Semana Faro: Agua y Resolución de Conflictos

The Town of Auja: Good Water Neighbors Case Study

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Auja is located in the Jordan Valley north of the city of Jericho in the West Bank.
Expanding over 120,000 dunums with ~ 4,500 residents

- Auja Spring
- Roman City of Archillas
- Agriculture

The Town of Auja
Environmental Problems in Auja

- Water Supply
- Wastewater Disposal
- Solid Waste Management
- Agriculture and Livestock
- Wadi Auja
Proposed Solutions for Auja

- Rehabilitation of Water Supply Network
- Restoration of Auja Stream
- Promoting Organic Agriculture
- Developing Eco-Tourism
Auja became one of the Good Water Neighbors communities in 2005 partnering with the city of Jericho in Palestine and Deir Alla in Jordan.
- Educate and raise environmental awareness
- Empower and benefit local communities
- Mobilize in support of cross-border cooperation

Eco-Tourism and FoEME’s “Neighbors Path”
Wadi Auja and Eco-Tourism
Tourism as Economic Development in the Border Area

- FoEME Staff in Auja leading guided tours to the Auja valley
- Tours educate local and international visitors about the water reality, conflict, and bridging efforts
One of several eco-centers along the Jordan Valley

Proposal for planned center is accepted; soon design and implementation will begin

The center will promote eco-tourism, bird watching, and cross-border environmental awareness in the Jordan Valley

Eco-center in Sheikh Hussein, Jordan

Location of eco-center in Auja, Palestine

Center for Environmental Education – one of many in Jordan Valley
- Model for ecological building, using solar energy, collection of rainwater, greywater reuse system
- Workshops and seminars on environmental issues
- Bird watching area on rooftop
- Library
- Hiking trail following Auja stream
- Collection point for farm products
- Guest house and cafeteria
- Bicycle renting
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