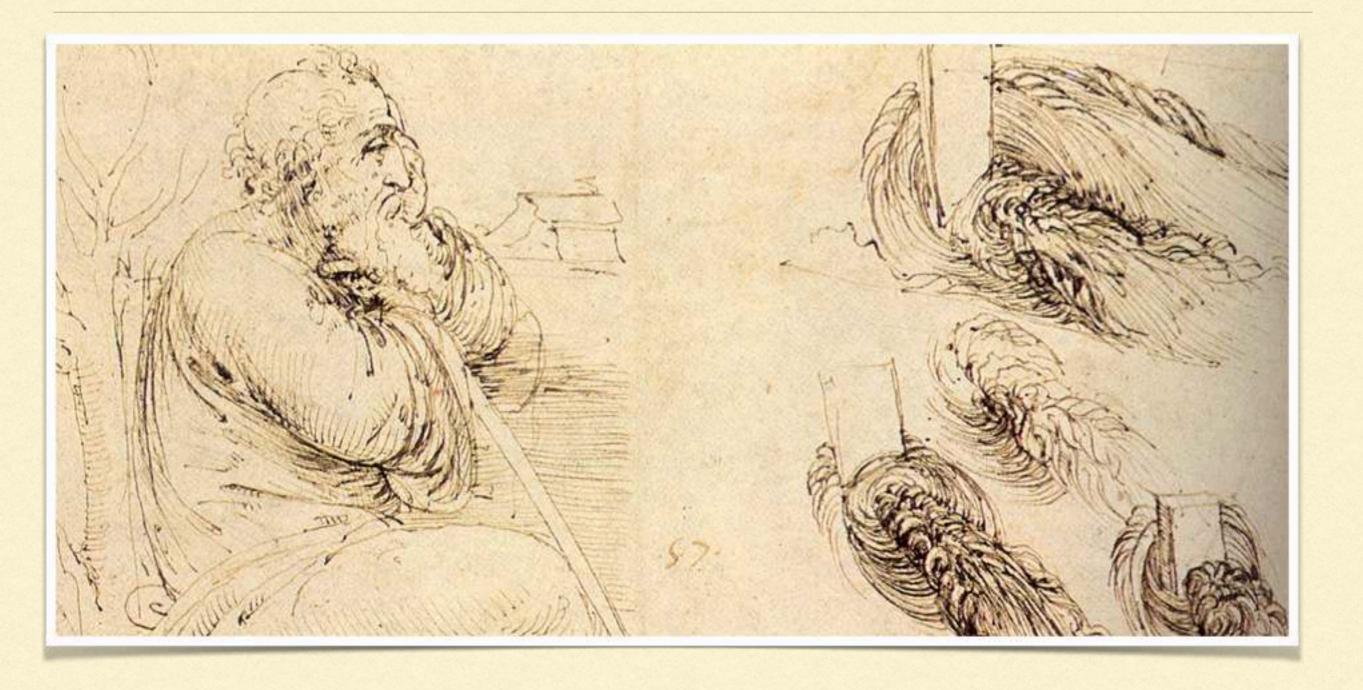


A DIDACTIC APPROACH FOR A LIVING WATER MUSEUM

THE CASE STUDY OF ECOMUSEO MARTESANA

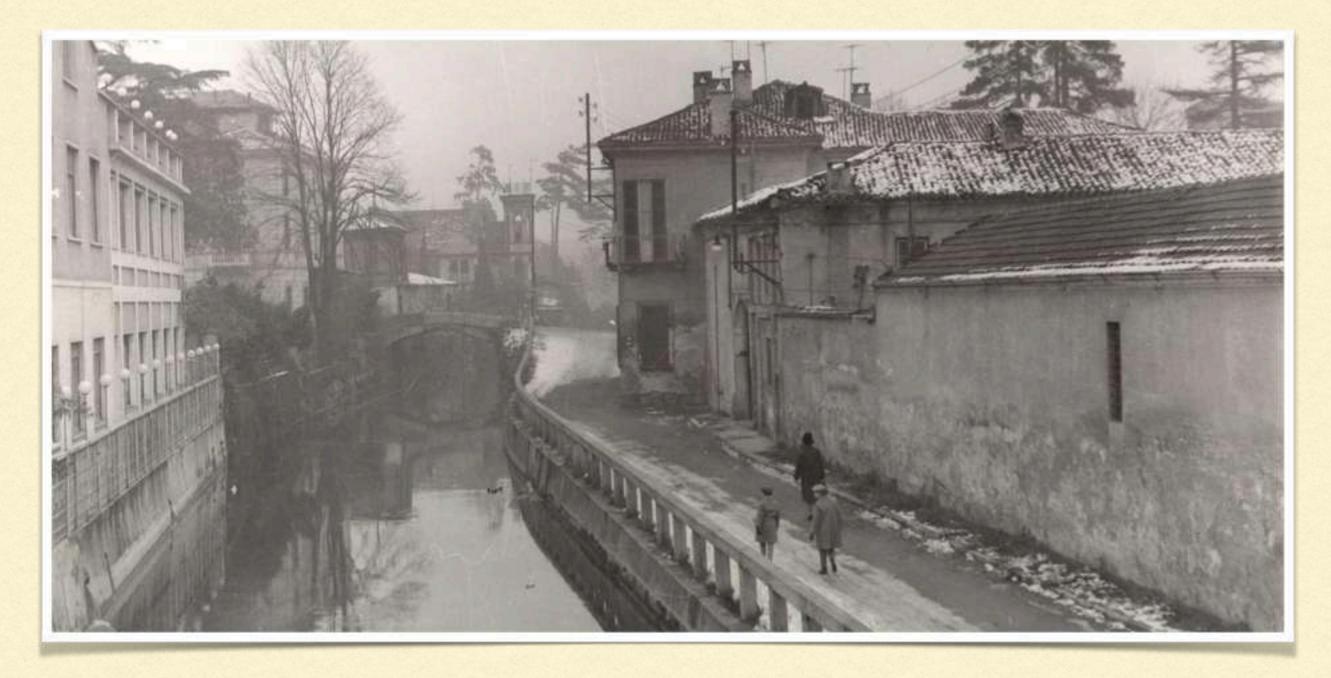
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'S-HERTOGENBOSCH, NETHERLANDS 17 MAY 2018



WATER FLOWS

"WATERS ARE TO THE LAND WHAT THE VEINS ARE TO THE HUMAN BODY" LEONARDO DA VINCI



"HISTORY NEVER STOPS, IT ALWAYS KEEPS ON MOVING AS THE GENERATIONS OF MEN WHO ARE OBSERVING IT... WE MAY OBSERVE ONLY SOME PARTS OF IT IN RELATIONSHIP WITH THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE EPOCH AND MOMENT" SIEGRIED GIEDION



THESE "PARTS" BELONG TO A LIVING LANDSCAPE THAT IS A COMBINATION OF NATURE AND MAN'S ACTION. IT SHOULD BE, THEN, (RE)CONSIDERED FROM TIMES TO TIMES. IT BECOMES HISTORIC IN A SHORT TIME. WE NEED, TO THIS PURPROSE, A MUTABLE DIDATTIC TOOL TO FOLLOW THESE "PARTS" (CHANGED)

REFLECTIONS ON THE TERRITORIAL IDENTITY



MOST TIMES THE LACK OF ATERRITORIAL IDENTITY COMES OUT FROM THE DIFFICULTY TO MIX THE OLD PARTS WITH THE NEW ONES. WE NEED, THEN, A REGISTER TO READ AND, ABOVE ALL, TO INTERPRETATE THESE CHANGES



NAVIGLIO MARTESANA (1457 – 1463) ECOMUSEO MARTESANA (2016)

