

Linear Park of Cuernavaca

Background

The Linear Park of Cuernavaca, also known as the “Parque Lineal Ferrocarril de Cuernavaca,” is a transformative urban project in Mexico City that reimagines a former railway corridor as a vibrant, accessible public space. The initiative was born out of a need to reclaim underutilised infrastructure and provide inclusive recreational areas in a densely populated urban environment.

Led by the Mexico City government in collaboration with urban designers, accessibility experts, and local communities, the project emphasises universal design and environmental sustainability. The park stretches several kilometres and connects neighbourhoods through a continuous green corridor, promoting active mobility and social integration.

A key focus of the project is ensuring accessibility for persons with disabilities. This includes the installation of ramps, tactile paving, inclusive signage, and rest areas designed for all users. The park also integrates cultural and recreational elements, such as playgrounds, exercise stations, and art installations, making it a multifunctional space for all ages and abilities.



Key Activities

- Conversion of a disused railway line into a linear park.
- Installation of inclusive infrastructure: ramps, tactile paths, and accessible signage.
- Community engagement in the design and implementation phases.
- Integration of green landscaping and recreational facilities.

Impact

- Improved accessibility and mobility for persons with disabilities.
- Increased use of public space by diverse community members.
- Strengthened social cohesion through inclusive design.
- Enhanced environmental quality and urban biodiversity.



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Challenges & Solutions

Challenge: Balancing heritage preservation with modern accessibility needs.

Solution: Integrated design solutions that respect historical elements while ensuring inclusivity.

Challenge: Ensuring long-term maintenance of inclusive features.

Solution: Established partnerships with local organisations for ongoing stewardship.

Tips for Similar Projects

- Repurpose existing infrastructure to create inclusive public spaces.
- Involve local communities and disability advocates from the start.
- Use modular and adaptable design elements to accommodate diverse needs.
- Ensure maintenance plans are in place to preserve accessibility features.

Identified Limitations/Weaknesses

- There is the potential for vandalism or deterioration of accessibility features without proper maintenance.
- Additionally, limited shade and shelter in certain areas may impact usability during extreme weather conditions.

Resources/Links

- [Parque Lineal Ferrocarril de Cuernavaca](#)
– [Glocal.mx](#)



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