

# River channels - environment and process

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## River Morphology, Channelization, and Habitat Restoration

Hence, they are partial-restoration actions because they restore only selected components of the river ecosystem.

## River Processes: erosion, transportation and deposition & Hjulström Curve

A second example of implementing process-based partial restoration is restoring longitudinal connectivity within a stream by eliminating widespread barriers to fish migration. Even though there is no simple choice for which method is the most suitable to assess environmental flow, Acreman and Dunbar suggest that the main driving force for choice of method is the type of issue to be addressed.

## The Topographic Design of River Channels for Form

River biota have evolved adaptive mechanisms to cope with habitat changes that result from natural flow variation, and indeed many species rely on regular or seasonal changes in river flows to complete their life cycles Poff et al.

## River Systems and Fluvial Landforms

Both types reduce stream power and, consequently, sediment transport capacity in the upstream river reach. There are two important lines within the graph.

## River profiles

The Bradshaw Model shows the changes that occur as a river flows from its source to its mouth.

## What is the Reason that Rivers are Straightened and what is the Effect on the Environment

Applying these principles will help avoid common pitfalls in river restoration, such as creating habitat types that are outside of a site's natural potential, attempting to build static habitats in dynamic environments, or constructing habitat features that are ultimately overwhelmed by unconsidered system drivers. Our purpose in this article is to provide basic principles to help structure the restoration planning process, and to

make them simple and practical enough to guide restoration practitioners toward more natural and sustainable restoration actions. Geol Soc Am Bull 111:949—959 The authors would like to acknowledge Jason White for reviewing an early draft of this manuscript as well as four anonymous reviewers.

### **River Processes**

Nevertheless, for long-term and sustainable restoration, one should also consider flood dynamics and other interlinked processes at larger spatiotemporal scales, ideally at the catchment scale. At the microscale, processes involve the movement of individual particles. Moreover, reduced lateral connectivity is reflected by the truncation of the network of potential migration pathways for aquatic organisms.

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