

RENVILLE 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

The Renville SWCD will review compliance of all parcels subject to the buffer law in Renville County every three years. One area (A,B, or C) will be inspected each year (Attachment A). The order of inspection will be random with no area repeated within the 3-year period.

The SWCD reserves the following options for inspection:

- a. Review all parcels once every 3 years
- b. Review parcels in major watersheds (*Include a map*)
- c. Any other inspection plan that covers all parcels once every 3 years

2. RANDOM SPOT CHECKS

The SWCD will review 25-50 randomly selected parcels each year outside of the scheduled area in addition to the tracking of all parcels within a 3-year span. Additionally, the SWCD will review the following parcels more frequently.

- Previously non-compliant
- No-till/Conservation tillage or cover crop alternative practice plans
- Variable width buffers (i.e. Land O' Lakes buffer tool, Decision Support Tool)
- Other Alternative Practice Plans
- Cost-share funded projects (years 1,3,9 of contract)
- Parcels of further emphasis (potential violators)

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.

3. PROCESS TO HANDLE COMPLAINTS

The SWCD will conduct a review of any §103F.48 complaints it receives. An inspection will 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. If the SWCD determines a landowner is not in compliance the SWCD, in conjunction with the landowner, will develop a compliance landowner to bring the parcel into compliance. If the parcel remains noncompliant the SWCD will provide Renville County with a Notice of Noncompliance.

Renville County Buffer Inspection Map

