

ROSEAU 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

The Roseau SWCD will review 1/3 of the parcels adjacent to Public Waters/Public Ditches each year. The County will be split into thirds from West to East, and the order in which these areas are checked may change from year to year. (Attachment A of Roseau County map on Back page.)

2. RANDOM SPOT CHECKS:

Random spot checks will be done in addition to the tracking of 1/3 of the parcels each year. 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.

- The Roseau SWCD will conduct 25-50 parcels on a random spot check each year outside of the scheduled area.
- Additionally, the Roseau SWCD may review parcels of emphasis more frequently:
 - Previously non-compliant
 - Alternative practice plans
 - Conservation tillage or conservation cover practice plans
 - Cost-share funded projects (years 1,3,9 of contract)
 - Parcels of further emphasis (potential violators)

3. PROCESS TO HANDLE COMPLAINTS

The Roseau SWCD will follow this process for complaints received from the Public.

- The Roseau SWCD will first verify if parcel is on DNR buffer map and reference any existing documentation.
- Compliant determination will be evaluated via site visit.
 - Contact landowner for site visit.
 - If NO contact or if landowner refuses access, assistance will be requested from Roseau County to do a site visit.
- If parcel is found out of Compliance, it will be documented and operator and or landowner will be notified.
The Roseau SWCD may work with the operator and or landowner to come into compliance, and may provide landowner and or operator with technical assistance.
- If compliance is not reached by the timeline provided by the Roseau SWCD, contact will be made to operator and or landowner again, or a Notification of noncompliance will be sent to Roseau County for enforcement.
- Once the parcel is compliant, the Roseau SWCD may issue a validation of compliance if requested by landowner or operator.