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June 29, 2018

To Whom it may Concern:

Last summer SWCDs, located within the Red Lake Watershed District (RLWD), each adopted a summary of "other watercourses" for inclusion to the local water plan. According to Minn. Stat. 103F.48 subd 4., SWCDs were required to consult with the local water management authorities and provide these summaries for inclusion into the local water plan. Minn. Stat. 103F.48 subd. 4 further requires that the local water management authorities incorporate this summary into their water plan no later than July 1, 2018.

Given the statutes listed above, you are hereby given notice that on June 28, 2018, the RLWD passed a resolution which indicates that the District will add an addendum to the Districts 10 Year Comprehensive Plan dated May 2006, will adopt the summary submitted by each of the SWCD's and will provide notice to the agencies, organizations and individuals that are required to receive a copy of the plan changes (including BWSR).

As per Minnesota State Statute 103F.48, (Buffer Law) subd. 4, enclosed is a Resolution to Incorporate the Summary of Watercourses into the Red Lake Watershed District Watershed Management Plan as well as a copy of resolutions passed by the Red Lake County, Pennington, East Polk, West Polk, Beltrami, Clearwater, Marshall, Koochiching, Mahnomen, Roseau and Itasca SWCD Boards.

If you have questions or need additional information please contact the Red Lake Watershed District office at 218-681-5800.

Sincerely,

Myron Jesme Administrator

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Enclosures

Resolution to Incorporate the Summary of Watercourses into the Red Lake Watershed District Watershed Management Plan

Whereas; Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103F.48 requires soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs) in consultation with local water management authorities, to develop, adopt, and submit to each local water management authority within its boundary a summary of watercourses.

Whereas; The Board of Water and Soil Resources has adopted Buffer Law implementation Policy #6 'Local Water Resources Riparian Protection ("Other Watercourses")' which identifies steps SWCDs are required to take in developing said inventory.

Whereas; Red Lake County, Pennington, East Polk, West Polk, Beltrami, Clearwater, Marshall, Koochiching, Mahnomen, Roseau and Itasca SWCD have all adopted a Descriptive or Map inventory of other watercourses and provided it to Red Lake Watershed District.

Whereas; Red Lake Watershed District recommends that implementation of buffers or other practices on these waters be voluntary in nature through the Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan.

Whereas; Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103F.48 requires a local water management authority that receives a summary of watercourses identified under this subdivision must incorporate an addendum to its comprehensive local water management plan or comprehensive watershed management plan to include the SWCD recommendations by July 1, 2018.

Whereas; Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103F.48 does not require a plan amendment as long as a copy of the included information is distributed to all agencies, organizations, and individuals required to receive a copy of the plan changes.

Therefore be it resolved that; The summary of watercourses or "other waters" for Red Lake Watershed District shall be incorporated as an addendum in its current local watershed management plan.

Be it further resolved that; Red Lake Watershed District Board of Managers authorizes staff to provide a copy of the addendum and any supporting information to be distributed to all agencies, organizations, and individuals required to receive a copy of the plan changes.

Dated 6-28-18

Dale M. Nelson

Chairman

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Secretary





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June 14, 2018

Notice: Addendum added to Roseau County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan

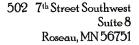
Last summer Roseau SWCD adopted a summary of "Other Watercourses" for inclusion to the local water plan. According to Minn. Stat. 103F.48 subd 4., each SWCD was required to consult with the local water management authorities and provide these summaries for inclusion into the local water plan. Minn. Stat. 103F.48 subd. 4 further requires that the local water management authorities incorporate this summary into the local water plan no later than July 1, 2018. As Roseau County is the local water management authority, the Roseau County Commissioners passed a resolution (Resolution No. 2018-05-01) on May 8, 2018 adopting the descriptive inventory summary of "Other Watercourses" as an addendum to the Roseau County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan. The descriptive inventory summary has been enclosed. The summary may also be viewed at https://www.roseauswcd.org/plans. Click on Addendum – Other Watercourses.

Thank you,

Janine Lovold Water Planner

Roseau County SWCD

Enclosure





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Resolution # 2017-02

Other Waters - Roseau County

Whereas; Minnesota statues 103F.48 requires SWCDs in consultation with local water management authorities, to develop, adopt, and submit to each local water management authority within its boundary a summary of watercourses for inclusion in the local water management plan.

Whereas; The summary of watercourses has been commonly referred to as "other waters".

Whereas; The Roseau SWCD believes the purpose of identifying "other waters" is to be inclusive of all watercourses where water quality would benefit from the voluntary installation of a buffer or filter strip.

Whereas; Current state and federal programs exist to provide landowners with incentives to voluntarily install buffer or filter strips.

Whereas; Current State and Federal programs have eligibility criteria for watercourses where water quality would benefit from the installation of a buffer or filter strip.

Whereas; Producing a map of all the watercourses meeting the eligibility criteria would be time consuming and may not be inclusive of all watercourses where water quality would benefit from the installation of a buffer or filter strip.

Therefore be it resolved that; The summary of watercourses or "other waters" for Roseau County shall be descriptive in format instead of in map format.

Be it further resolved that; the description of watercourses to be included in the summary of watercourses or "other waters" shall be; All watercourses deemed eligible for the adjacent land to be voluntarily enrolled into a buffer or filter strip practice under the current eligibility criteria for state and federal programs. Excluding those watercourses depicted on the DNR buffer protection map.

A list of watercourses included in this descriptive inventory are; Perennial streams, Seasonal streams depicted on USGS topographic maps, Perennial streams, Seasonal streams depicted on soil survey maps, Identified by onsite visits, and drainage ditches that are perennial or seasonal streams

Clearwater Soil & Water Conservation District Resolution

To Adopt Summary of Watercourses for inclusion in Local Water Management Plan

Whereas; Minnesota statues 103F.48 requires SWCDs in consultation with local water management authorities, to develop, adopt, and submit to each local water management authority within its boundary a summary of watercourses for inclusion in the local water management plan.

Whereas; The Board of Water and Soil Resources has adopted Buffer Law implementation Policy #6 'Local Water Resources Riparian Protection ("Other Watercourses")' which identifies steps SWCDs are required to take in developing said inventory.

Whereas; Clearwater SWCD and the water management authorities within its jurisdiction discussed watershed data, water quality data and land use information as a criteria in development of this list.

Whereas; Clearwater SWCD has assessed the water quality benefits that buffers and alternative practices could provide and determined that current State and Federal programs have eligibility criteria for watercourses where water quality would benefit from the installation of a buffer or filter strip.

Whereas; Clearwater SWCD determined that the rational for inclusion of "other watercourses" is to be inclusive of all watercourses, as identified in the attached maps, where water quality would benefit from the voluntary installation of a buffer or filter strip.

Whereas; it is the intent of the Clearwater SWCD that the watercourses identified in attachment A are not to be included in the list of waters required in statute to have a buffer, as per buffer maps maintained by the DNR or any other entity.

Therefore be it resolved that; The summary of watercourses or "other waters" for Clearwater SWCD shall be in the form of a descriptive report with accompanying maps.

Be it further resolved that; the summary report and map of watercourses to be included in the summary of watercourses or "other waters" can be found in attachment A.

Adopted this 22nd day of June, 2017.	By: Clearwater SWCD Board					
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Pennington Soil and Water Conservation District "Other Watercourses"

Whereas; Minnesota statues 103F.48 requires SWCDs, in consultation with local water management authorities, to develop, adopt, and submit to each local water management authority, within its boundary, a summary of watercourses for inclusion in the local water management plan, and

Whereas; the summary of watercourses has been commonly referred to as "other waters", and

Whereas; other watercourses not included on the DNR buffer map exist that would benefit from buffers or other conservation practices, and

Whereas; criteria for the "Other Waters" map was developed using local knowledge, the Stream Power Index (SPI) rating of five, and a minimum drainage area of 2500 acres, and

Whereas; many of the watercourses identified using above criteria outlet into, or upstream, of impaired waters, and

Whereas; watercourses or "other waters" for the Pennington SWCD have been mapped and titled "Other Waters" 2015 Buffer Law, and

Therefore be it resolved that; watercourses included in the summary of watercourses or "other waters" shall be; identified on the "Other Waters" 2015 Buffer Law map developed by the Pennington SWCD.

Be it further resolved that; the "Other Waters" 2015 Buffer Law map shall be incorporated by July 1, 2018 into the Red Lake River One Watershed One Plan and the Pennington County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan.

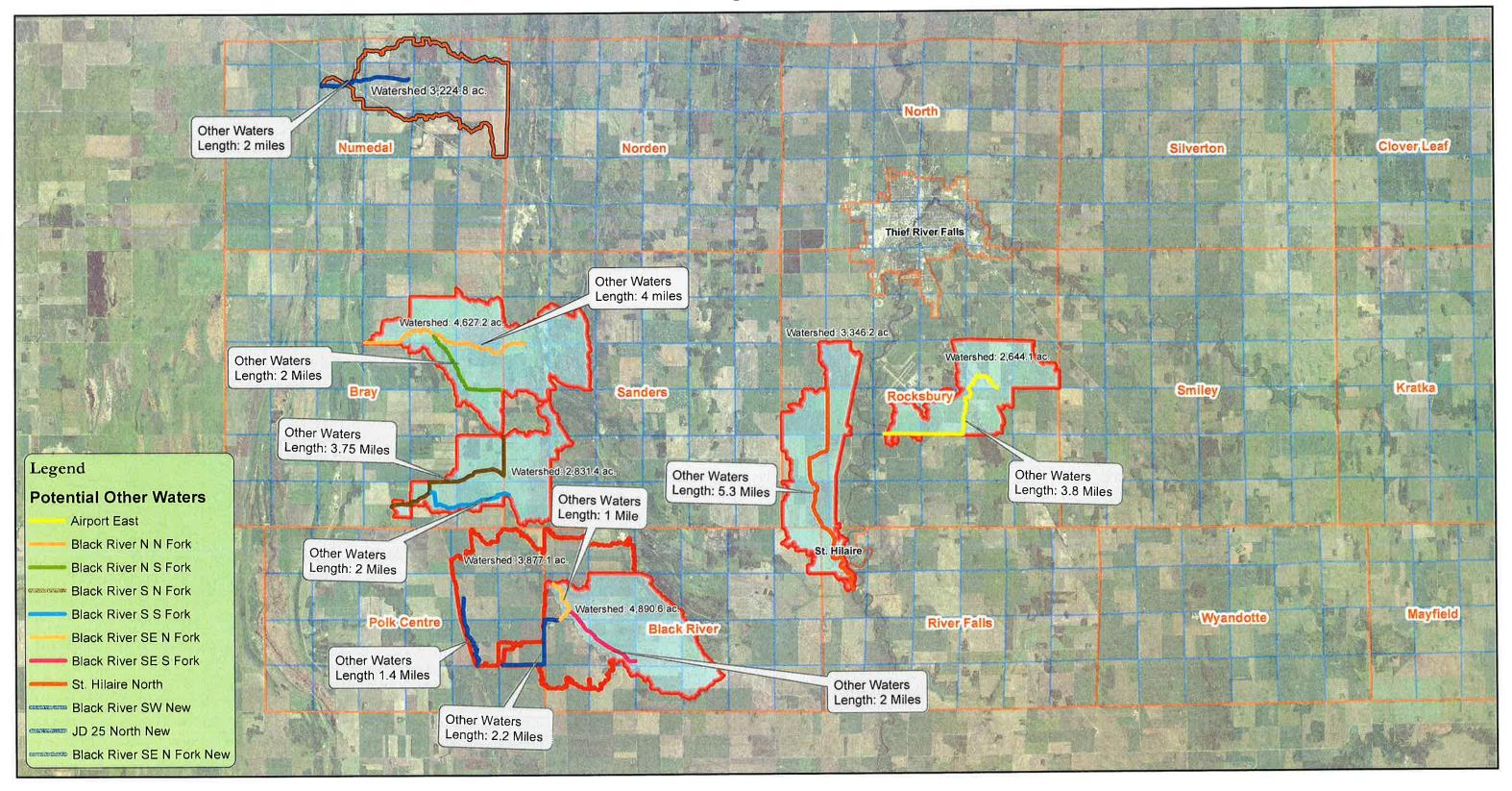
Adopted this 15th day of June, 2017.

