
Measures for River Restoration

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Over 90% of German rivers and streams are straightened, constricted, piped or interrupted by structures such as weirs or barrages. Restoration can improve the ecological status and attractiveness of water bodies. Bulldozers are not always needed to restore a river. Lively waters manage their restoration themselves when space for development is provided and initiating measures trigger the dynamics of a river. If the watercourse cannot be changed, small measures can still considerably improve the structure of a river.

This interactive infographic lists and visualizes restoration measures for four different starting situations:

- Measures to achieve watercourse continuity - if obstacles interrupt the river's continuity
- Measures using the existing river profile - if the watercourse cannot be changed
- Measures in the river and the surrounding areas - if river profile and banks can be changed
- Measures extending into the floodplain - if large-scale development is possible

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