



Lordship Recreation Ground, Tottenham

“The wealth of local talent, energy and community spirit on show at our annual festival was matched by the excellent new facilities and features in our rejuvenated park.” Dave Morris, Lordship Rec Users Forum

The story so far

The daylighting of the lost River Moselle – bringing it above ground - was part of wider work to improve community and heritage features within Lordship Recreation Ground. The Moselle was deculverted (released from its concrete channel); creating 400m of meandering river with backwaters and a patchwork of floodplain habitats through the heart of the re-landscaped park.

The river was restored by

- Creating a new naturalised stretch of meandering river channel, with a pond upstream to trap fine sediments
- Creating gently sloping banks to allow safe access and riverside views
- Planting native species such as flowering rush and sedge on the banks
- Creating backwater channels (small side channels for fish to rest in) and scrapes (shallow depressions) with planted reedbeds
- Re-landscaping the park with new footpaths, play and fitness facilities

How has it helped wildlife?

- The river contains slow and fast flowing habitats; attracting different aquatic life.
- Diverse planting has increased the variety of species present.

How has it helped people?

- Beautiful new river and wetland landscapes offer safer access.
- People are more aware of aquatic wildlife and how misconnected sewage pipes from homes can harm urban rivers.
- Improved facilities such as new community eco-building, public toilets and cafe; restored theatre space and off-road bike track have all revitalised this site.

How does it help protect against flooding?

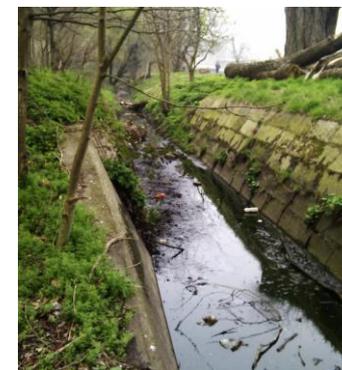
- The naturalised channel can store more flood water and the meandering channel is slowing the flow to reduce flood risk.

Partnership organisations

Environment Agency, Heritage Lottery, Greater London Authority, London Borough of Haringey.



AFTER – The natural setting of the River Moselle now offers far more to wildlife and people alike.



BEFORE – The River Moselle before restoration works.



Nearest Station: Wood Green. Turnpike Lane or Seven Sisters