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Greg Hilgeman Chair

"Other Waters" 2015 Buffer Law

Pennington County





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"Other Waters" were included based on location and watershed size. Field ditches contributing to public waters that have a watershed greater than 2500 acres are included in this map. The length of the ditch is based on the "Stream Power Index Model". If it is ranked 5 it was including on the map. Included is the length of each segment and the size of each watershed.



Date: 5/31/2017

Resolution to Adopt the Local Water Resources Riparian Protection "Other Watercourses" of West Polk County.

Be it resolved that in accordance with Minnesota Statutes §103F.48, Subd. 4, in consultation with local water management authorities, on or before July 1, 2017, West Polk Soil and Water Conservation District shall develop, adopt, and submit to each local water management authority within its boundary a summary of watercourses not identified on the MN DNR Buffer Protection Map for inclusion in the local water management authority's plan.

WHEREAS, West Polk Soil and Water Conservation District utilized watershed data, water quality and land use information in the development of inclusion criteria.

WHEREAS, West Polk Soil and Water Conservation District has assessed the water quality benefits that buffers or alternative practices could provide to local water resources that were not included on the Buffer Protection Map.

WHEREAS, West Polk Soil and Water Conservation District prepared a rationale and criteria for inclusion or exclusion of waters that were not on the Buffer Protection Map prior to adoption of the summary of watercourses.

WHEREAS, West Polk Soil and Water Conservation District acknowledges that the development and identification of these summaries of watercourses are in no way subject to any State or local authority, including but not limited to Minnesota Statute §103F.48, or regulation and have been generated solely for potential future voluntary conservation efforts.

THEREFORE, Be it Resolved, West Polk Soil and Water Conservation District will adopt this resolution establishing the summary of watercourses in map, list, and electronic form and submit it to all local water management authorities within their jurisdiction and to BWSR by July 1, 2017.

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF MINNESOTA

West Polk Soil and Water Conservation District

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution presented to and adopted by West Polk Soil and Water Conservation District at a duly authorized meeting thereof held on the 15th of June, 2017.

District Chair

6-15-17

Date

West Polk SWCD Other Waters

Inclusion Criteria

- 1) Watercourses identified on the DNR map as 1 dash and 3 dots.
- 2) All unidentified watercourses from DNR protected waters to the outlet of a county ditch system.
- 3) All dashed/arrow watercourses not designated as public drainage shown on the DNR map.
- 4) Watercourses removed by the DNR Commissioner's order issued 4-13-17.
- 5) On-site field verified watercourses not included on PWI or Buffer map.

Data:

1996 revised DNR PWI Map
DNR Commissioners order
DNR Buffer Map
Stream Power Index tool
FSA aerial imagery

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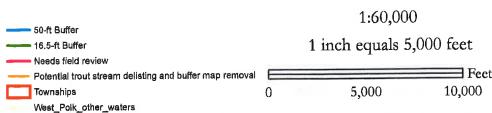
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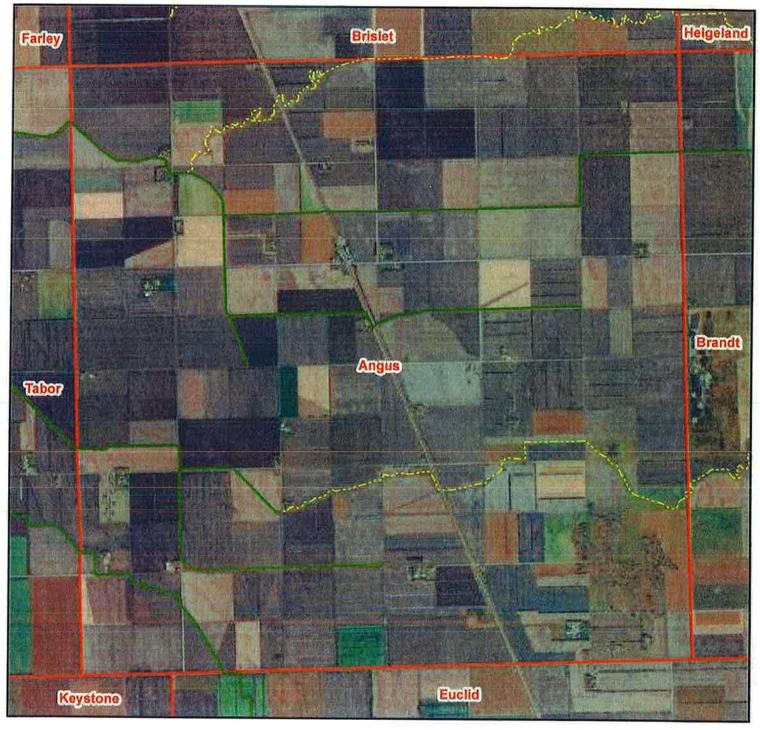


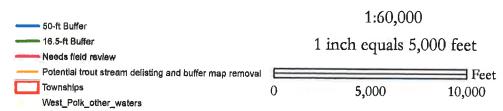




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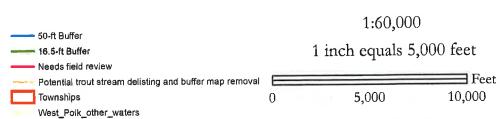




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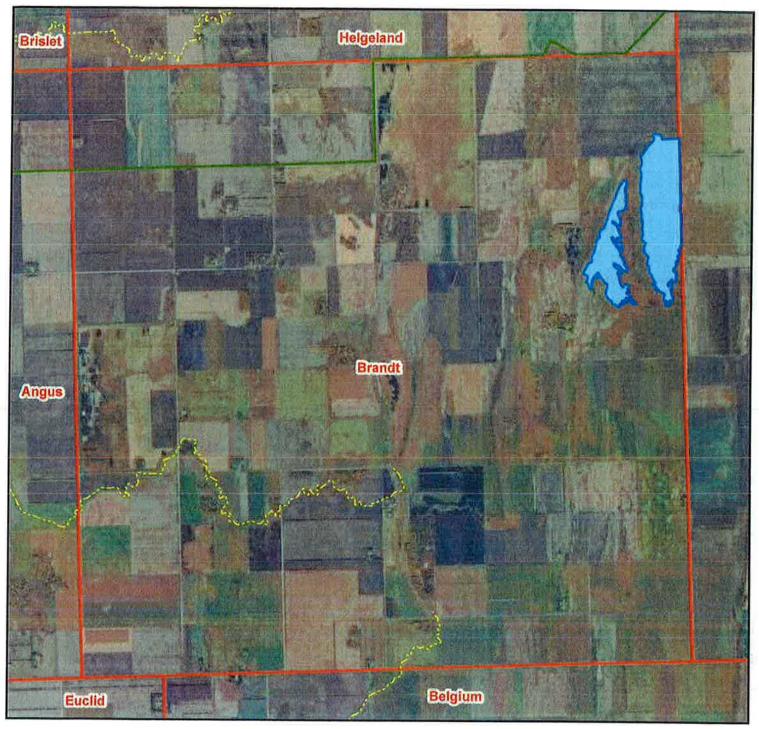


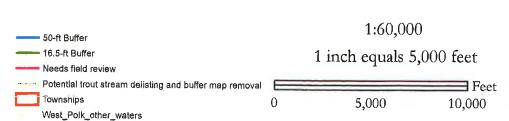




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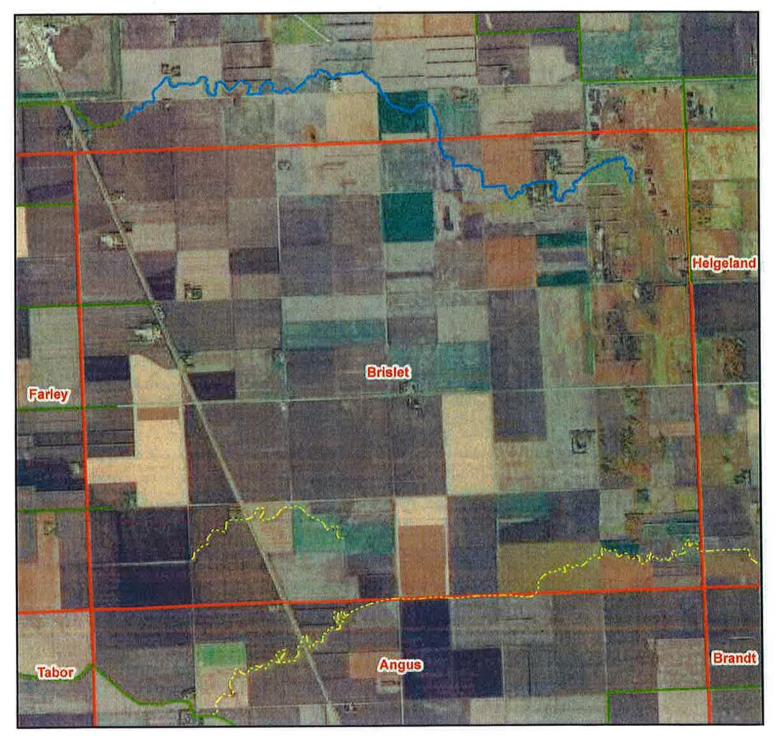


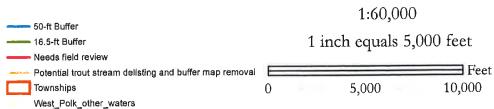




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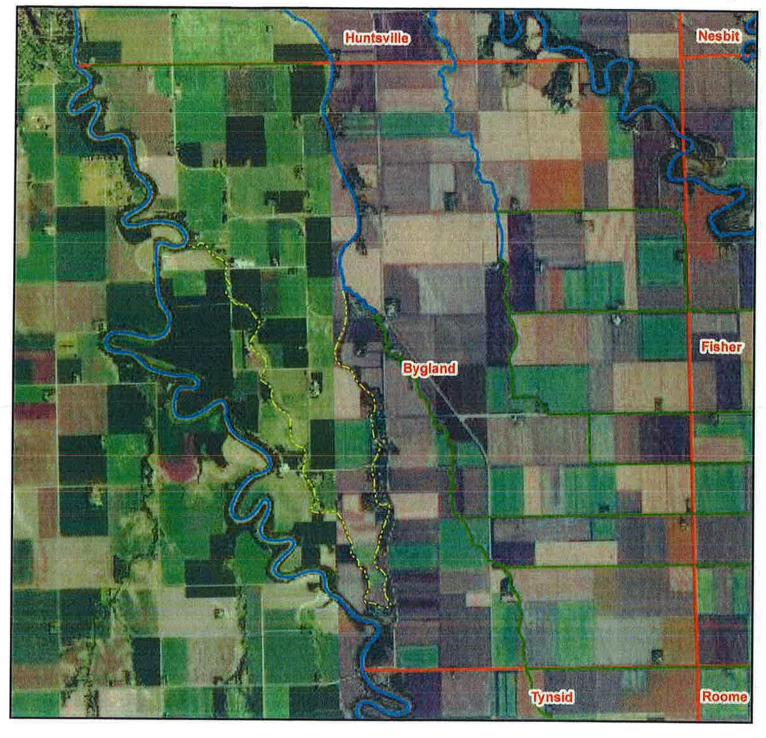


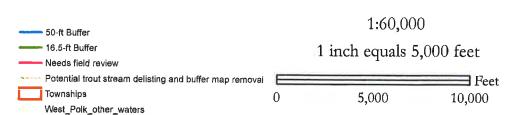




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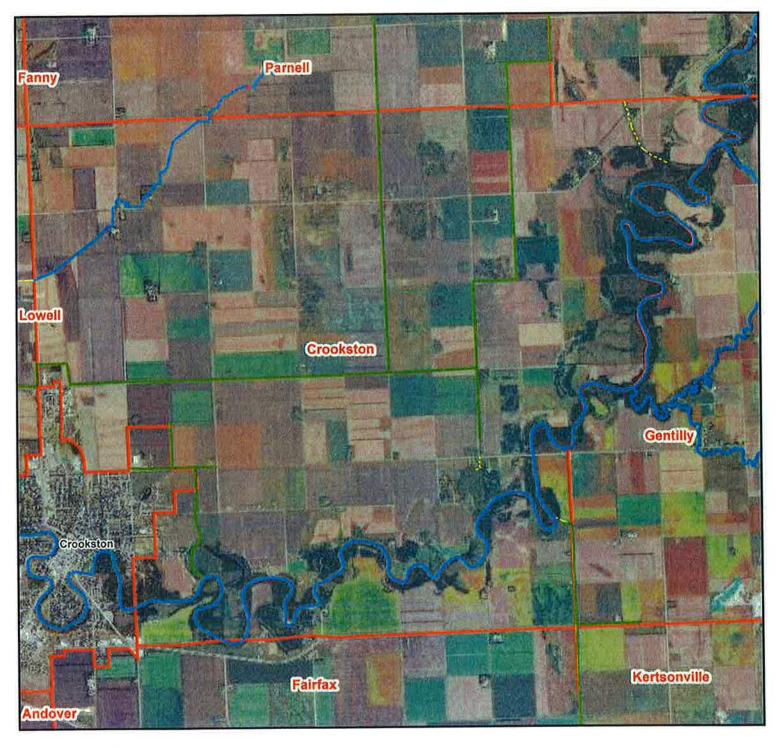


