



# SO LONG 2022!



\*{{First Name}}\*,

It's official – 2022 is officially in the rearview and we're back at our desks, ready to launch into another year of getting regenerative farmers the resources they need most. We'll keep this one brief as we know many of you have full inboxes, but would love to share **an overview of 2022 and a couple highlights of December** with you.

We also want to say **thank you**. None of the loans we make, or the technical assistance we provide, or the future land financing for BIPOC farmers we have in the works can happen without your support.

We believe that **radical steps are necessary to redress historic oppression and advance racial healing in this country, and that societal structures (all of them, food systems included) must be transformed from the ground up**. We are grateful to you all for joining us in that belief, and sticking with us on the journey.

Cheers to the New Year,

**Ashley Appolon**  
Communications and Outreach Coordinator



## BY THE NUMBERS

It was a good year! **Early in 2022, we quietly surpassed a million dollars in capital deployed, then we went on to lend over three quarters of a million dollars in 2022 alone.** Financial support from all of you, as well as impact investment and some critical grant funding gave us the flexibility to pick up the pace of our lending.

- **\$768,884 of flexible, low- and no-cost capital went out the door**
- **26 individual operations, including livestock producers, veggie farms, and local and ethnic food purveyors, were supported**

- 208 hours of one-one-one technical assistance was performed to support farmers in our portfolio and our broader network
- 83% of our loans to date have gone to BIPOC- and women-led operations.

## DECEMBER LOAN SNAPSHOT



*"We are the Return Generation, smaller in number but equally determined to find dignity in our search for nourishing food, while at the same time being able to pay for the roof over our heads."*

*- Gail Taylor, Three Part Harmony*

It was a special pleasure to begin a loan partnership with [Three Part Harmony](#), a 2-acre, agro-ecological urban farm in northeast Washington DC.

Founder Gail Taylor and her partner D'Real Graham grow veggies, herbs, and cut flowers without chemical fertilizers or pesticides, with the goal of **increasing community autonomy and creating an agricultural system that is sustainable on all fronts**. Their hope is to create a model of economic sustainability as well as environmental sustainability, while creating an equitable, racially just food system.

In December, **Foodshed Capital supported Three Part Harmony with a 0% interest loan** to expand their CSA offerings (next season, they'll include poultry!) and expand operations more generally.

Gail is also a prolific writer and speaker – [learn more here!](#)

## FOODCAP ON THE ROAD

Arctic temps didn't keep us off the road in December. Our Diversity Coordinator, Bri Stevenson, paid a visit to Chip Powell at [Deerehaven Farm](#) to learn more about his operation, help assess his food safety practices, and identify any technical assistance needs.

Chip's **mission is to produce food for his community so that everyone can confidently say who grows their food and where it is grown**.

Despite the cold temps, Deerehaven's naturally grown, all-season veggies and herbs were thriving. We'll stay in touch with Chip as he scales up operations, adds cold storage, and gets GAP certified.



## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

# WE'RE RAISING \$100 MILLION

TO MAKE LAND SECURITY  
A POSSIBILITY FOR BIPOC FARMERS.

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