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Ohio EPA Awards Etna Township \$32,095 in Grant Funding *Funding from H2Ohio Rivers Chloride Reduction Grant Program*

COLUMBUS, OH October 22, 2024 – Etna Township was recently awarded \$32,095 in grant funding by Ohio EPA’s new H2Ohio Rivers Chloride Reduction Grant Program. This funding will be used for a Vehicle Wash System, Flow Pro snowplow blades, and a non-invasive solar and battery powered infrared system to measure road surface temperatures.

The H2Ohio Rivers Program is an expansion of Governor DeWine’s H2Ohio initiative. Part of the program is to reduce excessive road salt usage and encourage communities and jurisdictions responsible for winter road and surface maintenance to adopt salt best management practices. Applicants for these grants were able to apply for funding for either new salt equipment or storage facility construction to help alleviate costs to local governments across Ohio.

In May 2024, Ohio EPA announced 31 communities received \$1.6 million in funding during the first round, which had over 260 applicants.

Recent water quality testing has shown that Ohio’s waterways are seeing an increase in salt concentrations, primarily due to the use of road salt. Salt can also cause nutrients and metals to detach from sediment, decreasing water quality. There are many drinking water facilities across the state that utilize river water for their source of drinking water. Water that is contaminated with road salt requires additional treatment. Additionally, road salt can cause issues with corrosion in pipes, valves, and other drinking water equipment. Road salt also corrodes infrastructure like bridges and shortens the life of paved surfaces.

Ohio EPA is excited about Etna Township’s commitment to reducing salt in their community and protecting Ohio’s waterways.



Etna Township

is the proud recipient of the

Ohio EPA's H2Ohio Rivers Chloride Reduction Grant

This program assists local jurisdictions in adopting best management practices that reduce salt and deicers contributing to runoff and promote chloride reduction in Ohio water resources

Equipment funding provided by the H2Ohio Rivers Chloride Reduction Initiative will be used for a vehicle wash system, Flow Pro snowplow blades, and a non-invasive solar and battery powered infrared system to measure road surface temperatures