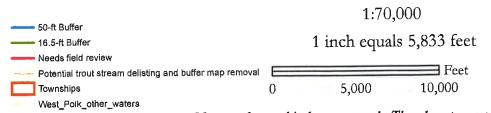




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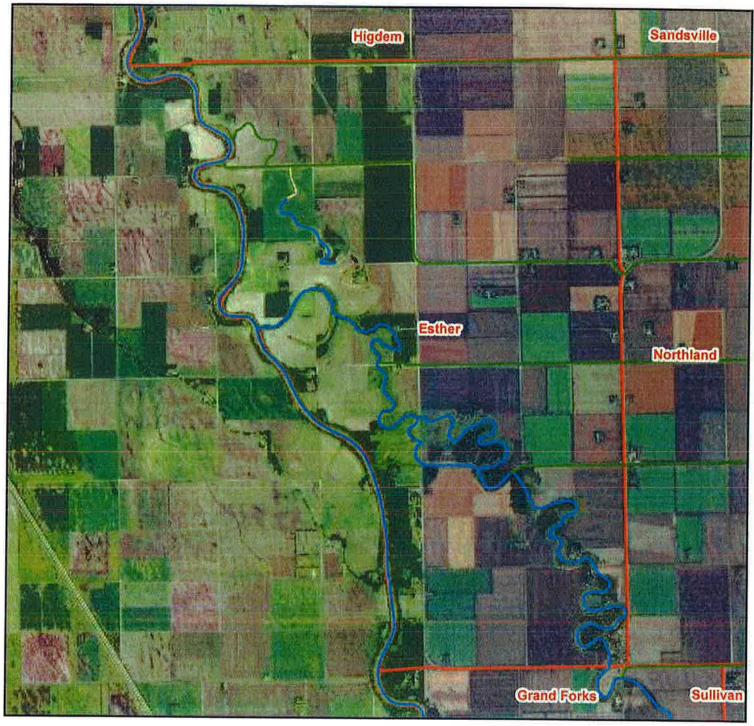


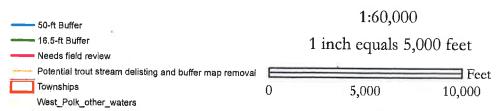




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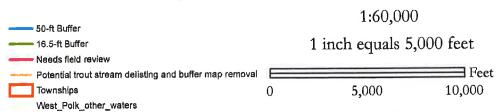




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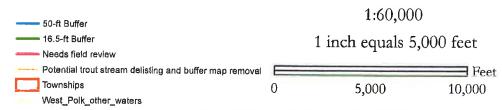




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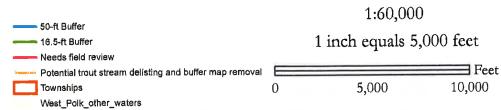




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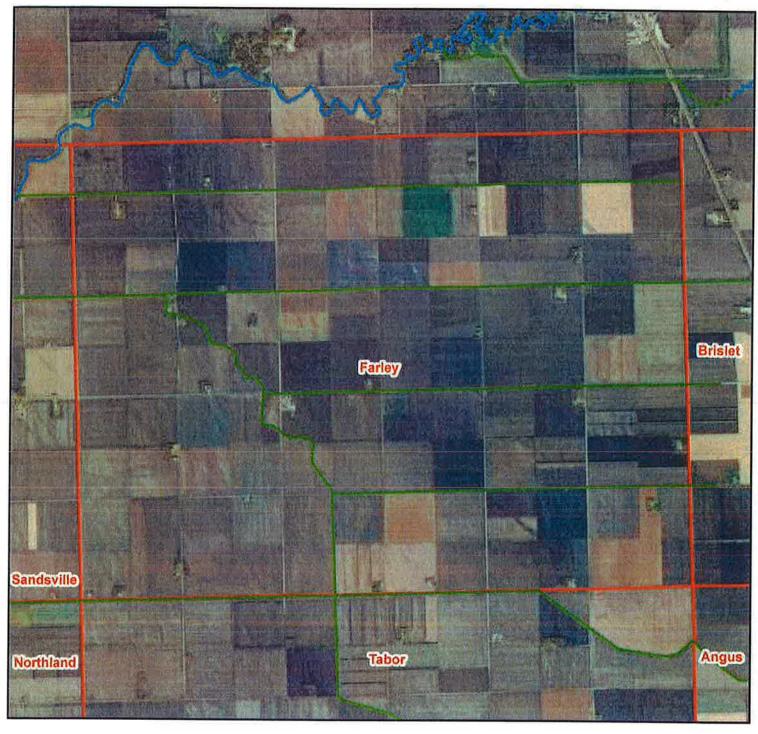


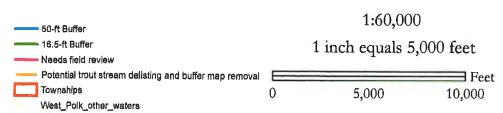




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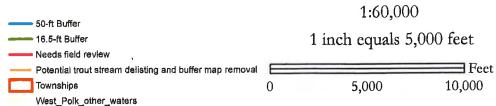




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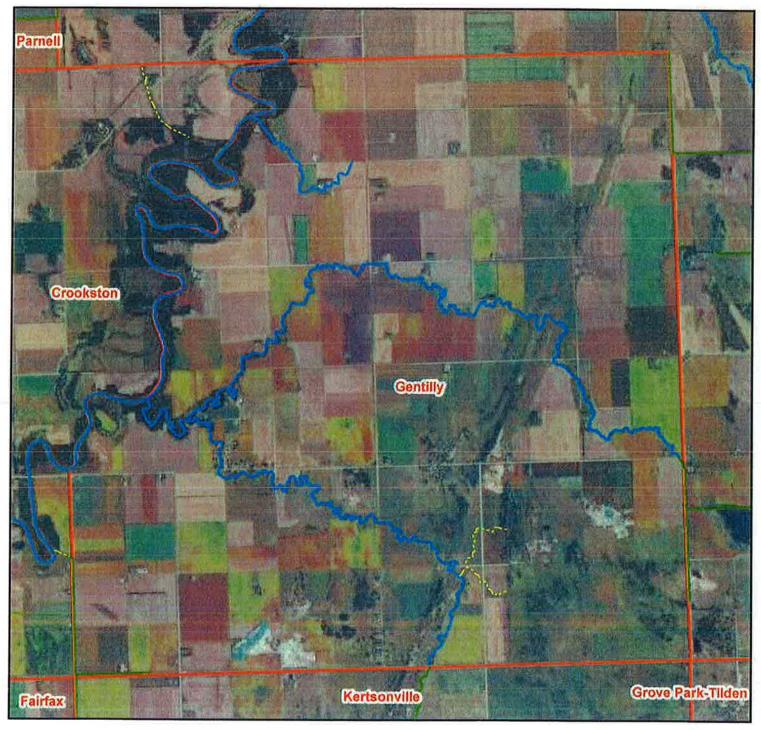


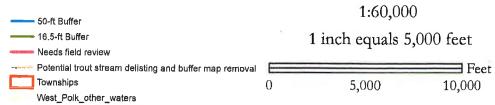




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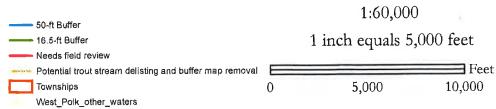




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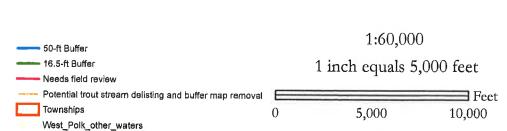




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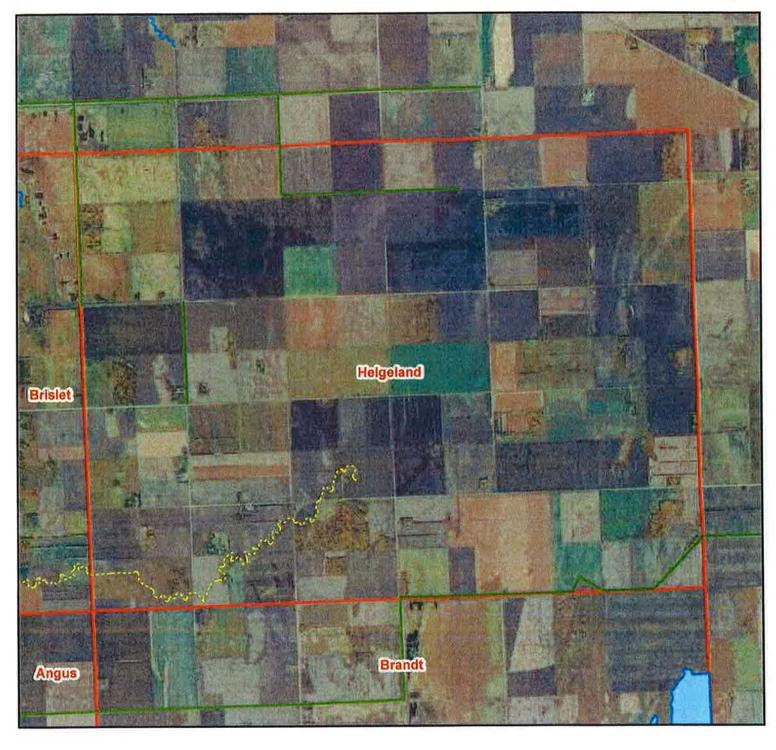


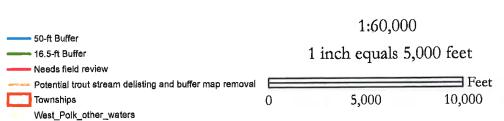




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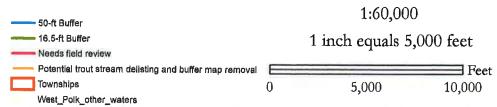




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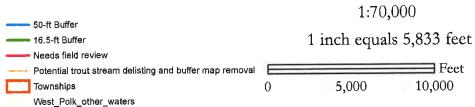




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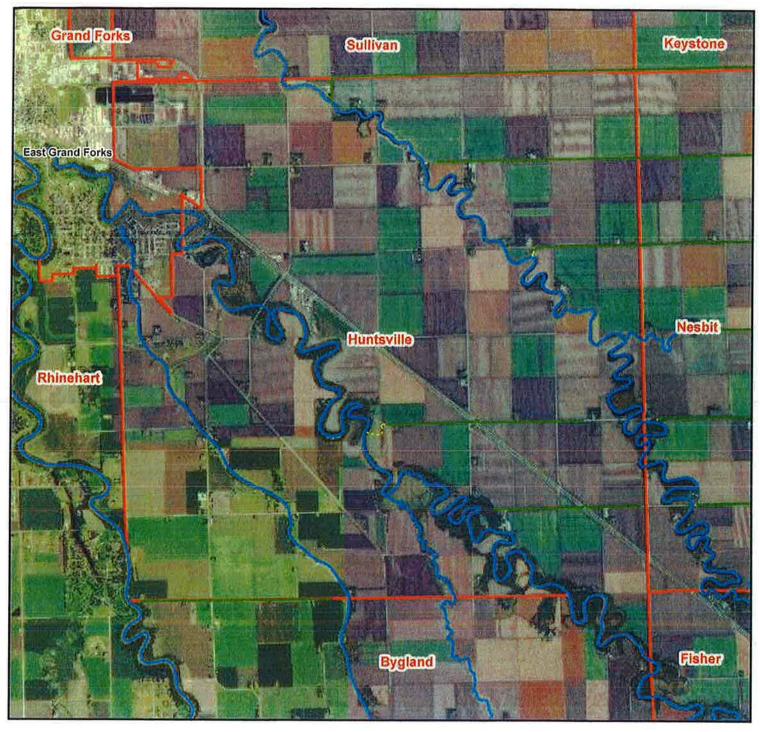


