

# Creating a Pest Resilient Garden at Turn Back Time to Support Nature- Based Education Programs

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### Turn Back Time (TBT)

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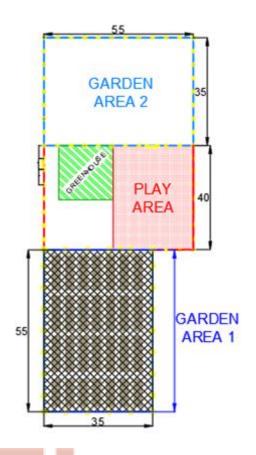
- Non-profit nature based education Center
- O Located on a 58-acre farm in Paxton, MA
- TBT offers inclusive educational programs and provide a space for children of all ages and abilities to learn and grow outside of a traditional learning environment.
  - The variety of farm based nature education allow children to learn at their own pace in a relaxed educational environment
  - Teaches children to appreciate nature by providing an introduction to environmental advocacy
  - Programs nurture the next generation of Environmental Activists.



#### Our Project

"Create a novel predator proof-garden system that is designed for efficiency and enhanced learning opportunities while supplying the farm another means of revenue"

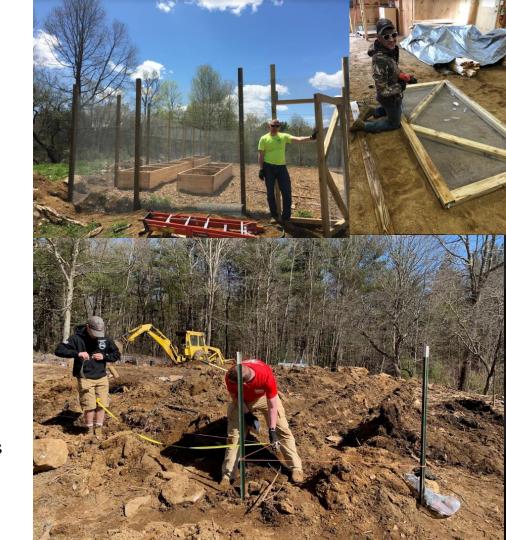
- We were responsible for leading the design, sourcing of the materials, fabrication, and installation of the 2000 square foot garden enclosure with a \$5000 budget.
- Create two 2000 square foot areas of protected garden spaces for production and education.
  - Area 1 (Lower) A fully enclosed predator proof enclosure for production of crops
  - Area 2 (upper) A semi-enclosed garden that provides structured play why still protecting the crops.





## Making the Enclosure

- 1. Identify what Turn Back Time needed
- 2. Draft and revise garden plans
- 3. Source the materials
  - Secured a 25% Discount at Lowe's
- 4. Lead the installation and bed assembly
- Handoff plans and instruct staff on maintenance and best practices for building more garden beds and enclosures





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