

# Local Work Group Development of Local EQIP.

Grant County Soil and Water Conservation District FY08 EQIP

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

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

*Soil erosion- sheet and rill, wind, gully*

*Water Quantity- Flooding*

*Pasture conditions and grazing concerns*

*Wildlife habitat*

## 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 and water quality concerns in the 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.

*1. SOIL EROSION and WATER QUALITY- the application will implement practices that complement buffer strips or wetland restorations already installed on all of the surface water features on the farm.- 30 points*

*2. WATER QUALITY and WILDLIFE HABITAT- the application will install buffer strips or wetland restorations to address water quality and wildlife concerns on all of the surface water features on the farm.- 25 points*

*3. SOIL EROSION and WATER QUALITY- the application will implement practices that complement buffer strips or wetland restorations already installed on part of the surface water features on the farm.- 20 points*

*4. WATER QUALITY and WILDLIFE HABITAT- the application will install buffer strips or wetland restorations to address water quality and wildlife concerns on part of the surface water features on the farm.- 15 points*

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

*6. ALL CONCERNS- the application will install practices to address a national priority concern a Working lands Initiative area.- 10 points*

*7. 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. 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

*340- Cover Crop incentive for Sugar Beets. The local workgroup feels that the incentive practice is not necessary because there is already a practice for a cover crop in the EQIP docket.*

**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.**

*/s/ Drew A. Mosburg, DC*

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**Chair, Local Work Group**

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