

MARTIN 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 3 year timeframe. 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. Martin SWCD will review all parcels once every 3 years.

2. SPOT CHECKS

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. At a minimum, the SWCD will conduct a random spot check review on 5% of parcels each year.

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 1,3,9 of contract)
- Parcels of further emphasis (potential violators)

3. PROCESS TO HANDLE COMPLAINTS

The SWCD has developed a local process for investigating public complaints related to buffer law compliance. This process is outlined in Attachment A.

Attachement A – Martin SWCD Monitoring Plan For Buffer Compliance Tracking

Buffer Law Complaint Form

This process will be used for investigating and tracking complaints related to Minnesota Buffer Law Compliance. Complete one form for each parcel affected by Minn. Stat. §103F.48. Fill in all applicable blue boxes.

1) COMPLAINT INFORMATION:

Complaint Source	<input type="checkbox"/> Reported <input type="checkbox"/> Spot Check <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			Date (M/D/YYYY)	
Township		Section		¼ Section	
Description					

2) LANDOWNER INFORMATION:

Name				Parcel	
Mailing Address	Address		City	State	Zip
Email		Phone #		Cell #	

3) COMPLIANCE VERIFICATION INSPECTION (After complaint):

*Jump to Step 4 if Complaint Source is Spot Check by staff or landowner access is required to enter parcel for on-site evaluation.

Inspection Date (M/D/YYYY)	Inspector	Status
		<input type="checkbox"/> Compliant <input type="checkbox"/> Violation
Description		

4) LANDOWNER NOTIFICATION: Y N Reason _____

Contact Type	Date (M/D/YYYY)	Required Remedy Date (M/D/YYYY)
<input type="checkbox"/> Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		

5) CONTINUED COMPLIANCE INSPECTION (After required remedy date):

Inspection Date (M/D/YYYY)	Inspector	Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Compliant <input type="checkbox"/> Violation
Sent to Enforcement Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	Date Sent to Enforcement Authority (M/D/YYYY)	
Description			