FY 2010 EQIP Watershed Initiative Proposal

The State Conservationist will be holding a reserve of EQIP funds for the F.O. that are selected for additional financial assistance, to address more serious resource concerns within a local watershed. The watershed should not be the entire F.O. service area, but a small area where an additional effort over a one to five year period can result in a measurable improvement. Because we anticipate receiving more proposals and requests for funds than will be available there must be a process for reviewing/evaluating the proposals. (Preference will be given to those watershed initiative proposals approved for funding in FY 2008/2009 year as the STC has given a commitment for funding up to three years). Proposal should follow the CCPI template in addition to the following:

1. Amount of EQIP funds (in percent or flat dollar amount) the LWG will commit to this watershed initiative from their initial allocation.

2. Is the LWG willing to sustain this effort/commitment for up to three years, if necessary, to achieve measurable improvements?

3. Local Outreach: What efforts will be made at the local level to inform potential applicants about this initiative and encourage their participation?

The F.O. can edit this worksheet to provide additional space.

FY 2010_EQIP Small Acreage Initiative Proposal

The Small Acreage Initiative is intended to provide assistance to small acreage operators with fewer resource concerns and a limited income. The applicants sometimes have difficulty competing for EQIP funds. The STC will set aside funds for this initiative.

Requirements-

- Household income of $60,000/yr. or less.
- Maximum contract amount of $10,000 per operation.
- Ranking criteria will be the same as regular EQIP.
- LWG must commit to setting aside a portion of the F.O. allocation.

Recommendations needed from D.C-

- Will this initiative cover the entire F.O. area or just a specific portion?
- Acreage limit for each land use, e.g. irrigated crop, rangeland, etc.