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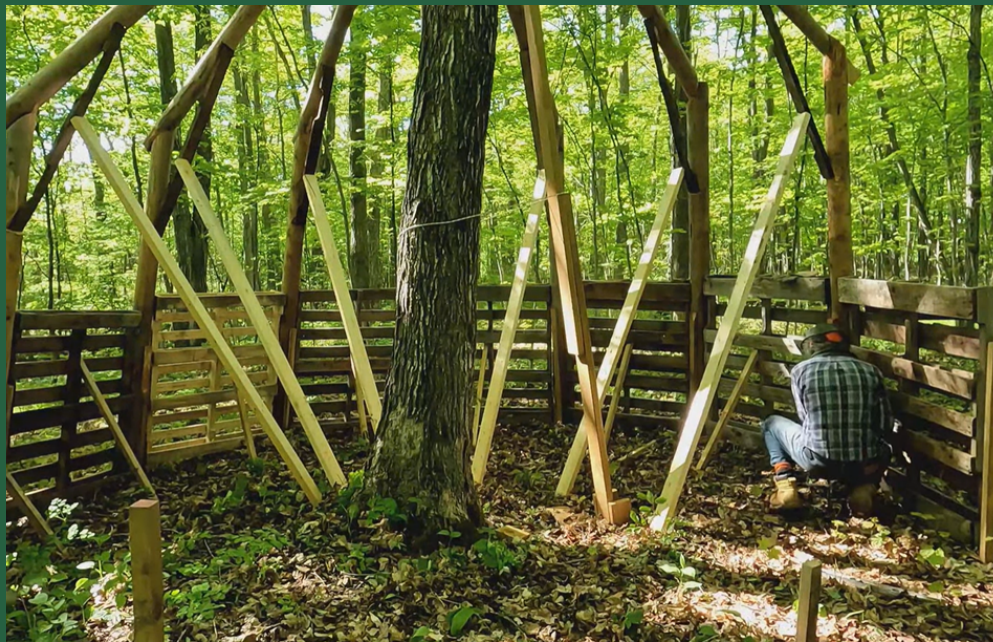
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Healing Forests serve a multitude of purposes. They serve as a means for reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, a way to promote mental health and human well-being, educational opportunities on biodiversity and Canada's history, and to light the way for the future of reconciliation. Healing Forests are largely funded by the David Suzuki Foundation (DSF), and the National Healing Forests Initiative (NHFI). They can be established in both urban and rural settings, which is what makes them so diverse and unique.

In 2022, an artist named Justin Tyler Tate was looking for a Healing Forest to partner with and install an Anthropocene Art installation in. Marcatus took interest in his idea and joined him to plan the project for our own Waupoos Healing Forest. The installation is called "Terricolous", a Bat Habitat, and was established in the Forest in summer 2024. Marcatus decided to collaborate with Justin because of our desire to add something unique to the Healing Forest, and we recognized that he shared similar values to our own. Adding an artistic element to this area both enhances the environment and continues community-building around the space.



UN SDGs Alignment:

- SDG 13 (Climate Action)
- SDG 15 (Life on Land)
- SDG 5 (Gender Equality)
- SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities)

- Climate Benefits:
 - Supports biodiversity and pollinators.
 - Reduces pesticide use through natural pest control.
 - Enhances ecosystem resilience.
- Social Impact:
 - Promotes inclusion and equity in climate action.
 - Engages Indigenous and marginalized voices.
- Community Engagement:
 - Partnerships with schools, garden clubs, and local experts.
 - Educational outreach on forest resilience and native planting.

