

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

_____ Blue Earth SWCD _____ District FY04 EQIP

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

1-Soil quality-excessive sheet/rill and other erosion,

2-Surface water quality-nutrients, pesticides, sedimentation, animal wastes, loss of riparian vegetation, loss of wetlands, streambank stabilization

3-Ground water-nutrients, loss of wetlands

4-water quantity- flooding/excess surface water

5-animals- animal health, invasion of nonindigenous plant or animal species, sedimentation/eutrophication of water bodies, loss of diversity/declining species/population imbalance

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority: MAPLE RIVER WATERSHED, TOWNSHIPS—Jamestown, and Garden City

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

- If the additional local concern is scored, describe the concern here and how points will be scored. Include any geographic priorities.
- EQIP contracts consisting of practices 328, 329 ,595,590 and a buffer practice receives=3 points . EQIP contracts in the Maple River receives=3 points. EQIP contracts in the above mentioned townships receive 1 point. EQIP contracts with the CORE 4 practices and located in the Maple River Watershed receives 6 points.
- **NOTE: THE WEIGHT FOR ADDITIONAL local CONCERNS IS 10.**

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 Work Group recommended that septic systems and intake replacement/rock inlets be added to the EQIP docket.

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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Date