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Subject: Minnesota Buffer Law Cost-Share

Dear Landowner,

The Clay Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) has received some cost-share funds to provide to landowners to become compliant with the Minnesota Buffer Law. You have property or properties that either you rent or own, that is bordering a Public Drainage Ditch or Public Watercourse.

Under this law, Public Drainage Ditches require a buffer strip of 16.5 feet measured from the top of the constructed bank and Public Waters require a buffer strip of 50 foot average 30 foot minimum measured from the top of the bank. Buffer strips are areas of perennial vegetation adjacent to a waterway. In some cases, an alternative water quality practice may be applicable. The buffer or alternative practice needs to be installed by **November 1, 2018**.

The Clay SWCD is offering a one-time \$300/acre cost-share payment for the establishment of the buffer strips. This is on a first-come first-served basis, as funds are limited.

We will be hosting a meeting at the Felton Community Center on Wednesday, April 25th from **6-7pm** to discuss the cost-share. We will have cost-share forms available at the meeting for you to sign up. If you cannot make it to the meeting, feel free to stop into the office to fill out the form.

Once again, this is on a first-come first-served basis, and once the funds are gone, they are gone.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting,

Gabe Foltz
Clay SWCD