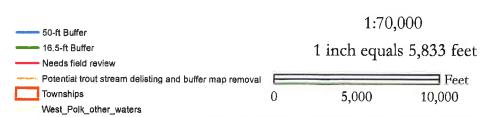




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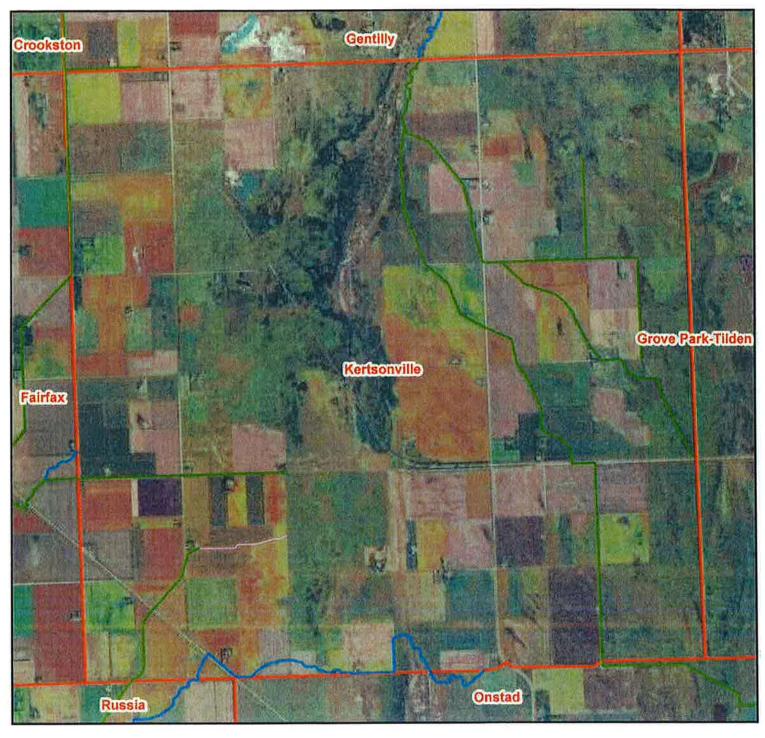


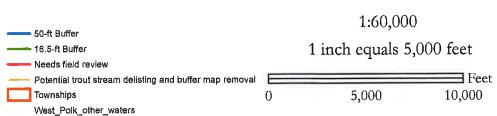




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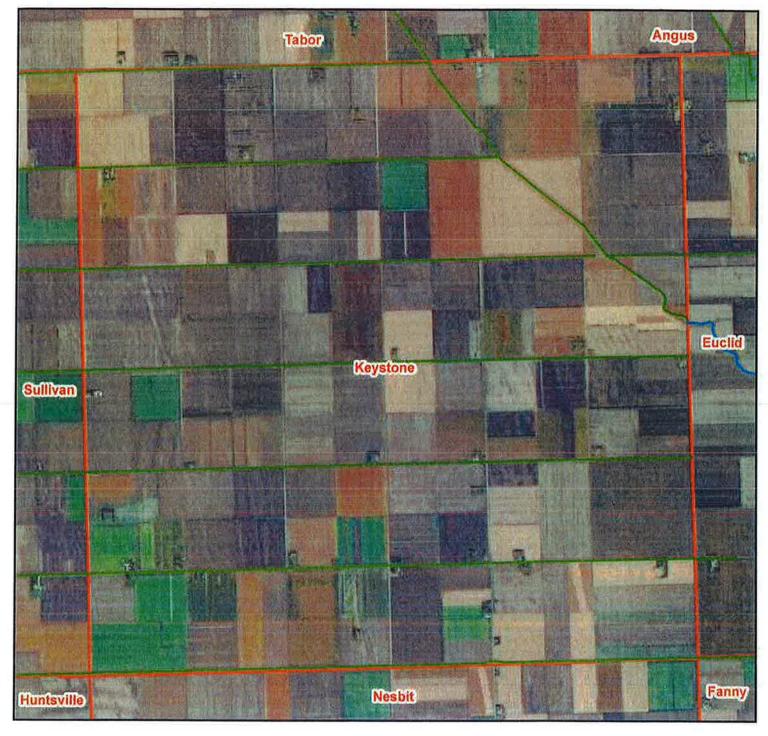


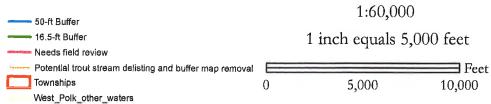




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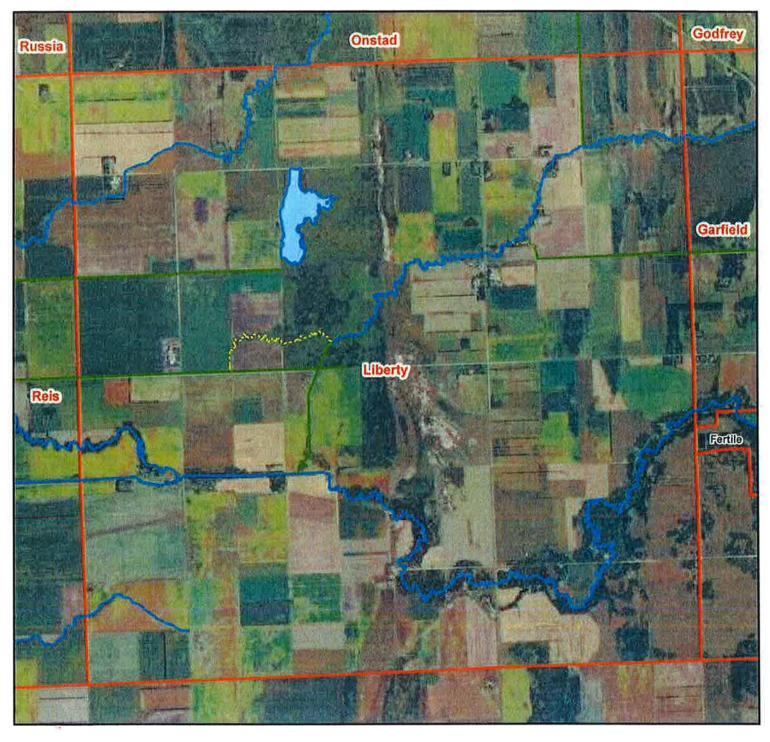


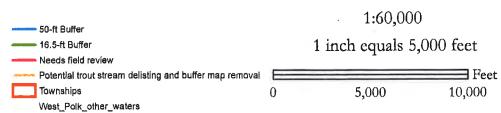


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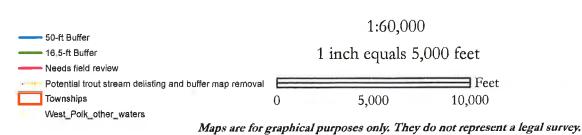




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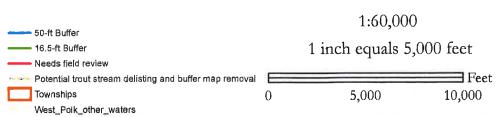




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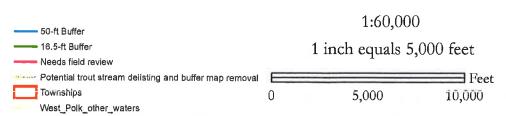




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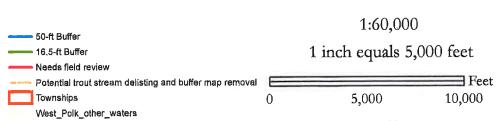


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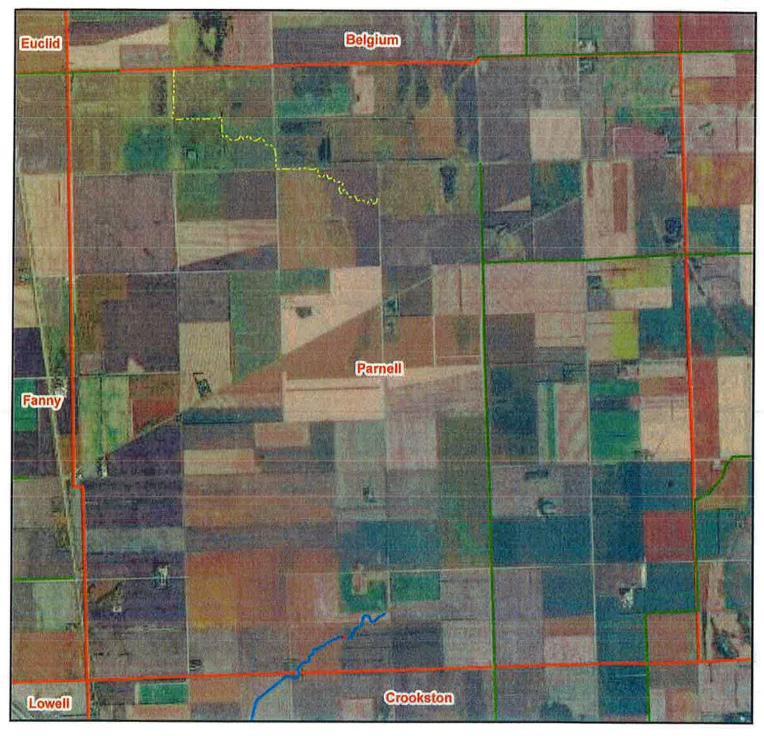
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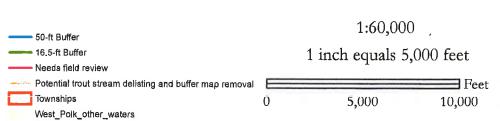




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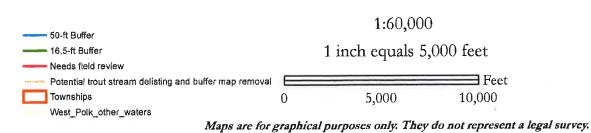




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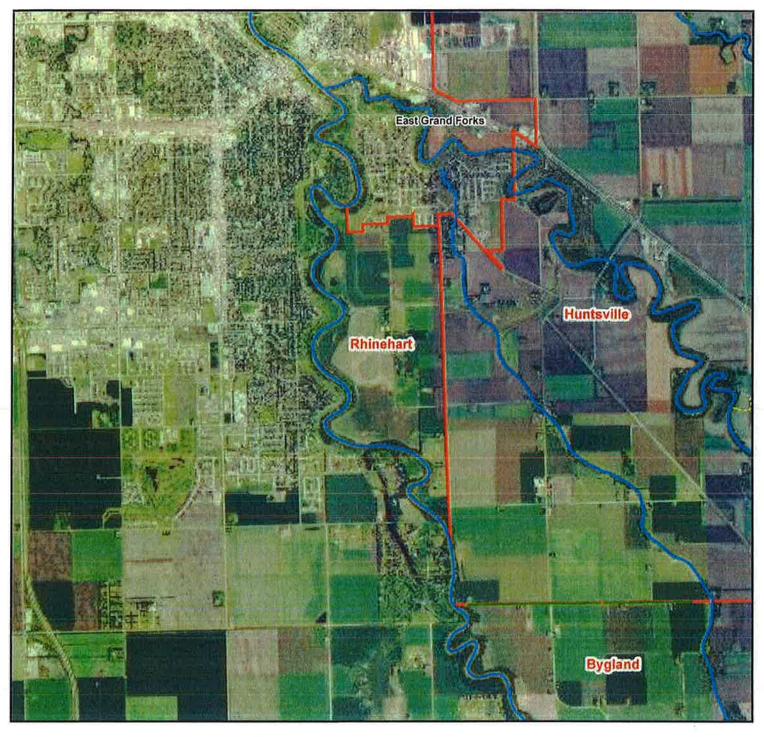


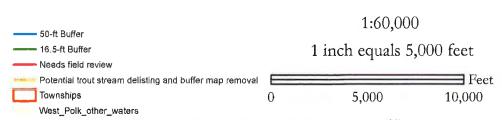




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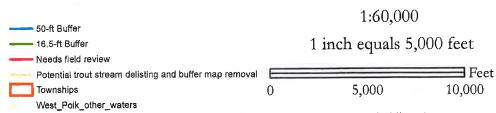




