



Grant Progress Report

Buffer Law 2023

Grant Title: 2023 - Buffer Law (Rock SWCD)

Grant ID: P23-2598

Grantee: Rock SWCD

Fiscal Agent:

Grant Day-to-Day Contact: Mary Thompson

Grant Award (\$): \$21,500.00

Required Match (%): 0

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Grant Execution Date: 11/18/2022

Grant End Date: 12/31/2025

	Total Budgeted	Total Spent	Balance Remaining*
Grant Funds	\$21,500.00	\$3,795.86	\$17,704.14
Match Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$21,500.00	\$3,795.86	\$17,704.14

*Grant balance remaining is the difference between the Awarded Amount and the Spent Amount. Other values compare budgeted and spent amounts.

Budget Details

Activity Name	Category	Source Type	Source Description	Budgeted	Spent	Balance Remaining	Match Fund?
Admin/Coordination	Administration/Coordination	Current State Grant	2023 - Buffer Law (Rock SWCD)	\$21,500.00	\$3,795.86	\$17,704.14	N

Grant Activities

Activity Name: Admin/Coordination

Activity Category: Administration/Coordination

Staff time?: Yes

Description: Description Staff will continue to assist landowners with implementation of the Buffer Law including: planning, technical assistance,

implementation of approved alternative practices, and tracking progress towards compliance. Assistance will include: site assessment, review of alternative practices, flagging, site inspection for compliance, enforcement for non-compliance following procedures defined within the buffer ordinance. The SWCD will notify the county when it determines a landowner is not in compliance. The SWCD will continue the monitoring of the three designated areas of the county for compliance on a yearly basis. Administration will include reporting in BuffCat and ELink, updates to the SWCD Board and any required Board approval and signature. Staff will attend any trainings/meetings for any updates.

Random spot checks will be done in addition to the tracking of all parcels within a 3 year span. These checks may be conducted via aerial photo review or on-site review depending on availability of updated aerial photos and the practice that is being checked/access to farms. A combination of both aerial and on-site review may also be used. Rock SWCD will conduct 6% of parcels on a random spot check review each year. Additionally, the SWCD will review parcels of emphasis more frequently. Parcels of emphasis include previously non-compliant parcels, approved alternative practices, variable width buffers, practices that have received financial assistance, and potential violations. This list is not meant to be exhaustive and lists only some potential reason for emphasis.

The Rock SWCD will review complaints received from the public within 10 business days of receiving the complaint.

Complaints may be submitted to the SWCD by using Buffer Compliance Review Request form.

Budget Details

<u>Source Type</u>	<u>Source Description</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>Last Transaction Date</u>	<u>Match Fund?</u>
Current State Grant	2023 - Buffer Law (Rock SWCD)	\$21,500.00	\$3,795.86	\$17,704.14	12/31/2023	N

Actual Results

12/31/22 No funds have been spent.

12/31/23 - Staff continued to reach out to landowners and provide information and technical assistance to fulfill the Buffer Law Requirements. SWCD staff worked with landowners that have requested assistance in complying with the Buffer Law through the alternative practices provision. Staff also monitored compliant parcels and has been working with the remaining landowners and the county attorney on the remaining non-compliant parcels. Continued action was taken with non-compliant parcels regarding the corrective action notices and plans for compliance. Staff attended any trainings and meetings.

Engineer Tech: $57.75 \times 62.5 = 3609.38$

Engineer Tech: $46.62 \times 4 = 186.48$

Total: 3795.86