SWA won this government-sponsored competition for the reestablishment of Beizhi River as a healthy hydrological and ecological corridor. The design removes two dams and creates densely-vegetated parks along both edges, resulting in well-defined landscape linkages with trails, boardwalks, linear parks, and seasonal riparian streams that improve water quality, habitat and wetland vegetation. Treatment gardens and pathways enhance public access to a variety of water and land-based recreational activities.

Located in China’s heavily-populated Yangtze River Delta, the 14-km long Beizhi River corridor was dammed over 50 years ago and used as an irrigation reservoir. Using a concept of ‘Acu-Pleasure’, with precise programmatic interventions that enhance human experience and strengthen ecological viability, SWA’s design facilitates active filtration of storm water within the watershed, preserves agriculture, connects forests to riverfront, and reinforces the City of Fuyang’s reputation as the ‘City of Sports and Recreation’.

Location
Fuyang, Zhejiang, China
Client
Fuyang Planning Bureau
SWA Scope
Master Planning
Landscape Architecture
Size
1,000 hectares (2,471 acres) - study area
56.7 hectares (140 acres) - core area