

Local Work Group Development of Local EQIP.

___ **MORRISON COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION** ___ District FY08 EQIP

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

Water Quality
Soil Erosion
Woodland Management
Pasture Management

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

The Swan River Watershed

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.

Water quality; feedlot pollution control in the Swan River Watershed
Soil erosion; sheet and rill, ephemeral, and gully erosion in the Swan River Watershed
Woodland management throughout Morrison County
Pasture management throughout Morrison 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.

Water Quality: Is at least 51% of the applicants land offered for EQIP in the Swan River Watershed? **10 points**

Water Quality: Is this an application that will have Ag waste or nutrient management installed on the land in Swan River Watershed? **10 points**

Water Quality: Is this an application that will have Ag waste or nutrient management installed on their land? **5 points**

Soil Erosion: Is this an application in the Swan River Watershed where the soil loss will be reduced to less than two tons per acre per year (RUSLE 2)? **10 points**

Soil Erosion: Is this an application in the Swan River Watershed where gully erosion practices (410,412,600,638) will be installed anywhere on the farm? **10 points**

Woodland Management: Is this an application that will do a woodland management practice on at least five acres? (490,612,643,666,797.) **5 points**

Woodland Management: Is this an application where fence (382) and/or use exclusion (472) will be applied to remove livestock from woodland acres? **5 points**

Pasture Management: Is this an application that will plan and apply a prescribed grazing system (528) on new or existing pasture land? **5 points**

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

Done (as noted above)

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