

Murray 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 as required by Minnesota Buffer Law.

Murray SWCD will review all parcels once every 3 years as new aerial photos become available.

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.

Murray SWCD will conduct 25-50 parcels on a random spot check each year outside of the scheduled area.

Additionally, Murray SWCD will review parcels of emphasis more frequently.

- Previously non-compliant
- No-till/Conservation tillage or cover crop alternative practice plans
- 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

If a complaint cannot be resolved with the SWCD staff, the complaint can be brought to the SWCD board at a regularly scheduled SWCD board meeting.

Enforcement of noncompliance with buffer law will be the responsibility of Murray County Environmental Office as described in the Murray County Buffer Ordinance.