

Fillmore 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. The SWCD will chose how this process is to be completed.

Review 1/3 of parcels each year (See map - Attachment A)

2. 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 5% of parcels on a random spot check review each year.
- b. 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

A Buffer Non-Compliance Procedure flow chart was developed between the Fillmore County Zoning and Fillmore SWCD to use for handling non-compliances identified and compliants.

(*See Buffer Non-Compliance Procedure chart – Attachment B)