

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

_____ **Beltrami** _____ District FY03 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:
 1. **Water Resource Protection**
 2. **Grazing**
 3. **Forestry**
 4. **Habitat Management**

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

1. **Blackduck River Watershed**

2. **Battle River Watershed**

Water Resource Protection, Grazing and Forestry are the greatest resource concerns in these two watersheds. Both watersheds are listed by the Beltrami SWCD and the Red Lake Indian Reservation as needing attention.

3. Prioritize and weight each local resource concern for the district. Weight must be between 1 and 10:

Factor	Resource Priority	Weight
A1. Erosion Control		1
A2 Gully Control		1
B1 Water Resource		1
B2 Wastewater/CNMP	1HIGH	10
C Habitat Improvement	4MEDIUM	5
D Air Quality		1
E Impaired Water		1
F Distance		1
G Grazing System	2 HIGH	10
H Forest Mgt.	3 MEDIUM	5
Additional Local*	**HIGH	10**

* If the additional local concern is scored, describe the concern here and how points will be scored. Include any geographic priorities.

****Geographic priority areas are listed as above: the Blackduck River Watershed and the Battle River Watershed. Applications in the Blackduck River Watershed will receive 6 points. The Battle River Watershed will receive 3 points. These watersheds are listed in the Beltrami SWCD Local Water Plan and the Red Lake Indian Reservation DNR water quality studies as being areas within the county that show higher levels of nutrient and sediment loading. Both of these watersheds are part of the upper reaches of the Red Lake Watershed.**

4. Attach the scoring worksheet as recommended for the district.

5. List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 03 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

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Chair, Local Work Group

Date