

Local Work Group Development of Local EQIP.

Beltrami District FY08 EQIP

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

Water Resource Protection

Grazing and Pasture Concerns

Re-Forestation Opportunities

Wildlife Habitat Establishment and Management

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

Red Lakes Watershed: water quality, pasture conditions

Clearwater River Watershed: water quality issues

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 that will result in a completed grazing system in the Red Lakes Watershed.

Applications addressing water quality concerns in the Clearwater River Watershed.

Applications with forestry practices.

Applications that address native plant / habitat establishment and management for wildlife purposes.

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: This application will install practices that result in the implementation of a prescribed grazing system in the Red Lakes Watershed. **13 points**

WATER QUALITY: This application will install practices that will protect the water resource base in the Red Lakes Watershed. **18 points**

WATER QUALITY: This application will install practices to address water quality concerns in the Clearwater River Watershed. **10 points**

FORESTRY: This application will install practices that will result in the development of a forested landscape. **10 points**

WILDLIFE HABITAT: This application will install practices that provides additional wildlife habitat in the county. **8 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. 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

Those in attendance for the LWG meeting were representatives from the Beltrami SWCD Board of Supervisors and SWCD staff.

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

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Date