1. **COMPLIANCE TRACKING OF ALL PARCELS SUBJECT TO THE BUFFER LAW**

   All parcels in the county will be reviewed within a 3-year timeframe. Big Stone SWCD will complete these in this fashion;
   - Wrap up initial buffer compliance through 2019. Monitoring will then begin in 2020.
     - Review of 1/3 of parcels each year based on map (Attachment A)
       - To avoid aversion these areas will not be reviewed in a repeating order.
       - Most recent aerial imagery will be utilized initially with measurement tools.
         - Ground truthing of buffer widths will be applied on questionable parcels
         - Landowners are encouraged to notify Big Stone SWCD if any changes to buffer compliance occur, whether intentional, accidental, or natural.
       - e.g. tilling, spraying, eroding, etc. along with a correction plan.

2. **RANDOM SPOT CHECKS**

   Random spot checks for buffer compliance will be done in addition to the tracking of all parcels within a 3-year span. Random spot checks may be conducted via aerial imagery review, or on-site reviews, depending on the availability of updated aerial imagery; the practice that is being checked; and whether access to the parcel is possible. A combination of both aerial imagery and on-site reviews may be used.
   - Big Stone SWCD will conduct 25 random spot checks for buffer compliance, of parcels in each additional area outside of the scheduled area for that year.
   - Additionally, Big Stone SWCD will review parcels more frequently in certain circumstances such as;
     - Previously non-compliant
     - Alternative Practice Plans
     - Cost-share funded projects (years 1, 3, & 9 of contract)

3. **PROCESS TO DOCUMENT SPOT CHECKS**

   - Big Stone SWCD will document the status of each parcel, in a corresponding document in the office, as well as utilize online mapping software put together by the Board of Water and Soil Resources.

4. **PROCESS TO REPORT NON-COMPLIANCE**

   - Big Stone SWCD will gather the non-compliant parcels throughout the year whether by spot check or public comments.
     - A Local Government Unit meeting will be held annually, to present this data and request any information from partner agencies about the out-of-compliance parcel.
       - LGUs included but not limited to; SWCD, Environmental, Watersheds, County Engineer, County Attorney, Area Hydrologist, and others.
     - Final non-compliance parcels will be presented to the county for further action, along with copies of all corresponding documentation and maps.
     - Refer to the 2018 Big Stone County Riparian Buffer Protection Ordinance, section 5.0 Compliance Determinations.

*This Buffer Compliance Tracking Plan was adopted by the Big Stone Board of Supervisors on October 9th, 2018.*
Attachment A – Buffer Reviewing Areas – Big Stone County