

## Local Work Group - development of local EQIP.

### Goodhue County Soil & Water Conservation District FY06

**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 flood control, management/maintenance of existing structures and upland treatment to reduce erosion. 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.

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

The LWG did not feel that any specific geographical region should be singled out as a higher priority over another for the 2006 EQIP sign up.

**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	6
B1 Water Resource	High	5
B2 Wastewater/CNMP	High	5
C Habitat Improvement	Medium	2
D Air Quality	Medium - Low	1
E Impaired Water	Medium - High	4
F Distance	Medium - High	4
G Grazing System	Medium	3
H Forest Management	Medium - High	5
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.
- Additional Local concerns include:
  - Upland treatment applied above existing structures
  - Erosion control measures benefiting actively cropped lands
  - Practice which will slow the rate of runoff (reduced flooding)

**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 329A version (no-till) of this practice will be available as a cost shared option but the requirement of NEW useage in farming systems is to be emphasized in promotional material.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 2006 EQIP. Input received from SWCD Supervisors and staff as well as FSA Committee and CED.

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Chair, Local Work Group

Date