

Indiana EQIP Local Ranking Sheet - Resource Concern - Livestock

Is Wells County's natural resources being impacted by the potential of Animal Waste entering streams or ditches?

The acres for contract are of Local concern for stream contamination from animal manure where livestock has direct access to a stream? These areas are also identified on the 'Ground Water Vulnerability' Map or within the 303d List of stream pollution Maps provided by the State.

The acres for contract are of Local concern for animal manure versus cropland acres and that are identified within the 303d List of Contaminated Stream pollution maps provided by the State.

Is this an existing animal waste storage facility with less than a 180-day storage as required by IDEM, and there is a need for a need for additional storage to meet IDEM standards.

1 = Low

2 = Medium

3 or more High

Indiana EQIP Local Ranking Sheet - Resource Concern - Water Quality

Is Wells County's water quality being negatively impacted from contamination?

Are all or any part of the contract acres within an 11 digit HUC of the 303d list for E-Coli contamination according to the state map?

Are the contract acres within an area of high ground water vulnerability according to the state map?

Are the contract acres within an area of a major river or stream that is of local scenic, protected or historical value, as an area identified on the State Ground Water Vulnerability map?

Are the contract acres within 1/8 mile of a stream or river or an unprotected surface water inlet?

1 = Low

2 = Medium

3 or more High

Indiana EQIP Local Ranking Sheet - Resource Concern - EROSION

Is Wells County's natural resources being negatively impacted by excessive soil erosion?

Soil Erosion is based on cropland acres with 75% or more of the field having an Erodibility Index greater than 8.0. (REF: CRP E.I)

Soil Erosion is based on cropland acres with 50% or more of the field having an Erodibility Index greater than 8.0.

Soil Erosion is based on cropland acres with 25% or more of the field having an Erodibility Index greater than 8.0.

Field contains areas of erosion caused by concentrated flow that can not be repaired by common tillage practices, usually a foot deep or more?

1 = Low

2 - 3 = Medium

4 = High

Indiana EQIP Local Ranking Sheet - Resource Concern - Forest Management

Is Wells County's forest quality being negatively impacted by a lack of management?

The contract area will enlarge the existing woodland by 50% or more, with tree planting, and will be in a riparian or floodplain forests based on general floodplain soils information. (100' min. width)

The existing woodland area is greater than 1/4 mile from buildings or farmsteads with new tree plantings of 15 acres or more.

Does this area have an existing Forestry Management Plan?

Does this area affect endangered or protected species of plants or animals? (Threatened & Endangered species protection areas are identified using maps provided by the State of Indiana, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Nature Preserves, Indiana Natural Heritage Center).

Tree planting in the contract area will connect two fragmented woodland areas with a minimum of 100' width.

1 = Low

2 - 3 = Medium

4 or 5 = High