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QUEEN CITY
SOVEREIGNTY SALON

Local Resources & Resilience

Queen City Sovereignty Salon

Staunton Public Library · Jan 8, 2026

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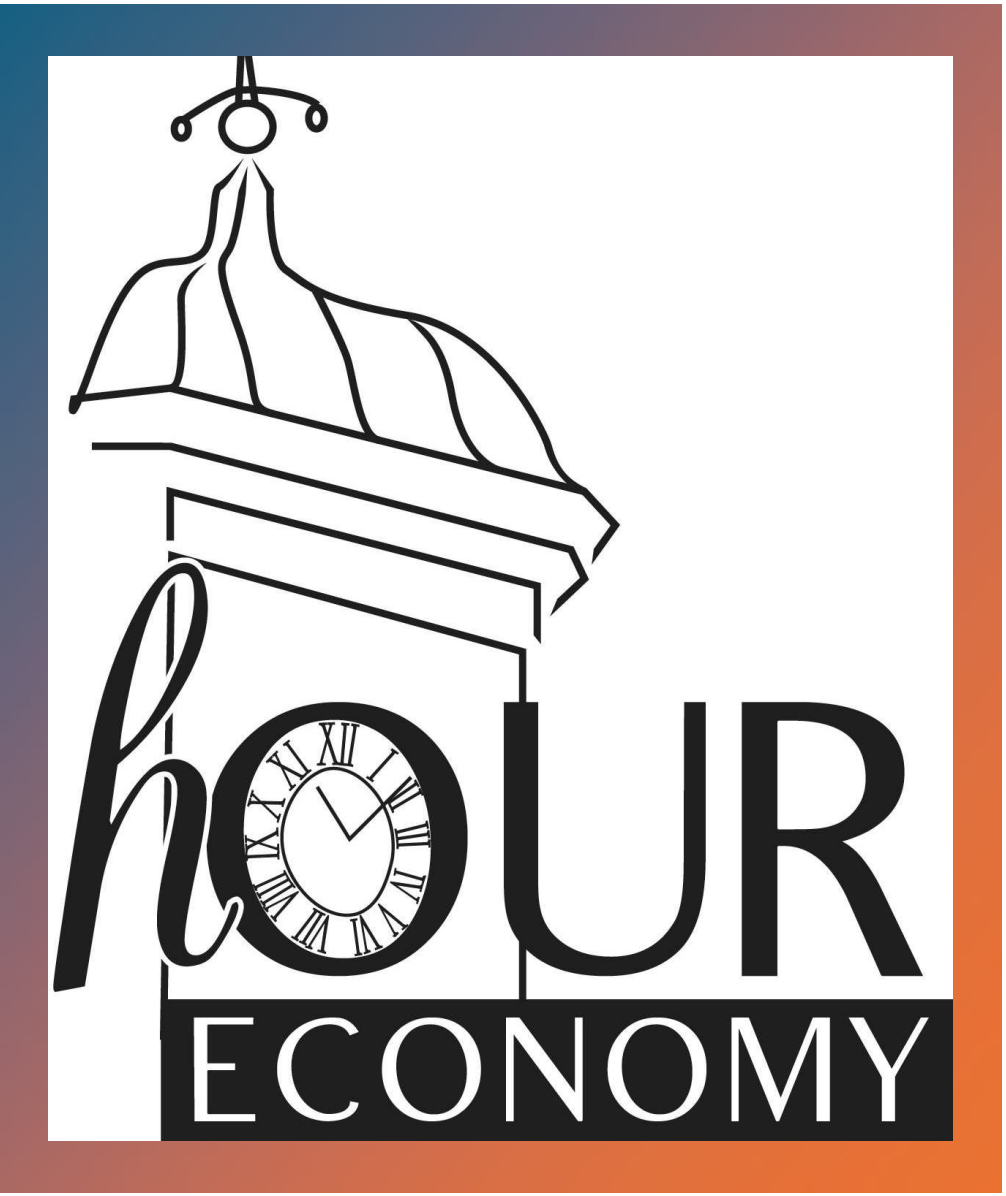
2026 Farmer’s Market

- 2026 Staunton Farmer’s Market: Confirmed fit for a Community Guest table under current market rules
- Market relocation pending due to Wharf construction → details still flexible, but guest tables expected to remain
- Market Manager indicated Queen City Sovereignty Salon is welcome in the community-guest rotation
- Positive informal feedback from vendors and board members on our mission and approach

- I will attend the Staunton Farmers' Market Annual Meeting (Jan 20) to:
  - Represent the group
  - Confirm application logistics
  - Build relationships with vendors, board, and organizers
- Salon flyer now circulating via the Augusta County Permaculture Guild

Skills, Not Stuff

- Goods
  - A barter board is not feasible.
  - We may have up to 4 pop-up markets per year without regulatory burden.
    - Find a parking lot somewhere to host?
  - Many community yard-sales exist
- Services
  - Time Banking
  - Repair Clinics



Keeping Time, Locally

- Staunton's hOUR Economy
  - houreconomy.org domain
  - TimeBanksUSA platform
- Physical local hOUR token paired a community bulletin board + local Angie's List
- Nostr-based freedom-tech options

