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# When Draining a Swamp Is a Bad Idea: a Case for Restoring Wetlands in Zurich

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Hundreds of years [About] of anthropogenic disturbances have caused a significant loss in wetland and river ecosystems in Switzerland. Many floodplain wetlands and tidal marshes in Zurich have been diked and ditched to create pastures and croplands, while the river basins have been radically altered by dam constructions. The future of water ecosystems depends upon the protection and restoration reversing the upheaval caused by humans.

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