Iloilo River Rehabilitation & Esplanade — A Celebrated Riverfront Whose Water Still Fails Coliform Standards (Philippines, A Cautionary Case)

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Quality score: 27/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Iloilo City relocated about 7,000 informal settlers and built a 10 km riverside esplanade, and river BOD fell from 170 mg/l in 2010. But fecal coliform stays thousands of times above standard because the city has no sewerage system.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-11-18

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