

Potential total property value gain if clarity increases by 12 inches



2023 Average water clarity



Winona Lake

SI8.3M

43.2h

Lake Wawasee

THE SURPRISING IMPACT **OF WATER CLAIRTY** ON YOUR HOME VALUE

A 2024 study reports that Kosciusko County could experience a total increase in housing values of almost

\$122 MILLION

if an average sustained increase of 12 inches of water clarity is achieved across 14 lakes.

WHAT CAN I DO?

- Do not dump yard waste like leaves or grass clipping into a lake or stream.
- Boat in at least 10 feet of water when creating a wake.
- Use phosphorus-free fertilizer on your lawn. James Lake

Center Lake

Dam Lake

Beaver

Oswego Lake

WHY WATER CLARITY?

verage value

88.7

Big Barbee Lake

S4.3M

Dewar Lake

\$3.5M

\$3.2N

Murky, scummy water can influence a home buyer. Although clear lakes are not always clean, clarity is one way to assess a lake's health. As you plan home improvements, remember that improving your lake's <u>health can provide a great return</u> Syracuse Lake on investment! Big Chapman Lake

Pike Lake

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CRYSTAL CLEAR

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S8.41

\$6.5M

Lake

\$9.5M

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Researchers lower a black and white Secchi (sigh-key) disk into the water. When the colors blend together, that distance is recorded as water clarity!



Dive into the full study and learn about the **positive impact** you can have on your lake (and your wallet). Scan the QR code or visit *lakes.grace.edu*.