

**Local Work Group Environmental Quality Incentives Program
Ranking Criteria Worksheet FY2011
Grand Forks County
Funding Pool Cropland**

The Local Work Group (LWG) requests the inclusion of the following **five** local resource criteria to be utilized for applicants requesting participation in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). These criteria will be used to evaluate and prioritize EQIP applications for funding and optimize the environmental benefits at the local level.

- 1. Does the EQIP application include the renovation of windbreaks and/or the establishment of new windbreaks?
- 2. Does the EQIP application include implementation of practices that will increase plant diversity, health, & vigor or address energy conservation?
- 3. Does the EQIP application include Cropping System practices that will result in a STIR of less than 9?
- 4. Does the EQIP application include practices that will either result in a reduction of salinity, help control harmful salt concentrations in the root zone, improve soil salinity management, or address a saline seep/recharge area?
- 5. Does the EQIP application consist of a practice(s) that will reduce animal waste and sedimentation in wetlands and/or reduce the potential to contaminate ground water and/or have a positive effect on water quality?

If one of the above criteria does not meet your local resource concerns, please provide a recommended criteria and its inclusion will be considered.

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Approved by: _____ State Conservationist