

# 3. Landscape

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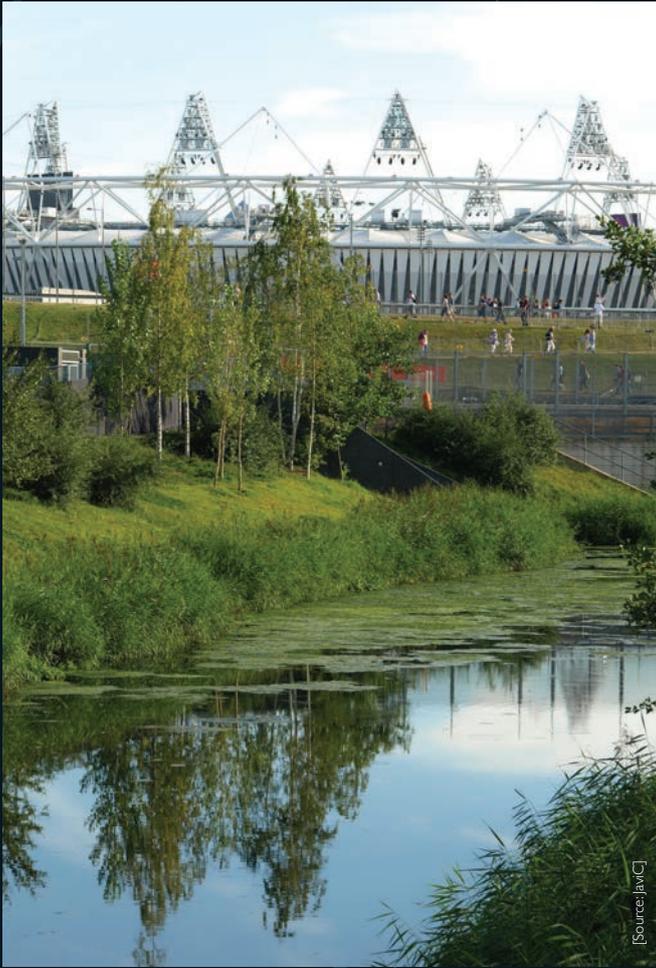
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**DESCRIPTION:** The London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games were part of a long planning strategy to create a strong Legacy for the local area. The Olympic Park demonstrates an extraordinary transformation – remediated and re-profiled land and with the infrastructure to enable the regeneration of existing communities in the post-games period. In addition, there are wider environmental benefits for biodiversity, the local economy, improved transport, cycle and pedestrian infrastructure and the functionality of waterways and surrounding green spaces. An initial phase of the programme was the enabling works contract, which allowed the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) to successfully initiate regeneration and eventually bring over 75% of the brownfield site back into use as parkland for the community.

**ACHIEVEMENTS:** Construction of reinforced concrete outfall structures which connect to the drainage systems running through the landscaped area of the Olympic Park, carrying surface water runoff to the River Lea; More than 4,000 semi-mature trees planted. Construction of swales for drainage up to and including a contour of 4.00 metres. Habitat installations that meet the requirements of the Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) design in time for the Games.

**JUDGES' QUOTE:** *It is clear that there was a very thorough analysis of the landscape needs and a very high level of rigour applied to making the landscape work. Landscape usually suffers from budgetary and time constraints, but in this case it is clear it has not; this project is a clear example of providing a good legacy.*



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