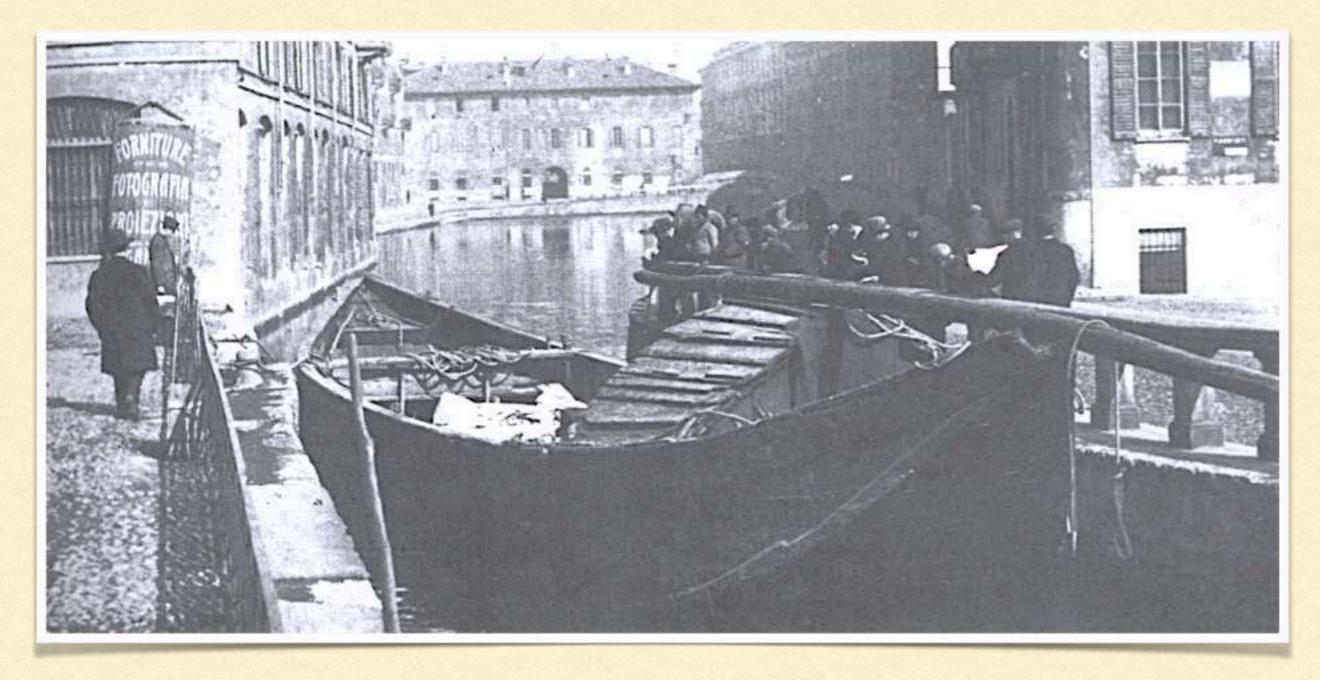


THIS "DIDACTIC" APPROACH COULD BE THE ECOMUSEUM.
ECOMUSEUM PROVED BEING AN INNOVATIVE AND REPLICABLE
CULTURAL FORMAT FOR ALL KINDS OF WATER MUSEUMS

