

# Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

## Itasca Soil and Water District, **FY08** EQIP

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

**Forest Mgt.** Target idle/abandoned hay fields and landowners with forest stewardship or other management plans; and implementation of forest management practices that follow NRCS/Industry guidelines. Areas with spruce and jack pine budworm infestations.

**Water Quality:** All eligible land owners that adversely affect ground and surface water quality with current land management practices.

**Soil Erosion:** Target direct sediment delivery to surface waters.

**Grazing-Forages:** Water quality and quantity concerns and/or a score lower than 25 on the Pasture Condition Score Sheet (May 2001).

**2006/2007 Drought:** Provide follow up assistance to recipients of MN/BWSR emergency drought funds. Encourage drought resistance species for hay plantings.

**Noxious Weeds:** Education to landowners on state noxious weed laws

**Wildlife Habitat:** Fragmentation and long term population trends of game and non-game species.

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

None.

### 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.

Water Quality/Quantity Concerns

Forest Management Concerns

Soil Erosion Concerns

Grazing Management 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.

Water Quality/Quantity - The application will install practices to address water quality or water quantity concerns. 15 points

Forest Management – The application will install practices which promote forest health, productivity , sustainability and diversity. 10 points

Grazing Management – The application will install practices that improve pasture condition and address water quality or quantity concerns. 10 points

Soil Erosion – The application will install practices that reduce soil loss to T or reduction of sediment delivery to surface waters. 5 points

All Concerns – The application benefits multiple concerns. 5 points

5. **Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions should range from 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**

**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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**Chair, Local Work Group**

**Date**