

The DNR has released an updated buffer protection map to address buffer changes in the 70 counties where some watercourses have been removed based on changes to the Public Waters Inventory. The recent DNR Commissioner's Order corrected the PWI to remove watercourses that are neither public waters nor public ditches. These watercourses no longer meet the criteria for inclusion in the buffer protection map. The buffer map has been updated to reflect the correction to the PWI.

The buffer map has been updated on the [DNR Buffer Mapping Project webpage](#), and the buffer layers have been updated in the [Geospatial Commons Viewing Application](#).

The primary reason for this map release is to revise the buffer map to correspond to the corrected PWI. Other pending comments that were submitted after January 31 will not necessarily be included in this release. Those comments will be addressed by a later map release.

Thank you for your continued help to improve water resources in Minnesota.

If you have questions, please contact me.

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