HOW TO MAKE A

GREEN CITY

How can cities grow while **working with nature,** not against it?

Across the world, cities are **rediscovering the power of nature.** Parks, rivers, trees and green corridors are increasingly being understood as critical infrastructure in their own right.

When cities work with nature, streets are cooler, floods are reduced and communities gain places to gather and connect. From restoring rivers to creating a network of parks and reclaiming industrial land, these projects show how **urban nature can shape better cities,** enhancing and enriching the lives of the people who call them home.

Projects featured:

Kham River Restoration Initiative, by **EcoSattva**
Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, India

Sistema Verde Urbano, by the **City of Loja**
Loja, Ecuador

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Restoring Rivers for Nature and People

In **Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar** (also known as Aurangabad), residents and city partners are bringing the historic Kham River back to life through cleanup, restoration and shared stewardship. The initiative reduces pollution, restores riverbanks and creates green public spaces that **draw people back to the water.** It's also prompting cleanup efforts along other waterways in the region.

Aurangabad, India

CITY OF BARRANQUILLA

A Park for Every Neighborhood

In Barranquilla, **Todos Al Parque** turns **neglected spaces into neighborhood parks** shaped by the communities that use them. Residents work with city leaders to design, activate and care for these new parks, creating shaded plazas and coastal walkways where children play, families gather and local events bring neighbors together. Today, 93% of households live within a short walk of a green public space.

Barranquilla, Colombia

CITY OF LOJA

City Planning Through Greening

In Loja, **Sistema Verde Urbano** is a citywide plan that makes **connected green spaces a central framework for urban development.** It knits together parks and river corridors with safer walking and cycling routes, making nature easier to reach and improving mobility for all. More than 200,000 residents benefit, and other Andean cities are adapting Loja's model.

Loja, Ecuador

ATLANTA BELTLINE, INC.

From Abandoned Rails to Green Trails

In Atlanta, the **Atlanta Beltline** is turning 22 miles of former rail into a loop of trails, parks and greenways that **threads nature through the city.** Residents live, work and play along the corridor, while thousands of trees form the world's longest linear arboretum. The project is helping bridge historic divides and inspiring other cities to green old rail corridors.

Atlanta, USA