

# Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

\_\_\_\_Roseau County\_\_\_\_\_ District FY07 EQIP

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

Soil Erosion

Water Quality

Pasture Condition and grazing concerns

Wildlife Habitat

Forestry

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

N/A

**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

Pasture Condition and Grazing Concerns

**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 – Application will install practices to reduce soil erosion by more than 5 ton/ac/yr. 15 points

SOIL EROSION – Application will install practices to reduce soil erosion to T or below. 10 Points

WATER QUALITY and SOIL EROSION – application will establish practices that result in a prescribed grazing system. 10 points

WATER QUALITY- Application will install Practice (351). Well Decommissioning. 5 points

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.**

The local work group has the following recommendations for practice codes 345 and 329. Do not differentiate between the two practices use them together with no reduction in acres, and do not differentiate between 30% and 50% cover after planting. The reason for this recommendation is to allow for flexibility in a farming operation allowing for changes due to weather conditions. Typically producers in this county have to deal with wet soils throughout the entire growing season. This flexibility in the program would give the producer an incentive to change their tillage and planting methods based on soil conditions and spring or fall planted crops. Additionally in the past several years when the fields have been wet in the fall, harvesting has left fields severely rutted forcing the producer to till those fields. Based on this proposal even if the fields are tilled in the fall it would give an incentive to minimize tillage, and use no-till when it would fit into the farming operation.

**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

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