

# Nutrient Management Enhancements



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## ***Improve filtration of nutrient runoff by managing filter strips on all fields bordering permanent streams, lakes, and types 3-8 wetlands.***

### **Definition**

A filter strip is a strip of herbaceous vegetation.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this enhancement is to filter or infiltrate potential contaminants in runoff moving towards surface waters.

### **Where Used**

This enhancement may be used on the lower edge of fields bordering each of the listed water bodies and can also be used along intermittent streams and grassed waterways draining through a field to the water body.

### **Operation and Maintenance**

For operation and maintenance instructions, reference USDA-NRCS-Minnesota Standard 393 - Filter Strips. Annual clipping and vegetation removal is recommended outside of the primary nesting season. Grazing is not allowed if the filter strip is being used to comply with Minn. Land Application of Manure Rules.

### **Payment Rate**

The payment for this enhancement is an annual payment on every acre of each field containing a filter strip.

### **Documentation Required**

Signed Minnesota Job Sheet 393 found in Conservation practice Standard 393 filter strip. Submit the 1<sup>st</sup> year of the contract or 1<sup>st</sup> year of the practice installation.

**I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is correct and that, if requested, I will provide additional documentation to support the above information.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*This enhancement does not apply to filter strips receiving Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP) payments for filter strips.**