

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

Mille Lacs Soil & Water Conservation District FY08 EQIP

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

- Ground & surface water
- Buffers to streams/water; riparian buffers
- West Branch of the Rum River as an area with agriculture as the major land use
- Milaca/Bogus Brook/Borgholm townships – higher feedlot areas
- Fragmentation of wildlife habitat
- Nutrient Management on uplands
- Ditches without buffers

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

- West Branch Rum River watershed
- Bogus Brook watershed
- Milaca/Bogus Brook/Borgholm township area
- Milaca/Milo townships
- Anoka Sand Plain area in the southern portion of the county

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.

- Buffers to streams and waters
- Nutrient Management
- Feedlots

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.** “Water Quality” Will the practices address the 3 highest priority resource concerns – buffers, feedlots, or nutrient management? Yes / No
- 2.** “Watershed” Is practice located in either the West Branch Rum River watershed or the Bogus Brook watersheds? Yes / No
- 3.** “Watershed & Water Quality” Is the proximity of the practice to the West Branch Rum River or Bogus Brook within 0-100 ft? Yes / No
- 4.** “Watershed & Water Quality” Is the proximity of the practice to the West Branch Rum River or Bogus Brook within 101-200 ft? Yes / No
- 5.** “Watershed & Water Quality” Is the proximity of the practice to the West Branch Rum River or Bogus Brook within 201-300 ft? Yes / No
- 6.** “Watershed & Water Quality” Is the practice located within 0-100 feet of a tributary, intermittent stream or wetland that flows to the West Branch Rum River or Bogus Brook? Yes / No
- 7.** “Watershed & Water Quality” Is the practice located within 101-200 feet of a tributary, intermittent stream or wetland that flows to the West Branch Rum River or Bogus Brook? Yes / No
- 8.** “Watershed & Water Quality” Is the practice located within 201-300 feet of a tributary, intermittent stream or wetland that flows to the West Branch Rum River or Bogus Brook? Yes / No

- 9.** "Soil & Water Quality" Is the soil where the practice is located comprised of more than 50% of any of the soils listed on Attachment A? Yes / No
- 10.** "RMS Planning" Is a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) completed? Yes / No
- 11.** "Soil & Water Quality" Will the livestock have managed, restricted, or limited access to sensitive features such as wetlands, ditches, intermittent streams, rivers, and creeks within a grazing plan? Yes / No

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.

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| 1. 15 points | 5. 1 point | 9. 10 points |
| 2. 5 points | 6. 5 points | 10. 5 points |
| 3. 5 points | 7. 3 points | 11. 10 points |
| 4. 3 points | 8. 1 point | Total maximum points = 55 |

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

Chair, Local Work Group

Date