

Turia Gardens — Valencia's Flood-Diverted Riverbed Turned into a 9-km Linear Park

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Quality score: 40/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

After the 1957 flood the Turia was diverted south of Valencia and the dry riverbed became a ~9–10 km linear park of roughly 110–130 ha; the diversion channel nearly filled in the Oct 2024 DANA yet the historic centre stayed dry.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-10-05

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