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We need to save Vancouver Lake. I had the pleasure of being the VP for Paddle For Life, a non profit organization which has donated over 30,000 to our local community. We recently were prepared to hold our festival in July and was unable last minute due to algae. We held the festival which was supposed to have close to 600 dragon boat paddlers to race anyway; however, we couldn't race. We played games with the 200 people that showed. This community lost out on a lot of money that day. We did squeak out over 20,000 to give to Clark County Veterans Assistance Center but imagine how much we could have raised for them had we had the races? On a personal note, I am a dragon boater and I get to enjoy the lake as part of Vancouver Lake Aquatic Center. We have had to cancel many practices this year due to milfoil and algae. We have a ton of wildlife that depend on the lake, eagles galore, fish, ducks, etc. Please make this a priority so we can help out community and at the same time, enjoy our lake.