

Beautifying Sheger — Addis Ababa's Riverside Green Corridor, Built Top-Down

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Quality score: 13/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Ethiopia's PM office greened stretches of Addis Ababa's Akaki and Sheger riverbanks, planting a 50-hectare Entoto-area park in Phase 1 (2019-20, ~2.5bn birr) toward a planned 56km corridor; researchers warn the top-down process sidelined city planners and displaced residents.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	1/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	0/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	1/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	0/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-02

[Office of the Prime Minister of Ethiopia / Addis Ababa City Administration](#) — accessed 2026-09-02

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[The Conversation: Megaprojects in Addis Ababa raise questions about spatial justice](#) — accessed 2026-09-02

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