

# REVITALIZING PEJA'S RIVER

## THE GREEN CORRIDOR OF KOSOVO

**Assignment** Blue Green City Dialogue - Technical assistance to the municipality of Peja **Location** Peja, Kosovo **Client** Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO) **Size** 52 ha **Status** idea **Services** Situation Analysis, Design Workshop, Pre-feasibility study, Conceptual master plan design, Cost estimation **Team** Martin Sobota, Jona Fani, Philipp Holzer, Owen Simons **Cooperation** Royal HaskoningDHV, Deltares

The entire program consists of roughly 4 components: The City Green Spine, The River Park, Natural Wetlands, and The Multi-purpose Lake.

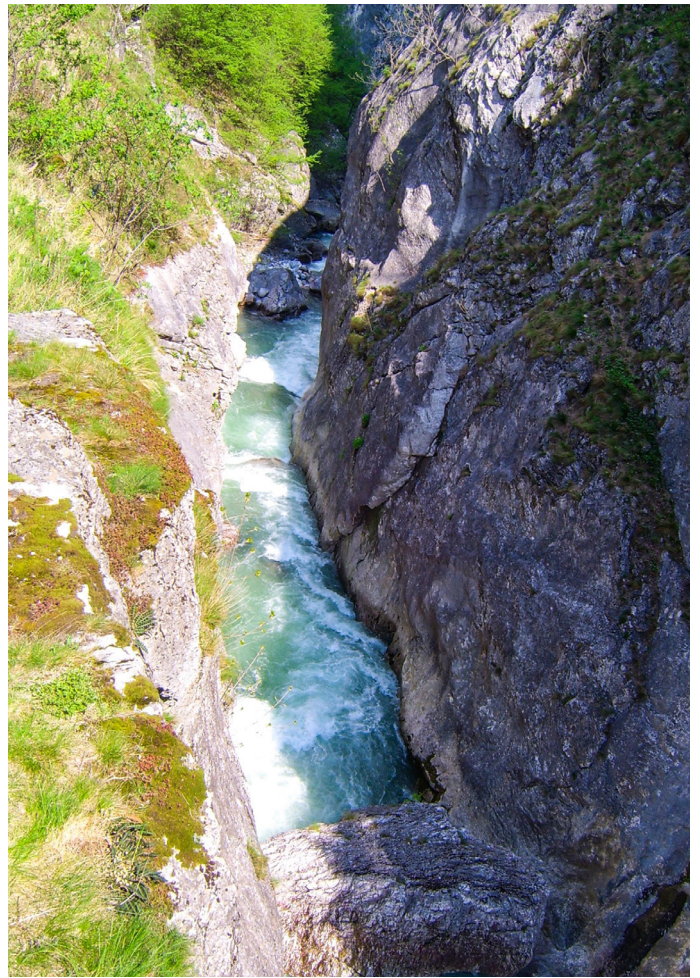
**City Green Spine** aims to provide **blue-green solutions** for the city of Peja surrounding the Lumbardhi river. The main feature is a green, gradually-stepped riverbank, allowing access to the river and a green space adjacent to the center of Peja.

**The River Park** is the section between the city and the newly built wastewater treatment plant. More specifically, it connects with the new urban development area of Peja. The River Park has a twofold aim: (1) manage the river, and (2) provide a green, natural environment for residents and tourists.

