

# Local Work Group development of local EQIP

## Benton Soil and Water Conservation District FY05 EQIP

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

The 2005 EQIP program will try to address items identified in the county's Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan and those items identified as high priority by the Local Work Group. The priorities are reflected in the scoring shown below.

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 and the Elk River Watershed are both identified as high priorities for 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	8
B2 Wastewater/CNMP	Low	1
C Habitat Improvement	Medium	7
D Air Quality	Low	1
E Impaired Water	Medium	5
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
Upland Wildlife Habitat Including Native Grasses	2
Upland Wildlife Habitat Without Native Grasses	1
Closure of Abandoned Waste Facility	3
Residue Management	4

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

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

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Chair, Local Work Group	Date
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Members in attendance:

- Pat Gehling, NRCS District Conservationist
- Mark Hauck, SWCD Manager
- Ken Neeser, Water Resources Advisory Committee Member
- Don Ziegelmeier, Little Rock Lake Association and Water Resources Advisory Committee Member
- Dan Hennek, Water Resources Advisory Committee Member
- Joe Jordan, SWCD Board Member and Water Resources Advisory Committee Member
- Dan Lais, DNR Waters
- Chelle Benson, Benton County Department of Development
- Mike Howe, Minnesota Department of Health
- Jeff Hrubes, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Members unable to attend but providing comments:

- Dan Martens, University of Minnesota Extension Service
- Marlin Hage, DNR Forestry
- Lori Wolff, US Fish and Wildlife Service
- Beau Liddell, DNR Wildlife