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Vancouver Lake is the jewel of Vancouver with unrealized potential. With the new waterfront development, the Lake will be an attraction for new tourists and visitors, and will bring revenue to the area. As a paddler on the lake, I have been witness to the algae bloom, e-coli lake closings, dead fish, milfoil, lack of adequate drainage and flushing of the lake. Priority should be focused on cleaning up the lake, and making it attractive to all who visit there. Vancouver Lake should be a priority for the State of Washington. With 500,000 people in the greater Vancouver area, the opportunities on the lake could be greatly expanded. But without help from the state and Dept. of Ecology, this lake will die and become a wasteland of water. Please put this Lake on the top of your priority list for cleanup.

Thank you.