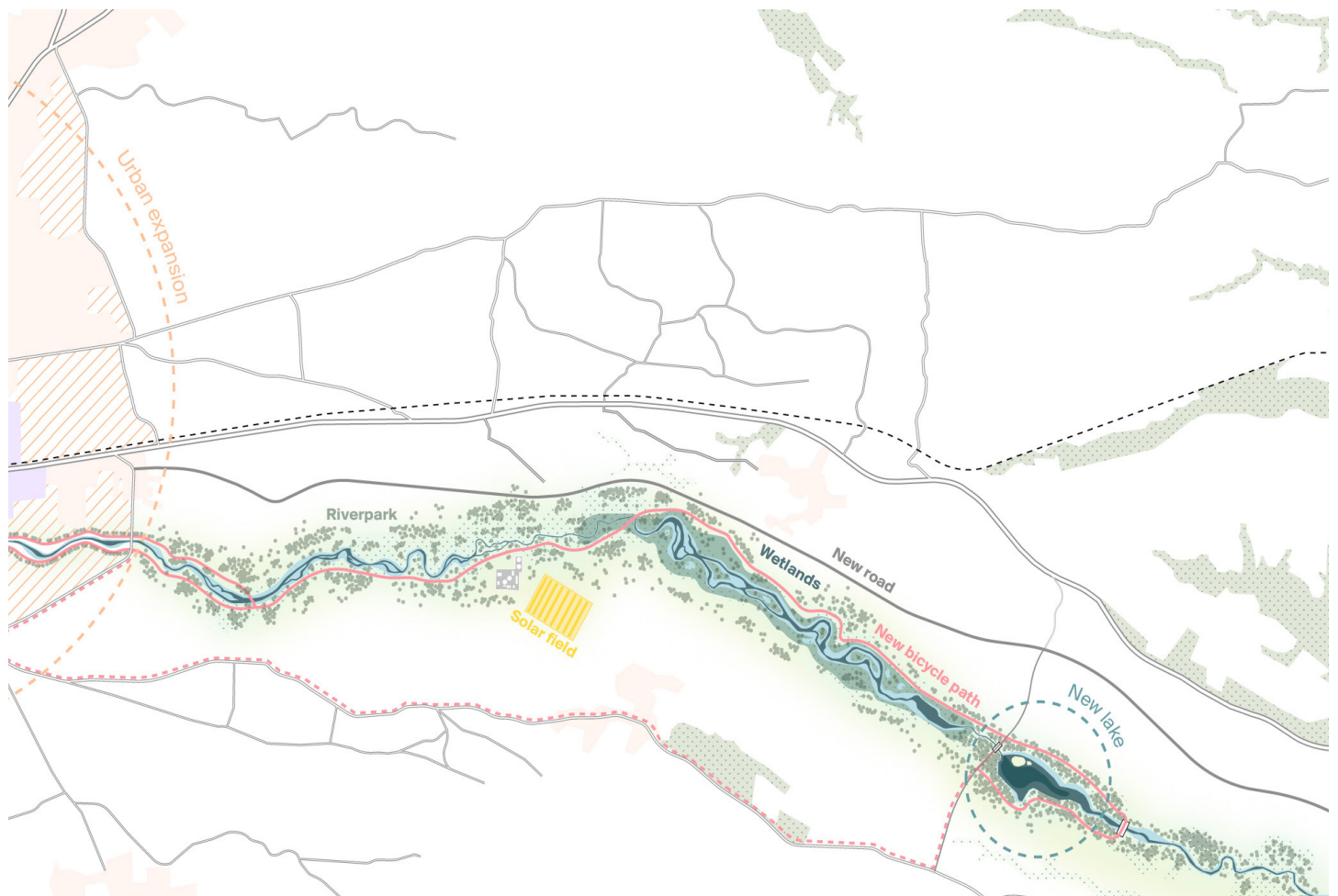
**The Natural Wetlands** is the section of the river from the wastewater treatment plant to the lake. It is an area that will be more natural than the River Park, which allows the river to move more freely.

**The Development of the Multi-purpose Lake** is one of the prestige measures of the program. The current site is degraded due to illegal gravel extraction and pollution. The Multi-purpose Lake will revitalize both socio-economic and ecological values of the site, whilst attracting national and international visitors.

**Connectivity** of the urban and rural landscape is essential for accessibility and use of the to-be-developed program components. Measures include hike paths and bike paths from the city center to the Multi-Purpose Lake, via the River Park and the Natural Wetlands. Lastly, a shuttle service will be developed to ensure easy transit between the city center and the lake.



