

## **OLD SEED HOUSE GARDEN – VISION STORY**

### **Original Vision:**

To create a showcase garden honouring the legacy of the Dominion Seed House business for the benefit of the whole community. The 1.8-acre site is part of the former Dominion Seed House property and encompasses an area where the landmark mock-Tudor building once graced Highway 7 in Georgetown. This highly recognizable symbol for gardeners across the country, although now vanished, has been replaced by a unique sunken garden within the foundation walls of the old building. These beautiful thick stone walls offer an attractive backdrop for a secluded garden while providing historical context. Other features include a meandering dry stone riverbed to a naturalized pond emphasizing trees, shrubs and perennials in an informal setting, as well as more formally laid out with pathways and a band shell as its focal point.

### **Strategies & Resources:**

Partnership with Town of Halton Hills, fundraising efforts including Dig your own plant sale, floral note cards, Dominion Seed House memorabilia, Ontario Trillium Grant, Donor Recognition program, Tree Donation program

### **Achievements:**

The Old Seed House Gardens have become a beautiful natural focal point at the heart of Georgetown. It possesses meditative qualities akin to a labyrinth. Stone masonry on the gates to the garden was completed in 2008, in time for the Light up the Hills initiative. Completion in 2009 of the adjacent splashpad will ensure that residents of all ages continue to benefit from the legacy of the Dominion Seed House gardens.