

Local Work Group - Development of Local EQIP.

Cottonwood Soil and Water Conservation District FY08 EQIP

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

Soil erosion (sheet and rill erosion) (ephemeral gully erosion)

Surface water and ground water

Feedlot runoff – manure application

Pasture conditions and grazing concerns

Wildlife habitat, especially for ducks

Invasive species

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

Drinking Water Supply Management Areas in Cottonwood County. (Map)

Federally impaired waters - *Des Moines River*
 - *Lower MN River for Dissolved Oxygen*
 - *Greater Blue Earth for Fecal Coliform*

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.

Soil loss county wide – sheet-rill-wind erosion

Water quality concerns in the Des Moines River Watershed

Water quality in the rest of Cottonwood County

Drinking Water Supply Management Areas as designated in Cottonwood County

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.

<i>1. (Non-point Source)</i>	<i>Nutrient management plan is not addressing feedlot runoff or manure?</i>	<i>10 points</i>
<i>2. (Soil Erosion)</i>	<i>Soil loss calculations equaling three or more tons saved?</i>	<i>10 points</i>
<i>3. (All Concerns)</i>	<i>Does this application address three or more concerns?</i>	<i>10 points</i>
<i>4. (Water Quality)</i>	<i>Are the proposed projects within 300 feet of surface water or 1,000 feet from a lake?</i>	<i>10 points</i>
<i>5. (Water Quality)</i>	<i>Is the proposed project within the Drinking Water Supply Management Area?</i>	<i>10 points</i>

5. Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions must equal between 35-60 points.

YES

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.

Chair, Local Work Group

Date