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My husband and I moved our family to Vancouver 29 years ago because of proximity to extended family, economic opportunity, and (not least) the beauty of the outdoor environment which was a priority to its citizens. Our daughter was an active member of Vancouver Lake Crew during high school and our extended family enjoys visits to the lake shore and wildlife sanctuary. It is heartbreaking to hear of the deterioration of the lake from chemical pollutants, plant/algae overgrowth, and inadequate flushing into the river. The downstream consequences of those issues include threat to wildlife including endangered species and unsafe public health conditions for water sports fans, to name just a few.

I encourage the Washington state Dept of Ecology to prioritize clean up and preservation of Vancouver Lake for this and future generations' enjoyment, the wildlife, and the natural beauty which many SW Washintonians enjoy.