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Dear Supervisor Baden,


The Cornell Local Roads Program (CLRP) would like to recognize the Town of Rochester Highway Department for their outstanding commitment to innovation. The Department displayed exemplary ingenuity in the development of "The Slider." This innovation allows the department to effectively remove debris and clean the area under and around guiderails, saving both time and money.

The Department was recognized through the CLRP *Build a Better Mousetrap Competition*; a statewide program that gives highway and public works departments the opportunity to share cost-saving projects they have developed to solve everyday problems. Entries are judged under the criteria of cost, implementation, transferability and commonality of the problem solved.

In creating "The Slider," the Town of Rochester Highway Department demonstrated outside-the-box thinking by finding a creative solution to a common problem. Their willingness to share their innovation with the rest of the New York State highway community shows generosity and a spirit of good will.

The Cornell Local Roads program provides technical assistance and training to highway and public works departments across New York State to help improve the quality and safety of roads and streets. Additional information about the CLRP *Build a Better Mousetrap Competition* can be found online at <http://www.clrp.cornell.edu/trainingevents/BBMT.html>. Please feel free to contact us at any time with questions.

Sincerely,


David Orr, PE
Director
Cornell Local Roads Program

CC: Antonino Spano, Superintendent of Highways