

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

ITASCA

District FY04 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address. Itasca County has a variety of land uses including forestry, agriculture, recreation, mining and wildlife. The water quality of most lakes, rivers and streams is very good. To maintain and improve the water quality of the county is a high priority for local government units, the Itasca SWCD and timber and mining companies. The highest weighted factors reinforce this local priority. EQIP applications that address water quality and forestry resource concerns will receive the highest weighted modifiers. EQIP provides technical and cost share assistance to agricultural producers as defined the USDA Farm Service Agency.

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

3. Prioritize and weight each local resource concern for the district or for each geographic region. Weight must be between 1 and 10:

Factor	Resource Priority	Geographic Priority	Weight
A1. Erosion Control	Medium		3
A2 Gully Control	Medium		3
B1 Water Resource	High		5
B2 Wastewater/CNMP	Medium		3
C Wildlife Habitat	Medium		3
D Air Quality	Low		1
E Impaired Water	Low		1
F Distance	Low		1
G Grazing System	Medium		3
H Forest Mgt.	High		4
Additional Local*			

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

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

Chair, Local Work Group

Date