



# 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.

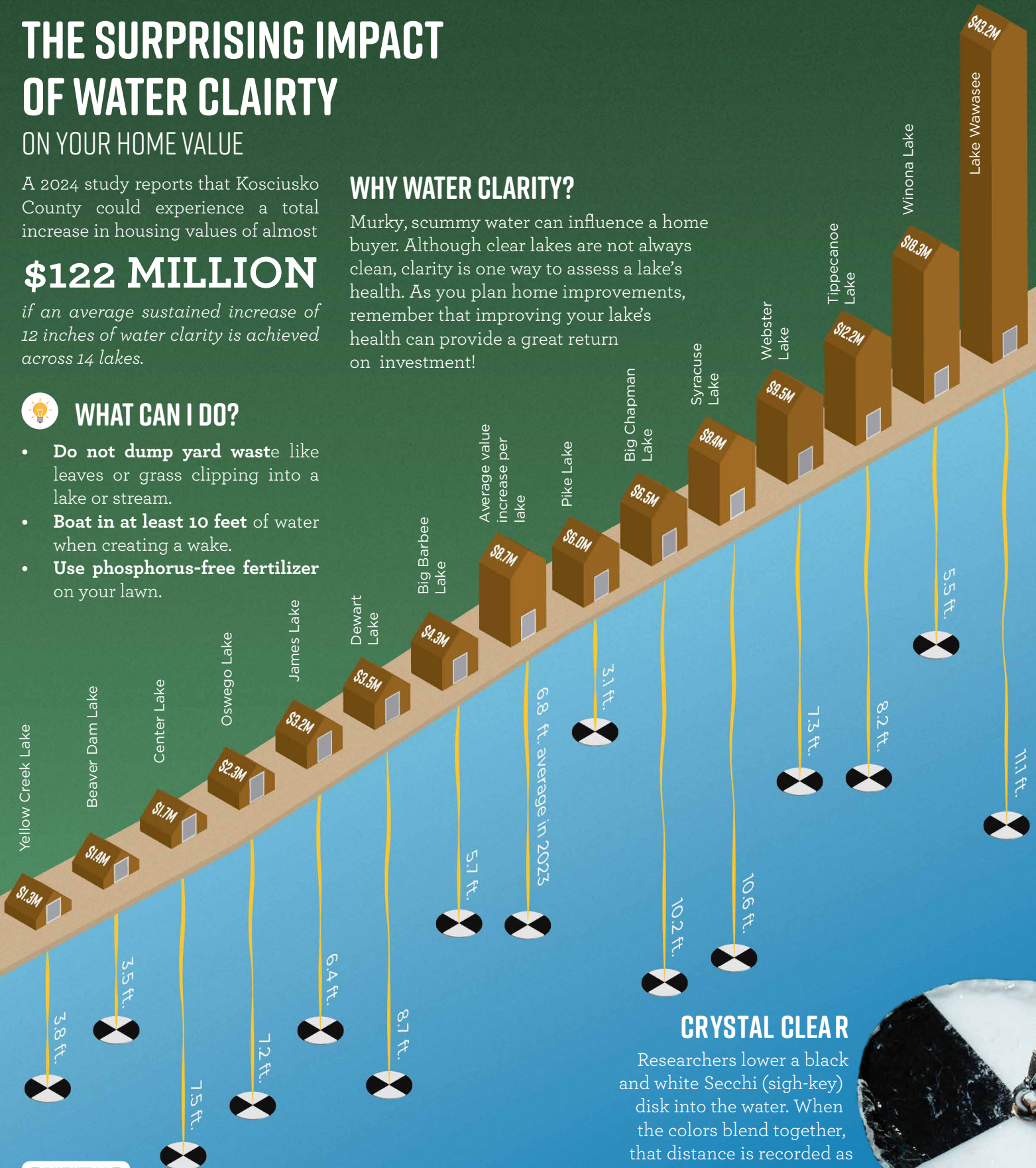
### WHY WATER CLAIRTY?

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 health can provide a great return on investment!



### 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.



### CRYSTAL CLEAR

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](https://lakes.grace.edu).