Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

RICE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FY09 EQIP

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

Soil Erosion

Water Quality

Pasture condition and Grazing concerns

Woodland condition and Forestry concerns

Invasive Species problems

Animal Agriculture problems

Streambank erosion

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

Falls Creek Watershed, east of Faribault. County Ditch 32 and Circle Lake 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.

Soil Erosion issues related to Corn-Soybean rotations.

Water Quality issues related to Animal Agriculture and row crop farming.

Pasture condition and grazing concerns on marginal cropland.

Control of Invasive Plants

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. SOIL EROSION/WATER QUALITY: Does the application demonstrate no-till/strip-till techniques on all crops in rotation? 25 pts.

2. SOIL EROSION/WATER QUALITY: Does the application demonstrate no-till/strip-till techniques for Corn following soybeans? 15 pts.

3. FOREST MANAGEMENT: Does the application include Tree Planting, Forest Stand improvement, or Invasive species control in woodland? 10 pts.

4. SOIL EROSION: Is the practice on HEL? 5 pts.

5. ALL CONCERNS: Is the land area in the Falls Creek or Circle Lake Watersheds? 5

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.**

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**

   595 Pest mgmt;

   328 Crop Rotation One Time

   345 Residue and Tillage Mgmt – Mulch Till 30% only. Retain 345 High intensity incentive – 50% cover.

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

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