



Keep Noblesville Beautiful plants 3k bulbs

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Volunteers with Keep Noblesville Beautiful planted more than 3,000 daffodil bulbs Sunday outside the entrance corridor to the city near the Hamilton Town Center. Organizers thought they would only have enough bulbs to cover one side but said Kroger stepped up and assisted the organization buying more bulbs to complete the job.

It is the second year KNB has planted daffodils welcoming residents home and visitors to the city. The first year at Indiana 37 and 32 glowed with yellow blooms last year and hopes are to eventually flower every such corridor.

Board member Lori Schwartz was one of those on hand in the chilly morning air Saturday and said the project was a good example of how business, community groups and government can work together. Without the effort of KNB the project wouldn't get off the ground, without corporate sponsorship and assistance like that from Kroger, the groups can't go as far and do as much and without the support of local government, projects like the planting and neighborhood beautification can get stalled.

The Times photo by Steven Furlow
Mark Reuter digs a hole and Dustin Hurlock puts a
daffodil in for planting Saturday morning with Keep
Noblesville Beautiful at the entrance corridor to the city
off of Interstate 69 at exit 10.

Just for the planting, Schwartz pointed out, KNB had to work with both Noblesville and Hamilton County governments to make sure all was up to standard and safe.

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The volunteers, she pointed out, were the most important part of the plan, implementing in short time frames projects all can enjoy.

"I think a lot of people see, but not realize how it's done," Schwartz said. "It's going to look so good in the spring. It



makes a statement."

It was done Saturday initially through gloved fingers and heavy jackets using hand shovels and a drill to break up often rocky dirt. Bulbs were then placed and the workers moved on to the next row.

Schwartz pointed out the Mikes Carwash next to the entrance assisted providing electricity to power generators and coffee makers, appreciative of the work being done and realizing the beautification effort would have a positive impact on them as well.

"We're learning as we go," Schwartz said. "We're learning to make a successful program. Our goal is to be as big as Keep Indianapolis Beautiful."

Learn more about Keep Noblesville Beautiful including upcoming volunteer opportunities at www.keepnoblesvillebeautiful.org.

Schwartz thanked all the volunteers who spent their Saturday with the planting including the help from the Hamilton County Probation Department.