

# BROWN SWCD MONITORING PLAN FOR BUFFER COMPLIANCE TRACKING

## §103F.48 RIPARIAN PROTECTION AND WATER QUALITY PRACTICES

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

All parcels in the county are to be reviewed within a 3 year timeframe. Brown SWCD has chosen this process to be completed:

- a. Review of 1/3 of parcels each year (see Attachment A)

### 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. Brown SWCD will conduct random spot checks each year on 25-50 parcels outside of the scheduled area.
- b. Additionally, the SWCD will review parcels of emphasis more frequently, including but not limited to:
  - Previously non-compliant
  - Alternative Practice Plans
  - Variable width buffers (i.e. Land O' Lakes buffer tool, Decision Support Tool)
  - Cost-share funded projects (years 1,3,9 of contract)

### 3. PROCESS TO HANDLE COMPLAINTS

The Brown SWCD will use the following steps as a general guideline to investigate public complaints related to buffer law compliance.

- a. Receive written or verbal complaint from member of the public
- b. Investigate complaint by viewing aerial imagery, performing an onsite visit (if conditions allow), talking with the landowner, reviewing the history of the parcel on record in the SWCD files, and other methods as deemed appropriate by the SWCD
- c. Determine if parcel is compliant or non-compliant
- d. Document the outcome of the investigation by drafting a Findings of Facts document which will include details of the investigation completed and the determination of compliant or non-compliant that was made
- e. If parcel is found in compliance, notify landowner and issue a Validation of Compliance
- f. If parcel is found to be non-compliant, notify landowner and issue a Notification of Noncompliance to BWSR

Attachment A

