

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

Carver County District FY03 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

The Carver County LWG felt the greatest concerns that EQIP can address in Carver County are as follows:

- Hydrogen Sulfide and other Air Quality issues that occur as a result of open air Ag-Waste holding basins. Carver County currently has several feedlots that receive many complaints with odor and air quality. The County is in a transition stage with the western half of the county still heavily Ag, and the eastern half is being developed to more of an urban setting. The clash of Ag vs. Urban is becoming an increasing concern.
 - Feedlot runoff affecting water quality. More emphasis needs to be placed on protecting our water resources.
 - Soil erosion. More and more land is being converted from pasture and hayland to corn and soybeans. As a result, more soil erosion is occurring throughout the County.
2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

No priority areas were designated in the County. Funding will be county wide.

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	High	9
A2 Gully Control	High	8
B1 Water Resource	High	10
B2 Wastewater/CNMP	High	10
C Habitat Improvement	Medium	5
D Air Quality	High	10
E Impaired Water	Medium	5
F Distance	High	8
G Grazing System	Low	2
H Forest Mgt.	Low	2
Additional Local*		

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

The Carver County LWG would like to see the Practice Standards 367, 365, and 366 receive an additional 6 (six) points under Factor I – Additional Local Concern. Practices that reduce hydrogen sulfide emissions on an operation that has received an odor complaint in the past two years, or an operation within a half mile of a developing area will receive 6 points under Factor I. No additional weighted points – 6 points maximum.

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.

NO Practices deleted.

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