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## Building is Underway

Have you driven past the Food Shed Co-op property lately? Things are looking very different than they were in early summer. Our builders, [Gallant Building Solutions](#), have been hard at work since our official groundbreaking on July 18, 2023. Site preparation began even before that date with brush removal and earthmoving to create access to the site for work vehicles and large machinery.



Work, to date, includes excavation and pouring of the foundation. The excavation activity prepared the earth for the building, the eventual parking area and the landscaping for water retention. The foundation work included installing forms and

rebar and pouring concrete for the building footings and then installing footing ground wire and cutting sleeves for the foundation wall.

We are thrilled to have pictorial documentation provided by Gallant. We hope you share in our excitement as we watch our store start to take shape.

## Keeping you up-to-date on other progress

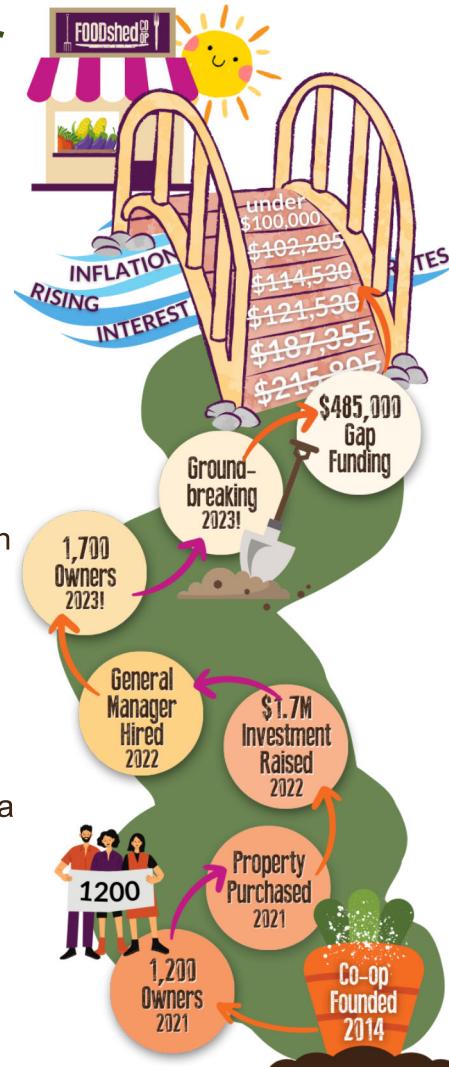
Last month we gave an update to our supporters about our Community Investment Campaign's progress. Our goal is to raise the money needed to bridge the gap created by increased material costs and the higher interest rates that developed since the completion of our original campaign. We are excited to share that we currently have less than \$100,000 to raise of the \$485,000 total announced in April, with the campaign deadline on August 31, 2023.

Step by step, we are getting closer to opening our doors. Do you want to be a part of our amazing history? The best thing you could do is to join us as a Founding Owner of the co-op.

**FOUNDING** means you stepped up before the store was officially opened. That window is closing soon. Once we reach the day of our Grand Opening, community members will still have the option of purchasing co-op **Ownership Shares** to become owners, but they will no longer be considered "founding." Be that extra special person who helps us make this dream happen.

We need your support. Join the residents and families who believed in the vision of opening a community-owned grocery store!

[\*\*BECOME A FOUNDING OWNER NOW.\*\*](#)



## Community Events

### [\*\*Farmers Market at the Dole\*\*](#)

## [Dole Mansion in Crystal Lake, IL](#)

### **Sunday, September 10 - 10am to 2pm**

We will have our table set up at the Farmers Market at the Dole on August 13 with information to share with visitors. We are always excited to speak with the public about our up-and-coming store, sell cool merchandise and sign up new owners.

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## [Woodstock Farmers Market](#)

### [Historic Woodstock Square in Woodstock, IL](#)

### **Saturday, September 23 - 8am to 1pm**

The Woodstock Farmer's Market has vendors surrounding the Square on all four sides as well as throughout the park. We will be there sharing information about the co-op. This is a Producers Only Market, meaning everything you purchase is grown or produced directly by the vendor you are purchasing from. We are unable to sign up new owners on the spot, but we can direct visitors to our website to sign up.

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## [McHenry County Farm Stroll](#)

### **Various Locations**

### **Saturday, September 24 - 10am to 4pm**

McHenry County will host its annual Farm Stroll, a free self-guided tour of the county's diversified family farms and McHenry County College student farm. A total of 12 farms will be part of this educational agriculture-centric tour. Because this is a family-friendly, free, self-guided tour, there is no beginning or end of the route—just choose the farms that interest you and visit them during the designated timeframe.



The food Shed Co-op is happy to be a sponsor for this fun and educational event. We will have information tables at two of the farms...come find us! Visitors of all of the farms will learn why local growers and producers are such assets to our county and why eating local food is better for our bodies, the community and the earth.

**Be advised: No pets are allowed on farm tours.**

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## Green Living Expo

### McHenry County College

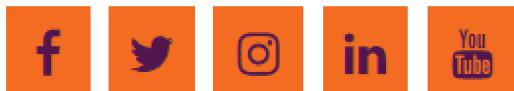
**Saturday, November 4 - 10am to 3pm**

Learn how to simplify your life ...

- find sustainable products that do more than one thing
- save money now and in the future with renewable energy discounts and new programs
- meet and talk with your local green leaders' businesses and organizations
- Student sustainability research forum!

Food trucks will use only compostable items so come see what a low waste event is all about and eat some yummy food! Attendance is free but registration is encouraged.

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***Help us spread the word about our community owned grocery store by sharing our posts with your followers on social media. And why not [BECOME AN OWNER](#) now?***

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### **Mission**

*Our mission is to build a LOCAL food COOPERATIVE promoting a HEALTHY, ETHICAL and RESILIENT COMMUNITY.*

### **Core Values**

- *Promote and foster better food choices*
- *Cultivate and strengthen our local economy*
- *Inspire and empower community*
- *Champion environmentally responsible practices*

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Cooperatively yours,  
Food Shed Co-op Board

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