



Carlton 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 and reported in BuffCAT

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 random spot checks on 25-50 parcels. 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 Carlton County Attorney for enforcement proceedings under the provisions of 103F.48 and adopted local ordinance(s).