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Mr. Webster:

I am writing concerning the EQIP program that is funded by the USDA. I have some river bottom farms in Shelby County, Indiana that have soil erosion problems when we receive heavy rain fall. With all the new building and Wal Marts we have to deal with more run off, which in turn puts our streams out of their banks. I have one farm that the river eats away 2' or 3' each year. It makes me sick to watch our farm go down the river. For the past 2 years I have applied at our local NRCS office, Mr. Bill Harting, for stream bank stabilization and filter strip. Because of your point system we have not been accepted. This is very discouraging, not only for me, but Mr. Harting because of all the time he has spent at the farm at his desk working on the rankings. I feel that we bottom land farmers should have number one priority

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because we are next to the water.

I think if our government can encourage economic development like building factories, parking lots, new housing and businesses that take many acres of farm land out of production for ever each year, they can also see that we get the proper help to keep our soil safe.

Mr. Webster, in closing I hope you can relay this message to the proper channel so we might be able to get some help in the future. Thanks,

Sincerely,

David H Brown

Shelby County, Indiana farmer