

# Waseca SWCD MONITORING PLAN FOR BUFFER COMPLIANCE TRACKING

§103F.48 RIPARIAN PROTECTION AND WATER QUALITY PRACTICES

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## 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 has identified how this process is to be completed within this plan. SWCD will pursue partnering with the Waseca County Ditch inspector to minimize redundancy of inspections on County Ditches.

Review of 1/3 of parcels each year based on township boundaries (see Waseca Buffer Law Tracking Map).  
The Board of Water and Soil Resources buffer tracking program (Buffcat) will be used to track and update the reviewed parcels.

## 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 random spot checks on 25 parcels each year outside of the scheduled area.
- b. Additionally, the SWCD may review the following parcels of emphasis more frequently.
  - Previously non-compliant
  - No-till/Conservation tillage or cover crop alternative practice plans
  - Cost-share funded projects (years 1,3,9 of contract)
  - Parcels that have not been confirmed to be compliant
  - Ditch inspector can inspect parcels during course of job duties.

## 3. PROCESS TO HANDLE COMPLAINTS

The SWCD has developed a local process for investigating public complaints related to buffer law compliance as described below.

Public complaints brought to the SWCD shall be forwarded to the Waseca County Planning and Zoning. The Waseca County Ditch Inspector shall also be notified of complaints on public ditches. The complainant will need to provide sufficient data to identify the parcel or parcels in question. The complainant shall also provide a timeframe when the potential non-compliance occurred. The SWCD will provide technical assistance when requested by the county or the landowner to determine if the parcel complies with the MN Buffer Law and how to get the parcel into compliance if it is not currently in compliance. The decision to pursue fines and other enforcement actions will be at the discretion of Waseca County.

Adopted by Waseca County Soil and Water Conservation District on October 11 2018



Wayne Cords, Chairman

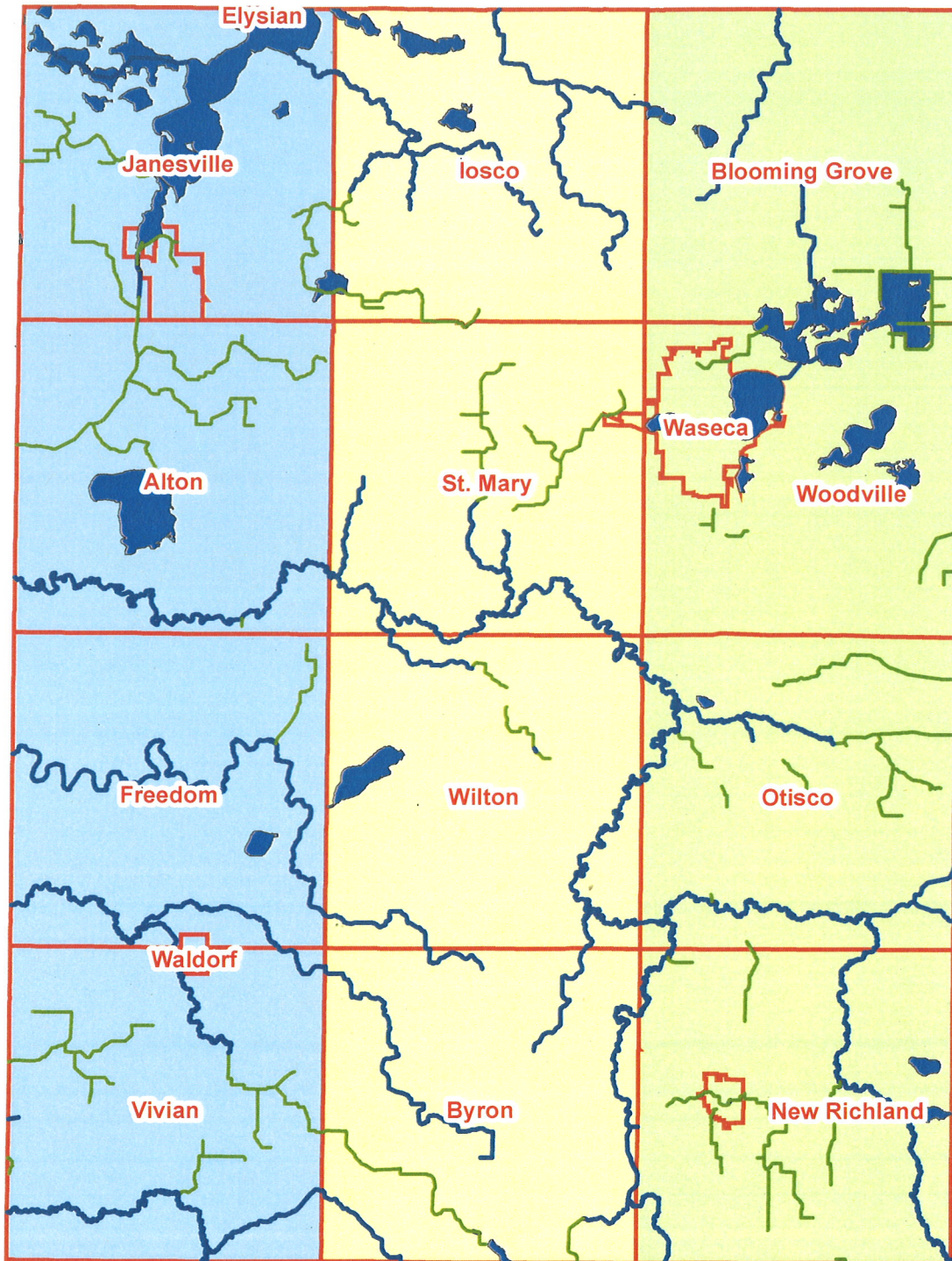
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# Waseca Buffer Law Tracking Plan Map

Date: 10/1/2018

WASECA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
State and County: MN, Waseca County, Minnesota

Field Office: WASECA SERVICE CENTER



## Watercourses

- Public Ditches - 16.5'
- Public Waters - 50'
- Public Waters Lakes 50'
- Civil Townships

## Buffer Tracking Area

- A
- B
- C

1 inch = 3 miles

