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## **Rep. Baird Secures Vancouver Lake Watershed Restoration Study**

**Washington, D.C.** - Congressman Brian Baird, a Member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, today secured authorization for a study of future restoration measures for Vancouver Lake and its surrounding areas.

The Committee's action will allow the Portland Army Corps of Engineers to determine the feasibility of providing erosion control and ecosystem restoration in the Vancouver Lake watershed. It also grants the Corps the authority to move forward with the initial planning stages of a project to develop the area as a sustainable environmental and recreational resource.

"Vancouver Lake has long needed attention," said Congressman Baird. "I am happy to have secured this study for the people of Southwest Washington, who will be able to enjoy the results of the restoration project for years to come."

Vancouver Lake supports a diverse population of native fish and wildlife as well as offering a wide variety of recreational uses, including boating, swimming, fishing, and bird watching. The proposed Vancouver Lake Watershed Partnership would coordinate all development and conservation in the area, ensuring that the lake meets standards for water quality and habitat while still providing for public enjoyment.

Congressman Baird secured the Vancouver Lake authorization through a Committee study resolution, which does not need Senate approval.

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