

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

POPE Soil and Water Conservation District FY07 EQIP

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

Water Quality	Soil Erosion
Invasive Species	Nutrient Management
Sedimentation	Overgrazing

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

WATER QUALITY: Trapper's Run; Lake Minnewaska; JD-4 plus laterals; Ashley Creek; Lake Emily.

OVERGRAZING: Blue Mounds and Langhei Townships

3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.

1. Water Quality in any priority area.
2. Soil erosion on all applications.
3. Overgrazing in Blue Mounds and Langhei Townships.
4. Invasive species (leafy spurge, buckthorn, Siberian Elm, Wild Parsnip) problems on all applications.

4. Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.

1. 15 pts Will the proposed conservation practice improve water quality within one of the priority watershed areas?
2. 10 pts Will the practice reduce wind and/or water erosion within the county?
3. 8 pts Will rotational grazing be applied to existing (overgazed) pasture within Blue Mounds or Langhei Townships?
4. 7 pts Will Invasive species (leafy spurge, buckthorn, Siberian elm, wild parsnip) be controlled with the proposed application?

5. Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions must equal exactly 40 points.

6. Submit this worksheet to your respective ASTC(FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.

7. 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 07 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

Chair, Local Work Group

Date