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Rio Salado Development District Established

1965: Rio Salado Concept
1970: Rio Salado Strategy
1975: Rio Salado Referendum
1980: Rio Salado Implementation
1985: Rio Salado Retrospective

ERA 1
- Scottsdale Conference – Rio Salado III Report
- Arizona Republic Editorial on Conference
- ASU College of Architecture Dean James Elmore led academic pursuits for a Rio Salado Vision

ERA 2
- Phoenix Magazine features Rio Salado Project Concept
- Valley Forward Funds Rio Salado Feasibility Study through MAG

ERA 3
- Tempe | ASU Demonstration Project on Recreation Development
- Phoenix Magazine features Rio Salado Project Update
- Initial student presentation of the Rio Salado Project Concept
- Initial news article in the Arizona Republic

ERA 4
- Tempe Town Lake Conceptual Development Plan
- Rio Salado Symposium Project Retrospective
- Public Referendum to fund a County wide Rio Salado Project fails
- Tempe Adopts Rio Salado Masterplan for Tempe Town Lake

ERA 5
- US Senator John McCain renews the vision for the Rio Salado Project with ASU
- Office of US Senator McCain meets with Valley Leaders
- Valley Leaders event to collectively garner commitment
- Rio Salado Project Working Group established

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MAJOR TOPICS
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WATER

- PROJECT MUST BE WATER POSITIVE
- A LABORATORY FOR INNOVATION
- TIGHTLY CALIBRATED USES & IMPACT
FUNDING

• RESOURCES WILL FOLLOW IDEAS
• DEEP ANALYSIS OF ALL APPLICABLE SOURCES
• FEDERAL URBAN WATERS PROGRAM EXAMPLE
COMMUNITY

• FOCUS ON SOCIAL EQUITY & INTEGRATIVE PLANNING
• ACCESS TO EDUCATION, TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT
• OFFER CULTURALLY AWARE POINTS OF ENGAGEMENT
ECONOMY

• ACKNOWLEDGE LEGACY OF RIVER INDUSTRY
• BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES
• BE THE CAPITOL OF THE SUSTAINABILITY BUSINESS
14.5 Mile Revitalization

Four Reaches
- Museum Reach – 4 miles
- Downtown Reach – 1.25 miles
- Eagland – 1 mile
- Mission Reach – 8 miles

- Connects 2000 acres of public parkland
- Numerous historic sites and cultural assets
- 15 miles of continuous pedestrian paths
- River Walk Commercial District
- Water features
- Public art
- Flood management
- Ecosystem restoration and riparian woodlands
- Recreational improvements
Trinity River, Tributaries + Greenbelts

- 72 miles of trails
- 1000 acre park revitalization
- 800 acres of mixed use development with 12 miles of developable waterfront
- 33 acre lake

Eight Segments
- Clear Fork North – 5.5 miles
- Clear Fork South – 5.5 miles
- Marine Creek – 4 miles
- Sycamore Creek – 8.5 miles
- West Fork East – 12 miles
- West Fork West – 9.5 miles
- Central City | Uptown [Panther Island] -10 miles
7.2 mile | 2000 acre Dallas Floodway protection
495 acres wetlands with 1 mile of nature boardwalks
205 acres of open water for wildlife habitat
2 lakes | 150 acres for active and passive recreation
160 acres of playing fields
12 acre amphitheater
9 miles of recreation trails
3 miles of equestrian trails
9.1 mile Trinity River toll parkway to major arterials
7 total bridges incl. 1 signature bridge connecting to downtown
2500 acres of mixed use development
Historic Railroad Corridor

- 33 miles of multi-use trails
- 22 miles of light rail transit
- 1,300 acres of new greenspace
- 1,100 acres of remediated brownfields
- 5,600 units of affordable housing
2.5 Mile Revitalization

- Stabilized riverbank naturalized with woodland and prairie plants
- Large grass gathering areas
- Hike-and-bike trails
- Skate park
- Dog park
- Four formal gardens
- Performance pavilions
- Boat launch
- Public art

163 Acres
$53 Million
51 Mile Total Revitalization

- 870 square miles of watershed
- Upper LA River is 21 miles
- City of Los Angeles is 11 miles
- Lower LA River from the City of Vernon to the LA River outlet in the City of Long Beach is 19 miles

- Restore ecosystem functions
- Balance revitalization with flood avoidance to ensure public safety
- Reduce reliance on imported water supply
- Foster sustainable stewardship
51 Mile Total Revitalization

11 Miles
Los Angeles Current Project Area
8 Reaches | 8 Phases

Major Maintenance Responsibilities along the Los Angeles River within the City of Los Angeles

Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Maintenance
US Army Corps of Engineers Maintenance
PRECEDENT STRUCTURE
RIO REIMAGINED
A cooperative agreement Via MOU between public entities for the river right-of-way with Army Corps and others

A non-governmental organization tasked with implementing the plan through land development and project management

A non-profit organization tasked with maintaining the vision, providing leadership and raising funds to support, execute, operate and maintain the project
PRECEDENT FUNDING
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San Antonio River

Trinity River Ft. Worth

Trinity River Dallas

Atlanta BeltLine

Buffalo Bayou

Los Angeles River

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