

project area

The chosen project area is delimited by a poplar grove and by an historical canal, the **Dugale Gambina**, which already in Medieval times was filling the ditch around the ancient Sabbioneta's Rocca. This area, today unused, is located near the Dossi village, a small urban area that is served by the public transport line and partially crossed by a cycle lane. Far from the principal roads, this area is included in the agricultural sector with **high productive characterization** which comprehends the entire communal territory of Sabbioneta. This kind of destination represents a great benefit that should be exploited with interventions aimed to give resonance to the **agricultural vocation of the Mantuan territory**. The project is composed by a small space in which **different kinds of traditional local cultivations** can be combined. These are selected between the ones with most **quality relevance**, such as the **Mantuan pear**, the **Mantuan melon** and the vineyard for the production of the **Lambrusco mantovano wine**. This cultivated area shall be open to schools and to tourists that want to spend some time in the natural landscape before or after visiting the historical city of Sabbioneta. Another goal of the project is to **raise awareness** among the local population, rediscovering the **traditional local cultivations and their techniques**, like the one of the **vite maritata al sostegno vivo** (grapevine combined with a living support). Being near to the city of Sabbioneta, the project area is easy to reach and to see. The proximity with local restaurants and other facilities open to public, such as **farmhouses and local food stores**, makes easy for the public to taste and buy the local products that they have seen cultivated in the area. The area is also delimited by **replantings of traditional species**, like the **poplar**, the real protagonist of the Mantuan countryside. These rows enrich the visual perception of the landscape, giving more resonance also to the historical canals. The **cultivation of excellence local products** and the **replanting of traditional species** can facilitate the discovery of the **reality of the land labour**, the real source of the Gonzaga power.

lambrusco mantovano DOC

The production area comprehends two sub zones, the **Oltre Po mantovano** and the **Viadanese-Sabbionetano**. The cultivation of the **vitis lambrusca** is attested since the **XI century**. The growth of the grapevine reaches its point of maturation with high temperatures, between the months of April and October.

pera mantovana IGP

Its origins date back to the **XV century**, when many varieties of pear are attested in the orchard of a big mansion in San Giacomo delle Segnate. The commercial production starts in the second half of the XX century. The hand picking of the fruit can be done between August and May.

melone mantovano IGP

These typical products consist in two varieties of **cucumis melo**: the **cantalupensis** (melone cantalupo) and the **reticulatus** (melone retato). The cultivation can be done on open field as well as inside greenhouses (forced cultivation). The cultivation has ancient origins, going back to the XVI century, according to historical documents.



replanting of poplar rows

The project proposes the **replanting of rows of trees** chosen among the traditional species of the territory, such as the **poplar**. In this way, it is possible to **enhance the traditional landscape characteristics of the territory**, easing the **visual link between the project area and the city entrance**. The **double row** frames the roads that leads to the city Porta Imperiale, one of the two historical entrances that open through the city walls. The green elements are an **invitation to the contemplation of the natural landscape around the city**: the road is no longer an element which breaks the landscape continuity, but is useful path to reach the city enjoying the rural context around it.

recomposition of the cycle lane

The cycle lane is **interrupted in different spots** on the existing roads: the project aims to **recompose these empty spaces**, creating a **continuous lane** which permits the visitor to **enjoy the complete view of the historical city of Sabbioneta**. In this way, **slow mobility is favoured**, giving the opportunity to see the city immersed in its **natural landscape**. The lane comes closer and then moves away from the historical walls, following a path that make the city visible under different points of view and perspectives.

PROJECT PROPOSAL: CHOSEN AREA AND CONTEXT

accessibility

- parking areas
- cycle lane
Indirizzi Normativi PTCP Mantova, art. 60
- public transport
Indirizzi Normativi PTCP Mantova, art. 58
- provincial roads
Indirizzi Normativi PTCP Mantova, artt. 56 e 57
- secondary roads
Indirizzi Normativi PTCP Mantova, artt. 56 e 57
- urbanized areas

services and facilities

- restaurants and farmhouses
- local food stores
- agricultural companies

agricultural landscape

- historical buildings
D.Lgs. 42/2004, art. 136, comma 1, lettera c)
- cores with monumental value
D.Lgs. 42/2004, art. 136, comma 1, lettera c)
- rural settlements
D.Lgs. 42/2004, art. 136, comma 1, lettera c)
- gardens with landscape value
D.Lgs. 42/2004, art. 136, comma 1, lettera b)
- second level green corridors
Indirizzi Normativi PTCP Mantova, art. 33.2
- vineyards
- orchards
- vegetable gardens
- poplar groves

water system and natural vegetation

- existing trees
Indirizzi Normativi PTCP Mantova, art. 21.3
- existing tree rows
Indirizzi Normativi PTCP Mantova, art. 21.3
- historical canals
Indirizzi Normativi PTCP Mantova, art. 27.1
- Dugale Gambina
- other canals
Indirizzi Normativi PTCP Mantova, art. 19
- waters
PTCP Mantova - IdP 1 e 2

project proposal

- accesses
- internal path
- new cycle lane
- new plantings and tree rows
- public green area
- cultivation of the Mantuan Lambrusco wine
- cultivation of the Mantuan pear
- cultivation of the Mantuan melon



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