

# Goodhue County Land Use Management

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The Minnesota legislature has recently updated its Shoreland buffer regulations. The law establishes new perennial vegetation buffers an average of 50 feet in width along rivers, streams, and ditches that will help filter out phosphorus, nitrogen, and sediment. The new law provides flexibility for landowners to install and maintain buffers, and boost compliance with buffer laws across Minnesota. Goodhue County's Shoreland buffer regulations have been in existence since 1991.

A review by the Goodhue County Land Use Management Department has identified that your property may not be in compliance with the buffer width. Enclosed is a map showing the 2014 aerial photograph and the area in question.

The new legislation requires compliance by **November 1, 2017**. We would like to work with you at the local level as soon as possible to help you accomplish this goal and avoid any potential enforcement actions or fines issued by the state regulators.

Please fill out the attached form and send it to the attention of Benjamin Hoyt in our office by **August 14, 2015** ([benjamin.hoyt@co.goodhue.mn.us](mailto:benjamin.hoyt@co.goodhue.mn.us)).

For technical and possible financial assistance for Shoreland buffer implementation, please contact Beau Kennedy, with the Goodhue Soil and Water Conservation District, at 651-923-5286, Ext. 114.

For more information, follow the link to a website and publications from the DNR explaining the Shoreland Buffer Initiative:

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/buffers/index.html>

Sincerely,

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**Were you aware of the 50 foot shoreland buffer requirement prior to the updated law?**

Yes         No

**Have you installed a 50 foot wide shoreland vegetative buffer since March 2014?**

Yes         No

If Yes, what was established \_\_\_\_\_

When was it established? \_\_\_\_\_

**If you have not established a vegetative buffer, what type of buffer are you interested in establishing?**

- Conservation Program
- Seed to grass/ hay planting
- Tree and Shrub Establishment
- Will contact SWCD for alternate practices
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**When do you expect to have your buffer in place?**

(Month/Year) \_\_\_\_\_

**Would you like us to contact you to perform a site visit?**

Yes         No

## Contact Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_