

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

_____ *Grant Soil and Water Conservation* _____ District FY07 EQIP

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

Soil erosion-sheet and rill, wind, gully

Water quality-nutrients, pathogens (manure) and pesticides in surface water

Pasture conditions & grazing concerns

Wildlife habitat

Water Quantity - Flooding

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

Chippewa River watershed - soil erosion, water quality, and quantity, and grazing issues

Working Lands Initiative Area -soil erosion, wildlife habitat, flooding, water quality

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.

Soil erosion & water quality concerns in Chippewa River watershed

Applications addressing water quality

Applications in a Working Lands Initiative area

Applications with prescribed grazing practices

Applications that have addressed or will address buffer strips in riparian areas.

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.

SOIL EROSION and WATER QUALITY - the application will implement practices that complement buffer strips or wetland restorations already installed. 30 points

WATER QUALITY and WILDLIFE HABITAT - the application will install buffer strips or wetland restorations to address water quality and wildlife concerns. 25 points

ALL CONCERNS - the application will install practices to address a national priority concern within the Chippewa River Watershed. 10 points

ALL CONCERNS - The application will install practices to address a national priority concern within a Working Land Initiative area. 10 points

SOIL EROSION and WATER QUALITY - the application will install practices that result in the implementation of a prescribed grazing system. 10 points

5. Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions should be between 35 to 60 points.
6. List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document

None

7. 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.

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.

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Chair, Local Work Group

Date