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To me, a small, climate-positive action that brings a purpose to life is starting a native plants corner. I personally love planting, either from the start with seeds or plants that are already starting to grow a little. On top of this, I learned through this challenge that planting plants, specifically native ones, is very important and beneficial for biodiversity. I also did a long time ago planting in the area right in front of my house because it is really empty right now. Compared to my neighbors, we were lacking a lot of plants and the place is just a perfect spot to complete this challenge in. This is why I want to start a native plants corner, because I know even this small action could be a big deal to consider for the ecosystem and it could also provide shelter and a habitat, a place to stay for any wildlife. The plants I chose to plant are the Pink Grapefruit Yarrow and the Coneflower. Both of these flowers are known to be native to Long Island, New York. Coneflowers are known to provide habitat for various wildlife species, including bees and butterflies. What I thought was interesting was how cone flowers are very beneficial in human life too, as it could be used as medicine. According to My Home Park, the flowers do provide a source of nectar and pollen. This helps support the health of pollinators that are very vital. It overall supports biodiversity and a stable environment. Yarrow flowers are also known for their beneficial role in pollinators and many wildlife species. It is known to attract beneficial insects such as bees. Not only these wildlife species but what I thought was fascinating about the yarrow flowers are that they could be used to help enrich the soil. According to Epic Garden, vegetables that grow near the yarrow can produce more. These specific reasons on top of these flowers being native to Long Island, had pulled interest in me to buy these flowers and start a native plants corner.

I decided to team up with Jolyna from our Big Green Beans team for this challenge. We discussed our plans through messages, and she helped me with the research as well. However, the native plants corner was started in my neighborhood.

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