

Grantees focus on Land Justice

Mishawn Holt is a veteran who returned to his family land in the Pee Dee region. He wanted to take a more active role in his family's land, particularly since the land was underutilized. Holt reached out to the [CENTER FOR HEIRS' PROPERTY PRESERVATION SOUTH CAROLINA](#) which did an aerial site survey thanks to drone technology, provided technical assistance on how to use the 30 acres of family land, and enrolled Holt in the Sustainable Forestry and African American Land Retention program.

In July, the documentary *Serán Las Dueñas De La Tierra* premiered in 11 movie theaters. Filmed from 2016 to 2018, the film follows three farmers (who have no land or capital) in their day-to-day struggles to grow food and retain possession of the lands they farm. The documentary was filmed by JuanMa Pagán Teitelbaum and Mariolga Reyes Cruz, co-founders of [FIDEICOMISO DE TIERRAS COMUNITARIAS PARA LA AGRICULTURA SOSTENIBLE \(PUERTO RICO\)](#). The documentary has reached more than 10,000 people in Puerto Rico and the United States, in commercial movie theaters, film festivals, and 17 community presentations.

[FRESH FUTURES FARM \(SOUTH CAROLINA\)](#)

completed their SC Land Stewardship Cohort with five farmers/landowners who own over 50 acres throughout the state. Along with visiting ecovillages, the cohort members learned about green construction and biogenic fertilizers. Fresh Futures Farm culminated the training with a retreat to California to 1) visit farming, housing, and food cooperatives, and 2) learn from a west coast ecovillage.

In the first solidarity brigade of the Food Sovereignty Fund, [LA MARAÑA \(PUERTO RICO\)](#) met with farmers in the agroecological farm, AgroNat, in the Quebrada Arenas community in San Lorenzo. Staff cleaned and weeded the premises. This brigade began several weeks of labor on farm land.



Screen capture from *Serán Las Dueñas De La Tierra*

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Many grantees are focused on small farmers owning, maintaining, and improving their land because it has positive economic and environmental consequences.

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