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Vancouver Lake is a beautiful jewel in SW Washington. I grew up going there as a child and looked forward to taking my children there. Unfortunately, the water is not safe. Too often, the lake is closed because it is not safe. This is unacceptable. We are not a third world country. We are not an impoverished community. We are a vibrant community filled with people representing diverse communities and life experiences. One unifying thread through our community is a love for the outdoors and the area where we live. We have deep pride and the lake provides a place for all to gather. A place that all families can afford to go to. A place for birthday parties, weddings, baptisms, family reunions, etc. We need a place that is accessible to all. Please move Vancouver Lake up the priority list so that I can feel safe taking my family and building memories like those that I have from growing up.