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**Date: 12/26/2018**

**To:**

**From: Chad Hildebrand (District Technician)**

**Subject: MN Statute 103F.48 – Buffer Law: Final Effort Buffer Compliance Assistance Request**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

This is the final attempt from the Watonwan County Land Management / Soil and Water Conservation District to get in contact regarding the Minnesota Statute §103F.48 – Buffer Law and your parcel of land. It is the responsibility of the landowner to decide how they would like to meet compliance or request technical assistance from our office. As a landowner, you may have your renter work with our office to develop a “Buffer Compliance Map” to meet compliance with the Buffer Law; please just notify our office stating you give them permission and provide contact information of your renter.

❖ The deadline to respond to this letter is **FRIDAY, JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 by 4:00 pm.**

Responses must be made by one of these methods:

1. Mail a response to the letter to our office.
2. Calling the office and leaving a voicemail at **(507) 375-2552.**
3. Emailing at [chad.hildebrand@co.watonwan.mn.us](mailto:chad.hildebrand@co.watonwan.mn.us).

Attached with the letter is a map of your parcel that is affected by the buffer law and a buffer that is offset to a 50 foot width. The 50 foot width buffer would be the basic of the statute that would meet compliance if implemented. Please review the map enclosed and that these measurements are approximate and taken from aerial imagery utilizing ArcGIS software. Seeding requirements of the buffer if set at 50 foot width would be any perennial vegetation mixture and with the winter months now, the seeding would require to be completed before spring planting in 2019 and notify our office of your intention along with completion.

What parcel(s) of land are affected by the 103F.48 – buffer law?

Parcel ID#	ID#
Township, Section, Range	

If you believe your parcel of land is in compliance with the buffer law, you must provide documentation that supports the claim to our office. Here are a few cases that have come up in the past three years that landowners have provided.

1. The parcel of land is enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Please provide a map showing the location of the CRP since that is a Federal Program and we are county employees and do not have access to that information due to the privacy act.
2. Have already seeded / implemented the buffer on your own. Please provide dates of seeding completion, location and width of the buffer along with any other documentation which supports the compliance status.

If a response has not been made by the deadline of **Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 by 4:00 pm** to the Watonwan County Land Management / Soil and Water Conservation District; then that parcel is subject to a "Notice of Non-Compliance." After the deadline, a "Notice of Non-Compliance" will be brought to our SWCD Board Supervisors at the January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 SWCD Monthly Meeting at 8:30am to be approved and mailed to the enforcement body. The enforcement body for the buffer law is the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR).

Once again, this letter is our final effort before any potential non-compliance notice for you parcel is initiated. Our office is available to provide any technical assistance to help develop and determine a buffer compliance map for your parcel.

Thank you,

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