

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

Benton Soil and Water Conservation District FY04 EQIP

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

In addition to items identified as high or very high priorities in the Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan, well sealing, residue management, wildlife habitat, practices installed on irrigated cropland, and wind erosion could be addressed.

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

- The Little Rock Lake Watershed – High – Water Quality
- Elk River Watershed – High – Water Quality

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	9
B1 Water Resource	High	10
B2 Wastewater/CNMP	High	9
C Habitat Improvement	Medium	7
D Air Quality	Low	1
E Impaired Water	Low	1
F Distance	Medium	7
G Grazing System	Low	1
H Forest Mgt.	Medium	7
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.

The Local Work Group assigned the following points to Item I in order to address high priority watersheds and high priority practices. The total pre-weighted points scored cannot exceed 6 for this item.

Item	Points
Located in the Little Rock Lake Watershed	3
Located in the Elk River Watershed	2
Well Decommissioning	3
Wetland Restoration	3
Headland Planting	2
Activities associated with feedlots under an MPCA Open Lot Agreement	3
Tree and Shrub Planting	2
Upland Wildlife Habitat Including Native Grasses	2
Upland Wildlife Habitat Without Native Grasses	1
Closure of Abandoned Waste Facility	3
Practices installed on irrigated cropland	3
Residue Management	4

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

Approved without any changes

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

None

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 04 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

Chair, Local Work Group

Date

Members in attendance:

Mark Hauck	Benton SWCD Manager
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Dan Hennek	Water Resources Advisory Committee
Todd Tonsager	DNR Wildlife
Lori Wolff	US Fish and Wildlife Service
Jay Backowski	FSA CED
Marlin Hage	DNR Forester
Dan Lais	DNR Waters
Butch Bukowski	Benton County Commissioner
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