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Please place Vancouver Lake as one of the top priorities in the state for addressing water quality and cleanup via improvement projects. This is a historical, heavily used asset for our community and we are losing it. This lake has been listed as a category 5 303(d) impaired water body for several issues and for quite some time. We need state assistance to address the lake's issues.

Many of our citizens use this lake but the lake is closed repeatedly due to toxic algae issues. The lake is also being severely affected by milfoil which is impacting both recreational boat activities (crewing and dragon boats) and swimmers. This weed is a safety hazard for a significant period due to the risk of swimmer entanglement.

Each year Vancouver Lake degrades further. Our community is willing to work to address these issues and needs the state's assistance.

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