

Seoullo 7017 — Seoul's Former Highway Reborn as an Elevated Skygarden

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Quality score: 27/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Seoul converted a 1970s elevated highway into a ~1km botanical walkway with 24,000 plants across 228 species. The city claims 16.7M visitors since 2017, but independent reporting and a 2026 study found mixed results on public appeal and ecological function.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	1/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	1/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	0/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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