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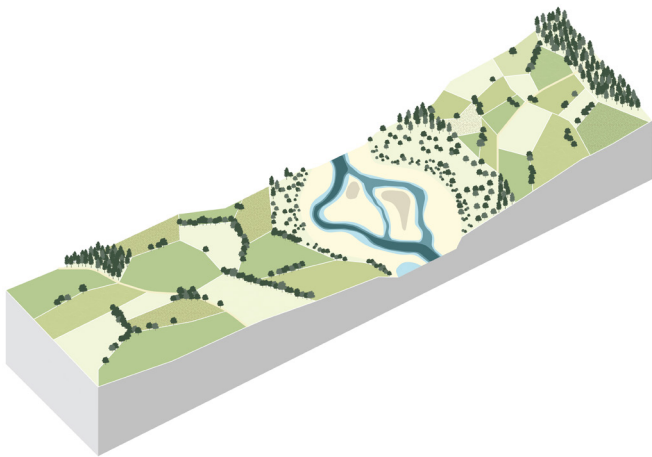
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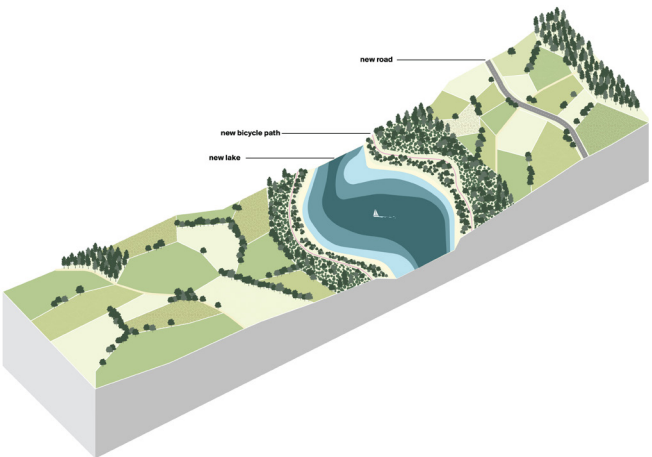
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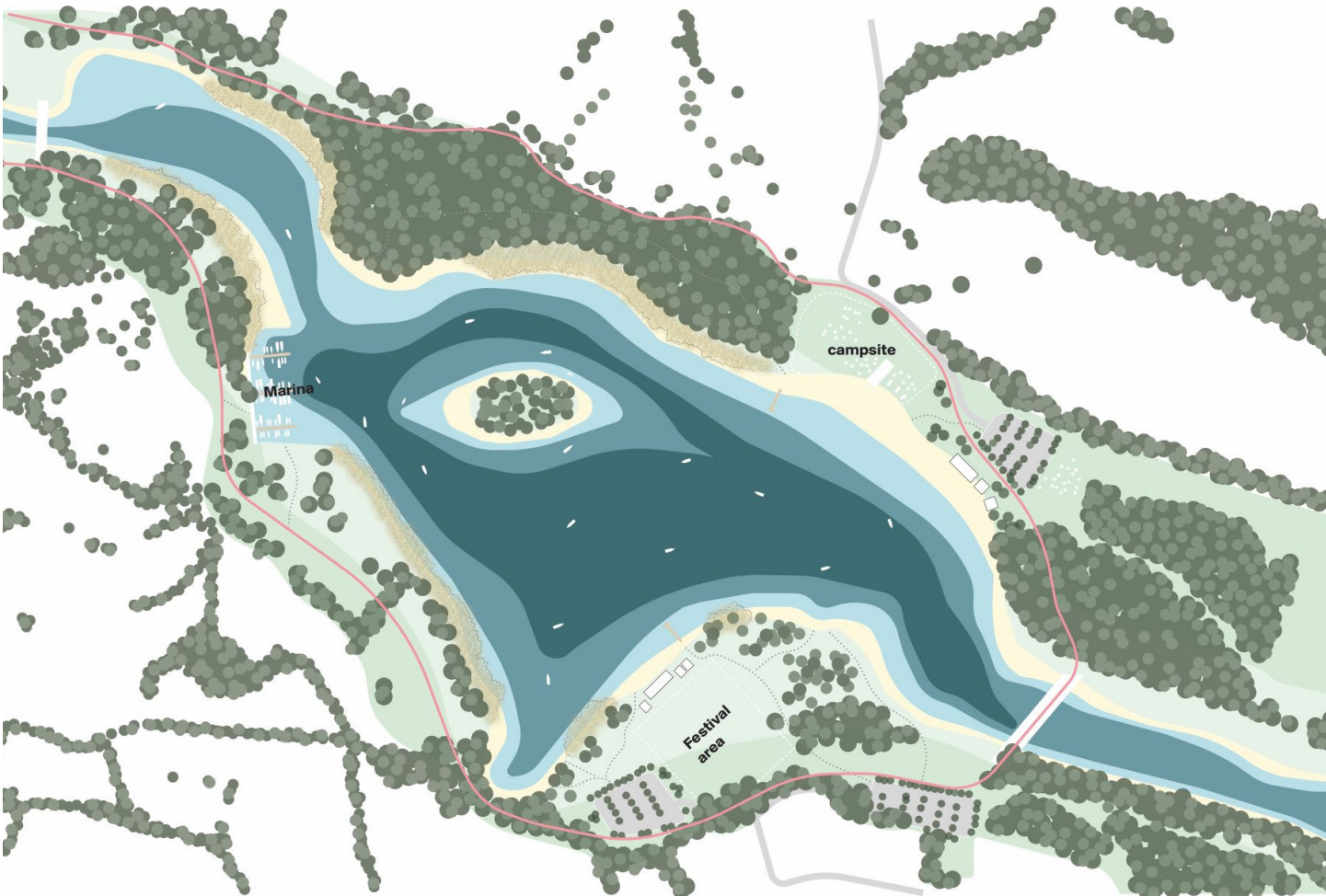
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Multipurpose Lake: current situation



Multipurpose Lake: proposed situation



Multipurpose Lake map