



Michael Reilly

Michael Reilly is co-founder of Foodshed Capital and oversees the day-to-day operations as Executive Director. Under his leadership, the organization grew from a very small, local Slow Money program into a systems-changing nonprofit serving hundreds of farms and food businesses up and down the East Coast. Michael also led Foodshed Capital toward certification as a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) in 2020. Under Michael's leadership, Foodshed Capital has made more than 100 loans to regenerative farms and small food businesses, totaling more than \$2.5 million in capital. Most importantly, Foodshed Capital has been a leader in pushing for more innovative and less-extractive forms of lending, including 0% unsecured

loans for Black-led farms. Foodshed Capital has also forged relationships with dozens of other organizations supporting the work of small-scale regenerative farmers.

Michael began his career in banking and later honed his financial skills as a 15-year executive in the broadcast television business. He has served on the board of several food and agriculture organizations, including the Virginia Farmers Market Association, the Virginia Association for Biological Farming, and the Mid-Atlantic Food Resilience & Access Coalition (MAFRAC). Michael earned an undergraduate degree at Yale University and a graduate degree at Columbia University. He lives in Charlottesville, VA.