

## LAGRANGE COUNTY LOCAL EQIP RANKING - 2004

### Total Points Possible - 500

1. Is this an existing livestock operation?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes (40 points)

\_\_\_\_\_ No (0 points)

2. Do livestock have access to, or is feedlot contamination reaching:

- a lake, perennial or intermittent stream, non-isolated wetland or open drainage ditch? \_\_\_\_ Yes (40 points)
- an isolated wetland or pond? \_\_\_\_ Yes (30 points)
- none of the above \_\_\_\_ Yes (0 points)

3. Does the landowner have adequate manure handling facilities or storage to prevent excessive nutrients and organic materials from getting into surface water and groundwater?

\_\_\_\_\_ No (40 points) , Requires addressing the concern with EQIP Funds

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, or No Livestock Present (0 points)

4. Does the current storage system utilize a non-approved system? (Approved systems include Midwest Plan Service and/or licensed engineer.) (Non-approved systems could include no storage, outside storage, steel tanks, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, Requires addressing concern with EQIP funds (30 points),

\_\_\_\_\_ No, or No Livestock present (0 points)

5. Does the tract contain soil types that indicate possible vulnerable groundwater resources? ([Use Groundwater Vulnerability map](#))

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes (40 points)

\_\_\_\_\_ No (0 points)

6. Is the tract within:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 500' of a lake or pond, intermittent or perennial stream, wetland or open drainage ditch? (40 points)
- \_\_\_\_\_ within 1500' of a lake or pond, intermittent or perennial stream, wetland or open drainage ditch? (30 points)
- \_\_\_\_\_ over 1500' of a lake or pond, intermittent or perennial stream, wetland or open drainage ditch? (15 points)

7. Is the tract located in a 303D area containing water impaired by non point source pollutants? ([Use Impaired Waters map](#))

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes (40 points)

\_\_\_\_\_ No (0 points)

8. Is the tract located outside an active LARE project area?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes (30 points)

\_\_\_\_\_ No (0 points)

9. Is the tract in the 04050001140 HUC area (north branch of the Elkhart River) or 04050001090 HUC area (Fawn River)?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes (40 points)

\_\_\_\_\_ No (0 points)

10. Are there any soils on the tract with an I value of 134 or higher?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes (30 points)

\_\_\_\_\_ No (0 points)

11. Does the tract contain at least one HEL field?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes (15 points)

\_\_\_\_\_ No (0 points)

12. Is gully erosion present?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes (30 points) Requires addressing concern with EQIP funds

\_\_\_\_\_ No (0 points)

13. Is severe stream bank erosion present?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes (40 points) Requires addressing concern with EQIP funds

\_\_\_\_\_ No (0 points)

14. Is the area adjacent to a "permanently protected" area? ([use Protected Areas Map](#))

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes (15 points)

\_\_\_\_\_ No (0 points)

15. Do livestock have direct access to a woods?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes (15 points), requires addressing concern with EQIP funds

\_\_\_\_\_ No (0 points)

16. Does the current farming operation ( based on past 5 year average) , follow a cropping and tillage system that maximizes the amount of crop residue on the surface of all cropland at the time of planting?

\_\_\_\_\_ No (15 points)

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes (0 points)

\_\_\_\_\_ Does not apply –no cropland (0 points)