

BASIC STANDARDS OF CARE

Universal Riparian Buffers



WHY WE NEED BASIC STANDARDS OF CARE

Iowa's Nutrient Reduction Strategy has failed to reduce fertilizer pollution in Iowa waterbodies. Decades of inadequate progress show regulation is the only way Iowa will reach its fertilizer pollution reduction goals.

A UNIVERSAL RIPARIAN BUFFER LAW

A universal riparian buffer law would require all agricultural operations to maintain a vegetative buffer of minimum width along all surface waters.



WHICH STATES ALREADY REQUIRE IT

Minnesota requires 50 feet and Wisconsin requires 35 feet of continuous vegetation along lakes, rivers, and streams.



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FOR BASIC STANDARDS OF CARE**

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