

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

South Saint Louis

District FY03

EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:
 - A. Water Quality
 - B. Forest Management
 - C. Trout Stream Protection
 - D. Flooding
 - E. Wildlife Habitat
 - F. Manure Storage

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority: The Cloquet River Watershed from mile 4.0 to 19.9 (from mouth). This area is the reach of river between County Road 694 and County Road 15. In addition, the sub-watersheds that contain the following designated trout streams: Chalberg, Beartrap, Chicken, Hellwig, Cemetary and Us-Kab-Wan-Ka. Trout stream Protection concern applies.

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	low	1
A2 Gully Control	low	1
B1 Water Resource	high	10
B2 Wastewater/CNMP	low	1
C Habitat Improvement	medium	5
D Air Quality	medium	1
E Impaired Water	medium	7
F Distance	medium	5
G Grazing System	low	1
H Forest Mgt.	medium	7
Additional Local*	low	1

* If the additional local concern is scored, describe the concern here and how points will be scored. Include any geographic priorities. The Cloquet River Watershed, trout stream watersheds and stream habitat described in item #2.

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

5. List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document. Exclude tree planting as an eligible practice within 1 mile of

sharptail grouse lek locations as mapped by MNR Wildlife. Riparian Plantings are excluded from this condition and are still recommended.

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.

Chair, Local Work Group

Date

Recommendations adopted by Paul Sandstrom, District Conservationist with the following exception: Practices will not be deleted from the docket as recommended in item #5 for the FY03 EQIP pending the outcome of discussions at the NRCS State Technical Committee.