

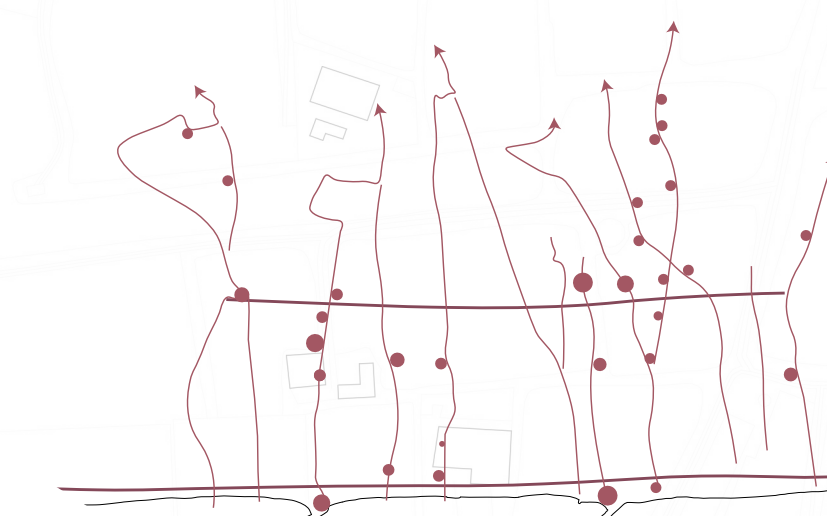
MASTERPLAN OF THE PARQUE AGRÍCOLA-LITORAL DEL MARESME

A new natural system for citizens towards an ecological sensitivity

Nature Based Solutions and spatial quality

With Nature based solution we refer to actions to protect, manage or re-structure ecosystems in a sustainable way, providing benefits both for human well-being and for biodiversity. These have become the main guidelines for action so that a general project master plan can be defined, based on causes and paths, attentive to the search for spatial quality, but at the same time sensitive and sustainable. Within the system, various types of interventions are distributed (such as green oases, dry construction systems, drainage systems, choice of tree species) which can be considered as pilot projects that can be replicated in multiple contexts as they are answers to current problems of global interest.

The Masterplan concretizes this strategic general vision in a design of a system of urban spaces that works on the transversal streets that make up the urban fabric of Vilassar de Mar and Cabrera de Mar.



A zoom-in: the ecological system of Vilassar de Mar

The ecological ring of Vilassar de Mar which extends from Cabriels (mountain town beyond the highway), continues through the rural part in the middle of the fields, crosses Vilassar de Mar by cutting the Rambla (Avenida de l'Arquitecte Eduard Ferrés) and continues along the new pedestrian street (Carrer de la Muralla and Carretera de Argenton), to then join the promenade, crossing all the thresholds. The key point of the strategy is defining a path which can be able to adapt itself to the territory, by transforming itself (in size and materials). Therefore the project wants to connect all the thresholds with the Via Nacional (waterfront of Vilassar de Mar) and the Av. de l'Arquitecte Eduard Ferrés (Rambla and street on which the future metro stations planned by the Pla Metropolità Territorial de Barcelona will overlook).



The "Parque Agrícola-Litoral del Maresme"

Starting from north, a pedestrian bridge directly connects the town of Cabriels, with direct access to the Parque Agrícola del Maresme. The route crosses the Park and, along the river, whose bed is structured with rhombuses of earth to control its flow, meets points of biodiversity, passing through cultivated fields and greenhouses, characterizing the landscape. He then arrives at the Plaza de la Estación and, almost with a spontaneous gesture, gently enters the station or continues towards the sea passing through the urban gardens of Vilassar. After the descent along Carretera de Argenton, the new waterfront opens up, an essential part of the project as it connects all the natural corridors of the new green infrastructure that connects the city of Vilassar de Mar and its mountainous inland. Nature and city meet and mix, giving life to an environment that wants to welcome the local population and give a new identity to a succession of urban and natural spaces that have been abandoned until now but full of potential.

