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INDIA'S ANSWER TO THE HIGH LINE

The project's premise is ambitious. In fact, if successful, it would trump even the famed High Line, in New York City, in scope and impact. Urban planner and architect Manjit Katarji of India aims to use Delhi's neglected *nallas* (storm drains) system to transform the city, India's second-largest urban center. The *nallas* restoration project, an initiative by Katarji's Morphogenesis Architecture, would turn 250 kilometers of storm drains—now mostly filled with neglected sewage and viewed as a nuisance by citizens—into a network of landscaped paths for pedestrians and cyclists. But in order for this wondrous proposal to reach its full potential, three major steps must occur:

ABOVE: References to the proposed restoration of Delhi's 250 kilometers of neglected storm drains.

1/ Alternate Transportation Network. The creation of walking/cycling paths to better connect commuters with public transport.

2/ Alternative Environmental Network. Cleaning the sewage entering the *nallas* through the use of a system of organic needhubs and sensors in a well-established system that is eco-friendly, affordable, and necessary.

3/ Alternative Cultural Network. The new network could be used to trigger a number of new urban activities ranging from tourism to sports, as well as to interconnect the city's major cultural venues. Some of the *nallas* are 700 years old and many archeological sites are situated on the ancient *nalla* network.

By reusing a neglected water-drainage system, this initiative aims to bring about significant sustainable change within the city, enhancing the social, cultural, and transportation networks of the city, while simultaneously weaving in an eco-sustainable system capable of truly improving the quality of life in Delhi.