

# RIPARIAN BUFFER STRIP CLASSIFICATION APPLICATION

Completed form must be filed with Director of Equalization on or before  
October 15, 2017 for consideration for the 2018 assessment - taxes payable 2019  
Complete 1 form per parcel  
Attach copy of FSA maps

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Land must meet the criteria for agricultural classification for purposes of taxation
- Only land that is adjoining qualified lakes and streams is eligible to be enrolled in the program. Maps of all qualified lakes and streams for every county can be accessed at: <http://denr.sd.gov/datagis.aspx>
- The land must consist of existing or planted perennial vegetation
- The buffer strip has to be a minimum of 50 feet wide and can be a maximum of 120 feet wide. The measurement starts at the top of the bank or where the vegetation starts, whichever is closer to the water.
- The vegetation cannot be harvested or mowed before July 10. A minimum of 4 inches of vegetation must be maintained at all times.
- The land cannot be grazed during the months of May through September.

*The landowner must apply annually on or before October 15 verifying that the above criteria have been met*

TOWNSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: \_\_\_\_\_

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PARCEL NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

Director of Equalization may request any additional information or documents for verification

**TOTAL ACRES IN PARCEL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ACRES IN BUFFER STRIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBLE ACRES IN BUFFER STRIP**  
receive 40% reduction in value

SOIL MAP UNIT	RATING	ACRES	\$ / ACRE	FULL & TRUE VALUE	FINAL ADJUSTED VALUE (F&T value x .60)	VALUATION REDUCTION (F&T – Final Adjusted)
<b>TOTAL</b>						

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICE SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_