Beijing Wenyu River Master Plan

The central waterway for the Wenyu River development serves as a visual and performative spine connecting areas that are both physically and programmatically divergent. This waterway, a reference to the Wenyu’s meandering, ox-bowed historic flood plain, will connect to the now degraded river and revitalize it. As the river water winds its way through the new water course, landscape systems will biologically treat it before returning it to the Wenyu. This waterway is the centerpiece of a high-end residential community as well as a town center including arts and entertainment amenities. It will also be the backdrop to a complex of boutique hotels, resorts, and a conference center. The development site sits within the proposed green ring to surround Beijing. In order to preserve the character of the green corridor, the Wenyu River development dedicates large amounts of land to ecological corridors, a riverfront park, recreational and sports spaces, as well as urban agro-tourism sites to help preserve the current orchards and agricultural spaces.

Location
Beijing, China

Client
OCT Urban Entertainment Investment Company of Shenzhen

SWA Scope
Conceptual Master Planning

Size
12.7 km²

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