



# Grant Progress Report

## Buffer Law 2026

**Grant Title:** 2026 - Buffer Law (Rice SWCD)

**Grant ID:** P26-0152

**Grantee:** Rice SWCD

**Fiscal Agent:** Rice SWCD

**Grant Day-to-Day Contact:** Steve Pahs

**Grant Award (\$):** \$20,000.00

**Required Match (%):** 0

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**Grant Execution Date:** 01/07/2026

**Grant End Date:** 12/31/2028

	Total Budgeted	Total Spent	Balance Remaining*
Grant Funds	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00
Match Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>

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

<b>Proposed Measurable Outcomes</b>	Grantee has submitted a detailed work plan. Measurable outcomes will be provided at grant closeout.
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### Budget Details

Activity Name	Category	Source Type	Source Description	Budgeted	Spent	Balance Remaining	Match Fund?
Administration/Coordination	Administration/Coordination	Current State Grant	2026 - Buffer Law (Rice SWCD)	\$1,100.00		\$1,100.00	N
Buffer Law Compliance Review	Regulations/Ordinances/Enforcement	Current State Grant	2026 - Buffer Law (Rice SWCD)	\$18,900.00		\$18,900.00	N

**Grant Activities**

**Activity Name: Administration/Coordination**

**Activity Category:** Administration/Coordination **Staff time?:** No

**Description:** Purchase annual ESRI GIS ArcMap software to assist with buffer law implementation and development of alternative practices. Cost will be split between WCA and this grant as the technician uses it equally between the two programs.

**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	2026 - Buffer Law (Rice SWCD)	\$1,100.00		\$1,100.00		N

**Activity Name: Buffer Law Compliance Review**

**Activity Category:** Regulations/Ordinances/Enforcement **Staff time?:** Yes

**Description:** Review 1/3 of all parcels in Rice County annually using aerial imagery to identify where possible compliance concerns exist. Follow up with ground-truthing to verify violations, and work with Rice County staff and the landowners to restore compliance. Staff time will be billed at the current billable rate, which is expected to be \$64/hr for 2026 for AI H. This equates to about 295 hours, or 0.15 FTE's.

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Current State Grant	2026 - Buffer Law (Rice SWCD)	\$18,900.00		\$18,900.00		N