

SCREENING WORKSHEET FY 2016
Environmental Quality Incentives Program – EQIP Cropland
Do Not Use if Prescreening Worksheet Priority is “Low”

(Applicants MUST be Eligible to be Screened)

Applicant Name: _____ County: _____
Application Number: _____ Field Office: _____
Evaluator Name: _____ Date Application Accepted: _____

High Priority

To be considered a High Priority Application, there must be at least one “Yes” response to the questions below. All other applications will be a Medium Priority or Low Priority (Low Priority is based on the Pre-Screening Worksheet.)

Water Quality: Nutrients - organic and inorganic - are transported to receiving waters through surface runoff in quantities that degrade water quality and limit use for intended purposes

Soil Erosion: Off-site transport of sediment from sheet, rill, gully, and wind erosion into surface water that threatens to degrade surface water quality and limit use for intended purposes.

1) On the land being offered in the application, has the applicant (or NRCS) observed active gulley and or rill erosion and or concentrated flow erosion (see images above) from cropland that is adjacent (100’ or less from water’s edge to the edge of field) to water bodies (ponds, lakes, or wetlands) or water courses (streams, rivers or ditches), **AND**, the application will include a practice or suite of practices that will, when implemented together, eliminate the water quality degradation that is occurring?



_____ Yes _____ No

Water Quality: Nutrients - organic and inorganic - are transported to receiving waters through leaching into shallow ground waters in quantities that degrade water quality and limit use for intended purposes

2) On the land being offered in the application, during the past three winters (December 1 to February 28), has there been a purposely seeded, living crop, in the field **one or fewer winters**, **AND** the application will include practices that address Nitrogen losses due to leaching during this time period?



_____ Yes _____ No

Soil Quality Degradation – Organic matter depletion - Soil organic matter is not adequate to provide a suitable medium for plant growth, animal habitat, and soil biological activity.

3) On the land being offered in the application, during the past three years, is there ever a time when crop residues after planting are <30%, **AND** the application will include practices that address this Soil Quality Degradation?



_____ Yes _____ No

On the land being offered in the application, during the past three years, were two or more crops established using at least two tillage passes (plow, disk, vertical tillage tool, etc.) prior to planting, **AND** the application will include practices that address this Soil Quality Degradation?



_____ Yes _____ No

NRCS District Conservationist Date