

# Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

## Martin District FY08 EQIP

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

Water Quality , Water Quantity, Soil Health, Soil Erosion (wind and water), Stream bank Erosion, Odor Control, Wildlife Habitat, Nutrient Management, and Groundwater Quality, Stormwater.

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

1. Des Moines River and Watonwan River Watershed

2. Blanding Turtle priority area in the Westford and Waverly Townships specifically in the Birch Creek Area.

3. Prioritize and weight each local resource concern for the district. Weight must be between 1 and 10:

Factor	Resource Priority	Weight
A1. Erosion Control	High	10
A2 Gully Control	High	10
B1 Water Resource	High	10
B2 Wastewater/CNMP	High	8
C Habitat Improvement	High	2
D Air Quality	Medium	2
E Impaired Water	High	10
F Distance	High	10
G Grazing System	High	8
H Forest Mgt.	High	8
Additional Local*	High	2

\* If the additional local concern is scored, describe the concern here and how points will be scored. Include any geographic priorities.

Any eligible EQIP conservation practice implemented within the Des Moines River and Watonwan River watershed will receive additional local points

4. Attach the scoring worksheet as recommended for the district.
5. 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

**Local Work Group Development of Local EQIP**  
**September 17, 2007**  
**Fairmont, MN 56031**

Members Present: Linda Meschke, Kate Bresaw, Larry Bremer, Scott Bohling, Rich Perrine, Betsy Norland, Carissa Spencer, Kathy Smith, Cathy Thiesse, Darwin Roberts

Meeting called to order by Kathy Smith at 1:00 p.m. Kathy welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Carissa Spencer dispensed packets of information to each person. The purpose of this meeting was to review and set priorities for EQIP with a ranking system. Carissa went over priorities set at last year's Local Work Group Meeting. There were 19 contracts in 2006 and 9 contracts for 2007. NRCS went through an extensive clean-up of EQIP contracts. There will be a new sign-up through January 31, 2008. The approximate date for the sign-up to begin has not yet been established.

Discussion followed that the ranking of priorities will remain the same as last year with the exception of the C Habitat Improvement to be changed to a "High" Resource Priority in the Prioritizing and weight of each local resource concern for the district - #3. Other changes are as followed:

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address: All will remain the same with the addition of adding "Stormwater".
2. In the geographic regions – Blanding Turtle priority area in the Westford and Waverly Townships specifically in the Birch Creek Area.

**A. Erosion Control:** (addition of question 4)

4. Convert from row-crop (annual tillage) to perennial crops?

**B1. Water Resources:** (addition of question 4)

4. Do you have or intend to install a managed drainage system?

**C. Habitat Improvement** (addition of questions 1 & 2)

1. Are you located in the Blanding Turtle Townships?  
 YES  NO
2. Are you within 1000 feet of water?  
 YES  NO

**E. Impaired Water:** (addition of question 4)

4. Manure Management – are you performing Ag Best Management Practices?  
 YES  NO

**G. Grazing System:** (replace question 1)

1. Is the existing ground crop land?  
 YES  NO

**Additional Local:** (additional questions 3 & 4)

3. Are you located within Westford or Waverly Township close to a water body? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO
4. Are you converting row crop to perennial crop? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

The meeting was concluded at 2:00 p.m.

## EQIP RANKING QUESTIONS FOR MARTIN COUNTY

### A. Erosion Control:

1. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in reductions of non-point reductions of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds consistent with TMDL's where available as well as the reduction of groundwater contamination or point source contamination from confined animal feeding operations?  
\_\_\_\_\_ **YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO**
2. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in the conservation of a considerable amount of ground or surface water resources?  
\_\_\_\_\_ **YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO**
3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land?  
\_\_\_\_\_ **YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO**
4. Convert from row-crop (annual tillage) to perennial crops?  
\_\_\_\_\_ **YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO**

### A2. Gully Control:

1. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable reductions of non-point reductions of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds consistent with TMDL's where available as well as the reduction of groundwater contamination or point source contamination from confined animal feeding operations?  
\_\_\_\_\_ **YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO**
2. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in the conservation of a considerable amount of ground or surface water resources?  
\_\_\_\_\_ **YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO**
3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land?  
\_\_\_\_\_ **YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO**

### B1. Water Resources:

1. Are you within the 200 feet buffer? \_\_\_\_\_ **YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO**
2. Are you within the 30 feet of receiving water, if adequate for the program?  
\_\_\_\_\_ **YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO**
3. Is your water concern area located within the Watonwan or Des Moines Watershed Area?  
\_\_\_\_\_ **YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO**

4. Do you have or intend to install a managed drainage system?  
\_\_\_\_\_ **YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO**

**B2. Wastewater/CNMP:**

1. Do you have a current CNMP? \_\_\_\_\_ **YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO**
2. Waste storage will be implemented to eliminate groundwater pollution problem where a feedlot runoff problem does not exist.  
\_\_\_\_\_ **YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO**
3. Is your existing FLEVAL rating at an acceptable number 1 to10?  
\_\_\_\_\_ **YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO**

**C. Habitat Improvement:** (Medium Ranking – No Questions)

1. Are you located in the Blanding Turtle Townships?  
\_\_\_\_\_ **YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO**
2. Are you within 1000 feet of water?  
\_\_\_\_\_ **YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO**

**D. Air Quality:** (Medium Ranking – No Questions)

**E. Impaired Water:**

1. Is the application located within: (a) a watershed impaired by turbidity, fecal coliform, or excess nutrients; (b) a Source Water Assessment Area; (c) a Drinking Water Supply Management Area with medium to very high vulnerability; (d) a very high to high Sensitivity Aquifer AND the practice will be implemented to address a water quality concern? \_\_\_\_\_ **YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO**
2. Does the application address soil erosion or non-point source pollution and is 100 to 500 feet from receiving water. \_\_\_\_\_ **YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO**
3. Contour Buffer Strips (332), Field Border (386), Irrigation Water Management (449), Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580), Environmental Quality Assessment (MN252), or, when installed to improve water quality but not part of a complete runoff control system: Diversion (362), Roof Runoff Management (558), and Closure of Waste Impoundment (380) will be implemented.  
\_\_\_\_\_ **YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO**
4. Manure Management – are you performing Ag Best Management Practices?  
\_\_\_\_\_ **YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO**

**F. Distance:**



\_\_\_\_\_ **YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO**