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Monthly Report:

This past month we have continued cleaning leaves from drainage ditches and culverts along our roadsides. This operation is accomplished with two men in a truck with a large leaf vacuum mounted on the front. The vacuum was originally designed as a tow behind. When used as a tow behind the leaf removal operation required as many as four employees, a driver and three behind the truck. Because a front mounted unit was not available this machine was purchased and redesigned within our department. Mounted on the front of the truck it increases efficiency by requiring only two employees. Safety is also improved as the controls are within the cab. No employees are needed outside of the truck. Working in conjunction with the truck vacuum is a tractor with a PTO driven blower. This blower was originally a silo loader. The fabrication required to modify it into a blower was also done by our employees.