



# Circle 10 cities with 10 food farms



SUSTAINABLE IOWA LAND TRUST

# SILT

**MISSION** To secure, preserve and steward farmland, ensuring that future generations of farmers have access to Iowa land to produce healthy food using sustainable practices.

**VISION** An Iowa sustained by healthy food grown on farms integrated socially, economically, and ecologically with their communities.



## How SILT Protects Land

1. **CONSERVATION EASEMENT** donation
2. **RESERVED LIFE ESTATE** or remainder interest
3. **SILT-OWNED FARMS:** acquired through bequests or land donations



## The Circle our Cities Initiative

- We want to **circle 10 cities in Iowa** with 10 food farms to increase access to local food markets
- To surround ourselves with farms that are **economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable**
- **Safeguarding small farms** and promoting food security as our cities expand

## Who SILT Serves

### HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED FARMERS:

- Limited Resource Farmer or Rancher
- Beginning Farmer or Rancher
- Socially Disadvantaged Farmer or Rancher
- Veteran Farmer or Rancher



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# Target cities for Circle our Cities



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Over the last 5 years, Iowa's farmland acres dropped by an average of **275 acres/day**.  
(USDA Census, 2022)

Only **12,650 acres** of Iowa's farmland is dedicated to vegetables, fruit, and berry production.  
(USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2022)

**59%** of all young farmers expressed finding affordable land to buy as extremely challenging.  
(National Young Farmers Coalition, 2022)

It is estimated that by 2030, **half a million** (one-quarter) of American farmers will retire.  
(National Young Farmers Coalition, 2011)

With an aging landowner population, up to **370 million acres** of farmland in the U.S. could change hands in the next 20 years.  
(American Farmland Trust, 2022)

Nearly **60%** of U.S. farm market value is produced near cities.  
(American Farmland Trust, 2022)

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