



## Financing Our Foodshed

*December 2018*

As we close out the year 2018, we cannot say thank you enough to all those who have supported us since we launched Slow Money Central Virginia this past May.

We are especially grateful this month for some generous grants we received to help substantially grow our SOIL revolving loan fund. These grants were awarded through the Community Endowment Fund and the Bama Works Fund of the Dave Matthews Band, both administered by the [Charlottesville Area Community Foundation](#), and through the Judith Haskell Brewer Fund administered by the [Community Foundation for a greater Richmond](#). Thank you again to the foundations and to all the fund donors for your support of small, local sustainable agriculture in Central Virginia.

As we embark on a New Year we are excited to be making our first 0% loans very soon as part of our SOIL program. We have several applications we are reviewing. Farmers who are interested please see the note below about the application process.

Happy Holidays!

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## Become A Nurture Capitalist Today!

Once again, we could not be more thrilled with the response to our Slow Money initiative in Central Virginia. 2019 will be an even more exciting year as we begin making loans to support the financial needs of small local sustainable farms in our region. **Help us help farmers** by contributing to our SOIL revolving loan fund. Your charitable donation will take on a life of its own as our fund grows and distributes 0% loans to farmers over and over again in the many years to come.

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The 2018 Virginia Farm to Table Conference was held earlier this month at Blue Ridge Community College. It was a fantastic event as always, and at this year's conference Slow Money Central Virginia Co-Founder Michael Reilly was fortunate to participate in an engaging panel discussion called "Nourishing Our Local Communities." Michael is pictured below with other panelists, Beth Schermerhorn from the [Chesapeake Foodshed Network](#) and Rev. Heber Brown from the [The Black Church Food Security Network](#), as well as moderator Steve Cooke from [Friendly City Food Co-op](#).



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## Virginia Association of Biological Farming Conference

The 20th Anniversary of the VABF Conference is scheduled for January 11-13, 2019 in Richmond. Slow Money CVA will be presenting under the topic: "Financing our Foodshed through Nurture Capital." Keynote speakers at the conference will include Joel Salatin from [Polyface Farm](#), Leah Penniman from [Soul Fire Farm](#), and Jeff Poppen, [The Barefoot Farmer](#). Click on the link below to register. Hope to see lots of familiar faces there!



[2019 VABF Conference](#)

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## Accepting Farmer Loan Applications

The mission of Slow Money Central Virginia is to support the financial needs of farmers in our region. Our inaugural program called **SOIL (Slow Opportunities for Investing Locally)** is a 0% revolving loan program. We accept applications on a rolling basis. We can't stress enough that no request is too small, as we want to be a friendly source of capital to help farm businesses grow in a way that's best for them.



[Slow Money Borrower Information Form](#)

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## Other Events & Opportunities

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### Future Harvest/CASA 20th Anniversary Conference

*January 17-19, 2019*

Future Harvest Chesapeake Alliance for Sustainable Agriculture is holding its 20th anniversary conference at the College Park



# FUTURE HARVEST

Chesapeake Alliance for Sustainable Agriculture

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Marriott in Maryland. Featured speakers include Karen Washington from [Rise and Root Farm](#), Forrest Pritchard from [Smith Meadows Farm](#), and Ellen Polishuk from [Plant to Profit](#).

[Future Harvest CASA Conference](#)

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