

Local Work Group Development of Local EQIP.

Marshall - Beltrami District FY08 EQIP

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

Water Resource Protection
Erosion Control
Habitat Management
Forestry
Grazing

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

1 mile buffer on either side of Ditch 20 west of Ctny Hwy 54: soil erosion
1 mile buffer on either side of the Moose River: soil erosion, water quality
1 mile buffer on either side of the Mud River: soil erosion, 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.

Applications addressing soil erosion concerns along the designated reaches of Ditch 20.

All applications in the designated area of Moose River.

All applications in the designated area of Mud River.

Applications with practices that result in the completion of a rotational grazing system.

Applications with forestry practices.

Applications that address habitat management.

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: This application will reduce soil erosion associated with sediment loading in the buffered areas along the designated reaches of Ditch 20.

15 points

SOIL EROSION: This application will reduce soil erosion associated with sediment loading in the buffered areas along the designated reaches the Mud River. 10 points

SOIL EROSION AND WATER QUALITY: This application will install practices that result in the implementation of a prescribed grazing system. **8 points**

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ALL CONCERNS: The application will install practices to address a national priority concern within the designated reaches along the Moose River. **8 points**

FORESTRY: This application will install practices that will result in the development of a forested landscape. **7 points**

WILDLIFE HABITAT: This application will install practices that provides additional wildlife habitat in the county. **4 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

Field borders will be limited to a 60' wide unless needed for organic separation from conventional operations or where there is an identified need for erosion control as determined by NRCS.

Haying of field borders must cease after August 15th to allow for re-growth to attain a 1 foot stubble height during the critical erosion period.

The local work group is also setting the parameters on cover crop not to exceed 3 years on up to 250 acre per year per operation.

The local work group decided that the locations necessary to provide adequate reduction of erosion shall be to border entire field edges with field borders, but exceptions to be made at the discretion of the District Conservationist on a case by case basis.

Those in attendance for the LWG meeting were representatives from the Marshall-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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Chair, Local Work Group

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Date