mini-grants from \$500 to \$2500 for heritage sites, non-profits and local governments for programs and projects within the boundaries of the Heritage Area. Eligible projects will include new and innovative programs, exhibits, tours, events and other heritage tourism-related initiatives consistent with the goals of the [Patapsco Valley Heritage Area Management Plan](#). **APPLICATIONS DUE OCTOBER 23, 2017.**

- [MORE INFO, GUIDLINES & APPLICATION](#)

## *Save these dates..*

**September 30** - Oella Fall Festival at the Benjamin Banneker Historical Park

**October 6** - Black Churches in Ellicott City

**October 20** - HallowRead

**October 28** - Kong:Skull Island Movie Night at The Wine Bin

**October 28** - Catonsville Octoberfest & Homebrew Competition

**ELLCOTT CITY GHOST TOURS - Friday & Saturdays through November**

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