

# Volunteers help daffodil society plant 2,200 flowers in 33 minutes



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Carolyn Verbecken, left, Jo Rand, center, and Karen Hutton, right, of the Jackson Eyeopeners Lions Club pose for photos at Cascade Falls Park, on the corner of Randolph St. and S. Brown St., on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016. (Emily Mesner | Mlive.com)

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**JACKSON, MI – In 33 minutes, nearly 40 volunteers planted 2,200 daffodils at Cascade Falls Park.**

Members of four different Jackson Lions clubs, the Youth Advisory Committee of the Jackson Community Foundation, and members of the Jackson County Daffodil Society gathered Saturday, Oct. 1, to brighten Jackson, one bulb at time.

"What I really love about this is seeing a group of people come together and achieve a goal and a vision for our community in a very short time," said daffodil society Vice President Chris Lake. "What we do is maybe intense for a few days to get ready but it has a lasting impact, 30-40 years, on the community."

This year, they will be planting three varieties of daffodils, Saint Patrick's Day, Ice Follies, and Dutch Master, creating a ribbon-shaped flowerbed easily viewed from a walkway for park visitors.

Depending on the weather, the daffodils will begin to bloom in March and continue for about three to four weeks.

The society is celebrating their 21st year together having planted daffodils in both Ella Sharp Park and Cascade Falls Park, rotating parks each year. In 20 years, the society has planted 100,000 bulbs throughout the Jackson community.