

Local Work Group Development of Local EQIP.

Cass

District FY08 EQIP

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

Water Resources

Erosion Control

Grazing Systems

Forest Management

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

Leech Lake, Pine River, and Gull Lake Watersheds

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.

All practices in Leech Lake, Pine River, and Gull Lake watersheds would receive high priority for water quality practices.

All land in Cass County would receive high priority for erosion control.

All land in Cass County would receive high priority for applying grazing systems.

All land in Cass County would receive high priority for improving forest 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.

Water resources- practices installed in Leech lake, Pine River, and Gull land watersheds improve water quality.

Soil erosion – practices installed in Cass County that will reduce soil loss to “T”.

Grazing Management – practices installed in Cass County to improve grazing management.

Forest Management – practices installed in Cass County to improve forest management.

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.

Water resources – 20 pts

Soil Erosion – 15 pts

Grazing Systems – 10 pts

Forest Management – 5 pts

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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Date