

# UTILIZATION OF A “HARVEST HEAD” ATTACHMENT FOR TRACK HOE EXCAVATOR

## PENNDOT ENGINEERING DISTRICT 4-0

### Problem/Challenge Addressed

The amount of vegetation throughout Pike County is rapidly growing as well as customer care complaints around roadways, intersections and signs.

### Method/Process/Product to Resolve Challenge

- The Harvest Head attachment for the Track Hoe Excavator reduces the time to clear vegetation and trees without the risk of getting hurt utilizing a chain saw.
- The attachment cuts the larger diameter trees into smaller pieces so we can leave them to lay and not have to haul them out of the ditch.
- The attachment is extremely well built for the heavy use that it gets when clearing brush.
- The attachment can reduce medium-sized trees, shrubs, and vegetation to mulch safely and efficiently.
- It's very easy to remove and attach, keeping the excavator free to do other work.

### Results/Key Takeaways

Pike County Maintenance has been using the Harvester Head attachment for a few months now and we have to say it has been amazing. The purchase was right around \$20,000. We use it to keep our roadways and intersections clear in areas that we couldn't mow or maintain in the past due to steep grades, guide rail, ditches, high volume of traffic, and other major obstructions.



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