

# Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

Hubbard County Soil and Water Conservation District FY08 EQIP

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

- A. Water Quality and Quantity
- B. Forest Stewardship and Reforestation
- C. Declining Wildlife Habitat, land fragmentation
- D. Wind erosion on land with low residue crops in the rotation
- E. Grazing management improvement

**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 recharge zones of cities in Hubbard County, with Wellhead protection plans  
Concern: (water quality and quantity)

Sand plain regions of Hubbard county (see attached map)  
Concern: (water quality and quantity, wind erosion)

Lake and River Impact zones

Concern: (All lakes =1000 ft. All rivers = 500 ft.) water quality and quantity, forest stewardship and reforestation, declining wildlife habitat and fragmentation, grazing management

**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 and quantity concerns

Applications addressing wind erosion concerns

Any applicant addressing water quality concerns within a Well Head Protection Area

Applications addressing forest stand improvement and/or establishment

Applications addressing declining wildlife habitat especially thermal cover re-establishment

Applicants with prescribed grazing 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.**

Water Quality and Quantity: the applicant will install practices that will maintain or improve water quality in Hubbard County. Some practices are (351) Well Decommissioning, (442) Irrigation System, Sprinkler, (590) Nutrient Management, (595) Pest Management, (449) Irrigation Water Management, (328) Conservation Crop Rotation, (313) Waste Storage Facility. 12 points

Water Quality: the applicant will install practices that will improve or maintain water quality in the (DWSMA) Drinking Water Supply Management Areas of the Cities within Hubbard County that have Wellhead Protection Plans with recharge areas delineated. 11 points

Wildlife Habitat Decline: the applicant will install practices: (643) Restoration and Management of Declining Habitats, (645) Upland Wildlife Habitat Management, (380) Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment, (657) Wetland Restoration, (647) Early Successional Habitat Development/Mgmt, (797) Invasive Plant Species Pest Managements. 10 points

Forestry Management: the applicant will install practices (612) Tree/Shrub Establishment, (666) Forest Stand Improvement, (490) Forest Site Preparation, (380) Windbreak Establishment, (391) Riparian Forest Buffer, (645) Upland Wildlife Habitat Management, (797) Invasive Plant Species Pest Management. 9 points

Wind Erosion: the applicant will install practices to substantially reduce erosion in the sand plain region of Hubbard County. Practices include (380) Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment, (329) Residue Management, No Till and Strip Till, (345) Residue Management, Mulch Till, (346) Residue Management, Ridge Till. 8 points

Grazing Systems: the applicant will install practices to implement a prescribed grazing system on their property (512) Pasture and Hayland Planting, (382) Fence, (516) Pipeline, (614) Watering Facility, (472) Use Exclusion. 7 points

All Concerns: the applicant will install practices to address a national priority concern with Hubbard County. 1 point

- 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.**
- 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 07 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.**

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Chair, Local Work Group

Date

**ROSTER OF PARTICIPANTS**

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(Note the LWG meeting was held on 10/09/2007 at 1:00pm at the Ag Service Center Conference Room in Park Rapids)