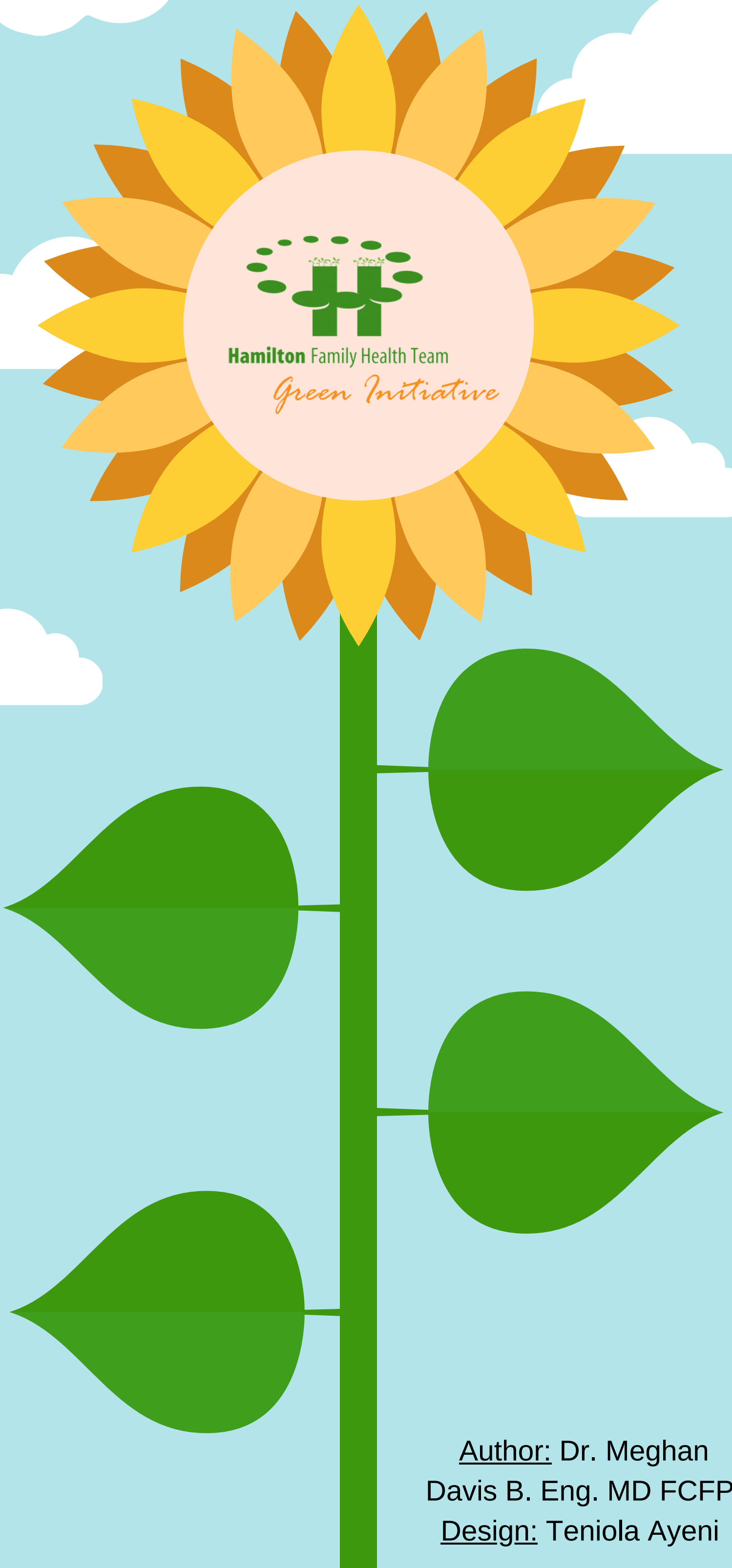


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Pollinator Garden



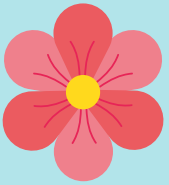
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After starting the Green Office Initiative, the Dundas and Crown Point pilot sites chose to plant native gardens that encourage pollinators.



The importance of pollinators:

Pollinators, including bees, butterflies, beetles, birds and bats, play an essential role in maintaining healthy ecosystems. They provide the service of pollinating our crops and plants, which in turn increases crop yield and biodiversity in the natural environment.¹



At Crown Point the initiative to build and plant a flower bed in our parking lot was suggested by RN Megan.

Here is Megan with the cedar box she built, where we planted native species in the Fall of 2020.



We will also contact our local garden club:
[Crown Point Garden Club](#)

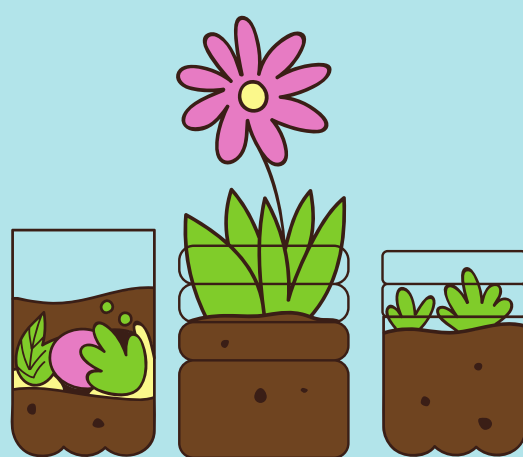
Did you know that Hamilton is trying to build a pollinator corridor through our city? Learn more [here](#).

Once we register as part of this project we will put up signage near the garden as part of our broader education.

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At the Dundas pilot site, they have an invasive plant called False Bamboo in their garden. Non-native plants can be invasive as they do not have many predators, and crowd out other plants which decreases biodiversity. Join our facebook group (link below) to watch the Dundas pollinator garden transform into a native species heaven.

The David Suzuki foundation states that manicured lawns are a desert for pollinators (and most wildlife) so we should make our gardens a pollinator paradise. Even a small patch can provide valuable habitat for bees, butterflies and hummingbirds.²



Do you have any green outdoor space at your office? Even a small plot like Crown Point's is helpful for pollinator insects!

References:

- (1) [Pollinator Partnership](#)
- (2) [David Suzuki Foundation: Pollinators](#)

More Information:

<https://treesforhamilton.ca/>
<https://www.hamiltonpollinatorparadise.org>

Join the HFHT Green Initiative, and access all infographics, videos, and other resources at:

[HFHT Green Initiative Webpage](#)

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