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WATCH RIVERBEND PARK SUSQUEHANNA RIVER PROJECT

On March 29, 2008 Sheriff Michael Savokinas and Deputy Chief Carl Zawatski assisted the Luzerne County Community College Science Club with a cleanup of the Riverbend Park. The object of this project was to help clean up and clear trails at Riverbend Park and the surrounding area along the Kingston side of the Pierce Street Bridge. The guest speaker was John Orlandini, author of *The Ancient Native Americans of the Wyoming Valley*. Teachers and students from the Seneca Nation Faith Keepers School in Salamanca, New York were also present to help in this project.

Assisting the Luzerne County Sheriff's Department was the Luzerne County Emergency Management Agency who provided a cleanup crew and vehicles to use. The Luzerne County Correctional Facility who provided 10 work release prisoners to help clean up who were supervised by Correctional Officers. The Sheriff's Department provided the supplies of garbage bags and latex gloves which were obtained through donations from the public. Sheriff Savokinas' mission statement was to clean up a known area that was commonly used by illegal drug users and drug dealers, and to help beautify Luzerne County.