HOPE (Healthy Options for People and the Environment) volunteers were out in full force recently to create the native garden at Sargent Rd. and Mountainview Rd.

New garden has HOPE

Tative shrubs, wildflowers and grasses are now featured in the boulevard garden at Sargent Rd. and Mountainview Rd.

The planting of the native garden was co-ordinated by Healthy Options for People and the Environment (HOPE) and funded by an Evergreen Green Grant for \$5,500 sponsored by Wal-Mart Canada.

The garden, part of the Town's Adopt-A-Boulevard program, was created to demonstrate to the public that boulevards can be transformed into areas of natural diversity, instead of growing a monoculture such as grass.

Volunteers helped with the recent planting of items such as creeping juniper, false sunflower and big bluestem after Belinda

Gallagher, who created the gar-

den design, placed the plants.

The central portion of the boulevard has now been planted and there are plans to plant the remainder of the native garden next spring.

Interpretive signs and markers will also be added to help educate the public.

The garden has been roped off to discourage people from walking through the plantings until they have had a chance to establish themselves.

To learn more and see detailed photographs of the Sargent Rd. Boulevard Garden visit HOPE's blog (web log) at: sargentrdboulevardgarden.blogspot.com or contact Christine Upton at 905-877-4414 or email her at theuptons@sympatico.ca.





