

## Quality Criteria

### Human Considerations - Social

Resource Concern	Definition	Quality Guidelines	Assessment Tool
<b>Health and Safety</b>	Freedom from danger, injury or damage.	Public services, personal security, and risk of natural disasters are considered.	
<b>Values</b>	Acts, customs, and institutions regarded in a particular, favorable way by a people or group.	Family, religious, and societal values are maintained.	
<b>Client Characteristics</b>	Distinguishing traits, features, or qualities.	Client characteristics, including age, planning horizon, special emphasis groups, and resources are considered.	
<b>Risk Tolerance/Aversion</b>	Comfort level of the expected change or perceived threat to the viability of an enterprise.	The degree of risk is reasonable compared to the alternative	
<b>Tenure</b>	Length of time something is held.	Tenure or time available does not effect the ability to install, manage or maintain the system.	
<b>Aesthetics</b>	Art and beauty and people's response to these.	Compositional and visual aspects are in harmony with the character of the area.	

### Human Considerations - Cultural

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<b>Absence/Presence</b>	Being without/ Existing.	Absence or presence of cultural resources, as defined by the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), is established.	
<b>Significance</b>	Having or expressing meaning or importance.	Significance of cultural resources is determined by qualified cultural resources personnel, according to National Register of Historic Places guidelines.	
<b>Neutral/Positive Effects</b>	Having little or no effect; Tending in the direction regarded as that of an increase or progress.	Application of practices that have a neutral or positive effect on the qualities of the cultural resource.	
<b>Negative Effects/Mitigation</b>	Having the effect of diminishing; To make less severe; moderate.	Agreement of consulting parties, as defined in GM 420, Part 401, to a system with negative effects if mitigation occurs to lessen negative effects on the cultural resource.	

## Human Considerations - Economic

<b>Resource Concern</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Quality Guidelines</b>	<b>Assessment Tool</b>
<b>Cost Effectiveness</b>	Comparison of the cost of implementing the alternatives to achieve change and personal objectives.	There is a reasonable relationship between the cost of the system and the changes in resource conditions it brings about.	
<b>Financial Condition</b>	An economic manner or state of being.	There is an ability to acquire funds to install and maintain the system over time without destroying the financial viability of normal farm operations or precluding a normal degree of participation in USDA programs.	
<b>Markets</b>	A demand for goods and the opportunity to sell or supply goods or services.	There are adequate and available markets for affected farm enterprise products.	
<b>Input Level</b>	Availability of skills, labor, land, and materials.	There are adequate or sufficient management skills, land, labor, material and equipment present or obtainable to operate and maintain the system.	
<b>Sustainability</b>	Maintain or keep in existence.	There is a reasonable expectation of long-term profitability for the operation as a whole.	