

Financial Summary of the Central Virginia Agrarian Commons Petersburg Oasis CommUNITY Farm Project



With your support, Agrarian Trust will collaborate with the Central Virginia Agrarian Commons to purchase the 5-acre parcel of land in urban Petersburg, VA. Once acquired, 99+ year leasehold interest will be conveyed which will enable regenerative food production and farmer training under the guidance and leadership of Duron Chavis and Tyrone Cherry, III. This will become the home of the Petersburg Oasis CommUNITY Farm Project, a Black farmer enterprise focused on food production for the community.

Financial Summary

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| Purchase Price of Property | \$160,000 |
| • Purchase of 5 acre lot with greenhouse | |
| TOTAL | \$160,000 |
| Property Endowment and Reserves | |
| • Land Stewardship Endowment | |
| • Building Endowment | |
| • Property Reserves | |
| TOTAL | \$20,000 |
| Project and Closing Costs | |
| • Legal and Recording | |
| • Appraisal | |
| • Environmental, Title, and Baseline | |
| • Management | |
| TOTAL | \$20,000 |
| The Community Circle Outdoor Area (added Sept. 13, 22 due to fundraise overage) | |
| • Outdoor kitchen | |
| • Food storage | |
| • Solar powered | |
| • Rain catchment | |
| • Educational area | |
| TOTAL | \$25,000 |
| <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>\$225,000</u> |



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Background Information about Duron Chavis and Tyrone Cherry, III

Duron Chavis launched the Richmond Noir Market, a Saturday farmer's market targeting low-income communities located in what the USDA has designated as food deserts in Richmond Virginia, and various urban farms, urban orchards, and urban vineyards. Chavis works in poverty mitigation, workforce development, health and racial

equity, and continues teaching and leading new and beginning farmers.

Tyrone Cherry III has taught at the neighboring elementary school and is a public educator of over ten years, and is the founder of Petersburg League of Urban Growers, co-manager of the farmers market, coordinator of the Power of Produce hub through the Petersburg Healthy Opportunities, and is hired by Virginia Tech to teach agriculture to students.

Both Chavis and Cherry grow food for the neighborhoods they live in while teaching others to do the same, and raise awareness of the need for Black spaces, including garden spaces to cultivate food and serve the next generation of farmers.

Partner Links:

[Duron Chavis, Happily Natural Day](#) | [Tyrone Cherry III, Petersburg League of Urban Growers \(PLUG\)](#)

Background Information about the Agrarian Commons

[Agrarian Commons](#) is: a model focused on the structural roots of sustainable and viable agriculture and regenerative food systems. Land ownership, stewardship, and tenure define the equity, viability, and justice within agriculture and food systems. It is nationally-supported, community-held land and agrarian property that supports diversified sustainable food production, shared ecological stewardship, agrarian community vitality, and the next generation of farmers and ranchers.

Agrarian Commons hold equity and authority in the community to manifest decommodifying land, permanent reinvestment in soils, sharing ecological stewardship, returning equity and control of land to local communities, and providing secure, long-term tenure for regenerative agriculture.



Agrarian Trust's mission is to support land access for the next generation of farmers and ranchers, guided by our [Principles](#) of: Commons, Transparency, Equity for Farmers, Dignity, Opportunity, Affordability, Protected in Perpetuity, Restorative Justice, Diversity, and Food Security all framed within the realities of farmland management and ownership in the U.S.

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