

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

Blue Earth County Soil and Water Conservation District FY05 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, stream bank stabilization. 3. Air quality. 4. Water quantity-flooding/excess surface water. 5. Grazing systems. 6. Conservation Crop rotation.

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 Lime, Jamestown, Le Sueur Watershed, Middle Minnesota.

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	10	10
A2 Gully Control	9	9
B1 Water Resource	8	10
B2 Wastewater/CNMP	5	9
C Habitat Improvement	1	5
D Air Quality	6	8
E Impaired Water	7	10
F Distance	4	10
G Grazing System	3	7
H Forest Mgt.	2	5
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 of practices 328, 329, 512, 528A, 590, 595 and a buffer practice receives 6 points. EQIP contracts in the Maple River, Le Sueur, Middle Minnesota watersheds receives 6 points. EQIP contracts in the above mentioned townships receive 6 points. EQIP contracts with the CORE 6 practices and located in the Maple River, Le Sueur and Middle Minnesota watersheds receives 6 points.**

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

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Chair, Local Work Group

Date