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Thousands of new daffodils ready to bloom in spring

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JACKSON MI – There's nothing like spending a Saturday morning in the park – and that's what happened Oct. 5, when 44 people arrived at Ella Sharp Park with gloves and shovels in hand to plant 2,200 daffodil

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The Jackson County Daffodil Society, which strives to enhance and beatify Jackson's parks, estimates it has planted more than 100,000 bulbs between Cascades Falls Park and Ella Sharp Park since its formation in 1995, according to member Chris Lake.

Eight years ago, the Jackson Host Lions Club adopted and now sponsors this planting project as an opportunity for community service, Lake wrote in a news release.

The Cascades, North Jackson, Vandercook Lake and Jackson Eye Openers Lions Clubs also joined in the collaboration, and the Jackson Community Foundation Youth Advisory students also volunteered for the fifth year, Lake said.

This year's planting honored recently retired Society President Paul Brencher, a longtime active member of the Jackson gardening community, Lake said. The Daffodil Society also thanked and recognized Jackson's Beck's Flower Shop & Gardens Inc. for its partnership in this annual event and Jackson Area Career Center agriscience instructor Jason Gehrke for preparing the site, Lake said.

Be on the lookout for the results of this planting day in March and April when the bulbs begin to bloom.



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