



Morrison 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 the county are to be reviewed within a three-year timeframe. See *Morrison County Buffer Compliance Tracking Areas* map for the schedule of review based on one third of parcels each year.

Area #1: Townships: Motley, Rosing, Scandia Valley, Cushing, Parker, Darling, Geen Prairie, Culdrum, Pike Creek, Swanville, Ripley, Platte, Pulaski, Richardson, Belle Priarie, Buh, Granite, and Leigh.

Area #2: Townships: Swan River, Elmdale, Two Rivers.

Area #3: Townships: Little Falls, Agram, Pierz, Hillman, Mount Morris, Bellevue, Buckman, Morrill, and Lakin.

2. Random Spot Checks

Random spot checks will be done in addition to the tracking of all parcels within a three-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 reviews may also be used. The SWCD will conduct 25-50 parcels on a random spot check each year outside of the scheduled area mentioned above.

Additionally, the SWCD will review parcels of emphasis more frequently and could include:

- Previously non-compliant
- No-till/Conservation tillage or cover crop alternative practice plans
- Variable width buffers
- Other Alternative Practice Plans
- Cost share funded projects (years 1, 3 and 9 of contract)
- Parcels of further emphasis (potential violators)

3. Process to Handle Complaints

Complaints brought forward to the SWCD regarding parcel non-compliance will be addressed with initial aerial photo review, landowner contact and on-site review if consent for physical access to the parcel(s) in questions is granted. If a parcel is deemed noncompliant the SWCD will notify the landowner of legal compliance. Should all efforts to achieve parcel compliance voluntarily be exhausted, non-compliant landowners will be referring to Morrison County Land Services and the Morrison County Attorney for enforcement proceedings under the provisions of 103F.48 and adopted local ordinance(s).