Growing Local Economy.

Building Community.

One Slow Money loan at a time.

Carol Hewitt, Slow Money NC co-founder, small business owner, author, and social entrepreneur.
Chatham County
NORTH CAROLINA
Farm to Farm
“I believe the notion of financing ourselves is where we receive the lowest marks as a community—as perhaps it is the most difficult thing to do.”

-LYLE ESTILL, Small is Possible
“If we want to restore and preserve soil fertility, if we want to preserve and restore small and midsize farms and promote organic agriculture,...to diversity and decentralize our food supply and revitalize local communities...to preserve biodiversity...or if we merely want to defensively invest a portion of our assets in a food-system safety net, then we are going to have to figure out how to deploy capital appropriately, in new ways, in meaningful quantities, and for the long term.

-WOODY TASCH
FAST MONEY

Like water, when money moves too fast, it becomes violent

Paraphrased from David Orr
Slow Food to Slow Money

Because we can.....
Financing North Carolina’s sustainable food and farming economy.
Lynette

Loan #1: $2000.00
Industrial Mixer for an emerging baker
Angelina’s Kitchen

Loan #2: $6000.00 (2 lenders)
Reduce credit card debt for the expansion of her Greek restaurant
La Tamdra Strong

Loan #17: $14,000.00 (4 lenders)
Purchase a cold storage truck to transport local foods
Jackie

Loan #9: $4600.00
Hobart 80 Gallon Industrial Mixer
Patrick Coleff

Loan #4: $3000.00
Start-up costs for gourmet cheese shop
“Community is the secret ingredient of sustainability.”

- JIM LEACH
Jennifer

Loan #14: $15,000.00 (3 loans)
NC Organic Bread Flour Project
Electrical Cost Overruns to Open Grain Mill
TS Designs

Loan #18: $30,000.00 (5 lenders)
Purchase of first certified organic cotton in NC
Loan #13: $400,000.00 (16 Lenders)
Bringing It Home, Chatham, LLC
Refinanced Bank Loan
Our Slow Money Story...

Inspired by a visit from Woody Tasch in May of 2010 (author of *Inquiries into the Nature of Slow Money,*) Slow Money NC set out to build resilience in our local food economy by facilitating the making of low-interest loans to local, sustainable food and farming businesses.