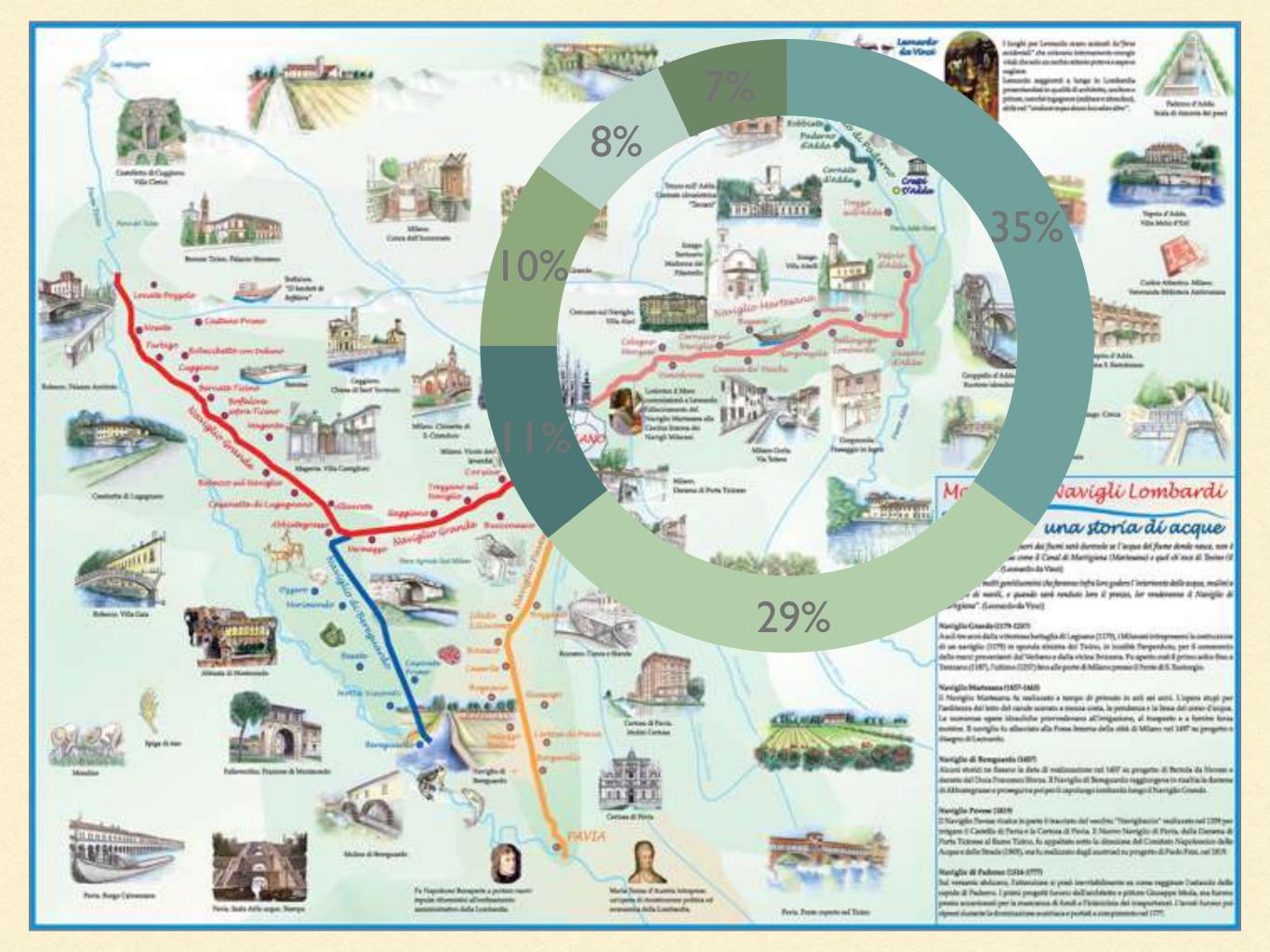


ECOMUSEUM CAN REACH THINGS, PLACES, PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE, LIVE AND WORK TOGETHER WITH THE SEQUENCE OF STORIES AND EFFECTS OF HUMAN ACTIVITIES. THUS, OBTAINING A VIRTUAL RENDERING OF THE HERITAGE AND A GOOD REFLEXING MIRROR OF THE NOWADAYS SCENES

NAVIGLIO MARTESANA FLOWS FROM RIVER ADDA TO MILAN



YEARS AGO IT REACHED THE DARSENA OF PORTA TICINESE THROUGH THE INNER RING OF THE NAVIGLI MILANESI AND WAS CONNECTED TO THE WATERS COMING FROM THE RIVER TICINO (THROUGH NAVIGLIO GRANDE). THEN, THE TWO CANALS' WATERS REACH TOGETHER THE RIVER TICINO (THROUGH THE NAVIGLIO PAVESE) AND THE RIVER PO



NAVIGLIO MARTESANA, WHICH IS ABOUT 34 CHILOMETERS LONG, HAS DIFFERENT ASPECTS



MOST OF THEM ARE IN A RURAL LANDSCAPE NEAR HISTORIC BURGHS WHICH NOWADAYS HAVE BECOME SMALL CITIES. THIS IS THE SOUTHERN REGION, SOCALLED, THE "DRY LANDS"

WHEN IT REACHES THE CITY OF MILAN IT HAS A URBAN ASPECT



IT FLOWS "OPEN AIR" AS FAR AS THE EAST-NORTHERN OUTSKIRTS OF MILAN.
FROM THAT POINT ON IT DISAPPEARS UNDER THE LEVEL OF THE SOIL REACHING THE HEART
OF THE NEW DISTRICT OF THE SKYSCRAPERS IN MILAN (PORTA NUOVA)

WHAT IS THE MISSION OF ECOMUSEUM MARTESANA?

