

# REVITALIZED RIVERS

CITIES ALL OVER ARE RECLAIMING THEIR RIVERFRONTS

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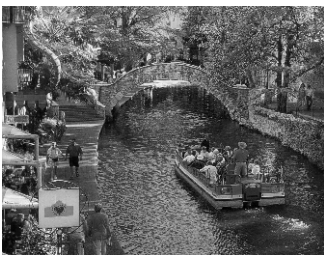
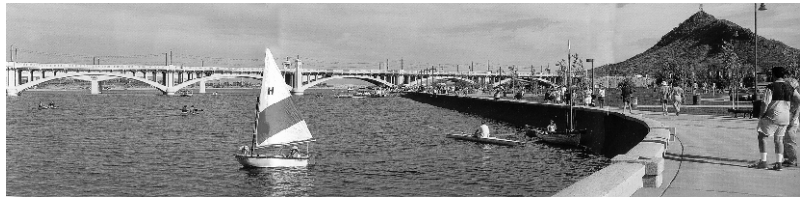
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All over the world, cities, founded on great rivers, are rediscovering and revitalizing their riverfronts. River revitalization is great for recreation, nature, neighborhoods, business, and more! Here are a few examples of what other cities have done with their rivers - imagine what can be done here in Los Angeles.

## **Rio Salado - Tempe, Arizona**

Using inflatable dams, the City of Tempe created the 2-mile long "Tempe Town Lake". The project features boating, parks, trails, and nature areas and has been a focus for new community and economic redevelopment.

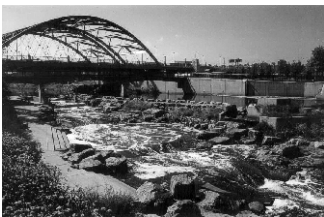


## **San Antonio River - San Antonio, Texas**

The San Antonio River Authority transformed a once-neglected, nearly dry stretch of their river into "Paseo Del Rio" or River Walk - an international tourist attraction. The 3-mile long Paseo Del Rio includes lush landscaping, riverboat tours, shopping, restaurants, and more.

## **Guadalupe River - San Jose, California**

When faced with flooding problems in downtown San Jose, the City created a 3-mile Guadalupe River greenway. This project met flood protection needs, while re-naturalizing the river, creating parks and trails, connecting downtown destinations, and fostering redevelopment.

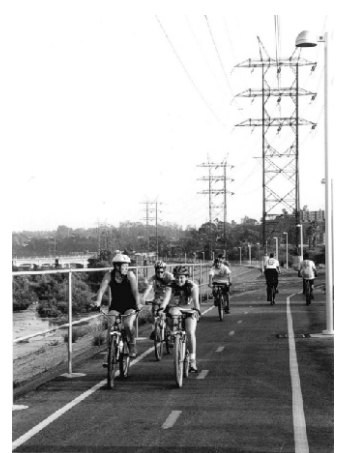


## **Platte River - Denver, Colorado**

The City of Denver reclaimed its neglected and flood-prone river by creating a greenway with parks, trails, housing, and more. The centerpiece of the greenway is Confluence Park, where Cherry Creek meets the Platte River, where Denver was founded.

## **Los Angeles River - Los Angeles, California**

The LA River has gradually undergone a renaissance with new small and large parks, bike paths, public art, and much more to come.



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