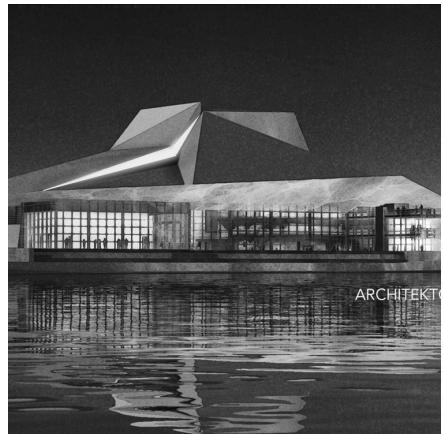
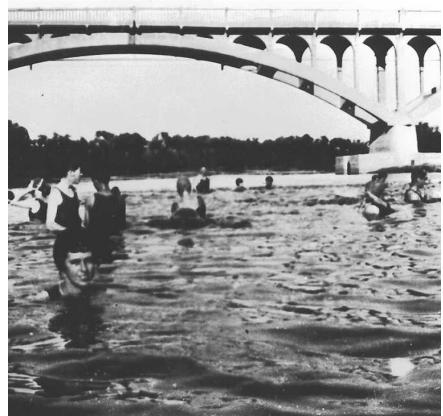


TOWN LAKE (RIO SALADO PROJECT)

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Originally envisioned by the 1966 ASU College of Architecture class, led by Dean James Elmore, as a "greenbelt" bisecting the valley, the 5-mile long Tempe Rio Salado Project is a work in progress. Master planning of the 850-acre project area began in 1979, with construction commencing in 1989 on channelization of the riverbed by the Maricopa County Flood Control District. This allowed for construction of the Red Mountain Freeway as well as the 214-acre Town Lake, completed in 2000. Related recreational and landscape improvements, including a marina and the renovation of Tempe Beach Park, as well as public art installations, have also been completed. Others, including the Tempe Center for the Arts, "Between the Bridges" community room and plaza, and a boathouse are in the planning and design stages. Associated public and private development includes the completed Phase I of Hayden Ferry Lakeside, with ASU Waterfront and other development sites currently in the planning stages.

There is always something to do at Tempe Town Lake on Rio Salado, whether it's ringing in the New Year with one of the nations biggest celebrations, listening to a concert, enjoying a glass of wine on a Rio Lago Cocktail Cruise or picnicing at Tempe Beach Park. Walk or run in one of the many charity events or hit the water with a rowing club or in your own craft - there is truly "something for everyone."





"Great cities are known by their public spaces. Already, the Rio Salado project has attracted tremendous commercial and residential developments, while Town Lake has come to define Tempe as a regional destination and urban center for recreation."

public role: Combination of Maricopa County Flood Control, ADOT, SRP, BLM, City Bonds, City funding of design and ongoing management, and State grants.

developer: City of Tempe (Steve Nielsen, Project Manager)

architect: CH2Mhill and others

other design team: Dam pumphouse, boat landings and other miscellaneous structure concepts by Mark C. Vinson AIA/AICP, City Architect; Landscape Architecture: Logan Simpson Design, Moore-Swick Partnership, Martino-Tattasciore, Terrano, others; Art: Laurie Lundquist, Rebecca Ross, others.

builder: Ames, EBY, Ogden and others

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