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## **EQIP FUND POOLS REOPENED FOR NEW APPLICATIONS**

State Conservationist Sylvia Gillen has announced that three fund pools under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) have been reopened for new applications. NRCS field offices will be accepting the new applications until January 8, 2007; with final rankings to be completed by January 15, 2007.

The three fund pools all deal with watershed improvements in the following areas:

1. Riparian--conservation practices that improve the function of streams and riparian areas.
2. Forestry--improvements on private forest lands that have an approved forestry plan.
3. Wildlife--individual landowner plans that improve wildlife habitat.

Current applications for these programs will be held and ranked along with any new applications that may be received. The primary contact for further information is [Tim Julander](#), NRCS Resource Conservationist for Programs, located in the state office at (801) 524-4561.

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