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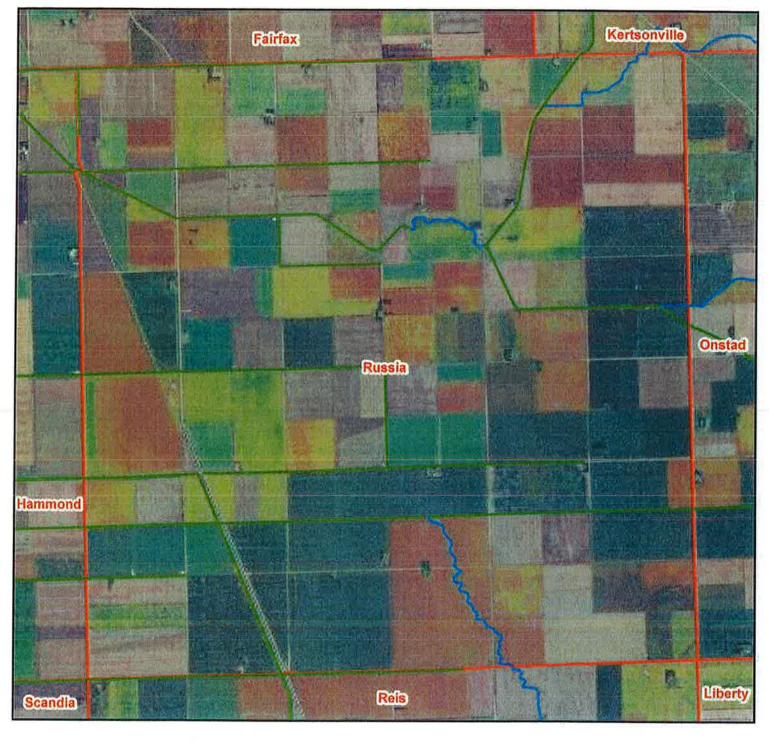


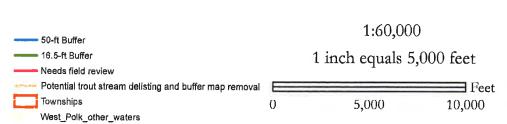


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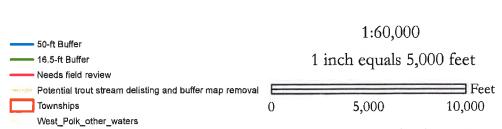




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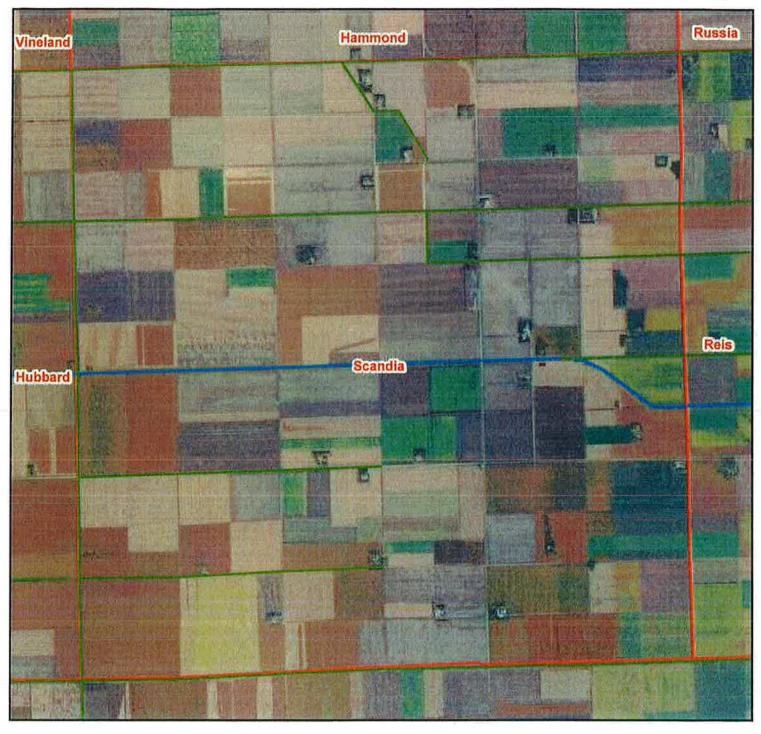


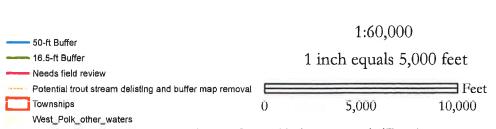




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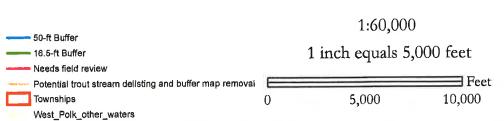




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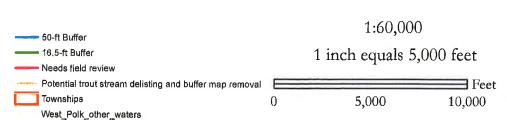




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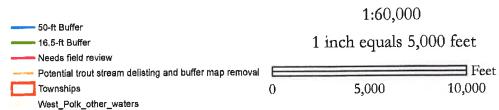




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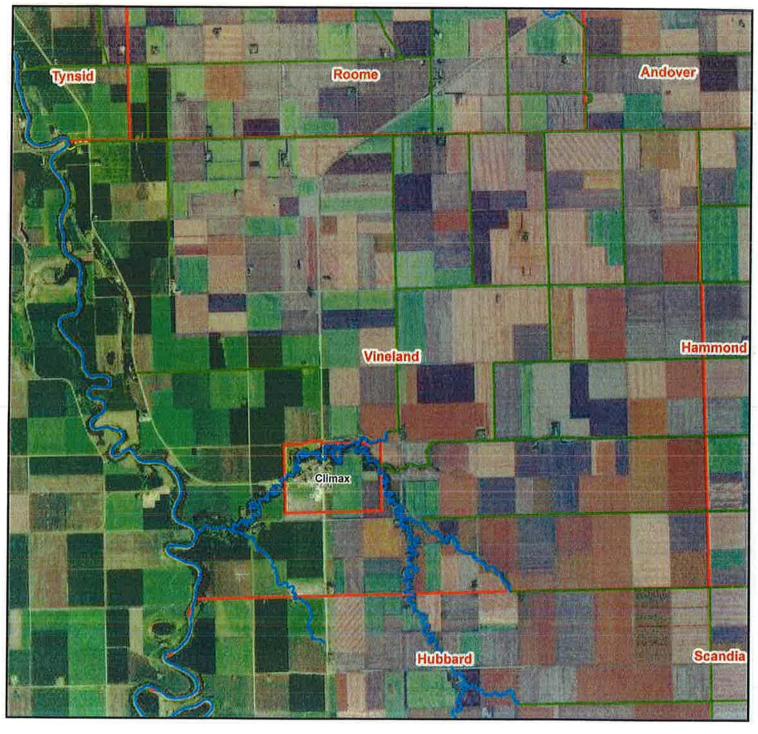


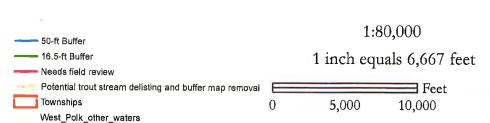




Vineland Polk County







Red Lake County "Other Watercourses" Resolution as defined in the Buffer Law

Supervisor David Bachand offered the following resolution, No. NA,
and Linda Mickelson moved its adoption.
Whereas; Minnesota statues 103F.48 requires SWCDs in consultation with local water management authorities, to develop, adopt, and submit to each local water management authority within its boundary a summary of watercourses for inclusion in the local water management plan.
Whereas; the summary of watercourses has been commonly referred to as "other waters".
Whereas; the Red Lake County SWCD believes the purpose of identifying "other waters" is to be inclusive of all watercourses where water quality would benefit from the voluntary installation of a buffer or filter strip.
Whereas; current state and federal programs exist to provide landowners with incentives to voluntarily install buffer or filter strips.
Whereas; current State and Federal programs have eligibility criteria for watercourses where water quality would benefit from the installation of a buffer or filter strip.
Whereas; producing a map of all the watercourses meeting the eligibility criteria would be time consuming and may not be inclusive of all watercourses where water quality would benefit from the installation of a buffer or filter strip.
Therefore be it resolved that; the summary of watercourses or "other waters" for Red Lake County shall be descriptive in format instead of in map format.
Be it further resolved that; the description of watercourses to be included in the summary of watercourses or "other waters" shall be; all watercourses deemed eligible for the adjacent land to be voluntarily enrolled into a buffer or filter strip practice under the current eligibility criteria for state and federal programs. Excluding those watercourses depicted on the DNR buffer protection map.
A list of watercourses included in this descriptive inventory are; Perennial streams, Seasonal streams depicted on USGS topographic maps, Seasonal streams depicted on soil survey maps, Identified by onsite visits, and drainage ditches that are perennial or seasonal streams.
Supervisor Mark Lalosse seconded the adoption of the resolution, and it was declared adopted upon the following vote:
Ayes: Nays:
Signed by Date: Charring Date: 6-12-17

June 29th, 2017

Chad Severts
BWSR Board Conservationist
4 West Office Building
403 Fourth Street NW, Room 200
Bemidji, MN 56601

RE: Itasca County other watercourses decision notification.

Hello Chad. Other Watercourses to protect under the Buffer Law, that aren't already protected, was discussed at the April 4th 2017 Itasca County Water Plan Implementation Committee (WPIC) meeting. Since the buffer law already protects all public water lakes and rivers in Itasca County, the feeling of the committee was that the buffer law is adequate, and requiring buffer law implementation on additional "other waters" wasn't necessary; motion was made and carried. The Itasca County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) considered other waters at the May 4th 2017 Board of Supervisors meeting. A motion was made and carried to support WPIC's motion to not protect additional "other waters" under the Buffer Law.

Let me know if you need anything additional from me.

Sincerely

Andy Arens

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Local Water Resources Riparian Protection "Other Watercourses"

WHEREAS, it is the statute 103F.48 of the Board of Water and Soil Resources that each Soil and Water Conservation District must take the following steps; and

WHEREAS, the East Polk SWCD will consult with the local water management authorities within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the East Polk SWCD will consider watershed data, water quality and land use information; and

WHEREAS, the East Polk SWCD will assess the water quality benefits that buffers or alternative practices could provide to local water resources that were not included on the Buffer Protection Map; and

WHEREAS, the East Polk SWCD will prepare a rationale for inclusion or exclusion of waters that were not included on the Buffer Protection Map prior to adoption of the summary of watercourses; and

WHEREAS, there is no intent for these waters to be regulated for buffers in the future.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the East Polk SWCD adopts a resolution establishing the summary of watercourses in the map or list form and submit it to all local water management authorities within their jurisdiction and to the Board of Water and Soil Resources by July 1, 2017.

East Polk SWCD

Date

Resolution for Local Water Resources Riparian Protection ("Other Watercourses") in Mahnomen County

Whereas, MN Statutes 103F.48, Subd. 4 requires Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs), in consultation with Local Water Management (LWM) authorities, to develop, adopt and submit to each LWM authority within its boundary a summary of watercourses for inclusion in LWM plans.

Whereas, the Board of Water & Soil Resources (BWSR) has adopted the Local Water Resources Riparian Protection ("Other Watercourses") Policy 6, dated August 25, 2016, which identifies steps SWCDs are to take in developing said summary.

Whereas, the Mahnomen SWCD consulted with LWM authorities within its jurisdiction on the development of a map that identifies Other Watercourses that are not subject to the regulatory requirements of the MN Buffer Law.

Whereas, the Mahnomen SWCD considered watershed data, water quality and land use information, and assessed water quality benefits buffers and/or alternative practices could provide to local water resources that were not included on the MN Buffer Protection Map.

Whereas, the Mahnomen SWCD rationale for the inclusion of additional watercourses is based on gaps on the MN Buffer Protection Map. Using DNR stream GIS data to connect and continue the gaps, the SWCD created a map that identifies Other Watercourses that would also benefit from buffer protection.

Whereas, the Mahnomen SWCD fully intends that the identified Other Watercourses are only voluntary areas for buffers and not subject to the regulatory requirements of current or future MN Buffer Laws.

Therefore be it resolved that, the Mahnomen SWCD adopts and will submit the attached Other Watercourses Buffer Protection Map to each LWM authority within its jurisdiction for inclusion in LWM plans, as priority locations for buffer protection.