ECOMUSEO MARTESANA PROVIDES CULTURAL TOOLS:

- ✓ TO GET A GOOD KNOWLEDGE OF THE WATER HERITAGE
- ✓ TO CONSIDER WATERMUSEUM AS A CULTURAL TRAIL TO ADD VALUES TO THE WATER HERITAGE ITSELF
- ✓ TO REUSE THE CANAL TO WANDER

 THROUGH THE MEMORIES AND THE

 EVERYDAY LIFE HERITAGE
- ✓ TO PROMOTE ECOSYSTEM CULTURAL SERVICES





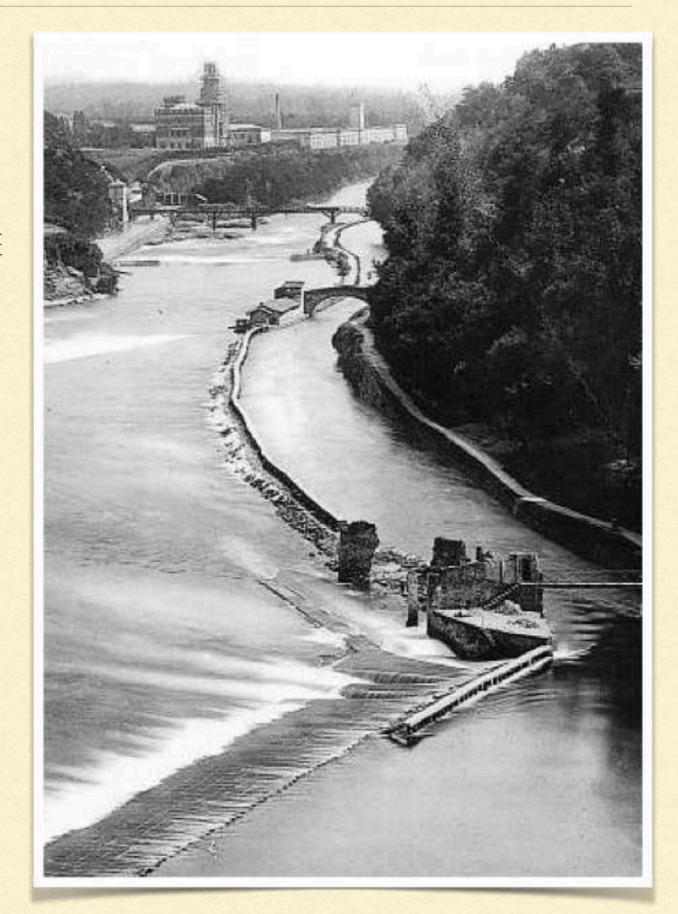






MARTESANA'S ITINERARIES AND THEMES

- NATURE AND LANDSCAPE
- HISTORY AND WATER CIVILIZATION
- RURAL ARCHAEOLOGY AND AGRICULTURE
- INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY
- CRATFMANSHIP AND OLD SKILLS
- NAVIGATION (PAST AND PRESENT)
- TRADITIONS AND MEMORIES
- FAIRS AND MARKETS
- HISTORIC BUILDINGS
- CHURCHES AND MONASTERIES
- PILGRIMAGE ROUTES
- ART AND LITERATURE
- EVERYDAY LIFE
- PEOPLE



