



# Navigate the Future.

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### What was the thought process behind this project?

*The Mounds Lake project was first envisioned about four years ago in a Madison County Leadership Academy class as a development project for Madison County. The Corporation for Economic Development (CED), through Executive Director, Rob Sparks, has been working on examining the feasibility of building a dam on the White River in Anderson creating the Mounds Lake. The CED intends for the lake to be:*

- a large regional source of fresh water, which will become the backbone of economic growth over the next 20 years;*
- an enhancement of the current river activities such as kayaking and canoeing, yet expand into recreation of all kinds.*

### Why is this project needed?

*Central Indiana, as well as many Midwest and Western states, is experiencing extreme growth and faces severe water shortages. In spite of new well fields and water conservation, the projected shortage of water makes this project necessary. The lake is one of several options that were examined but this is actually the most cost effective. The ideas examined include: conservation, aggressive pricing of water, using of wastewater and gray water as well as new pipe line constructions from the Wabash and Ohio rivers.*

### Aren't many dams being removed nationally?

*According to available data, most dams being removed are nearing 100 years in age and are no longer needed for their original purpose. Many dams are currently being constructed across the nation, seven in Georgia alone, or reconstructed with modern technology to meet increasing water supply needs. A few smaller dams were removed with the hope of encouraging spawning salmon to migrate.*



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### How was the location for the lake selected?

*In the Anderson area, the river basin has been carved deeply into the land. This natural valley effect, combined with how strongly the river flows and its uncommon size makes the area perfect for the holding a man-made lake. There are no other known areas in central Indiana that match the size or have the needed characteristics that this site provides.*

### What's the benefit for me, personally, other than an increase in water availability?

*The Mounds Lake would provide many benefits, including:*

- *stabilizing and/or increasing local property values;*
- *creating recreational activities such as; trails, enhanced fishing opportunities, and boating;*
- *redevelopment of current and new retail.*

*The kayaking, canoeing, and outdoor recreation currently available on the White River will be enhanced and even expanded with the creation of the Lake.*

*If planned well, the Mounds Lake could provide new growth for the region for many years to come.*

*For further information concerning the Mounds Lake Project,  
go to [www.moundslake.com](http://www.moundslake.com).*