Tracking Alternative Practices in BuffCAT & Examples
Buffer Law Implementation Guidance

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- **Are All Alternative Practices Compliant? (Required Field)**
  Yes = Once the Alternative Practices have been installed and verified this field should be updated.

**Are all buffer compliant?**

- **Is Parcel Compliant Based on Review? (Required Field)**
  Yes = The parcel status should be marked “Yes” if the alternative practice(s) have been installed and verified.

- **Notes Field**
  Notes = A simple statement in the notes of how/what alternative combination was used.
  I.E. Common Alternative Practice 4A, 393 Standard, Negative Slope, Cover Crops, No-Till

  **Notes field will be overridden when batch editor is used. We recommend attaching a Word document to the parcel to keep detailed notes in BuffCAT**

  **The notes field is essential to tracking alternative practices long-term. When filtering parcels in BuffCAT, these key words associated with alternative practices can be searched to pull up all parcels in a county with a certain alternative practice.**

**Example of alternative practices tracked in BuffCAT:**

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None
Filtering to Search for Alternative Practices:

Example: This spring I want to spot check all parcels that have no-till as an alternative practice. To come up with a map and/or list of parcels that meet this criteria, the following settings should be put into the filtering tool (icon in lower right-hand corner of BuffCAT):

Screenshot of Filtering settings for no-till alternative practices in Brown County:

Filter

- Add expression
- Add set

Display features in the layer that match all of the following expressions

1. County FIPS Code: Is 015
2. Are Alternative I: Is Yes
3. Notes (String): Contains No-Till