

Population
121.362

Location
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Study area
about 12 ha

Site area
about 6 ha

Theme

The realisation of new commercial activities in the district, public services, sports and cultural outfits should be able altogether to encourage the dynamics of the town; to satisfy, through different building typologies, the new requests in a tissue where the repair is among the first goals of the administrators; and to start a process of urban restoring, by mediating among housing, services and natural system.



Conurbation

The town has the widest fenced urban park in Europe. It occupies an area of 800 ha partially cultivated, partially at woods and glades, crossed by the river Lambro. Besides Villa Reale, inside there are patrician villas, farms and mills which represent, today, important evidencies of the rural architecture in Lombardia.

The town has developed in a different way. At North and North-East the presence of the park has influenced the building architectural quality, while industrial activities and residential typologies of the 60's and 70's are concentrated at South and South-East.

Site

The context includes the southern area of the municipal territory. The limit of the historical centre is characterised by the presence of the railway station acting as a border between two systems: one of expansion of the 60's and the other one of industrial and housing areas along the river Lambro beyond which there is a wide agricultural area with a large farm-house.

The site covers two strategic areas: the first one is the head of the railway system entering the town, the second one is the Fossati & Lamperti old factory, owned by the Municipality.



Programme

The process of requalification of the context is started by two interventions of connection. As regards the site of the railway station and the rear square, where the repair of an ex-Gil factory is already in course, it is planned the settlement of routes, the system of railway station-centre connection, housing and outfits of accomodation and experimental type. As regards the old Fossati-Lamperti, services of public interest and residential structures are foreseen, in connection with a municipal area, presently TPM (company of public transports) deposit, and with a private villa of the nineteenth century, at the moment used by the justice of the peace.

Issues

functional : In the context there are industrial activities partially dismissed and partially still active. The residential tissue is quite hybrid and doesn't solve a need of urbanity.

social : In spite of the presence of a residential tissue, the site has no services and public spaces and, at present, it is excluded by the urban logics.

perceptual : Although the presence of important natural elements, such as river Lambro, the industrial activities have prevented this natural resource from improving, while, where it comes out, it appears of large public interest.



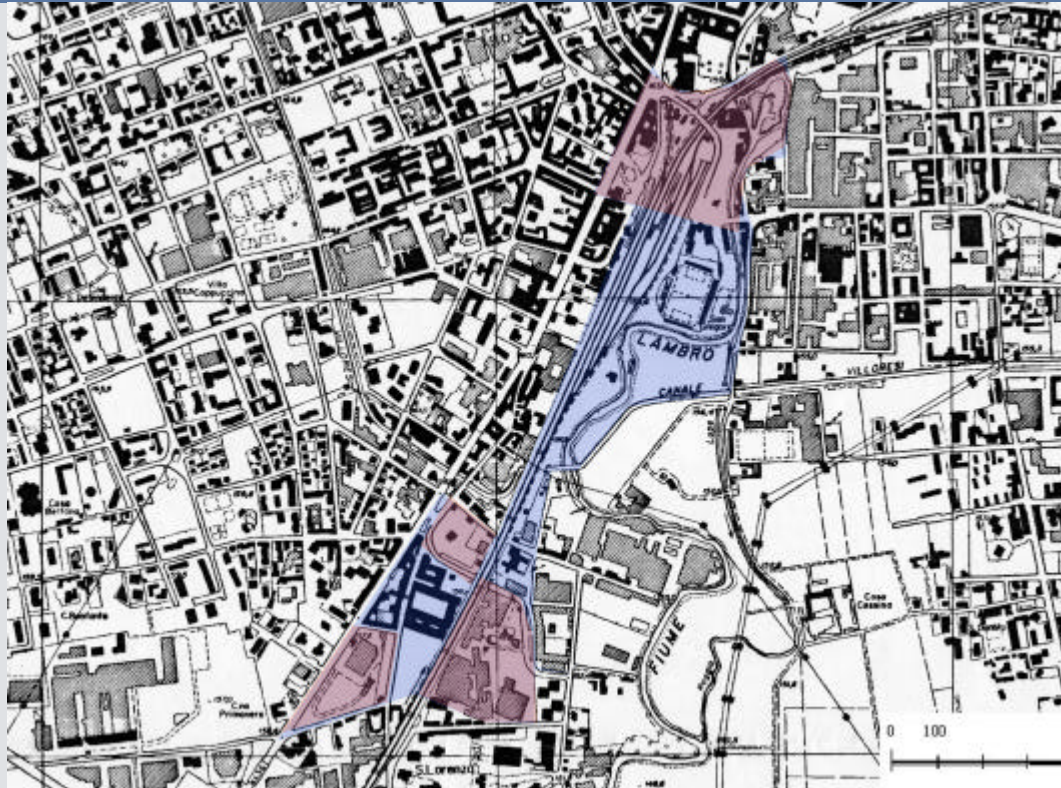
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