

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

Goodhue District FY05 EQIP

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

Soil Erosion & Sedimentation, Water Resource Protection, Wastewater & runoff from feedlots, Improved Forestry Practices, Grazing Management and Wildlife Habitat Development were the major concerns highlighted that can be addressed through EQIP.

Concerns also included the conversion of farmland to non-ag uses or even the conversion to more intensive use in agriculture. The contributions of these factors to increased runoff and those associated problems were items the group would like to see addressed in some manner if possible.

Partnering with the Extension Service effort to demonstrate milkhouse waste water systems as we did last year was encouraged if available again.

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

Etter Creek watershed was discussed but not singled out other than through the encouragement of application via the Met Council funds to supplement EQIP funds. This will be covered on impaired waters scoring.

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

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

- Upland treatment applied above existing structures (3pts)
- Erosion control measures benefiting actively cropped lands (3pts)

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

Reduced Tillage: the 329B version (no-till) of this practice will be available as a cost shared option but the requirement of NEW usage in farming systems is to be emphasized in promotional material.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 2005 EQIP. Input received from SWCD Supervisors and staff as well as FSA Committee and CED.

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

Chair, Local Work Group

Date