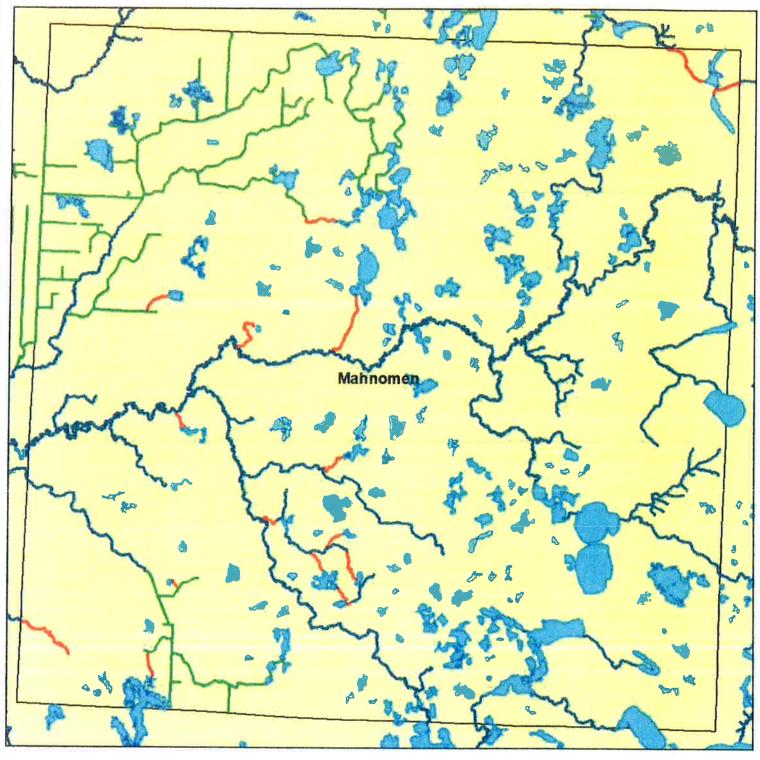
CERTIFICATION

STATE OF MINNESOTA MAHNOMEN SWCD

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution presented to and adopted by the Mahnomen SWCD Board of Supervisors at a duly authorized meeting thereof held on the 17 of July, 2017.

hairman, Mahnomen SWCD Board of Supervisors

Mahnomen Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) Other Watercourses Buffer Protection Map



-- Other Watercourses

Lakes/Wetlands 50-ft Buffer

- Public Waters 50-ft Buffer

Public Ditches 16.5-ft Buffer



Date: 7/17/17

As required by MN Statutes 103F.48, Subd. 4, Mahnomen SWCD Board of Supervisors has adopted & submitted this map of recommended watercourses to LWM authorities for inclusion in LWM plans, as priority locations for buffer protection. Watercourses were identified using DNR stream GIS data, to connect & continue gaps on the MN Buffer Protection Map.

'NOTE' Red watercourses identified on this map are NOT subject to the regulatory requirements of the State Buffer Law.



MARSHALL COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINNESOTA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

March 21, 2017

Motioned by Manager Nordling, seconded by Manager Potucek, the following resolution, passed upon a 3 to 0 vote of the Board of Managers of the Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE MARSHALL SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT "Other Waters" for Marshall County

Whereas; Minnesota statues 103F.48 requires SWCDs in consultation with local water management authorities, to develop, adopt, and submit to each local water management authority within its boundary a summary of watercourses for inclusion in the local water management plan.

Whereas; The summary of watercourses has been commonly referred to as "other waters".

Whereas; The Marshall SWCD believes the purpose of identifying "other waters" is to be inclusive of all watercourses where water quality would benefit from the voluntary installation of a buffer or filter strip.

Whereas; Current state and federal programs exist to provide landowners with incentives to voluntarily install buffer or filter strips.

Whereas; Current State and Federal programs have eligibility criteria for watercourses where water quality would benefit from the installation of a buffer or filter strip.

Whereas; Producing a map of all the watercourses meeting the eligibility criteria would be time consuming and may not be inclusive of all watercourses where water quality would benefit from the installation of a buffer or filter strip.

Therefore be it resolved that; The summary of watercourses or "other waters" for Marshall County shall be descriptive in format instead of in map format.

Be it further resolved that; the description of watercourses to be included in the summary of watercourses or "other waters" **shall be;** All watercourses deemed eligible for the adjacent land to be voluntarily enrolled into a buffer or filter strip practice under the current eligibility criteria for state and federal programs. Excluding those watercourses depicted on the DNR buffer protection map.

A list of watercourses included in this descriptive inventory are; Perennial streams, Seasonal streams depicted on USGS topographic maps, Perennial streams, Seasonal streams depicted on soil survey maps, Identified by onsite visits,

And drainage ditches that are perennial or seasonal streams.

Beltrami Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors Meeting

Thursday, May 23, 2017, 9:30 a.m. Commissioners Conference Room 3217 Bemidji Ave. N., Bemidji, MN 56601

"OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SERVICES IN BELTRAMI COUNTY."

Members Present:

Shane Bowe - Chairman

Ruth Trask - Treasurer Del Olson - Public Relations

Members Absent:

Rachel Gray, Secretary

Ray Hendrickson - Yice-Chair

Others Present:

Brent Rud, District Manager

Kathy Ruzicka, SWCD/ESD

Larry Voltz, NRCS Zack Gutknecht, SWCD Kayla Bowe, Guest Speaker

Chairman, Shane Bowe, called the Beltrami Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors Meeting for May 23, 2017, officially to order at 9:30 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Ruth Trask to approve agenda with the addition of the Grazing Tour and the Envirothon. Motion seconded by Del Olson. Motion carried and approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Motion by Del Olson to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2017, regular meeting. Motion seconded by Ruth Trask. Motion carried and approved. Motion by Ruth Trask to approve Chairman to sign the March and April Meeting minutes in absence of the Board Secretary. Motion seconded by Del Olson. Motion carried and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Sam Rux reviewed a summary of the IFS Statement for April 2017. **Motion by Ruth Trask to approve the Treasurer's Reports for April 2017. Motion seconded by Del Olson. Motion carried and approved.**

GUEST SPEAKER:

Kayla Bowe with the Red Lake DNR gave a presentation on the Upper/Lower Red Lake Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAPS) Project.

NEW BUSINESS

BUFFER LAW - OTHER WATERS:

See attached Resolution. Motion by Del Olson to approve Buffer Law Other Waters Resolution. Motion seconded by Ruth. Motion carried and approved.

DC REPORT: Larry Voltz:

EQIP:

Wrapping up contract deliveries to producers. Four grazing plans need to be delivered. Several producers have started new contracts: high tunnels, forest management plans and previously approved grazing projects.

CSP:

Started the interview process for new applications. Questions asked will provide more specific information regarding the management processes occurring on the farm. Producers will be making several trips to office to complete the process of reviewing the questions, choosing enhancements, developing the conservation plan, etc. Will also be working with the 2013 contracts to help producers re-enroll those acres into another contract period.

Other:

Bemidji office staff assisted with the 2017 Area 8 Envirothon at the Lake Bemidji State Park. Larry will be attending an informational meeting on May 24th to learn more about the Cooperative Agreements that will be developed between the NRCS and SWCDs in each County.

RESOLUTIONS:

Beltrami SWCD will not be submitting any resolutions.

TREE PROGRAM:

Kathy submitted written Tree Program financial report.

BELTRAMI COUNTY FAIR:

Brent will be ordering banners and table covers for our booth.

Discussion on having a rain garden model for the Fair. Zach will be in charge of this project.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Grazing Tour:

Beltrami SWCD will be hosting a Grazing Tour on August 24, 2017. Discussion on what to include in this tour and how many stops will be made. Plan is to meet in Blackduck to start the tour. Lunch will be catered by Fozzies.

New Equipment:

Brent discussed the equipment needs for the office. Would like a 55-60" TV Screen for the Conference Room. Also will order four IPADS for use out in the field. The SWCD & ESD will be replacing 2 trucks this year.

Lake Irving Water Quality Proposal:

This project will include monitoring of Lake Irving. Motion by Ruth Trask to approve the monitoring of Lake Irving be funded with Increased Local Capacity Dollars. Motion seconded by Del Olson. Motion carried and approved.

MASWCD Leadership Training:

Discussion on Leadership training. Motion by Ruth Trask to approve staff or Board to attend this training. Motion seconded by Del Olson. Motion carried and approved.

ENVIROTHON:

Ruth reported on the May 3, 2017 Envirothon. Trek North School took 1st and 3rd place. Nevis took 2nd place. Clearbrook/Gonvick School scored the highest in the Oral Presentation. The top 3 teams competed in the State Envirothon. They scored in the middle.

WATER PLAN UPDATE:

Zack will be presenting the draft Water Plan to the Planning Commission at their May 31st Meeting. SWCD Board is invited to attend.

Next meeting will be Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion by Del Olson to adjourn. Motion seconded by Ruth Trask. Motion carried and approved. Meeting was officially adjourned.

Recording Secretary

Date

Beltrami County Soil and Water Conservation District Resolution No. 2017-23-05 Local Water Resources Riparian Protection in Beltrami County

Whereas; Minnesota statues 103F.48 requires SWCDs in consultation with local water management authorities, to develop, adopt, and submit to each local water management authority within its boundary a summary of watercourses for inclusion in the local water management plan.

Whereas; The Board of Water and Soil Resources has adopted Buffer Law implementation Policy #6 'Local Water Resources Riparian Protection ("Other Watercourses") which identifies steps SWCDs are required to take in developing said inventory.

Whereas; Beltrami SWCD and the water management authorities within its jurisdiction discussed watershed data, water quality data and land use information as a criteria in development of this list.

Whereas; Beltrami SWCD has assessed the water quality benefits that buffers and alternative practices could provide and determined that current State and Federal programs have eligibility criteria for watercourses where water quality would benefit from the installation of a buffer or filter strip.

Whereas; Beltrami SWCD determined that the rationale for inclusion of "other watercourses" is to be inclusive of all watercourses where water quality would benefit from the installation of a buffer or filter strip.

Therefore be it resolved that; the summary of watercourses or "other waters" for Beltrami County shall be in map format.

Be it further resolved that, to comply with MS 103F.48, the following shall describe "other watercourses" in Beltrami County for the purpose of inclusion in future local water management authorities updates within Beltrami County and to guide Beltrami SWCD decision making in order to further the goal of protecting riparian areas:

- 1. Those watercourses defined by M.S. 103F. 48 consisting of public waters and public ditches identified on the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Buffer Protection Map and requiring a vegetative buffer or alternative riparian water quality practice; and
- 2. Any area where water flow concentrates (permanent or intermittent flows) and water quality from the contributing watershed would benefit from a vegetative buffer or alternative riparian water quality practice installed voluntarily by the landowner and for which the Beltrami SWCD will seek incentives to assist the landowner(s) to install and maintain a vegetative buffer in order to:
 - a. slow the rate of water runoff and overland flows in order to maintain the stability and environmental integrity of the watercourse,
 - b. sustain the existing land use of the contributing drainage area by maintaining or improving water quality,
 - c. reduce water runoff by encouraging infiltration.

- d. reduce the rate of soil loss from the contributing area to the rate of tolerable soil loss ("T" rate) or below,
- e. provide complementary values of water quality, hydrologic stability, soil conservation, fish and wildlife habitat, and ecological protection,
- f. improve the quality of downstream receiving waters, and
- g. other values as may be mutually determined by the SWCD and the landowner.

Be it further resolved that, it is the policy of the Beltrami SWCD that watercourses may be identified by a variety of mapping and remote sensing methods, which may change over time but must be verified by on site field investigation conducted by the SWCD in cooperation with the landowner.

Adopted this	day of	, 20	
		Ву:	
		Chair of the	Beltrami SWCD Board of Supervisors
		Attest:	
			District Manager

KOOCHICHING SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING COURTHOUSE COUNTY BOARD ROOM 715 4TH STREET * INTERNATIONAL FALLS * MN * 56649 MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017

Members Present:

Lewis, Aitchison, Voigt, Dreher, Linder

Members Absent:

None

2017/6-7 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Voigt adopting the following resolution *No. 2017-06-05 Koochiching Local Water Resources Riparian Protection:*

Whereas, Minnesota statues 103F.48 requires Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) in consultation with local water management authorities, to develop, adopt, and submit to each local water management authority within its boundary a summary of watercourses for inclusion in the local water management plan.

Whereas, the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) has adopted the Local Water Resources Riparian Protection ("Other Watercourses") Policy, dated August 25, 2016, which identifies steps SWCDs are required to take in developing said inventory.

