

# THE WAITING IS OVER INVEST NOW

Raising \$1.75 million between August 15th - October 15th 2021

## YOUR full service community owned GROCERY STORE

Open to the Public 7 Days a Week

## HAVE QUESTIONS? CONTACT US

Email us at [invest@foodshed.coop](mailto:invest@foodshed.coop)

Call us at 815-977-9944

See our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) at

<https://www.foodshed.coop/cicfaq>

## OUR MISSION

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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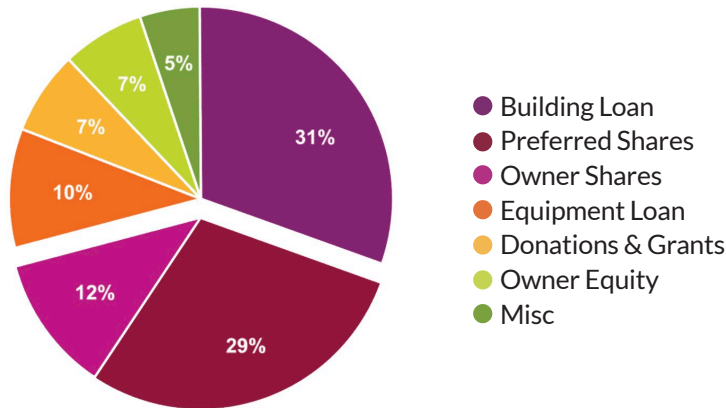
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# BUILDING OUR DREAM STORE

After seven years of waiting, the Food Shed has eight weeks to reach our investment goal and start building our Community Owned Grocery store - can you believe it? Maybe along the *wait*, you volunteered, sat on the board or helped at an event. Regardless, it took everything to bring the Food Shed to this moment. Between August 15th and October 15th we will raise \$1.75 million. We are ready, this is the moment we have all been waiting for, Invest Today, Shop Tomorrow.

Our Community Investment Campaign (CIC) will help fund construction, hire staff, purchase equipment, and stock the shelves to get the store up and going.

**funding sources**  
total funding \$4.3 million



## The Food Shed Co-op Makes Sense Because

- Professional market studies show our store will thrive at the location on US HWY 14
- McHenry County consumers value food locally sourced and grown using ethical and sustainable methods
- We have the opportunity to invest locally in a project aligned with noble values
- Our cooperative business will add richness to our lives and increase the health and vitality of our community

## the community investment campaign

Owners Calling Owners | August 15th - October 15th

### What's in it for you

- Access to local healthy food for your family 7 days per week including more organic and natural food choices;
- A strong local economy. For every \$1000 spent at a co-op, around \$1600 is generated in the local economy;
- Owners get to vote and have a voice at the co-op;
- A strong and more secure local food network On average, food co-ops purchase 3 times more local food than conventional grocery stores;
- Buying local food helps the planet because it travels fewer miles. Co-ops recycle 74% of food waste, 81% of plastics and 96% of cardboard on the average. We will also source from farms who use regenerative agriculture techniques.

### Two ways you can invest

#### PREFERRED SHARES \$1,000 each

Residents of Illinois who are over 18 can purchase up to ten (10) shares of preferred stock in the Food Shed Co-op. Preferred Shares are a long term investment with dividends paid at the discretion of the board of directors. Food Shed Co-op owners who currently own more than two (2) common shares can upgrade additional common shares to preferred shares.

*Note: Two common shares are required to be an owner of the Food Shed Co-op.*

#### OWNER LOANS \$10,000 and up

Current Food Shed Owners over 18 who reside in Illinois can give the co-op a loan that will be paid back with interest. Owner loans can be made to the co-op in any amount \$10,000 or above.

*Note: Preferred shares and owner loans have the potential to pay dividends and interest. As with any investment these investment opportunities also have risk. If for any reason purchasing preferred shares or extending an owner loan does not work for you please consider a tax deductible donation.*

**More information on these investment opportunities and frequently asked questions can be found at <https://www.foodshed.coop/cicfaq>**