

JACKSON SWCD MONITORING PLAN FOR BUFFER COMPLIANCE TRACKING

§103F.48 RIPARIAN PROTECTION AND WATER QUALITY PRACTICES

COMPLIANCE TRACKING OF ALL PARCELS SUBJECT TO THE BUFFER LAW

All parcels in Jackson County are to be reviewed within a 3 year timeframe. The Jackson SWCD will review all parcels once every three years.

- A. Reviews will be completed with a combination of field verifications and the most recent aerial photos available in office.

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. The SWCD will conduct 10 random spot checks each year outside the 3 year scheduled timeframe.
- B. Additionally, the SWCD should review parcels of emphasis more frequently.
 - 1. Previously non-compliant
 - 2. No-till/Conservation tillage or cover crop alternative practice plans
 - 3. Variable width buffers (i.e. Land O' Lakes buffer tool, Decision Support Tool)
 - 4. Other Alternative Practice Plans
 - 5. Cost-share funded projects (years 1,3,9 of contract)

PROCESS TO HANDLE COMPLAINTS

The Jackson SWCD has considered a local process for investigating public complaints related to buffer law compliance. This process is part of the compliance monitoring plan and is highlighted below.

- A. After receiving a public complaint the SWCD staff will complete a basic office review via aerial imagery and conduct an on-site review.
- B. If the parcel is out of compliance, the SWCD Board will send a formal letter to the landowner with options on how to bring the parcel into compliance. If the landowner does not contact the SWCD or bring the parcel into compliance within the specified timeframe, the SWCD will notify Jackson County of an ordinance violation. The procedures of Jackson County Ordinance #736 will take effect.

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Attachment A