Tech & Social Media

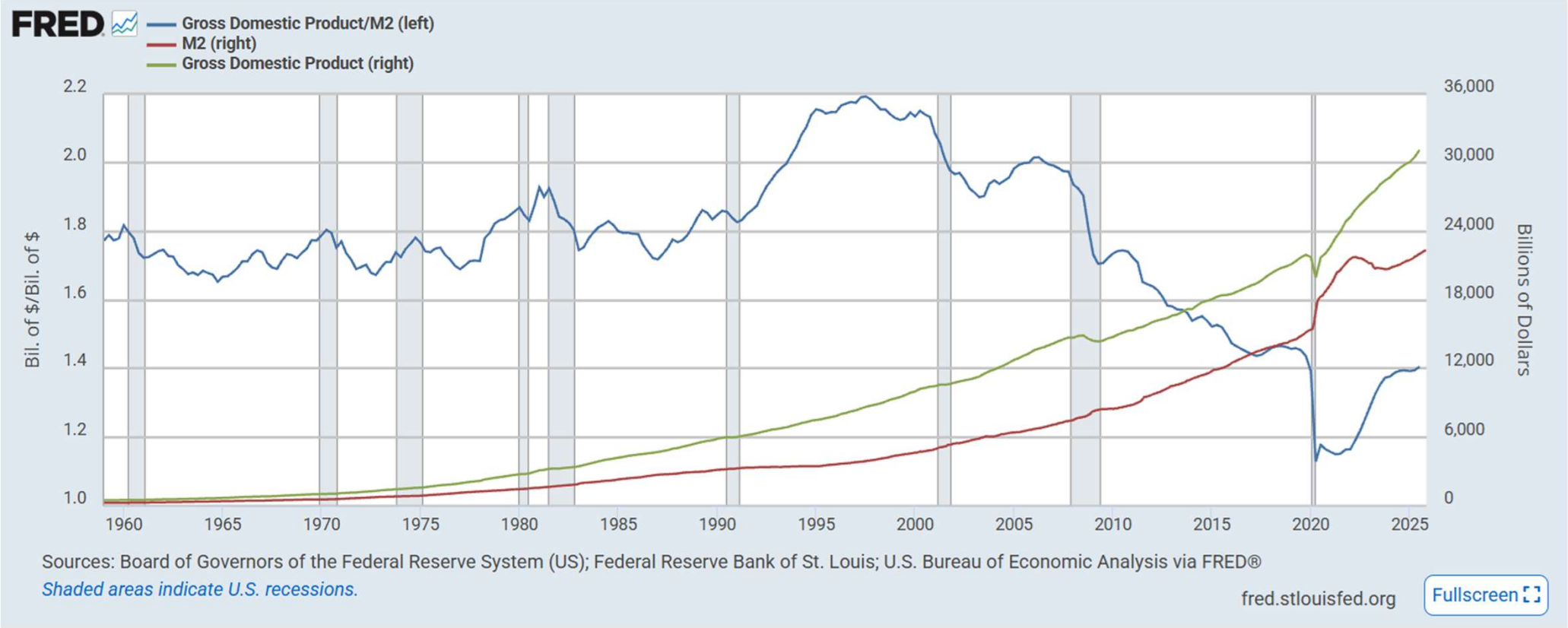
- Legacy Social Media is very problematic
  - Data harvesting leading to individualized price discrimination
  - Privacy concerns
  - Algorithmic rage baiting
  - AI-slop reality distortions
  - Explicit and implicit tax breaks for technocrats, but not regular folks
- Other options exist!
  - Nostr (I'm biased)
  - Qortal

- Local tools should run on local infrastructure:
  - Hosting our own services
  - Running our own nodes
  - Maintaining communication channels
- Older or donated hardware:
  - Refurbished desktops
  - Retired office machines
  - Low-power devices that would otherwise become e-waste

Money & Control

- Physical hOUR time bank tokens → very possible
- Local goods exchangeable collectable currency → gets complicated fast, but possible
- Nostr → opportunity to baby-steps into bitcoin without substantial investment upfront

Gross Domestic Product / M2 Money Supply



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Why Am I Doing This?

- I'm lonely → But not alone in this!
- I'm scared I need help → I'm confident I can be helpful!
- I'm angry, we're all angry about different things → I'm choosing peace for myself and my community!
- Loneliness, fear, and anger leads to despair → I have an indomitable spirit I want to share!

What We're Doing Together! (A Starting Point)

- Community education 501(c)(3) ???
  - economic literacy, local resilience, mutual aid models, and emerging communication tools.
- SKILLS & REPAIR
  - Timebank → Repair Clinics
  - Time banking volunteer opportunities
- FOOD & LAND
  - Farm Assistance → Gardening Lessons
    - Renter friendly options
  - Food abundance & fun!
- TECH & COMMS
  - Meta (FB, IG, WhatsApp) → Nostr, SimpleX, Bitchat
  - Microsoft, Windows → OfficeLibre, Linux
  - ChatGPT → MapleAI
- MONEY & BITCOIN
  - Non-KYC, Self-Custody, Running Nodes Education
  - Creating time bank tokens and Staunton collector's currency