

# Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

## Freeborn Soil and Water District FY08 EQIP

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

Erosion Control-sheet and rill, Gully Control, Water Resource, Wastewater/CNMP, Habitat Improvement, Air Quality-odor, Impaired Water, Distance-direct discharges to surface water, Grazing System, Forest Mgt. buckthorn control and Flooding potential.

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

Shell Rock River Watershed, especially Pickerel Lake and Grass Lake sub watersheds.

Cedar River Watershed, especially Turtle Creek sub watershed.

Lesueur River Watershed, especially steeper portions of watershed.

Concerns in all these watersheds include sediment pollution, phosphorous and other non-point pollutants and flooding.

### **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.**

Private drainage ditches that are intermittent or perennial streams with unstable banks causing large sediment load to priority surface waters; and that could be treated with critical area treatment.

Applicants applying for tillage incentives that have addressed or agree to address all the gully or ephemeral erosion issues on tracts planned for the incentive payments.

Applicants applying for practices that provide long term erosion control benefits such as structural practices that have a minimum 10 year lifespan.

Applicants applying for practices which provide water retention to facilitate flood prevention.

Applicants applying for practices which initiate or enhance a planned grazing system.

Applicants applying for practices that are a component of a planned nutrient management system.

Applicants applying for multiple conservation practices.

### **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, a critical area treatment of a severe sediment source on a stream or ditch bank, result in the stabilization of these areas through implementation of BMP's?

2. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable reductions of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides in the Shell Rock River, LeSueur River, or Cedar River Watershed?

3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable reductions of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides in the Pickerel Lake, Grass Lake, or Turtle Creek sub watershed priority area?

4. Will the planned tillage practice be implemented on fields which have existing practices or do not need treatment for ephemeral and gully erosion?

5. Will planned practice(s) provide long term erosion control or water retention benefits of 10 years or more?

6. Will the planned treatment result in the implementation of multiple conservation practices?

7. Will the planned treatment be considered necessary components of a grazing system or nutrient management system?

**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.**

**1.- 10 points**

**5.- 12 points**

**2.- 4 points**

**6.- 7 points**

**3.- 2 points**

**7.- 2 points**

**4.- 3 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**

The Freeborn County Agricultural Working Group did not recommend any practices to be deleted.

**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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