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ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY GROUP—The Schoharie Promotional Association prepare to clean up an area along Route 30. The association is participating in the "adopt a Highway" program. Pictured, from left, Jack Young-DOT Resident Engineer, Sal Medak, Jim Getman, Bob Vedder-Vice President, Dick Young-Secretary, and Cappy Santos-President.
(Photo by Marjorie Trentacosti)



Volunteers—Schoharie Promotional volunteers Bob Vedder, Dick Young and Sal Medak plant flowering bulbs at the intersection of Routes 443 and 30 in Schoharie, part of the two-year agreement between the association and the state Department of Transportation in the "Adopt a Highway" program.

Schoharie promoters join Adopt a Highway program

By Doug Stinson

The Schoharie Promotional Association has completed the first phase of its two-year agreement with the state Department of Transportation to maintain and improve the highway right of way at Rt. 443 and 30 in Schoharie.

"We've cut the grass, pruned the trees, filled holes and planted flowers," said Bob Vedder. "We've actually done more than is required, but next spring, these flowers will make the area look a lot better."

Mr. Vedder, joined by Dick Young and Sal Medak, had just completed spreading top soil, filling several depressions and planting tulips near the sign that welcomes drivers to "Historic Schoharie" at the intersection. Other flowering bulbs had been planted earlier.

Additional improvements for the area may include the removal of a dead elm, replacement of an ailing

apple tree, and the planting of ever-green shrubs near the sign.

The association also plans on regular mowing for the area, unlike NYS maintenance in the past which consisted of bringing in a brush hog when the grass and brush got high enough to impair visibility.

The Schoharie group is the second group in the county to adopt a highway. The Cobleskill Rotary

adopted the area of the park-and-ride on Rt. 88 earlier this year.

Adopting a piece of highway requires a two-year contract, and makes the volunteers subject to state rules and regulations. That's why the volunteers planting tulips last Saturday are wearing hard hats; it's a requirement of the state Department of Transportation.