

MARSHALL 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 Marshall County are to be reviewed within a 3-year timeframe. Marshall SWCD will review 1/3 of all parcels subject to MN §103F.48 annually. Attached is a map defining Marshall SWCD's monitoring regions (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.

The Marshall SWCD will conduct random spot checks on 25 to 50 parcels each year outside of each scheduled area.

Additionally, the Marshall SWCD should review parcels of emphasis more frequently. Parcels of emphasis may include:

- Previously non-compliant parcels
- No-till/Conservation tillage or cover crop alternative practice plans
- Parcels warranting further emphasis (indicators of potential violation)
- Other Implemented Alternative Practice Plans
- Cost-share funded projects (years 1,3,9 of contract)
- Parcels with changes in ownership

3. PROCESS TO HANDLE COMPLAINTS

The Marshall SWCD process to address/investigate public complaints (buffer compliance).

Public complaints regarding parcel non-compliance with MN §103F.48, received by the Marshall SWCD, will be addressed/investigated by all means available to Marshall SWCD technical staff (including direct landowner contact and on-site visit) while endeavoring to preserve the anonymity of the party initiating the complaint. Marshall SWCD will determine if any technical assistance relative to the potential non-compliant parcel(s) has been previously sought. In cases where Marshall SWCD efforts to achieve parcel compliance by voluntary means prove exhausted, non-compliant parcel owners will be referred to Marshall County for enforcement proceedings under provision MN §103B.101 and adopted Marshall County Ordinances.