

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

Whitewater District FY07 EQIP

List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

- a) Soil Erosion
- b) Surface and groundwater quality
- c) pasture management
- d) forest management
- e) native species / control of invasive species
- f) loss of forage-based and animal agriculture

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

None – as this is a watershed-based allocation, we will focus on the entire 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.

- a) soil erosion and water quality
- b) pasture management and forage-based agriculture
- c) native species perpetuation and promotion

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.

a) Distance to receiving water – will the application addresses soil erosion or non-point source pollution or native species habitat and is it within the following distance of receiving waters:

100 – 500 ft **3 points** 0 - 100 ft **5 points**

b) Does the application involve converting row crop to perennial vegetative cover?
Rotational cover **3 points** Permanent cover **5 points**

c) Will practice reduce soil loss to below soil loss tolerance levels on all fields where practices are applied? **3 points**

d) Does this application include prescribed grazing? **5 points**

e) Does this application positively impact native species? **5 points**

f) Does this application involve a nutrient management plan? **3 points**
Does it require immediate incorporation of manure? **2 points**

g) Is this application enhancing livestock-based agriculture? **3 points**

h) Does this application implement a water quality practice and lie within an area of high pollution susceptibility as listed on a geological atlas? **5 points**

i) Does this application address gully or ephemeral erosion? **5 points**

j) Does this application benefit a federal or state listed endangered, threatened or rare species? **3 points**

k) Does this application address all the soil erosion and water quality concerns on the tract? **10 points**

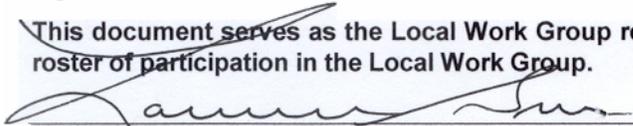
l) Does this application involve organic conversion? **5 points**

7. List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document

The Whitewater JPB has traditionally not cost-shared on waste storage facilities, and would like to have this practice (313) deleted from the list of practices we will fund.

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

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Date