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URBAN RIVER RECLAMATION PARK: TRANSFORMING NEGLECTED URBAN RIVERS INTO RESILIENT PUBLIC PARK

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Introduction

Urban rivers across the world have been reduced to polluted, inaccessible backyards of cities. Once vital ecological corridors and social spaces, these rivers now face neglect, encroachment, and climate-related stress. The Urban River Reclamation Park competition invites architects, urban designers, landscape architects, and planners to reimagine these forgotten waterways as resilient public parks that restore ecological balance while reconnecting people with water.

Objective

The objective of this competition is to design a visionary yet feasible riverfront park that transforms a neglected urban river into a multifunctional public landscape. Proposals should address ecological restoration, flood resilience, public accessibility, and social engagement while celebrating the river as a living system rather than a static edge.

The Building Program

Participants may interpret the program flexibly. Suggested components include:

- River restoration and naturalized riverbanks
- Flood-resilient landscapes and water management systems
- Pedestrian and cycling promenades
- Public gathering spaces and cultural zones
- Ecological buffers, wetlands, and biodiversity zones
- Recreational areas (passive and active)
- Educational installations related to water, ecology, and climate
- Minimal built structures such as pavilions, decks, or viewing platforms

Site

The site is a hypothetical neglected urban river stretch within a dense city context. Participants may assume:

- A river length of approximately 1–2 km
- Adjacent mixed-use or residential urban fabric
- Issues such as pollution, flooding, informal settlements, or infrastructure barriers

Designs should be adaptable to different global contexts and climatic conditions.

Timeline

Launch Date: 1st January 2026

Registration deadline: 4th January 2027

Submission deadline: 14th January 2027

Result Announcement: 20th March 2027

Submission Requirements

Participants must submit:

- Design Panels – minimum 2 panels and maximum 6 panels (panel size: A2, Landscape, format jpeg./jpg.)
- A brief **concept description** (format docs. File)

Drawings may include:

- Concept diagrams
- Plans, sections, elevations
- 3D views / visualizations
- Exploded diagrams or process sketches

Important:

- No participant names, university names, or identifying marks are allowed on the submission sheets
- Design title and slogans are permitted
- Submissions must follow anonymity rules strictly

Jury

The jury panel will consist of experienced architects, designers, educators, and industry professionals from diverse backgrounds. Entries will be evaluated based on:

- Ecological restoration and river health
- Climate resilience and flood adaptability
- Public accessibility and social inclusivity
- Integration with urban context and infrastructure
- Innovation, clarity, and feasibility of design vision

The jury's decision will be final and binding.

Eligibility

- Open to all.
- Individual and team entries are allowed
- Team size: minimum 1 – maximum 4 members
- No restrictions on age, nationality, or academic background

Contact Details

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