



## **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).