

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

Mille Lacs District FY06 EQIP

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

The work group for Mille Lacs County identified water quality as the most important resource concern, with an influence on agricultural waste and runoff EQIP can address this broad category by addressing the following conservation practice: wildlife habitat, agricultural waste and runoff, well sealing, and prescribed grazing. Secondary concerns of the group were forest management, soil erosion, wetland restoration, and critical wildlife habitat.

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

The local area priority will be given to practices applied to tracts (1) that fall within 1,000 feet from the ordinary high water level of a water basin that is identified on the DNR protected waters map. Or (2) that fall within 300 feet from a watercourse identified on the DNR protected waters map. The group also wanted intermittent streams identified on the USGS Quadrangular maps (topographic maps) to be considered under the watercourse definition.

3. Prioritize and weight each local resource concern for the district. Weight must be between 1 and 10:

Factor	Priority	Weight
A1. Erosion Control		5
A2 Gully Control		1
B1 Water Resource		9
B2 Wastewater/CNMP		9
C Habitat Improvement		10
D Air Quality		1
E Impaired Water		1
F Distance		7
G Grazing System		7
H Forest Mgt.		8
Additional Local*		10

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

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

Chair, Local Work Group

Date