

Local Work Group Development of Local EQIP.

Mower Soil and Water District FY08 EQIP

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

Soil Erosion, Water Quality, Manure Management, Wildlife habitat, Flooding, Pasture Management, Impaired Waters, and Soil Productivity.

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

None, the entire county is a priority.

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.

- Practices which provide long term gully and ephemeral gully erosion control.
- Practices that eliminate direct discharge of sediment to surface waters.
- Practices that are part of a conservation system on cropland which addresses water erosion, sedimentation, and wildlife habitat issues on the tract. The system will have STIR<16, minimum 33 ft grass buffer if there are streams or surface waters, and will meet upland wildlife habitat standard.

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. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result long term control (> 9 years practice lifespan) of gully or ephemeral gully erosion. (20 points)
2. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP eliminate a direct discharge of sediment to surface waters? (20 points)
3. Is the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP part of a conservation system with a STIR<16, minimum 33 ft grass buffer protecting any streams and/or ponds on the tract, ephemerals and gullies controlled, and that meets the upland wildlife habitat standard? (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

None

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