THE ROLE OF THE ECOMUSEUM IN THE INTERPRETATION OF THE HERITAGE

ECOMUSEUM COMES OUT FROM THE EXPERIENCE OF THE OPEN AIR MUSEUM

THAT MEANS ECOMUSEUM IS BASED ON A BROADER TERRITORIAL SCALE INVOLVING THE WHOLE HERITAGE AND SOCIETY

ECOMUSEUM PROVED BEING SUITABLE TO INTERPRETATE THE REALITY AND TO ADEQUATELY RESPOND TO PEOPLE'S EXPECTATIONS

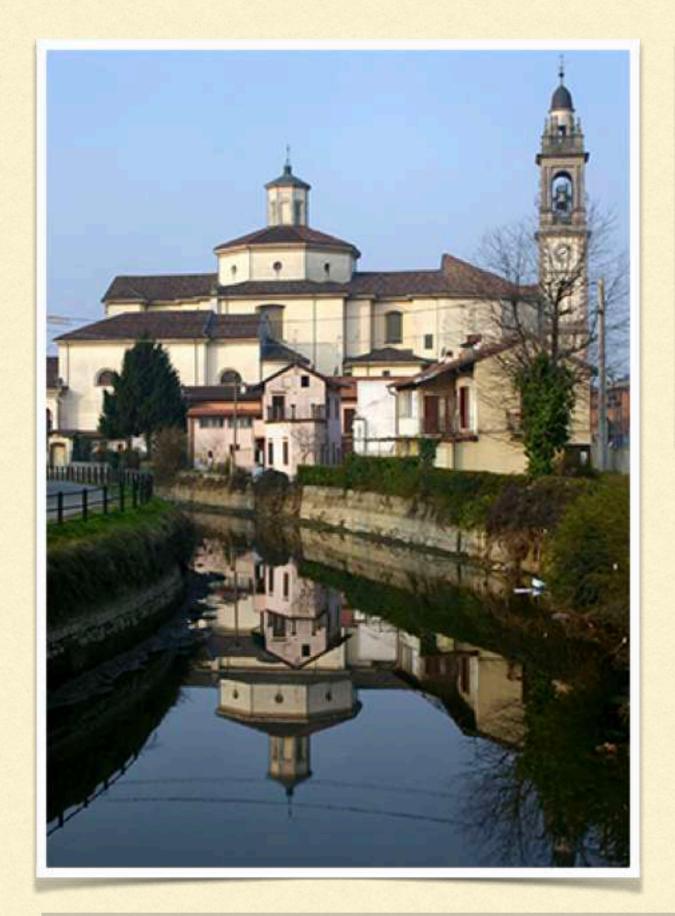
THE CULTURAL FORMULA OF ECOMUSEUM
COULD BE APPLIED TO REGENERATE A NEW
IDENTITY BASED ON THE MUTABILITY OF THE
TERRITORY AND ITS SOCIAL SCENES

ECOMUSEUM COULD CONTRIBUTE TO RAISE A SENSE OF IDENTITY AND RESPONSIBILITY IN THE COMMUNITY

THE DAILY FRAMEWORTK IN A TERRITORIAL CONTEXT COULD BE VERY USEFUL TO GET OVER MANY PREJUDICES AND LIMITATIONS

ECOMUSEUMS RELIES ON HERITAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED TO YOUNG GENERATIONS

THAT COULD GENERATE GREEN JOBS









ECOMUSEUM PROVES SUITABLE TO REPRESENT A GREAT VARIETY OF TERRITORIAL ACTORS AND STAKEHOLDERS IN A PROCESS OF A RESPONSIBLE INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT

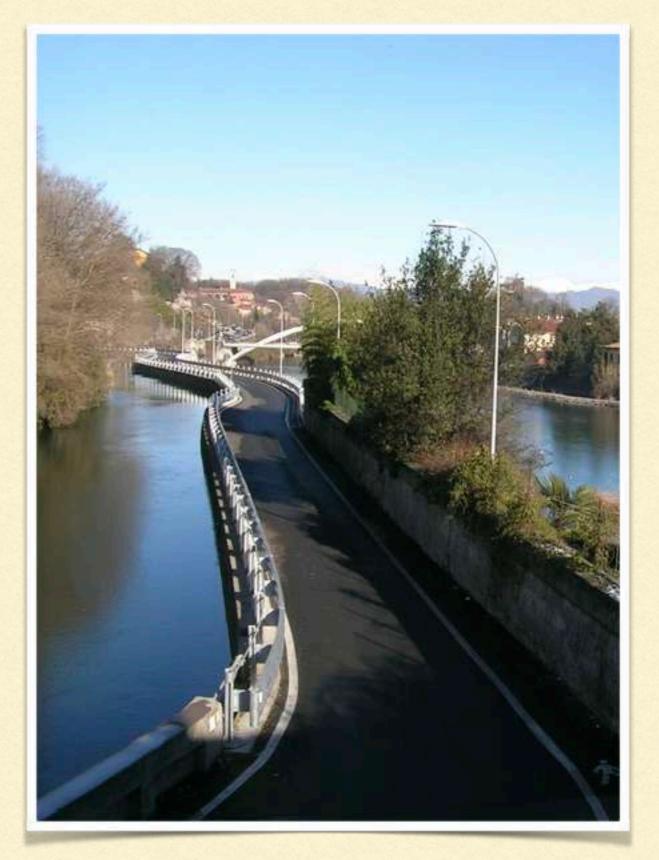
INVOLVING THE COMMUNITY

- ✓ CALLING FOR A PARTICIPATED

 GOVERNANCE (BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE)
- ✓ INTEGRATING THE CULTURAL

 EXPECTATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY

 AND THE TOURISTIC NEEDS
- ✓ TURNING IDEAS AND EVENTS INTO CONCRETE PROJECTS THROUGH INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION
- ✓ DRAWING A DIGITAL PLATFORM TO EXCHANGE ESPERIENCES, STRATEGIES AND COMMON GOALS
- ✓ REUSING THE WATER HERITAGE CANAL
 IN A SUSTAINABLE WAY



