

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

Redwood Soil and Water District Conservation District FY08 EQIP

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

- Erosion Concerns on Cropland (Structural and Residue)
- Water Quality in all Water Sources
- Groundwater Concerns
- Wildlife
- Grazing

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.

- Applications addressing water quality
- Applications addressing soil erosion
- Applications where they benefit the productivity, health and establishment of pastureland.

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 – Applications that install Water and Sediment Control Basins (638), Diversions (362), Grade Stabilization Structure (410) and Waterways (412). (10 Points)
- Water Quality – Any nutrient management plan (590) not in conjunction with practices that requires a nutrient management plan. (7 Points)
- Water Quality – Any Well Decommissioning (351). (9 Points)
- Soil Erosion and Water Quality – Producers who switch to no-till (329), strip till (329) or ridge till (346) from mulch or switch from moldboard plowing to mulch till (345). (8 Points)
- Soil Erosion and Water Quality – Any application that will install practices that result in the implementation of a prescribed grazing system (528). (6 Points)
- Habitat Improvement – Any application establishing a shelterbelt (380) for the purpose of preventing soil erosion and improving air quality. (4 Points)

5. **Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions must equal exactly 40 points.** See points assigned in question number 4
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 07 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

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Date