



Ramsey County Soil and Water Conservation Division

Monitoring Plan for Buffer Compliance Tracking

§103F.48 RIPARIAN PROTECTION AND WATER QUALITY PRACTICE

1. Compliance tracking of parcels subject to the Buffer Law

All parcels subject to the Buffer Law in Ramsey County will be reviewed by Ramsey County SWCD staff once every 3 years. Review of the parcels will be conducted using the most up-to-date aerial imagery available to staff.

2. Random Spot Checks

Ramsey County SWCD will conduct random spot checks on 25-50 parcels each year in addition to the tracking of all parcels within a 3-year span. These checks may be conducted via aerial photo review, on-site review, or a combination thereof. Parcels that will be reviewed more frequently include those that have alternative conservation practices and those that have previously been out of compliance.

3. Documentation and Complaints

The compliance status of each parcel is documented in the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR)'s map database. Non-compliant parcels, if present, are further documented at the office of the Ramsey County Soil and Water Conservation Division, with notification of non-compliance to the appropriate parties. Public complaints regarding potential breaches of the Buffer Law can be made anonymously to the Ramsey County SWCD and will be investigated in a timely manner.