

## Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

\_\_\_\_\_ Clay County \_\_\_\_\_ District FY08 EQIP

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

*Surface and Ground Water Quality*  
*Wind and Water Erosion*  
*Wildlife Habitat*  
*Gully Erosion*  
*Impaired Water Bodies*  
*Overland Flooding*  
*Prescribed Grazing*

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

*Project 42 in the Wild Rice Watershed District-more upland treatments*

*Wolverton Creek Watershed-more upland treatments*

*Clay County-more practices with a lifespan of 11 years or greater*

*Clay County-more practices used within approved well head protection areas*

*Clay County-Closure of Waste Impoundments on old abandon ag. waste pits*

*Clay County-to improve pasture thru prescribed grazing*

*Clay County-to improve wildlife habitat thru management practices and grass  
Plantings*

### 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 for wind and water erosion*

*Applications for Project 42 (Wild Rice River Watershed) and Wolverton Creek Watershed*

*Applications for practices with a lifespan of 11 years or greater*

*Applications for practices within approved well head protection areas*

*Applications for improving wildlife habitat with the following practices: Prescribed Burning (338), Fish Stream Improvement (395), Restoration and Management of Declining Habitat (643), Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645), Early Successional Habitat Development (647), Wetland Restoration (657), and Invasive Plant Species Pest Management (797)*

**4. Develop a minimum for 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 – the application will install practices to reduce soil erosion by 6 or more tons/acre/year. 15 points.*

*Soil Erosion – the application will install practices to reduce soil erosion by 3 to 5 tons/acre/year. 5 points.*

*Watersheds – the application will install erosion and water quality improvement practices in the Wolverton Creek Watershed or in the Project 42 area within the Wild Rice River Watershed. 15 points.*

*Practices Lifespan – the application will install at least one practice with a lifespan of 11 years or more. 10 points.*

*Wellhead Protection – the application will install water quality practices within an approved wellhead protection area. 9 points*

*Wildlife Habitat – the application will install one of the following practices: 338, 395, 643, 645, 647, 657, or 797. 5 points*

*All concerns: the application will install practices to address at least one national priority concern. 1 point.*

- 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 form the state conservation practice payment document.**

**The local EQIP program description, cost-sharing 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**