FROM A SILENT MAP TO A LIVING MAP

THE MAP OF COMMUNITY IS A SORT OF A DIDACTIC ORIENTEERING TOOL

THE VIRTUAL RENDERING OF THE
LANDSCAPE, TANGIBLE AND INTANGIBLE
HERITAGE IS A GOOD AND VALID REFLEXING
MIRROR OF THE REALITY

THIS WAY OF EXPLORING AND
REPRESENTING THE TERRITORY
CONTRIBUTES TO CREATE A CULTURAL
PLATFORM ON WHICH TO WORK



AN ELEMENTARY BUT VERY EFFICIENT APPROACH TO HE TERRITORY

- ANALYSING THE FOUNDATION OF THE LANDSCAPE AS A WHOLE
- DECOMPOSING IT INTO DIFFERENT "TILES"

 CORRESPONDING TO THE DIFFERENT KINDS OF

 COMPONENTS (TANGIBLE AND UNTANGIBLE

 HERITAGE).
- CONSIDERING THE DENSITY AND DISTRIBUTION
 OF THESE COMPONENTS ALL OVER THE TERRITORY
 VERIFYING ON THE GROUND THE REAL
 CORRESPONDENCE OF THESE COMPONENTS
- ACCOMPANYING THE PROCESS OF
 UNDERSTANDING THROUGH OPEN LESSONS AND
 LABORATORIES
- RECOMPOSING THESE COMPONENTS ONCE AGAIN INTO A SYMBOLIC REPRESENTATION OF THE TERRITORY AND ITS HERITAGE



MOREOVER...

FILLING IN THE MAP WITH DATA,
NOTES, DOCUMENTS, PHOTOS,
PICTURES, DOCUMENTS, INTERVIEWS

FIXING POST-IT ON THE MAP
STATING PEOPLE'S POINTS OF VIEW,
IMPRESSIONS AND EXPECTATIONS

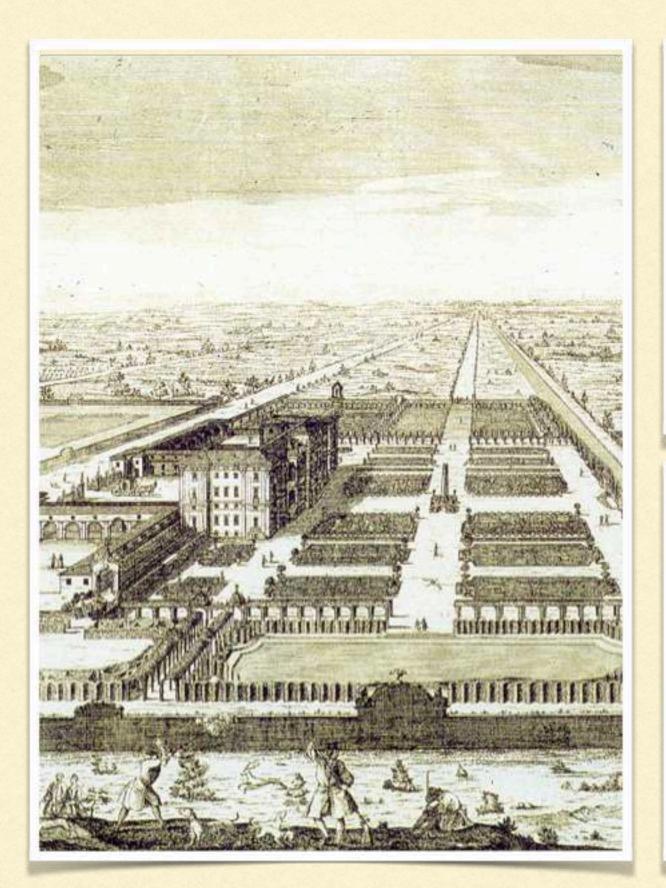
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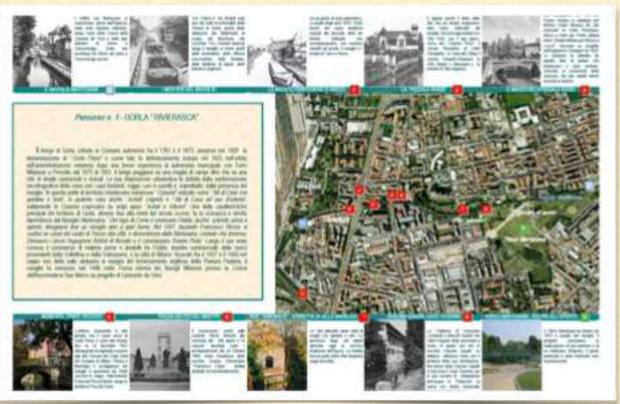






