

Three Cities with Emerging Open Space Systems

An analogous urban floodway is transformed into the next urban neighborhood in Denver...



Denver's South Platte River Park

The South Platte River flows for more than ten miles through the City and County of Denver. A recreational greenway since the mid-1970s when flood events brought it to the region's attention, this urban watershed was the subject of a long-range planning effort in the late 1990s.

Recreational uses within the greenway include a constructed whitewater boating course, jogging and cycling paths. New residential uses are planned to line the River Park and will become a premier residential address in the downtown area.



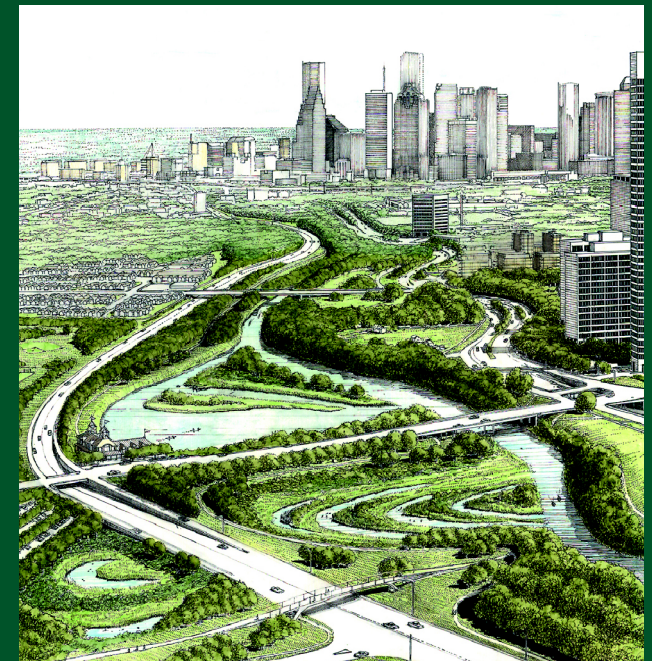
(Photo: Landslides)



A long lost treasure is reinvigorated....

Houston's Buffalo Bayou

Over the next 20 years, Houston's Buffalo Bayou will be transformed from a sewer and floodway to a 10-mile stretch of urban waterfront. City and county agencies, private landowners and citizens joined to form this vision for a new public recreational resource, and to begin the major infrastructure improvements that will enable the vision to be achieved.



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