BuffCAT Compliance Tracking Fields

Buffer Law Implementation Guidance

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What is Required and What is Optional

- **Parcel Compliance Status (Required Field)**

  THIS IS THE ONLY REQUIRED FIELD for preliminary assessment work done for the Jan 1, 2017 reporting date. This field is set to "Unknown" or "N/A" as default, and ONLY needs to be changed to "Yes" if the parcel is adjacent to a water identified on the Buffer Protection Map and it is clearly compliant based on desktop or other locally completed determination for January 1, 2017 reporting.

  Yes = Compliant based desktop review, field validation or any other means appropriate.

  Yes, based on Preliminary Assessment = *Primarily* used when LGU provides preliminary data for BWSR to auto populate the BuffCAT data on their behalf. SWCDs may use this field if they choose.

  Needs Review = Used when a parcel has not been reviewed, or a remote determination or field review has been completed by SWCD technician which is not conclusive, or additional actions are still needed prior to the compliance dates.

  Also used prior to compliance dates for any parcel in which the SWCD has not been able to provide a more thorough review.

  No = SWCD staff has made a determination that the parcel is not compliant with the State Buffer Law. This status is typically to be used after the compliance dates have passed for ALL applicable water courses on the property. It may be used before the compliance dates if the SWCD chooses, as long as it is understood a properties are in compliance until the applicable dates have passed.

  N/A = Used when a remote review finds that there are no waters identified on the Buffer Protection Map which are adjacent to the parcel.

- **Buffer Width Requirement; (Required Field)**
  This field is auto populated for parcels which intersect the Buffer Protection Map line work
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  It only needs to be changed in the event that water features don't align with what exists on the ground or parcels are added as "needing review".

Used to identify if the Parcel has ONLY a 50' requirement, ONLY a 16.5' requirement or a combination of both.

- **Acres of Buffer Required; (Optional Field)**
  Used to estimate the acres of buffer needed for a given parcel when only buffers are chosen as the BMP which attains compliance. Typically, this field would be used for parcels which a validation of compliance has been requested, or when reviewing a parcel which needs a more detailed review to determine compliance status.

- **Acres of Buffer Installed; (Optional Field)**
  Used to estimate the acres of installed buffer for a given parcel when only buffers are chosen as the BMP which attains compliance. Typically, this field would be used for parcels which a validation of compliance has been requested, or when reviewing a parcel which needs a more detailed review to determine compliance status.

- **Are All Buffers Compliant (Required Field)**
  Yes = if all buffers used on the parcel are compliant as a standalone BMP or in combination with alternative practices.

  No = only used if buffers used alone or in combination with alternative practices do not provide the established protections for that particular parcel

  N/A = Buffers are not used for compliance on a given parcel

  Unknown = used when a parcel still needs review

- **Are All Alternative Practices Compliant? (Required Field)**
  Yes = If used, all alternative practices used on a given parcel have been reviewed and deemed compliant and provide comparable water quality benefit in combination with any installed buffers.

  N/A = Alternative Practices are not used on the given parcel.

  No = If used, any alternative practices have been reviewed and deemed to not provide comparable water quality benefit or does not meet the applicable practice standards.

  Unknown = used when a parcel still needs review.

- **Has a Validation of Compliance Been issued? (Optional Field)**
  Yes = Used if a hard copy Validation of Compliance has been issued for a parcel

  No = Used if no validation of compliance has been issued.

- **Notes (Optional Field)**
  Used for any prudent pieces of information for the parcel which can be of assistance in review.