THE MAP OF COMMUNITY COULD BE A GOOD RESPONSE FOR PLANNING EVENTS AND ADDING NEW VALUES TO THE INTERPRETATION OF THE WATER HERITAGE







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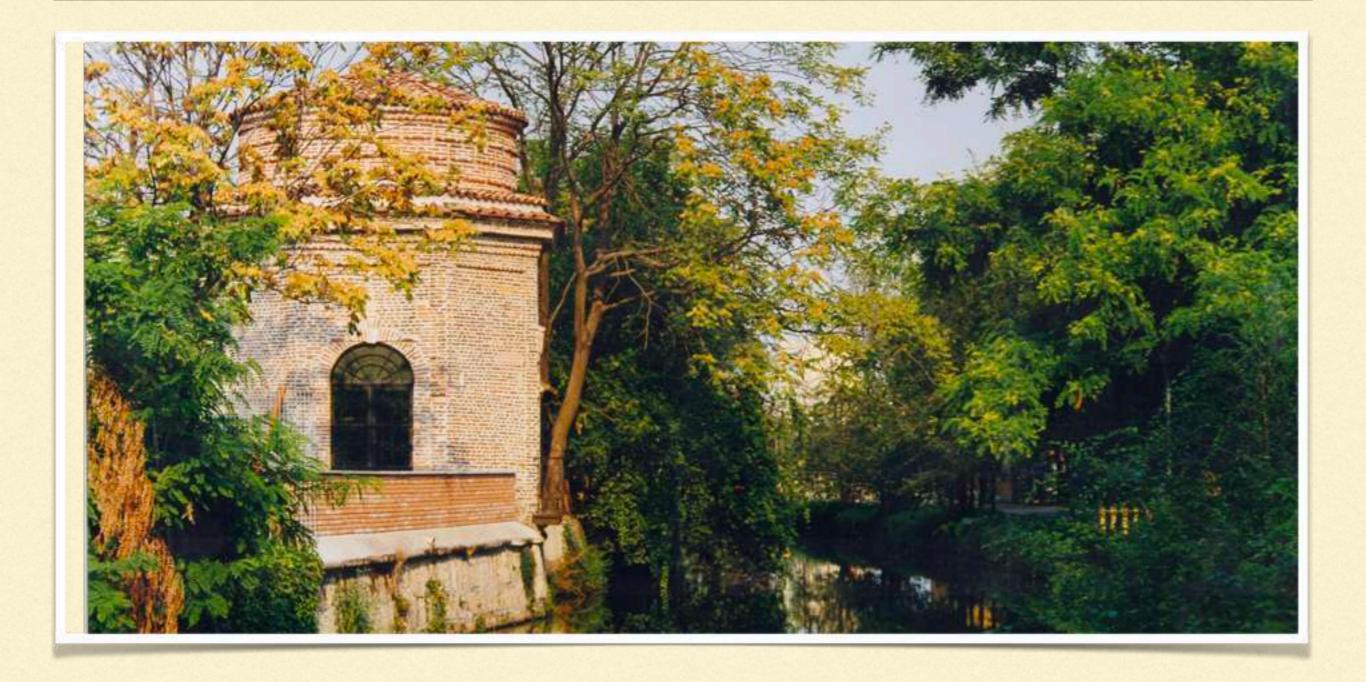






"A VILLAGE MEANS NOT BE ALONE, TO KNOW THAT IN THE PEOPLE, IN THE TREES, IN THE LAND THERE'S SOMETHING WHICH BELONGS TO YOU, IT MEANS THAT, EVEN WHEN YOU ARE AWAY, IT KEEPS ON WAITING FOR YOU"

CESARE PAVESE



"PEOPLE DON'T MAKE A TRAVEL. IT'S THE TRAVEL WHICH MAKES THE PEOPLE" JOHN STEINBECK

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