

# IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF OUR RIVERS

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**Figure 4: The Nine Ideopolls Drivers**

1. *Investing in the physical knowledge city:* Commercial and residential accommodation, public buildings, infrastructure, public space;
2. *Building on what's there:* Recognising historic strengths and building on them where possible, recognising that development is path dependent;
3. *Diverse specialisation:* A reputation for excellence in a limited number of industries (but definitely more than one industry);
4. *High skill organisations:* Organisations with high skill occupations and workers;
5. *A vibrant education sector:* Including schools, FE and universities, and embedded in the community and the economy;
6. *A distinctive "knowledge city" offer:* Having something that complements nearby cities but is distinctive from them;
7. *Leveraging strong connectivity* within and outside the city-region;
8. *Strong leadership around a knowledge city "vision"*, supported by networks and partnerships;
9. *Investing in communities:* A determination to tackle social exclusion and ensure that the fruits of growth are equitably shared alongside a commitment to invest in the most deprived communities.





The unbridled growth of cities in recent times has had devastating consequences for rivers in many world cities that have seen pollution grow at the same time as the metropolis. Fortunately, thanks to the plans carried out as a result of public awareness, many of them are beginning to be cleaned up and even some that years ago would have been unthinkable to harbor any kind of life are beginning to recover native species, as we are informed from [plataformahurbana< /a>](#).

According to the world water commission, the 500 largest rivers on the planet face pollution problems, even so, as we have mentioned, cities like Paris and London have managed to reverse the situation, turning these into authentic idyllic places.

Here is a small list of 8 places that have managed to improve the appearance of their rivers:

1. Seine (Paris)
2. Thames (London)

3. Tagus (Lisbon)
4. Cheonggyecheon (Seoul, South Korea)
5. Han (Seoul)
6. Rhine (Europe in general)
7. Cuyahoga (Cleveland)
8. Copenhagen Canals

From naider we are extremely happy about this recovery and encourage society to continue working for a more sustainable and ecological environment.

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