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lake ontario non point pollution

We have seen increases in toxic algae blooms, siltation and other issues associated with increased farmland acreage due to bio fuel subsidies. Hundreds of acres of second growth forest has been cleared primarily for corn and soy a large percentage of this going to biofuels. The clearing is on going as of 2026 and may also be related to "Plain clothes" (Mennonite and Amish) farmers who are attracted by relatively affordable land in the Lake Ontario watershed. Whatever the cause there is a lot more erosion now due to increased row crop acreage.

Another issue is hardening of shorelines for residential development. This is changing sediment distribution patterns and increasing erosion of unprotected shoreline. Turbidity impacts sight feeding fish and birds and presumably impacts near shore benthic life.