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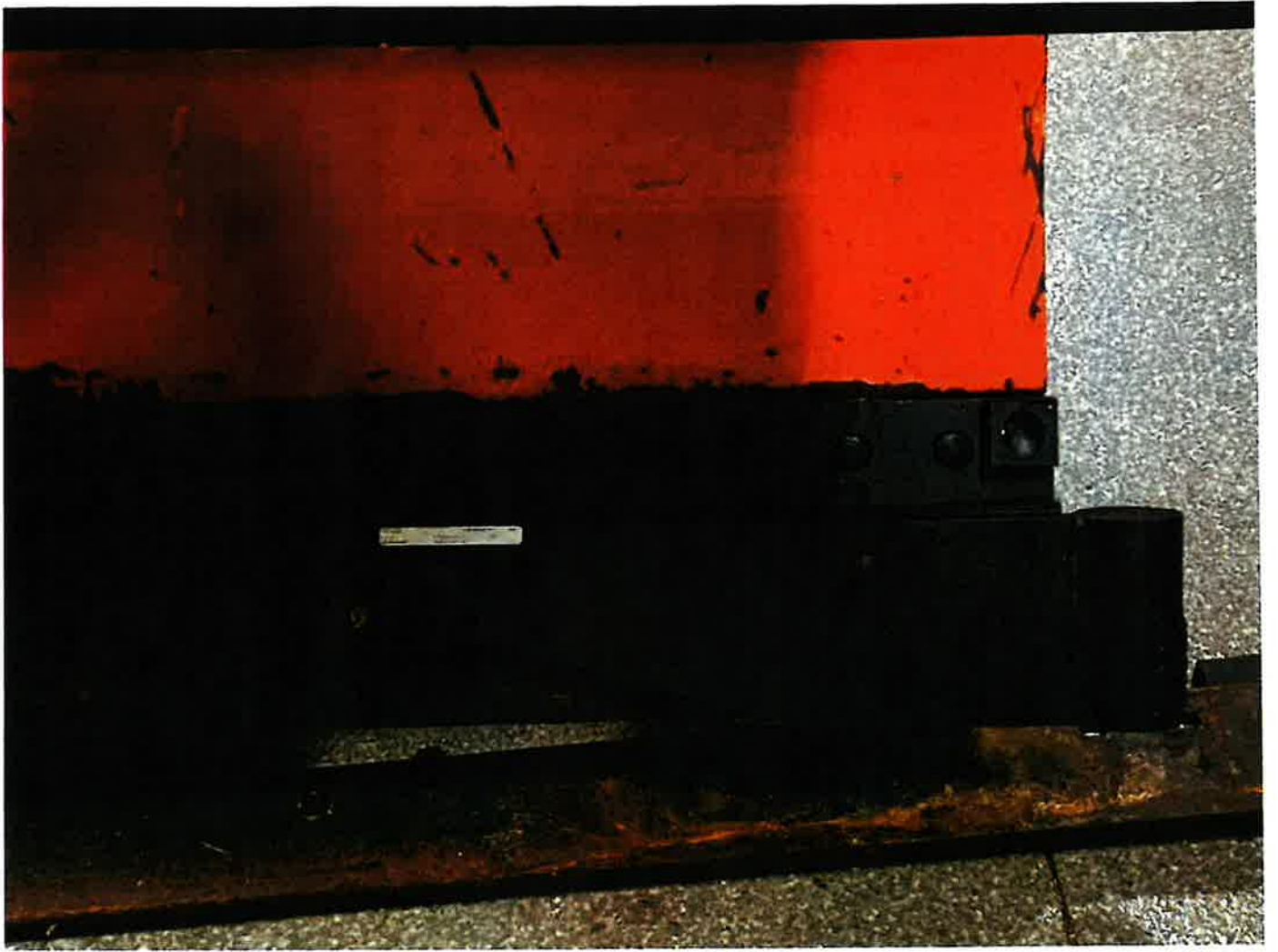