Whereas, Koochiching SWCD met with local water management authorities within its jurisdiction to discuss watershed data, water quality data, and land use information as a criteria in development of this list.

Whereas, Koochiching SWCD has reviewed numerous map options and determined that producing a map of all the watercourses meeting the eligibility criteria would be time consuming and would not be inclusive of all watercourses where water quality would benefit from the installation of a buffer, filter strip, or alternative practice.

Whereas, the Koochiching SWCD determined that the rational for inclusion of "other watercourses" is to be inclusive of all watercourses where water quality would benefit from the installation of a buffer, filter strip, or alternative practice.

Therefore be it resolved that, the summary of "other watercourses" for Koochiching County shall be descriptive in format instead of in map format.

Be it further resolved that, to comply with MS 103F.48, the following shall describe "other watercourses" in Koochiching County for the purpose of inclusion in future local water management authority's water plan updates within Koochiching County and to guide Koochiching SWCD decision making in order to further the goal of protecting riparian areas:

Any area where water flow concentrates (permanent or intermittent flows) and water quality from the contributing watershed would benefit from a vegetative buffer or alternative riparian water quality

practice installed voluntarily by the landowner and for which the Koochiching SWCD will seek incentives to assist the landowner(s) to install and maintain a vegetative buffer in order to:

- a. slow the rate of water runoff and overland flows in order to maintain the stability and environmental integrity of the watercourse,
- b. sustain the existing land use of the contributing drainage area by maintaining or improving water quality,
- c. reduce water runoff by encouraging infiltration,
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- e. provide complementary values of water quality, hydrologic stability, soil conservation, fish and wildlife habitat, and ecological protection,
- f. improve the quality of downstream receiving waters, and
- g. other values as may be mutually determined by the SWCD and the landowner.

Be it further resolved that, it is the policy of the Koochiching SWCD that watercourses may be identified by a variety of mapping and remote sensing methods which may change over time but must be verified by on site field investigation conducted by the SWCD in cooperation with the landowner.

Voting yes: Lewis, Voigt, Dreher, Linder. Abstaining: Aitchison. Motion carried.

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF KOOCHICHING

I, Pamela Tomevi, District Administrator to the Koochiching Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors, do hereby certify that the records of my office show that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Koochiching Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisor at their regular board meeting on June 5, 2017.

Date:	6/6/2017	Family onew	
		Pamela Tomevi, District Administrator	
		Koochiching Soil and Water Conservation District	



(MN Statutes §103F.48, Subd. 4.)

Clearwater Local Water Resources Riparian Protection ("Other Waters") List

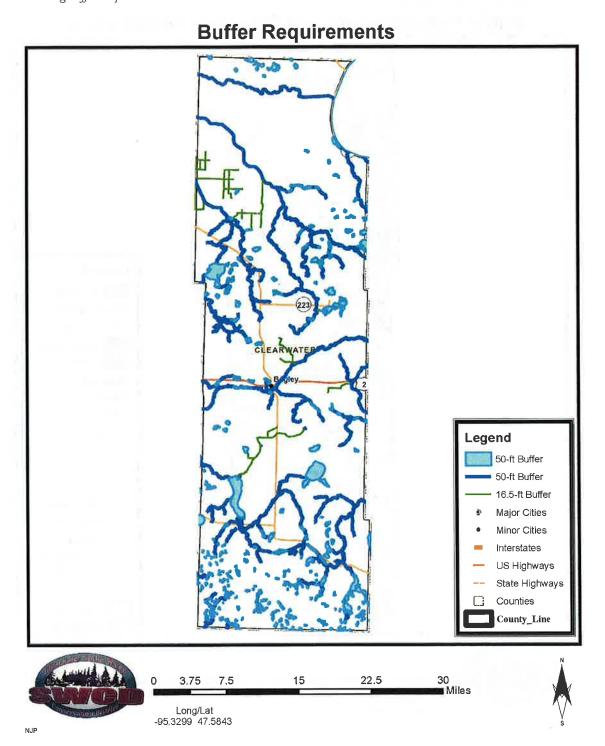
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I. Methodology

The decision framework used for determining which additional watercourses would benefit from buffers was based on the premise that those waters would have a significant nexus to existing public waters, and have some sort of impairment that necessitates the practice of installing a buffer. Additional waters were chosen by their adjacency to the existing buffer requirement map (DNR buffer map, figure 1), and by their flow regime, as interpreted from scanned 7.5 minute quadrangle USGS maps - processed by the DNR.

Figure 1: Existing Buffer Map



The DNR hydrography dataset was analyzed to determine the amount of waters that flow continuously, classified as perennial, as a proxy for contributing a significant flow to those waters already on the buffer maps. Also included were shallow lakes within this dataset, which often provide waterfowl and other wildlife benefits that translate into public benefits through hunting or other non-use values. These waters were traced upstream from their confluence with existing buffer map waters until classification changed from perennial, resulting in a list of waters, covering the entire county, with significant connectivity to 'buffer' waters (see red features in figures 2 and 3).

Figure 2: Buffer Map waters with additional waters

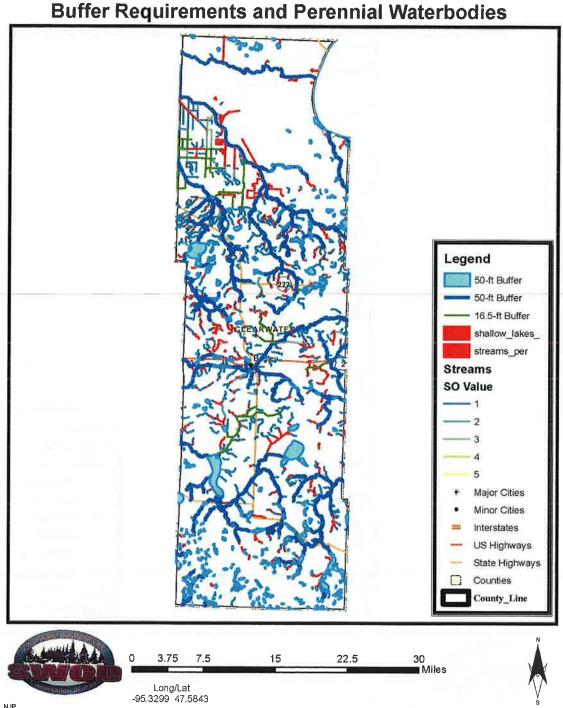
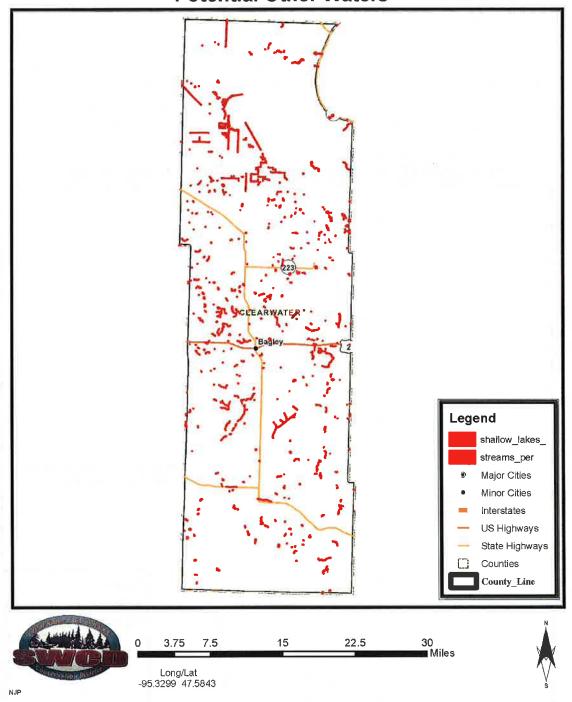


Figure 3: All additional waters across Clearwater County

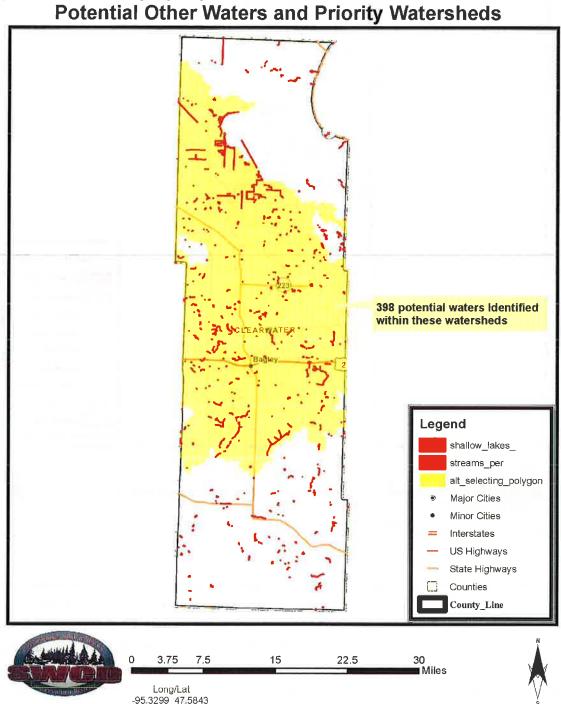
Potential Other Waters



The next step in the creation of the list was to determine which waters from this master list of additional waters would benefit from buffer practices. Using a watershed approach, data was obtained from Mitch Brinks of the Area 8 Joint Powers Board, which includes data from a watershed-scale planning tool used by others in the region to determine risk classifications. In conjunction with hydrologic simulation loading data obtained from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, a list of priority watersheds was created. Watersheds were added to the list based on risk classifications of "Enhance/Protection" to "Enhance", signifying a need

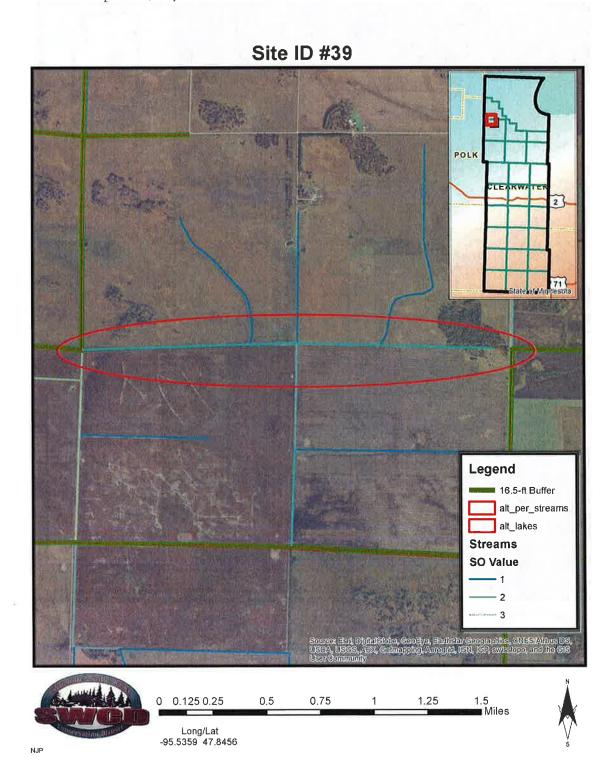
for additional conservation work as per the JPB decision tree. In addition, other watersheds were chosen based on loading data from their outflows that indicated they are not meeting at least one of the MPCA's water quality standards or nutrient criteria for the specific eco-region or river nutrient region. The resulting list of priority watersheds was used as an overlay of the additional waters list to select only those waters that are likely to contribute to better water quality outcomes as a result of buffer practices. Figure 4 shows the resulting map, of which 398 water were identified for further review. Final review included a visual inspection of aerial photos, to determine if a visible impression exists on the landscape along the watercourse (signifying perennial nature of the water) and if any areas of those waters lack an appropriate buffer. Review of those waters resulted in a list of (7) seven watercourse sites that may also benefit from buffer practices.

