Who We Are

Future Harvest CASA’s mission is to provide education, networking, and advocacy to help build a sustainable Chesapeake Foodshed. We envision food flowing from farm and fishery to table in ways that strengthen farming and the regional food economy; protect our land, water, and air; and provide nutritious food that sustains the region’s communities and cities.

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Education
FHCASA’s Foodshed Field School offers hands-on, field-based education on growing, marketing, and sourcing sustainably grown food.

Who is it for?
Most programming is farmer-focused, but we also have programs for chefs, distributors, consumers, and others across the Chesapeake foodshed.

What kinds of classes?
Programming comes in a variety of formats and ranges from beginning to advanced. New Farmer Pathways and the year-long Beginner Farmer Training Program introduce students to agriculture, while panel discussions, field days, intensives, and workshops are offered for different experience levels and interests.

The Field School curriculum begins each year with our annual winter conference, which offers 6-7 tracks that continue throughout the year:

- Fruit and Vegetable Growing
- Grass-Based Livestock and Poultry
- Business Planning
- Farming, Environment, Community
- Local Made Food and Drink
- Sourcing from the Foodshed

And for aspiring farmers...
FHCASA offers a Beginner Farmer Training Program, a year-long, intensive program providing trainees with classroom learning, free access to Field School events, and weekly on-farm experience under the guidance of a farmer trainer.

Networking
Annual Conference
Each winter, farmers, foodpreneurs, and food enthusiasts from across the Chesapeake region gather at FHCASA’s annual Cultivate the Chesapeake Foodshed conference for three days of learning and networking, including a full day of hands-on workshops and two days of learning and networking sessions.

Online Community
Our new website offers a host of resources, including a community calendar for regional food and farming events, a community bulletin board for job postings, a classifieds section, and a host of other resources for everyone from farmers to consumers.

Advocacy
FHCASA is a leading regional voice for farmers, food businesses, and food lovers working for a food and farming system that is profitable while protecting our land and water. Working with farmers, nonprofits, and other partners, we are turning around agriculture to create a stronger, healthier foodshed for our region.

Support better food and farming in your community!  
Join Future Harvest CASA.