

### **FY 2013 EQIP Watershed Initiative Proposal**

The State Conservationist will be holding a reserve of EQIP funds for the Field Office's that are selected for additional financial assistance, to address environmentally sensitive resource concerns within a local watershed. The watershed should not be the entire Field Office service area, but a small area where an additional effort over a one to three 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 2010/2012 year as the State Conservationist has given a commitment for funding up to three years).

1. Amount of EQIP funds (in percent or flat dollar amount) the Local Work Group will commit to this watershed initiative from their initial allocation.
2. Is the Local Work Group 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 Field Office can edit this worksheet to provide additional space.*

### **FY 2013 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 State Conservationist will set aside funds for this initiative.

#### Requirements-

- Household income – each field office will recommend a limit.
- Maximum contract amount of \$10,000 per operation.
- Ranking criteria will be the same as regular EQIP or may be adjusted when using screening criteria.
- Local Work Group must commit to setting aside a portion of the Field Office allocation.

#### Recommendations needed from District Conservationist-

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