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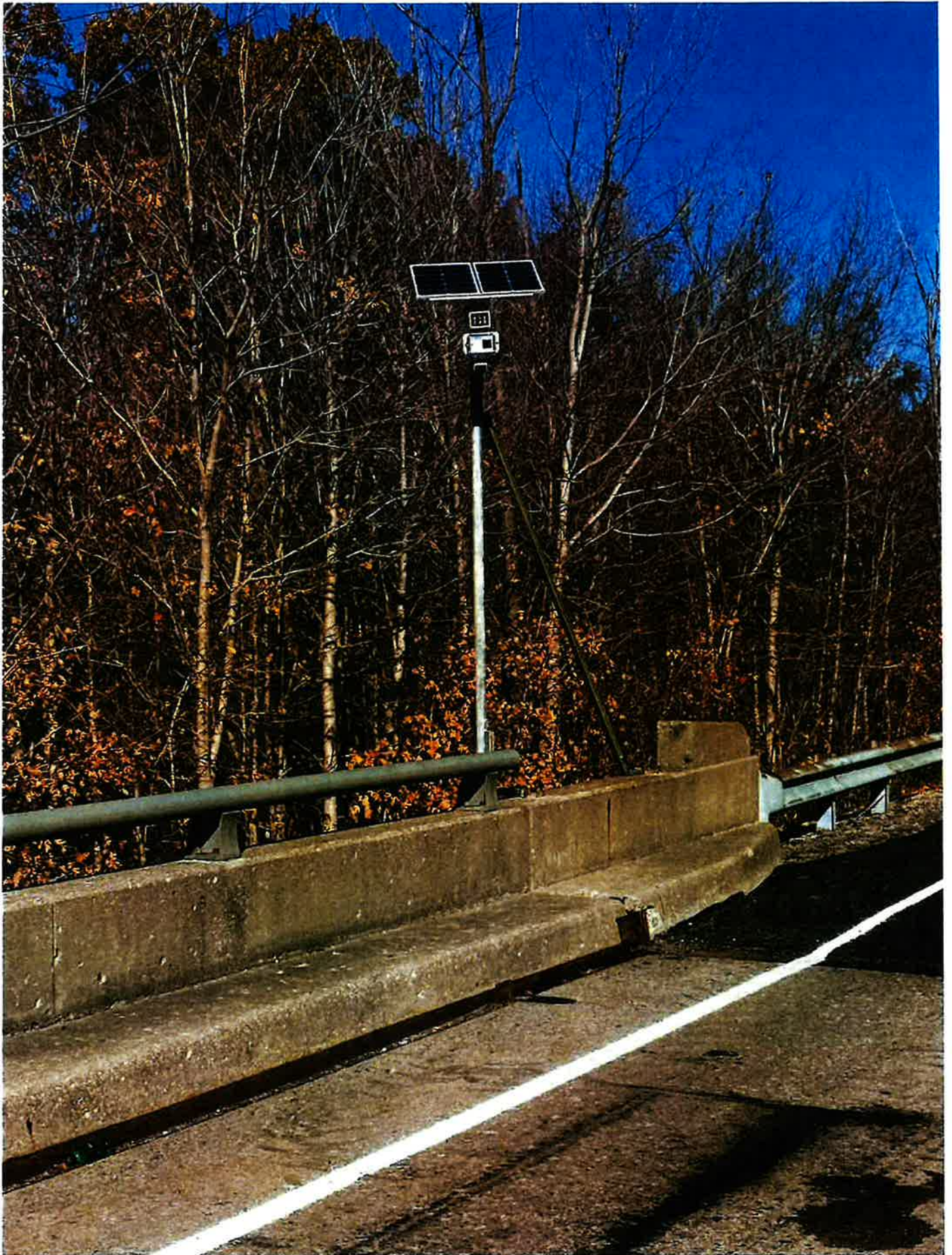




