

# Rusticated, LLC

## Your farm's future

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### Introduction

We are a group of friends who have lived, farmed and worked on Martha's Vineyard for the last 10+ years who are looking to relocate to the Pioneer Valley where we can focus our energies on building a community based farm focused on sustainable, regenerative farming.

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## Zephir Plume



Though she grew up in a condo in Boulder, CO, Zephir has always yearned to put her hands in the soil. “I grew up wanting a yard both to run around and play but also to grow things and be in nature.” This passion for plants has manifested throughout the years as Zephir spent several seasons working on an organic vegetable farm in Boulder while attending herbalism school before bringing those skills to Martha’s Vineyard where she ran a 3 acre vegetable farm that supplies a local farm-to-takeout restaurant. Most recently Zephir was able to combine her desire to cultivate community with her love of growing by taking on management of the Martha’s Vineyard Community Greenhouse, a non-profit organization where she keeps vegetables and ornamentals growing with volunteers from the community. Zephir is excited to bring aspects of her diverse background to whatever community we move to.

## Alex Peterson

Alex is a passionate naturalist - birder, entomologist, botanist, you name it, if it’s in the natural world he’s interested in it’s behavior and how it works. For Alex and Zephir’s current apartment this translates into every sunny spot being covered in succulents, house plants and terrariums. A native of New Mexico, Alex loves his dryland plants but has taken to farming with wild abandon over the years, farming on Maui, in the Hudson River area and for over 8 years on Martha’s Vineyard where he’s raised fowl, managed a goatscaping flock, and grown garlic and veggies on a commercial scale. Alex has managed the farming operations on the GOOD Farm for over 5 years, is Adiya’s father and primary caregiver and loves a good dance party.



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## Adiya Peterplume



Speaking of dancing, the newest member of our little community, Adiya, has been inventing dance moves and joining any and all dance parties since leaving the womb. A voracious eater, Adiya resides in the 90 percentile of all growth categories as it's clear Zephir and Alex have approached her nutritional intake in the same way they might a hungry tomato or growing piglet - feed her plenty, and often. Adiya, at almost 2 years old, is headed towards an organized, clean future as she oversees her parent's activities with a watchful eye. A lover of the local dog park, Adiya yearns to spend time with a guard dog overseeing the farm's flock of egg laying ducks and sheep.

## Erin Perry

Erin, our resident shepherdess, began her life also living in a suburban apartment where nonetheless she and her older sister managed to put in an impressive garden. Currently, Erin rotates her flock of 15 sheep daily around the farm in between study sessions. After working as a primary care nurse for 10 years Erin is halfway through coursework to become a nurse practitioner. Her current plans are to join a primary care office but she dreams of establishing a mobile clinic to bring her expertise to disadvantaged communities. An avid runner, reader and conversationalist, Erin hopes to be a force for good and an active member of any community she engages with. Additionally, Erin is engaged to Jefferson!



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## Jefferson Munroe

Owner operator of the GOOD Farm, a sustainably oriented farm on Martha's Vineyard, Jefferson got his farming career started in his mother's "rock garden" where he was tasked with removing the endless rocks of Connecticut's terminal moraine. A few decades later, after stints living around the US, Jefferson started the GOOD Farm on a 3 acre poison ivy covered hillside by raising 1000 broiler chickens. Ten years and many chickens later, the GOOD Farm raises chickens, pigs, turkeys, sheep and ducks under the fruit trees that were planted 7 years ago. Jefferson opened a commissary kitchen slash farmstand with another island entrepreneur 5 years ago and last year during the pandemic opened Komrade Fried Chicken, a food trailer that serves fried chicken at local farmers' markets and outside his farmstand. Constantly trying to improve his business, the farm and his place in the world, Jefferson is excited to bring his energy and expertise to a new property.

