

Howard County Local Ranking Sheet

Instructions - Applicants for the 2004 EQIP funds should complete this worksheet, answering all questions to the best of their ability. All questions are yes/no questions (except #1). All questions apply to the acres being offered for the contract. The point value on each question varies. There is a total of 500 points. In order to be awarded the points for questions 2 through 11, the resource concern that is identified in the question must be treated to Quality Criteria (FOTG Section 3).

Applicants Name:

Date: 1/27/2004

Tract(s):

1. Does the offered land lie within one of the following watersheds?

[A. Pete's Run](#)

[B. Little Deer Creek \(includes the McKay Dredge\)](#)

Enter Letter of Choice 0

2. If the land being offered has a confinement operation on it, does the operation have less than 180 days of manure storage?

Enter Y or N 0

3. Do livestock have unrestricted access to a perennial or intermittent stream as shown on a USGS topographic quad?

Enter Y or N 0

4. If manure is used as a nutrient input on the land offered, is manure and commercial fertilizer applied according to current soil test recommendations?

Enter Y or N 0

5. Is the offered land within 1/2 mile of a perennial or intermittent stream as shown on the USGS topographic quad?

Enter Y or N 0

6. On the land being offered, does 12% or more of the soil mapping units have slopes \geq 4%?

Enter Y or N 0

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7. On the crop ground being offered, is the calculated erosion level for the critical soil map unit \geq to $1.5 \times "T"$? Calculations are based on the RUSLE method found in Section I of the FOTG.

Enter Y or N 0

8. On the land being offered, are classic or ephemeral gullies present?

Enter Y or N 0

9. Is the management objective of the applicant to create or enhance a contiguous riparian or wooded corridor that is \geq to 180' wide ?

Enter Y or N 0

10. Is the management objective of the applicant to expand an existing woods by 25% or more?

Enter Y or N 0

11. Does part of the land offered lie within the 100 year floodplain as indicated on the NFIP floodway maps?

Enter Y or N 0

Based on the responses you have provided to the question listed above your total local points for the 2004 EQIP local ranking are.>>>>>>>>

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Definitions:

- **Classic Gully** – The displacement of soil due to concentrated flow of surface water. Classic gully erosion normally can not be removed through normal farming operations.
- **Ephemeral Gully** – The displacement of soil due to concentrated flow of surface water. Ephemeral gully erosion can be removed through normal farming operations.
- **Critical Soil Map Unit** – Meaning the soil survey map unit which would be most susceptible to degradation by sheet, rill and gully erosion. The soil map unit must make up 12% or more of the cropland being offered into the EQIP program.

Acronyms & Documentation:

- **EQIP** – Environmental Quality Incentive Program
- **RUSLE** – Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation
- **FOTG** – Field Office Technical Guide: This tech guide can be found online at the Natural Resources Conservation Service Website.
- **NFIP** – National Flood Insurance Program: These maps can be found at the Howard Co. Soil and Water Conservation District's Office. The office is located at 1103 South Goyer Road, Kokomo, IN 46902.