



**HUBBARD COUNTY
Soil & Water
Conservation District**

Landowner Name
Street address
City, State, Zip

June 27, 2018

Subject: Buffer Strip Law Requirements

Dear Landowner,

As a property owner, we understand that you do your best to protect your investment and to care for the land and water resources that help you make a living. The Hubbard Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is very grateful for your efforts.

We recognize that sometimes local, state, and federal laws get passed and understand that it can be hard for landowners to know how, why, or even if the law pertains to them.

In 2015, the State of Minnesota passed a new Buffer Strip Law which requires landowners to install buffer strips along State Protected Waters and Public Drainage Ditches. It is our goal to help you better understand your options and to help you comply with these requirements.

Details about the law can be viewed online at:

<http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/buffers/index.html>

The Buffer Strip Law will impact landowners in Hubbard County and will generate a significant workload at the SWCD office. Our staff are eager to help you understand how this law affects you and we are committed to providing you with the prompt service you deserve.

In order to do this, please contact us by phone or stop in at our office in Park Rapids, to learn more about your options. As of November 1, 2017, all public waters of the State were required to be compliant with the Buffer Strip Law and November 1, 2018 for public ditches. Since November 1, 2017 the county has received higher quality aerial photographs of Hubbard County. This higher quality photography allowed us to better assess Buffer Strip Law concerns on individual parcels of land. We have identified a potential issue on your parcel of land: ID numbers 11.25.01600 (see attached map). Please contact the SWCD to set up a site visit to take simple land measurements and to discuss Buffer Law Compliance for your parcel, **no later than Tuesday July 31, 2018.**

Sincerely,

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