

WILD RIVER PARK

BLUE-GREEN SOLUTIONS FOR CITY OF PRISHTINA

assignment Blue Green City Dialogue - Technical assistance to the municipality of Prishtina **location** Prishtina, Kosovo **size** 11 ha **client** Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO) **services** Situation Analysis, Design Workshop, Pre-feasibility study, Conceptual master plan design **status** idea, 2025 **team** Martin Sobota, Jona Fani, Adonel Myzyri, Xinni Ma, **cooperation** BOOM Landscape

Together with BOOM Landscape and in close collaboration with the Municipality of Prishtina, we're using Nature-Based Solutions to tackle urban flooding in Kosovo's capital. The project focuses on an 11-hectare vacant site on Prishtina's northern edge. Here flows the Prishtina River, the only visible stretch within the city before it disappears underground. Until the late 1940s, Prishtina sat between two rivers: the Vellusha and the Prishtina. In the 1950s-70s, these rivers were buried, and by the 1980s, Prishtina had no visible rivers. This site is the last open stretch—a rare glimpse of the city's natural heritage.

Today, the area faces challenges: illegal dumping, flooding, and a lack of public spaces and infrastructure. Our role has been to support the municipality in defining the project scope, designing a concept masterplan, and assessing feasibility.

Our vision? To transform this neglected land into the Wild Botanical River Park—a resilient, multifunctional landscape that restores natural water flows, reduces flood risks, and revitalizes biodiversity. A new bypass channel will guide clean water through the park, supported by wetlands and native plants that filter runoff and improve water quality. More than flood control, this project reconnects Prishtina to nature. It creates a green-blue corridor linking neighborhoods, offering space to relax and explore.

The park is a living laboratory, using native plants to clean air, water, and soil while supporting research and education. The Wild River Park creates a vibrant ecological gateway—a bold step toward a greener, healthier, and more resilient Prishtina.

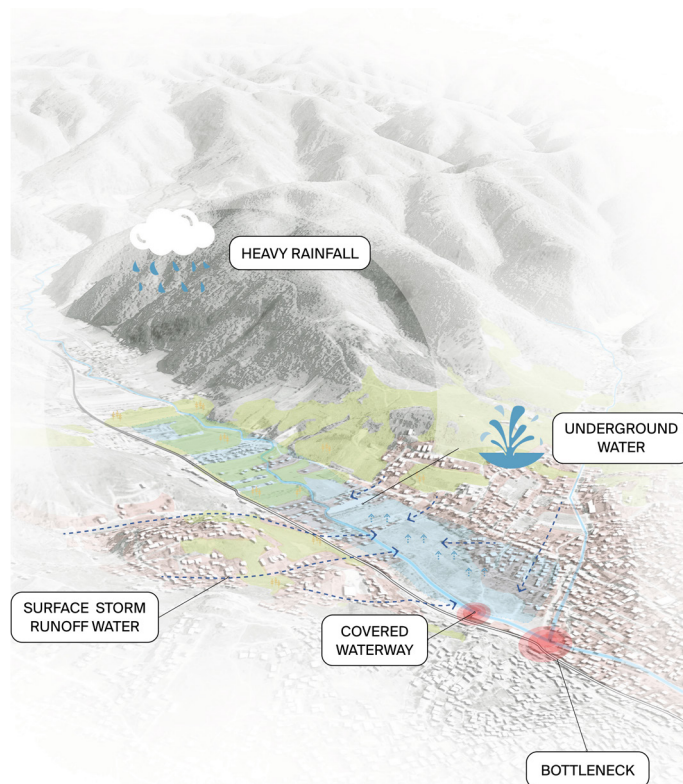


Diagram Critical Site Factors for Flood Risk in Prishtina



Wild River Park Masterplan

Programmatic gardens



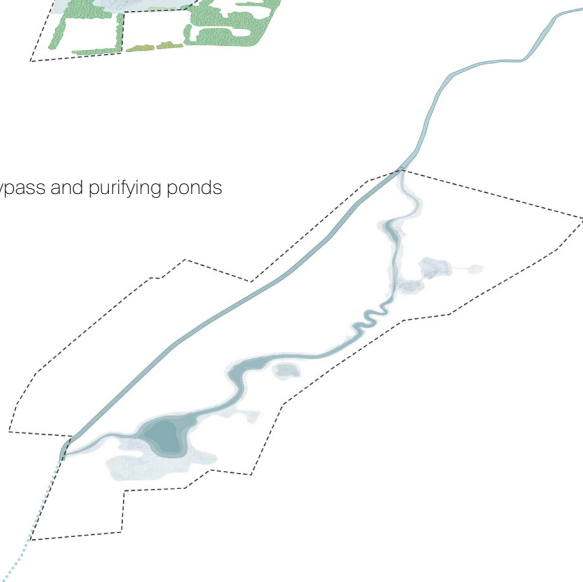
A new park routing



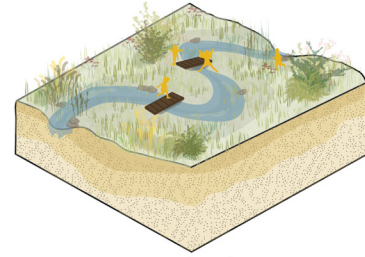
River habitats



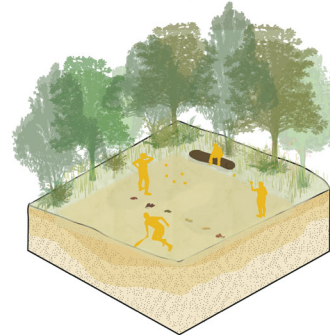
The new bypass and purifying ponds



Adventure trails



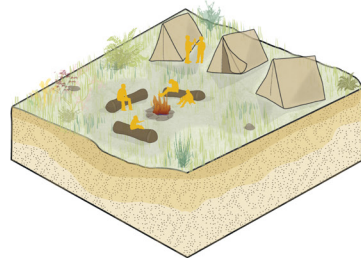
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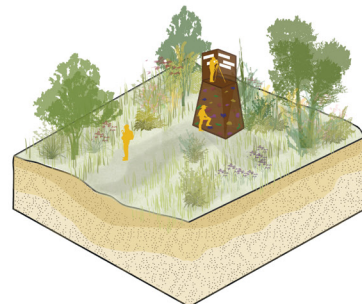
Herb (culinary) garden



Camping spot



Bird watching tower



Pavillion (Tea House)

