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Vancouver Lake is a treasure for the entire Vancouver/Portland community, for its beauty, its accessibility, and its part in providing habitat for a rich mixture of plants and animals. Additionally, it is an incredible venue for recreation and sports for people of this region. My own special connection is as a rower and a friend of the sport. The availability of a healthy Vancouver Lake has allowed thousands of young people to enjoy rowing for fun and competition, and has been the location for years of major rowing regattas, like the US National Masters Championships and the Northwest Regional Youth and Masters Rowing Championships. Few places can accommodate such a six-lane rowing course as is needed, and few can match it for accessibility, ease of access, safety, and beauty. It would be a shame, appalling really, to lose it.