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### **CLEARWATER 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 Clearwater County are to be reviewed within a 3-year timeframe. The County is broken up into three areas: A, B and C (Attachment A). The Clearwater SWCD will review either area A, B or C each year, with each area being checked in a 3-year time frame. The area chosen each year will be in a random order.

1. **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.

* 1. The SWCD will conduct 25-50 parcels on a random spot check review each year outside of the scheduled area.
  2. Additionally, the SWCD should review parcels of emphasis 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 1,5,9 of contract)
     + Parcels of further emphasis (potential violators)

1. **PROCESS TO HANDLE COMPLAINTS**

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**Attachment A:**

