Grounding local food systems in permanent local farms.

Today’s Farm Crisis
Aging Iowa farmers are locked into a system of farm programs and debt that limit their choices.

Today’s Food Crisis
Our food system is fragile. Our people, water, land and air suffer as hunger and obesity steadily rise.

A Solution for Both
Circle our cities with affordable community-based farms.
- Diversify the landscape, permanently
- Reconnect people with each other and their food
- Cool the planet — forever.

THE PLAN

PHASE I: FOOD SECURITY INITIATIVE
- 4 First Focus communities protect 3 farms each in 3 years
- 40 food, farm, equity and environmental allies join forces to Circle Our Cities
- 200 influencers and policymakers brought on board

PHASE II: LAND INITIATIVE
- Expand to 10 farms surrounding 10 cities ea. in 10 years
- Protect 4,000 acres
- Feed 800,000 people min. daily requirement of produce
- Provide opportunity to 500 under-resourced farmers
- Sequester 10,000 tons of carbon per year

IMPACT: A NEW MODEL FOR FOOD SYSTEMS, founded on local farms, replicated across the Heartland.

THE TIMELINE

SILT’s 1st Five Years
1,100 acres/13 farms/31 next gen farmers/1 Agrihood and Feeder Farm On an Avg. Budget of $150K/yr

2021 Raise:
Raise $600,000 for 4 organizers and logistical support for exponential impact now.

By 2023 Raise:
1 gift @$1 million
2 gifts @$500K
10 gifts @$100K
to scale to 10 cities in 10 years.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:
Champion this innovative campaign among your friends and colleagues.
Invite 3 key people this week to schedule this chat with SILT leaders.
Invest with a lead donation today and pledge to help reach our 3-year goal.

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