



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 40
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**CREATING THE "COMMITTEE ON QUEZON CITY-SAN JUAN RIVER
REHABILITATION PROJECT," A SUB-COMMITTEE UNDER THE TASK
FORCE MANILA BAY**

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2019, the Task Force Manila Bay was reconstituted to perform duties and functions relative to pertinent laws, rules, regulations and the Supreme Court's *Writ of Continuing Mandamus*, that directed the concerned government agencies and private entities to clean up, rehabilitate, preserve, restore and maintain the waters of Manila Bay to a level that is fit for swimming, skin-diving and other forms of contact recreation;

WHEREAS, San Juan River, which runs from Quezon City to the cities of San Juan, Mandaluyong and Manila, is considered by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) as one of the most polluted waterways in Metro Manila;

WHEREAS, the DENR initiated a rehabilitation plan in San Juan River which has at least three components: social preparation and mobilization involving concerned local government units; dredging and cleanup; and regular water quality monitoring activities on selected points of the river identified by the DENR's Environmental Management Bureau;

WHEREAS, the San Juan River's entire basin including its tributaries has a catchment area of 90.4 sq. km, comprising the lower half of Quezon City, the City of San Juan and parts of Mandaluyong City, Pasig City and Manila City. Of the total area, about 78sq km is located in Quezon City;

WHEREAS, recently, the DENR, MMDA, DPWH, DOH, MWSS, DILG, DOST, LLDA, Manila Water Company Inc., Cities of San Juan, Mandaluyong and Quezon City entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), regarding the Adopt an Estero Water Bodies Program, in order to intensify the environmental improvement of San Juan River, focusing on tributaries discharging to the River which include Maytunas Creek, Buhangin Creek, Ermitanyo Creek and Buayang Bato Creek;

WHEREAS, given the serious and harmful effects of the current condition of San Juan River to human health and the environment, there is a need to create a committee to specifically address the issues and proper rehabilitation of the San Juan River and perform the duties and obligations of the Quezon City Government pursuant to the Adopt an Estero Water Bodies Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE, Mayor of Quezon City, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. CREATION. A sub-committee under the Quezon City Task Force Manila Bay, to be known as "*Committee on Quezon City-San Juan River Rehabilitation Project*" is hereby created.

SECTION 2. COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION. The Committee on Quezon City - San Juan River Rehabilitation Project shall be composed of the following:

- Action Officer : The Head, Environmental Protection and Waste Management Department
- Members : The Head, City Planning and Development Dept.
The Head, Barangay and Community Relations Department
The Head, City Engineering Department
The Head, City Architect Department
The Head, Parks Development and Administration Department
The Head, City Health Department
The Head, Housing, Community Development and Resettlement Department

Upon the approval of the City Mayor, the Action Officer may invite other members of the Task Force Manila Bay to extend assistance for a particular project or program in the performance of its duties and functions provided hereunder.

SECTION 3. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS. The Committee on Quezon City - San Juan River Rehabilitation Project shall perform the following functions, duties and responsibilities:

- 3.1 Assume and perform the duties and responsibilities of the Quezon City Government pertinent to the Adopt an Estero Water Bodies Program;
- 3.2 Lead, direct and coordinate all efforts, undertakings, and activities of the Quezon City government, its departments, offices, committees, task forces and personnel in the rehabilitation and restoration of Quezon City - San Juan River system;
- 3.3 Establish necessary hydrologic, geomorphic, chemical, biological and ecological data and information for the identification of nature-based solutions;
- 3.4 Develop and implement a comprehensive Quezon City - San Juan River Rehabilitation Action Plan aligned with the Task Force Manila Bay Action Plan covering areas on water quality improvement, greening and linear park development, flood control, in-city relocation of affected residents along waterways, proper solid waste management, among others;

- 3.5 Monitor, evaluate and submit quarterly report to the Task Force Manila Bay regarding the implementation of the Quezon City - San Juan River Rehabilitation Action Plan and when necessary, recommend changes and adjustments to achieve effectively the objectives and attain the goals of the plan;
- 3.6 Coordinate and collaborate with other Local Government Units, relevant National Government Agencies, private sector, academe and other institutions for the implementation of initiatives and activities relative to the rehabilitation and restoration of Quezon City - San Juan River; and
- 3.7 Perform other functions consistent with the overall duties and responsibilities of the Task Force Manila Bay.

SECTION 4. CONSISTENCY WITH LOCAL PLANS. For planning purposes, the Quezon City - San Juan River Rehabilitation Action Plan shall be consistent with the Quezon City Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) and included in this Administration's Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP), Local Development Investment Program (LDIP) and Annual Investment Program (AIP). Only in extremely justifiable cases shall emergency projects and/or purchases be considered, as duly approved by the Quezon City Task Force Manila Bay and the Quezon City Council, subject to pertinent laws, guidelines and procedures.

SECTION 5. RESOURCE AVAILABILITY. Funds necessary for the implementation of the Quezon City - San Juan River Rehabilitation Action Plan and the operations of the Committee on Quezon City - San Juan River Rehabilitation Project shall be sourced from available funds of the Office of the City Mayor, Environmental Protection and Waste Management Department and from the respective funds of the various member departments and offices.

SECTION 6. REPEALING CLAUSE. All issuances, Executive Orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. DISSEMINATION. A copy of this Executive Order shall be furnished to the Office of the President and the Metro Manila Development Authority for information and guidance, pursuant to Sec. 455(1) (xii) of RA No. 7160, as amended, and shall be posted at the official website of the Quezon City Government.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY. This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE, Oct. 14, 2020 Quezon City


MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor