



GOODHUE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Goodhue SWCD Buffer Monitoring Plan

1. Compliance with the buffer requirements. Compliance with the buffer requirements set forth in Goodhue County Zoning Ordinance (herein referred to as the “Ordinance”) will be determined by the Goodhue SWCD on a parcel by parcel basis. The compliance status of each bank, or edge of a waterbody on an individual parcel will be determined independently.
2. Parcel Evaluation. The Goodhue SWCD will evaluate parcels, including those suggesting alternative practices, through available documentation, such as County-wide Aerial Photography, Drone Photography, GIS analysis, and onsite inspections to determine if a parcel is in compliance with the Ordinance. The Goodhue SWCD will perform a baseline, overall County wide review of parcel compliance every two years in coordination with the County aerial photography.
3. Compliant Parcel. Upon completion of the evaluation of a parcel, if the parcel is determined to be compliant, the Goodhue SWCD may issue a Validation of Compliance to the landowner, the County, and BWSR if requested, or if corrective actions have been deemed satisfied.
4. Responding to Complaints of non-compliant Parcel. When the County identifies, or is made aware of a potential noncompliant parcel, it will consult with the Goodhue SWCD to determine the appropriate course of action. a) Goodhue SWCD will contact the landowner and request an onsite inspection, use other appropriate data collection methods, or request documentation from the landowner, to verify the compliance status of the parcel. b) If the parcel is determined to be non-compliant, the Goodhue SWCD shall issue a Notification of Noncompliance to the landowner, the County, and BWSR.
5. Random Spot Checks. Random spot checks will be conducted in addition to tracking all parcels within a 2-year period. These checks may be conducted via County-wide aerial photography, Drone photography, GIS analysis, or onsite inspections.