

WID's New Skid Steer



WID has purchased a John Deere **Skid Steer** machine. This multi-purpose unit can be useful to Barcroft in connection with street cleaning projects, dredge spoil storage, top-soil recycling, truck loading, and miscellaneous maintenance and construction projects. WID has sold the Kubota tractor which has served us well for about 15 years but is now under-powered and inflexible. It is more economical to own this small equipment rather than rent repeatedly.

The *skid steer* is so named because it can turn on a dime.....one set of wheels going forward and the other backward. This is safer and quicker than complicated turn maneuvers. The unit can be operated on its inflated rubber tires or converted

into a track machine for heavier work. Much of its cost will be reimbursed through 319 grant work such as street sweeping of snow traction control sand cleanup next spring. Its quick and tight turn capability saves staff time and permits precision sweeping around parked cars.

The recently announced Fairfax County stream pollution testing results indicate that the eastern part of the county rates "fair" or "poor". Thus, street cleaning in and near Lake Barcroft can improve water quality in the lake and its discharge to the Chesapeake Bay. A recent WID four-year project plan proposes to remove 1,700 tons of roadside filth which otherwise would pollute the lake and be expensive to dredge.

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