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News Release

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On March 24th 2009, The York County Sheriff's Office Criminal Response Unit Inmate Work Crew began working on a project in North York Borough.

The Mayor Council of North York Borough, Borough Council, and other Borough Staff requested The Criminal Response Unit's Inmate Work Crew assist North York Borough with several crime related issues and quality of life concerns.

The current project being completed in North York Borough focuses on multiple projects at the Borough Park.

There were several issues that were noted by North York Borough at the park area. Some are:

- Spray painted / graffiti on buildings, park equipments, etc.
- Overgrowth around walking path (Members of the Borough will not walk this path because when the weeds grow up kids hide in there and drink, do drugs, dumping, vagrants, and other things. This keeps most residents to choose to just stay away for their safety.)
- Overgrowth on eastside hill of path closest to the Codorus Creek (and future connected area of the Rail Trail). He borough pointed out the same problems in that area. Underage Drinking, Drug Use, Vagrants, Dumping, Littering, and even made mention of sexual activities in those areas.
- Sand Box was turned into a burn pit that the children cannot use.
- State mandated wetlands area being torn up and destroyed by four wheelers that shouldn't be there.
- Assist in placing more park equipment out. Picnic Tables, Etc. They said that kids would take unanchored park equipments and throw it into the Codorus Creek for kicks. If they had help anchoring it down, this would no longer happen.

As they were very expressing their concerns, it was obvious that they are a very proud community, but are also very limited on what they can do.

The Inmate Work Crew began working on the project on March 24th. They have been dedicated to that site for 6 days so far. Since March 24th, The Inmate Work Crew has removed 18 Bags of Litter, Trash, and other Rubbish, and 48 Truck Loads of Rubbish and Trash.

To today's date The Inmate Work Crew has been assigned to 5 major Work Projects. Since beginning the program in December 2008, The Inmate Work Crew is responsible for removing 488 bags of trash and 170 truckloads of trash and rubbish.

The Mission of the Criminal Response Unit Inmate Work Crew is to perform projects to greatly improve the appearance of the community, remove eyesores, and take away any places where criminal activity occurs.

Information on how municipalities with crime related issues or quality of life issues can take advantage of this cost free program is on the Sheriff's Office Website at: <http://ycwebserver.york-county.org/sheriff/index.html>.

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