

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

District FY07 EQIP

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

- Water Quality-1st
- Soil Erosion-2nd
- Flooding-3rd
- Ag Waste-4th
- Wetland Diversity-6th
- Grazing-7th
- Invasive Species-10th
- Impaired Waters-8th
- Nutrient Management-5th
- Air Quality around Livestock facilities-9th

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

- South Branch of Yellow Medicine River (Ag waste, WQ, Impaired Waters, Nutrient Management)-1st
- Cottonwood Lake watershed (Nutrient Management (Nitrogen), Buffer Strips)-4th
- SW Lyon Co Erosion Control (Coon Creek, Lyons, Sodus, Amiret, Shelburne, Rock Lake, Custer, Island Lake)-2nd
- Upstream of Redwood and Cottonwood Watersheds Flood Control-5th
- Implementing practices within TMDL areas that help solve the pollutant problem-3rd

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.

- Applications addressing Water Quality
- Applications addressing Soil Erosion
- All applications addressing Agricultural Waste Management Systems and Nutrient Management in the Southwest Branch of the Yellow Medicine River Watershed.
- All applications that address a concern above and will meet a Resource Management System (RMS).

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.**

Water Quality- The application will install practices that address and improve a water quality problem. 15 pts.

Soil Erosion- The application will install practices that address and reduce a soil erosion problem. 10 pts.

Water Quality- The application will install an Agricultural Waste Management System that addresses the fecal coliform water quality problem within the Southwest Branch of the Yellow Medicine River Watershed. 5 pts.

Water Quality- A current Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) and Environmental Assessment have been completed prior to 2007 EQIP sign up and the application will install an Agricultural Waste Management System that will correct a pollution problem. 5 pts.

All Concerns- The application will install practices that address one or more of the local concerns stated above that will result in a Resource Management System (RMS) being implemented. 5 pts.

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.**

- Points are assigned above.

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