

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

_____ **Beltrami** _____ District FY05 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:
 1. **Water Resource Protection**
 2. **Grazing**
 3. **Forestry**
 4. **Habitat Management**

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

1. **Blackduck River Watershed**
2. **Hay Creek Watershed**
3. **Mud Creek Watershed**
4. **Battle River Watershed**

Water Resource Protection, Grazing and Forestry are the greatest resource concerns in these five watersheds. These watersheds are listed by the Beltrami SWCD and the Red Lake Indian Reservation as needing attention.

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

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

****Geographic priority areas are listed as above: the Blackduck River Watershed and the Battle River Watershed. Projects falling within these watersheds will score 6 points if found within the Blackduck River, Mud Creek, and Hay Creek Watersheds and 3 points if found within the Battle River Watershed. A weight of 10 will be used as a multiplier for these watershed points (6 x 10 or 3 x 10).**

These watersheds are listed in the Beltrami SWCD Local Water Plan and the Red Lake Indian Reservation DNR water quality studies as being areas within the county that show higher levels of nutrient and sediment loading. Both of these watersheds are part of the upper reaches of the Red Lake Watershed.

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

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Chair, Local Work Group

Date