

DOUGLAS SWCD MONITORING PLAN FOR BUFFER COMPLIANCE TRACKING

§103F.48 RIPARIAN PROTECTION AND WATER QUALITY PRACTICES

1. COMPLIANCE TRACKING OF ALL PARCELS SUBJECT TO THE BUFFER LAW

All parcels in Douglas County are to be reviewed within a 3-year timeframe. The county is broken into three areas for review: A, B, & C (Attachment A). The SWCD will review either area A, B, or C each year, with each area being checked in a 3-year timeframe.

2. RANDOM SPOT CHECKS

Random spot checks will be done in addition to the tracking of all parcels within a 3-year span. These checks may be conducted via aerial photo review or on-site review depending on availability of updated aerial photos and the practice that is being checked/access to farms. A combination of both aerial and on-site review may also be used.

- a. The SWCD will conduct up to 50 random parcel spot checks each year outside of the scheduled area.
- b. Additionally, the SWCD should review parcels of emphasis more frequently.
 - Previously non-compliant
 - Alternative Practice Plans
 - Cost-share funded projects

3. PROCESS TO HANDLE COMPLAINTS

All complaints regarding compliance with the Minnesota Buffer Law (Minn. Stat. §103F.48) should be first directed to the SWCD. The SWCD will then follow the process for handling parcels determined to be out of compliance as spelled out in Section IV of the Douglas County Riparian Buffer Ordinance.

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Attachment A

