

# Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

## Winona County Soil and Water Conservation\_District FY04 EQIP

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

- Promotion of forage based crop rotations
- Promotion of livestock based agriculture
- Proper land application of agricultural waste
- Erosion control
- Surface and groundwater quality
- Proper woodland management

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

See additional local resource concern. The local work group utilized the Winona County Geologic Atlas to allocate additional points to areas in the county of high and medium pollution susceptibility.

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 #1	10
A2 Gully Control	High #5	6
B1 Water Resource	High #2	9
B2 Wastewater/CNMP	High #6	5
C Habitat Improvement	Medium #7	4
D Air Quality	Medium #10	1
E Impaired Water	Medium #9	2
F Distance	Medium #11	1
G Grazing System	High #3	8
H Forest Mgt.	Medium #8	3
Additional Local*	High #4 (See below)	1

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

\*The additional points listed in question #3 will be allocated to the primary resource concern addressed by the application.

The Winona County local work group utilized the Winona County Geologic Atlas to assign additional points under the local resource concern category. Areas of the county identified to have a high susceptibility for pollution were allocated 4 points. Areas with moderate susceptibility were allocated 2 points. The LWG also allocated 2 points to organic conversions. If an application addresses 2 or more resource concerns, it will be allocated 2 additional points. No application can receive more than the maximum allowed points under this category.

The Winona County LWG also decided to set aside 10% of the initial Winona County EQIP funding allocation to be used to fund Forest Management applications.

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

No practices recommended to be 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.

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Chair, Local Work Group

Date