



THE CLEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP LAND CONSERVANCY
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2025 REPORT

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AND OVER
145 ACRES OF
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The CLEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP LAND CONSERVANCY is proud to share the accomplishments and progress of 2025 made possible by the support of our donors and partners.

Through land conservation, water quality enhancement, and environmental education, our community's capacity to preserve and protect this environment continues to grow. Together, we are proud to report that throughout 2025, the Conservancy and our supporters...

Engaged **1063 COMMUNITY MEMBERS** through educational and outreach programs, including 4 sessions of Knee-High Naturalists, Run Day Fun Day in July, IN Wild Engagement in August, Steuben County's 4th Grade Conservation Field Day, Starry Nights in September, and various guided hikes and public meetings throughout the year.



Invested over **2,000 VOLUNTEER HOURS** to support water quality testing, invasive plant removal, trail maintenance, land stewardship and outreach events from 14 Board members, 33 committee members and 77 community supporters.



Gathered water quality data with the **WATERSHED DIAGNOSTIC STUDY**, including full-scale data collection in two major inlet ditches, one major outlet at Round Lake, and multiple locations within Clear Lake to understand nutrient capacity, sediment movement, and oxygen concentrations throughout the changing seasons.

Continued the preservation and stewardship of 19 properties, including the acquisition of 0.25 additional acres of wetland in the Homestead Beach addition, now totaling **145 ACRES OF LAND** in the Clear Lake Township, **PROTECTED FOREVER.**

GUIDED 3 COMMUNITY HIKES to inspire personal connections with our natural environment and show seasonal changes in preserved ecosystems.



Surveyed the **AQUATIC VEGETATION COMMUNITY** in Clear and Round Lakes and treated invasive Eurasian Watermilfoil.

Utilized the final disbursement of our \$59,000 grant from the **MIDWEST GLACIAL LAKES PARTNERSHIP** and **U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE** for our Watershed Diagnostic Study improving water quality and monitoring fish habitat conditions.

Received gifts & donations from **295 CONTRIBUTORS** with generous responses to Run Day, Fun Day, Year End Giving, and our new Earth Day Match Challenge! **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Partnered with a local donor to reinforce **600 FEET OF GLACIAL STONE SHORELINE AT KASOTA ISLAND** for improved erosion protection.



Grew the Conservancy's Forever Fund Endowment fund held at Vanguard by 61% in 2025, through generous donor contributions and interest earnings.

Proudly represented Clear Lake at gatherings hosted by the Indiana Land Protection Alliance, Indiana Lakes Management Society, Steuben County Soil and Water Conservation District, and Land Trust Alliance.

Grew the **CONSERVANCY SUSTAINERS** program with generous support from **13 FAMILIES** who donate monthly to help provide steady, year-round funding for Conservancy operations.



Hosted our annual **RUN DAY, FUN DAY** fundraiser with 192 runners participating in a 10K, 5K, or 1-mile walk/run and over 50 youth participating in Fun Day activities. With representation from 28 sponsors, **\$43,000** was raised to support the ongoing work of the Conservancy.

Began a 5-year restoration plan at Borton Wetlands for improved ecosystem health, wildlife habitat, and soil quality.

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