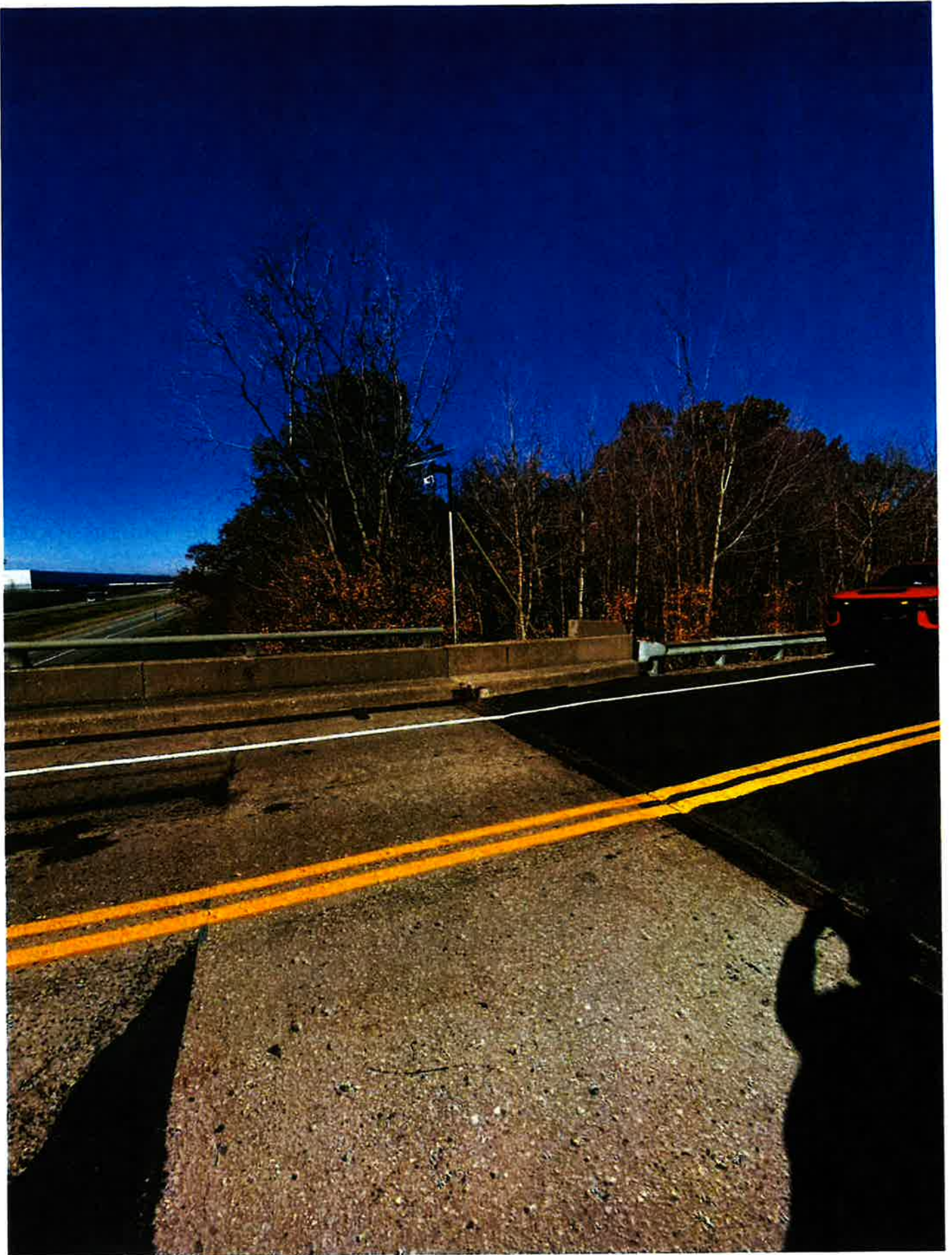




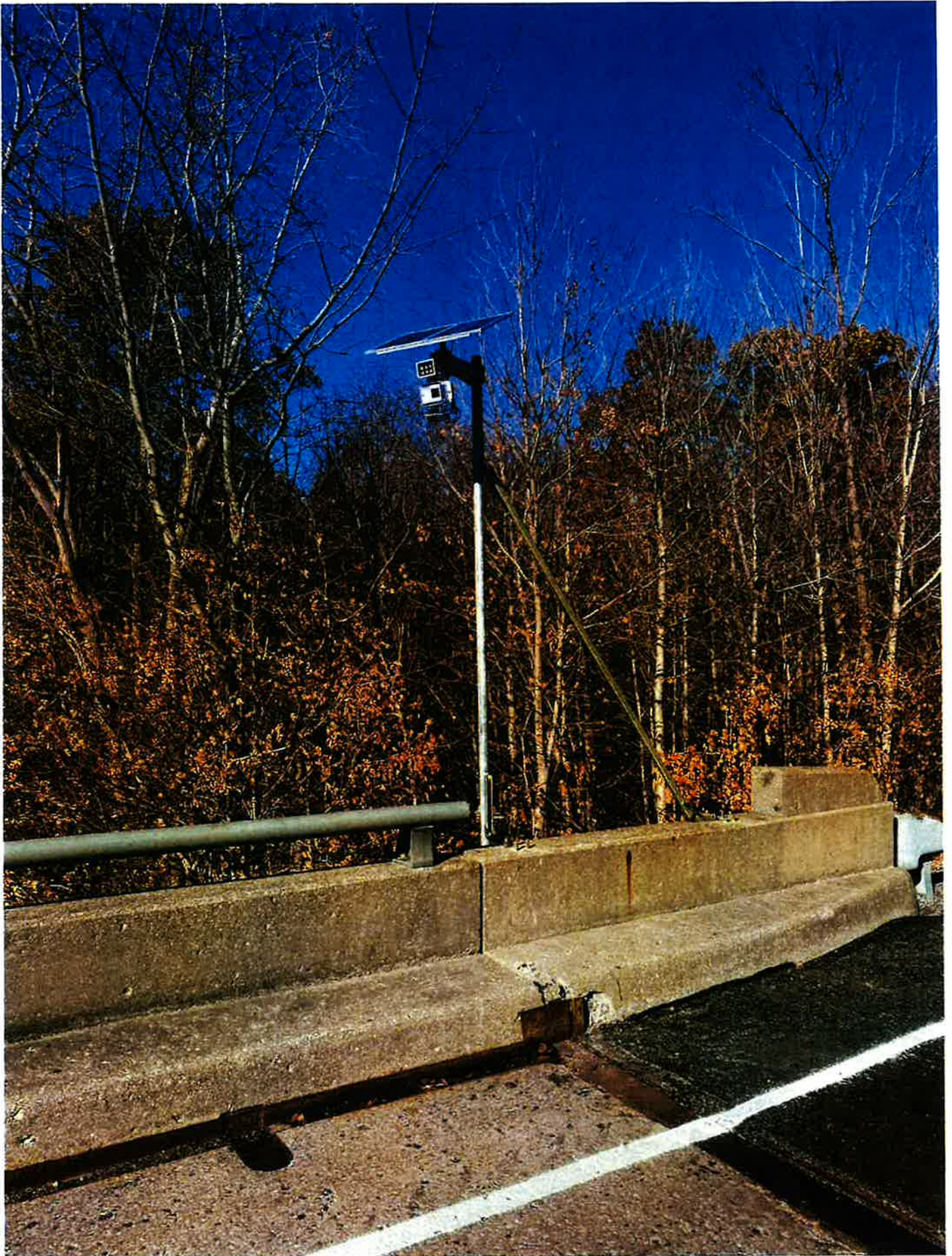
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