

An aerial photograph of Mexico City, showing a vast, densely packed urban landscape. The city is built on a valley floor, with hills visible in the background. The buildings are tightly clustered, and the overall color palette is dominated by earthy tones and the grey of the urban environment.

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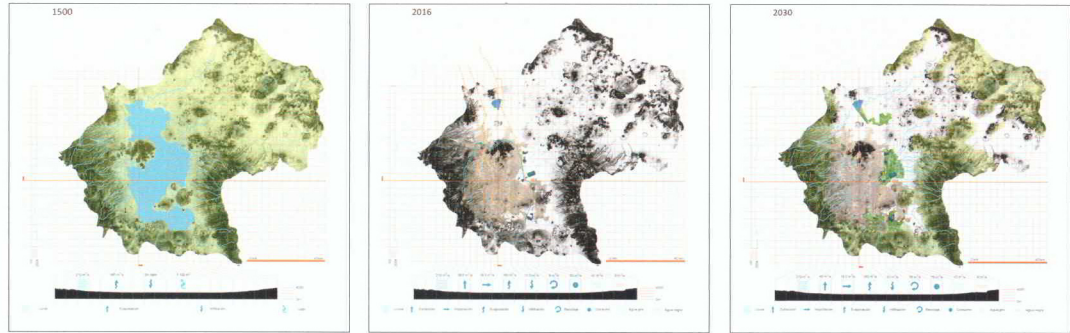
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Valley of Mexico basin, past, present and possible future. ©Taller Hídrico Urbano.

## La Quebradora Water Park

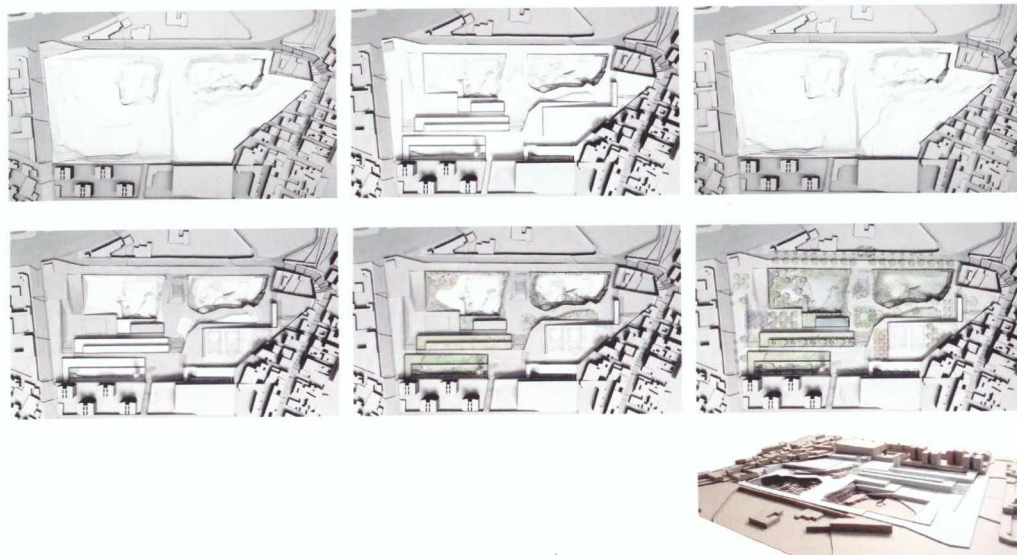
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Various proposals have been made in recent years in an attempt to understand and address the issue of water management. Most of them are on a small scale, but some are of greater scope, such as that of the hydraulic park La Quebradora in Iztapalapa. In the eastern part of the city, Iztapalapa was once on the edge of the former lake. Today it is the most populated borough of the city, with around three million inhabitants, mostly from lower income strata. Among many other problems, water shortages are common in this part of the city. The hydraulic park was proposed by local authorities and developed by the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. In addition to enhancing the image of the zone and improving mobility, the 3.84-hectare area will serve to regulate more than 55,000 cubic meters of rainwater a year, more than 10,000 of which will be stored for consumption, to the benefit of around 28,000 residents of the zone.



La Quebradora Park, Iztapalapa, Mexico City, actual conditions.

La Quebradora Park, working models.







La Quebradora Park, Iztapalapa, Mexico City, project.



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## Credits

### Exhibition

#### Curators

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#### Exhibition Design

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### Project References

#### Parque La Quebradora

**General coordination:** Manuel Perló Cohen, Loreta Castro Reguera Mancera. **Project manager:** Ivonne Labiaga Peschard. **Design coordination:** Loreta Castro Reguera Mancera. **Architectural direction:** Julián Arroyo Cetto.

**Urban Design:** Elena Tudela Rivadeneyra. **Urbanism and social participation coordination:** Oscar Adrián Torrentera Miranda. **Team coordination:** Jetro Centeno Lara, María Suter Warnholtz. **Team:** Sara Enif Quiróz, Margarita del Carmen Gorbea Ángeles, Oscar Díaz Gaspar, Emilio Ponde Jiménez de la Rosa, Alejandra Ramos Galvez, Néstor Rodrigo Rangel Hernández, Gabriel Azuara Pellicer. **Images:** Gabriel Azuara Pellicer, Christian Paul Espinoza Ramírez. **Landscape concept:** Entorno Taller de Paisaje. **Landscape project:** Área Común.

72 **Consultants:** Rigoberto Galicia González, Germán Sierra Lara, Ingenierías Civil e Hidráulica, Grupo Académico Interdisciplinario Ambiental. **Structural engineering:** Cafel Ingenierías. **Electrical and hydraulic engineering:** Jose Arturo Martínez Acosta. **Video:** Rizoma.

#### Regeneración del Río La Piedad

Taller 13 + Regenesis Group. Authors : Elias Cattán, Tim Murphy, Ben Haggard. Collaborators : Lucie Nguyen, David Mandujano, Miguel Mercado, Carlos Ruiz-Galindo, David Alcantara, Chloe Morichau B., Aldo Urban. Coordinators : Elias Cattán, Delfín Montañana.

**Vuelta a la Ciudad Lacustre:** Alberto Kalach, Gustavo Lipkau, Futura Desarrollo Urbano (FDU) y Taller de la Ciudad (TCM).

#### Feria de las Culturas Amigas:

**2014 Architects :** PRODUCTORA (Carlos Bedoya, Víctor Jaime, Wonne Ickx, Abel Perles). Collaborators: Diego Escamilla, Lucrecia Sodo, Gerardo Aguilar. Contractor: Factor Eficiencia (Fermín Espinoza). Structural Engineering : KALTIA. Museography : Alberto Odériz. Photography : Luis Gallardo – LGM Studio. Support by MASISA and PIRWI.

**2015 Architects:** MMX (Jorge Arvizu, Ignacio Del Río, Emmanuel Ramirez, Diego Ricalde). Collaborators: Mariel Collard, Gonzalo Alvarez Tostado, Diego Albarrán, Zabdíel Ramos. Photography : Rafael Gamo.

**2016 Architects :** Jorge Ambrosi , Gabriela Etchegaray. Collaborators: Mariana Ávila, Miguel Coloma, Alberto Molina- Construction: Mónica Arguedas, Ivonne Cervera, Javier Caro, Lucas Hoops, Ivo Martins, Gerardo Reyes, Omar Vergara, Factor Eficiencia, Andamios Atlas, Espacios. Photography: Rafael Gamo, Jaime Navarro.

