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Toward a more natural cityscape

After nearly a century of believing that engineering solutions could conquer nature to make cities productive and efficient centres of socio-economic development, some urban planners now realize that nature is something to design with, not against. But how do we invite nature back in when cities have been built to keep nature out?

Urban infrastructure has relied on engineering solutions, and we have defaulted to traditional engineering for quickly reinvigorating economies in the wake of COVID-19. But cities need new approaches, ones that build with nature, not against it: ones that build forward better and not just back. New strategies should combine best practice engineering with nature-based solutions.

Read more at: <https://sdg-action.org/toward-a-more-natural-cityscape%EF%BF%BC/>



Suzhou Creek, Shanghai, China after the rehabilitation project. The project addressed the environmental damage caused by the city's massive population growth in the first decade of this century. Pollution was cleaned up, and parks and green spaces were created. © ADB