Figure 4: Additional waters with priority overlay

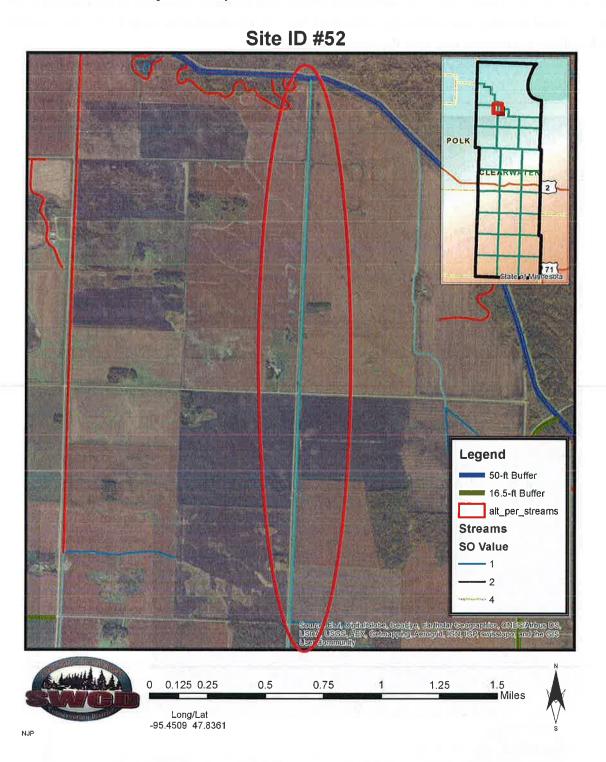


II. List of Waters

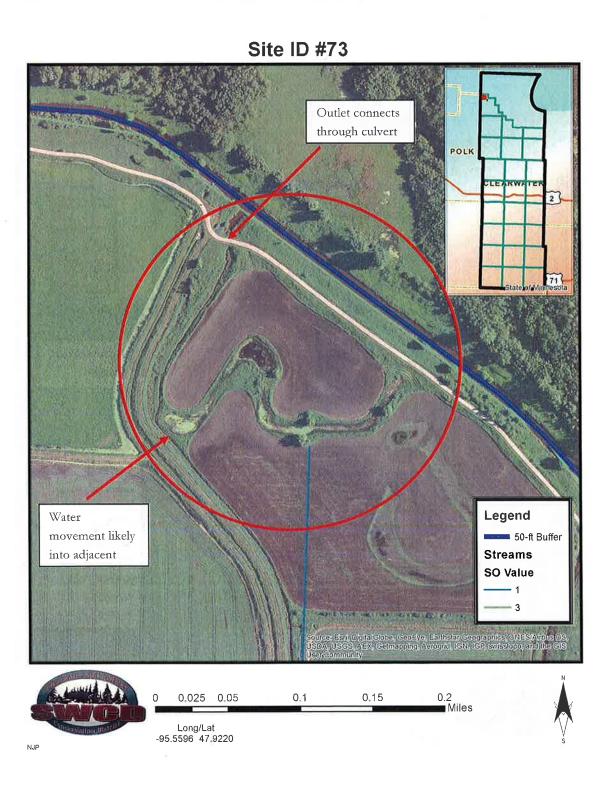
Site 39 is an unnamed drainage ditch, with west end connecting to Branch 13 of JD 72, found between sections 4 and 5 of Winsor Township, and sections 32 and 33 of Hangaard Township. A perennial ditch with apparent annual cropping near to the edge of the ditch bank. A 16.5-foot buffer along the east/west stretch, or other alternative practice, may meet the needs of this site.



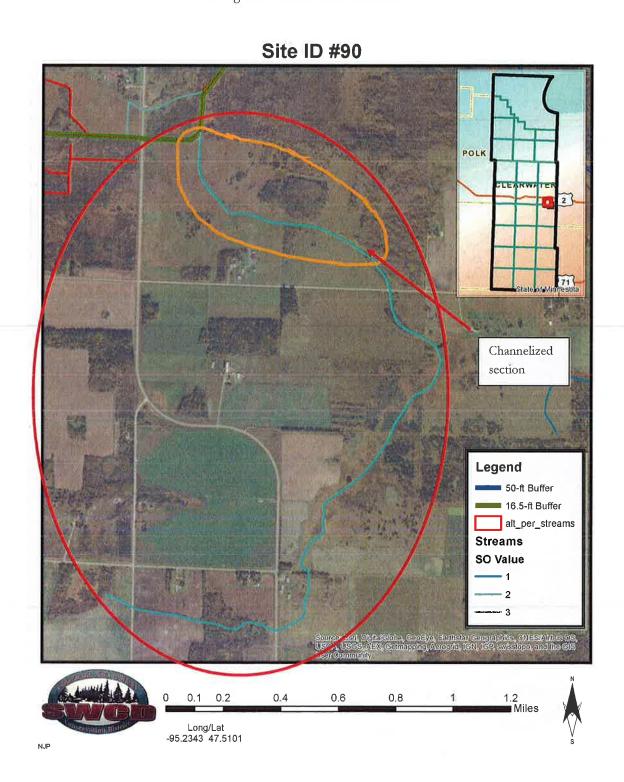
Site 52 is an unnamed drainage ditch, with north end connecting to the Clearwater River, found between sections 6 and 7 of Greenwood Township, and sections 1 and 12 of Winsor Township. A perennial ditch with apparent annual cropping near to the edge of the ditch bank. A 16.5-foot buffer along the north/south stretch, or other alternative practice, may meet the needs of this site.



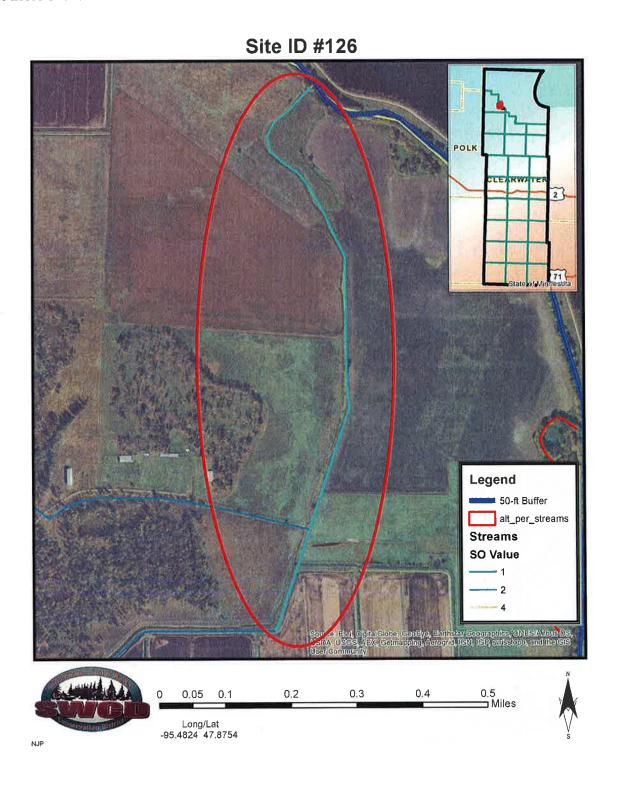
Site 73 is an unnamed oxbow-like feature, with west end connecting through storm-event flows to a ditch draining into the Clearwater River. It is found between sections 5 and 6 of Hangaard Township. A perennial wetland/pond complex with apparent row cropping near to the edge of the normal water line. A 30-foot minimum and 50-foot average buffer along the north/south stretch, or other alternative practice, would normally be the suggested requirement for a natural waterbody such as this. Given the limited flow into the adjacent ditch, and slow movement of water through this system, 16.5-foot buffer may be more appropriate in this case.



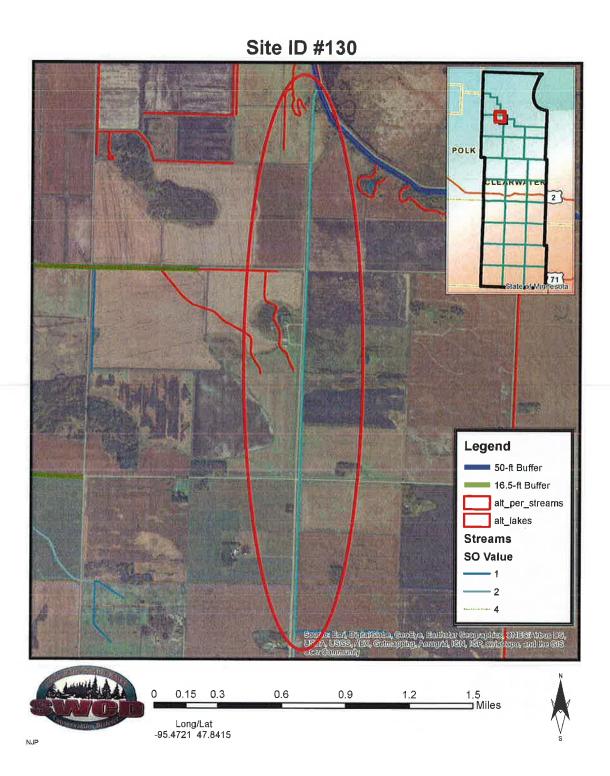
Site 90 is an unnamed stream feature that feeds into an unnamed ditch south of Highway 2 near Shevlin. It is found mostly in sections 27 and 34 of Shevlin Township. A perennial stream with channelized sections to the north, there are some fields it crosses that do not appear to meet recommended buffer standards. A 30-foot minimum and 50-foot average buffer along those fields, or other alternative practices, would normally be the suggested requirement for a natural waterbody such. Sections of the river that cross fields, however, may be better treated as grassed waterways with pollution reduction goals similar to that of 16.5-foot buffers, due to limited flow and size of un-treated loading area relative to its watershed.



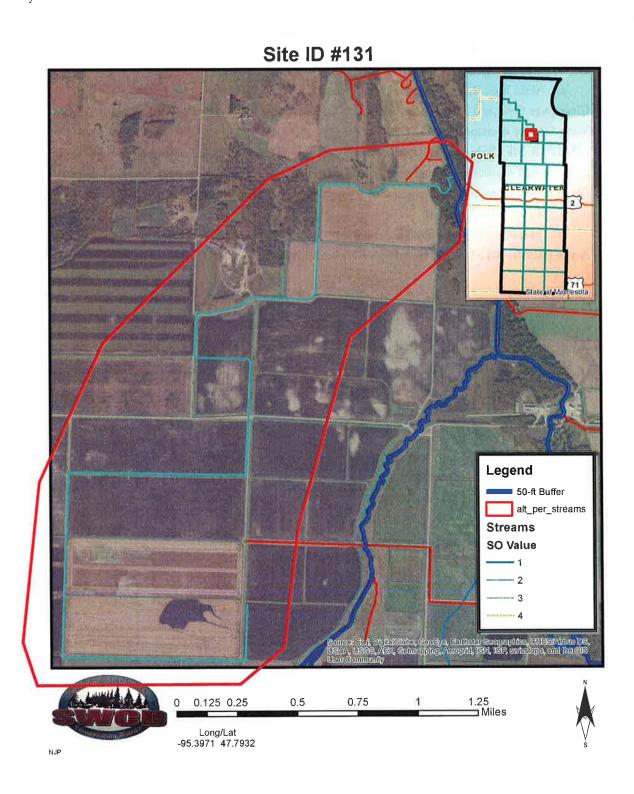
Site 126 is an unnamed drainage ditch, with north end connecting to the Clearwater River, found between sections 23 and 26 of Hangaard Township. A perennial ditch with apparent annual cropping near to the edge of the ditch bank. A 16.5-foot buffer along the north/south stretch, or other alternative practice, may meet the needs of this site.



Site 130 is an unnamed drainage ditch, with north end connecting to the Clearwater River, found between sections 1 / 2 and 11 / 12 of Winsor Township and 36 / 36 of Hangaard Township. A perennial ditch with apparent annual cropping near to the edge of the ditch bank. A 16.5-foot buffer along the north/south stretch, or other alternative practice, may meet the needs of this site.



Site 131 is an unnamed drainage ditch, with north-east end connecting to the Clearwater River, found mostly in sections 21, 28 and 29 of Greenwood Township. A perennial ditch with apparent annual cropping near to the edge of the ditch bank. A 16.5-foot buffer along the north/south stretch, or other alternative practice, may meet the needs of this site.



III. Data Sources

Data for this review were obtained from the following sources

- 1. HSPF watershed loading data: Mitch Brinks (JPB) via MPCA
 - a. Clearwater River Watershed shapefiles
 - b. Mississippi River Watershed shapefiles
 - c. Wild Rice River Watershed shapefiles
- 2. Clearwater County Minor Watershed Risk Classifications: Mitch Brinks (JPB) as adapted from Crow Wing County decision tree
- 3. MN DNR 24k Hydrography layer: A combined 1:24,000 scale feature captured from USGS seven and one-half minute quadrangle maps, and classified intermittent/perennial; obtained through MN Geospatial Commons and merged into a single feature-class.
 - a. Lakes 24k shapefiles
 - b. Streams 24k shapefiles
- 4. Aerial photos: 2015 USDA/FSA High Resolution Aerials