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Good practice 3. Greenways – Sustainable mobility and development of the territory

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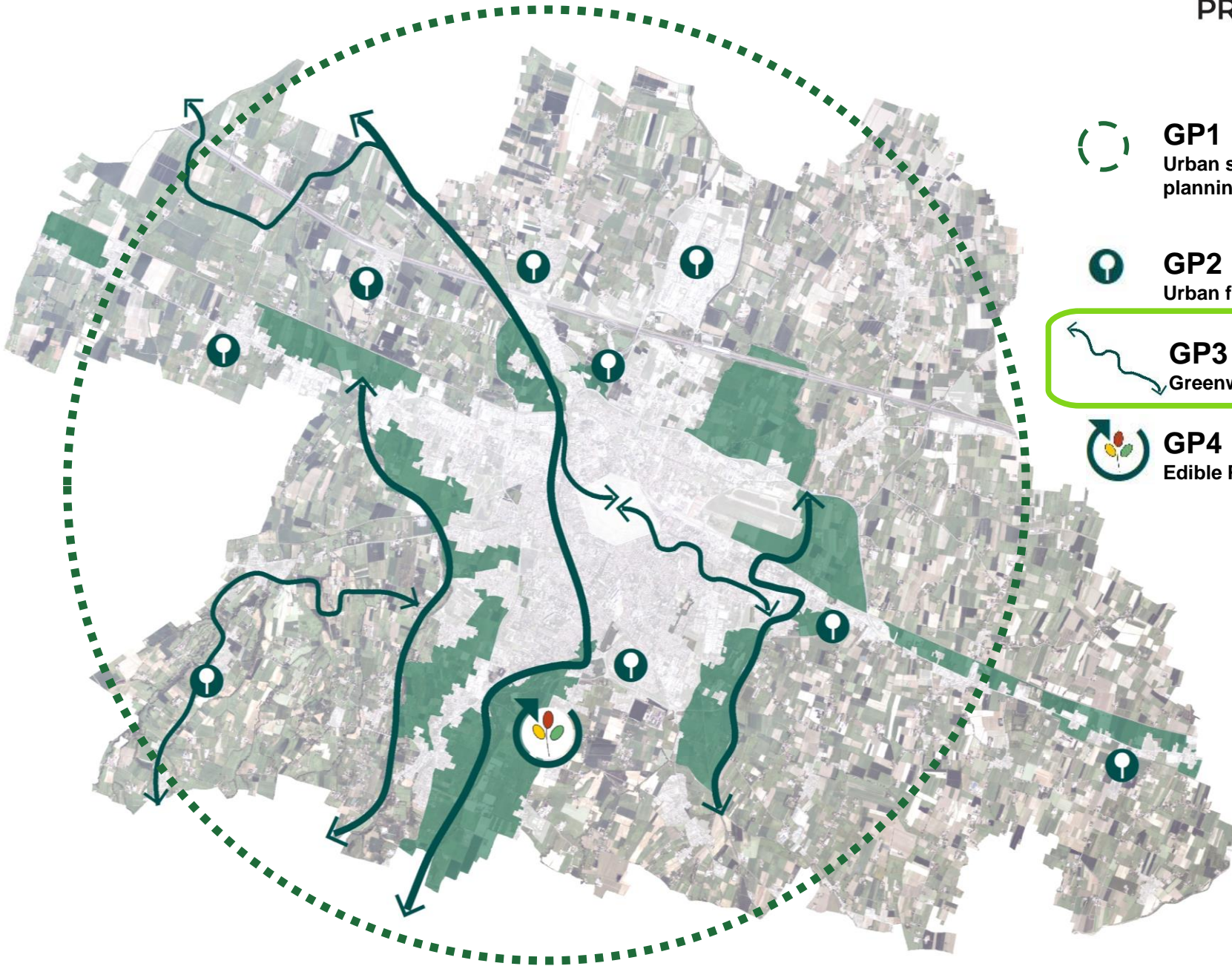
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GP1
Urban strategies for
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Urban forestation plan



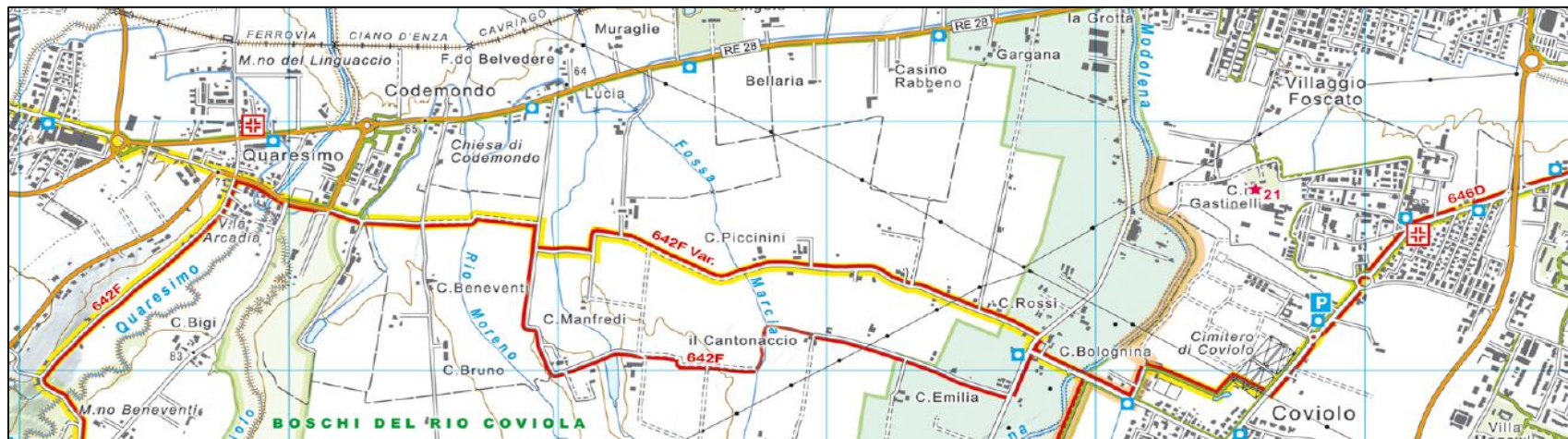
GP3
Greenways



GP4
Edible Park

Objectives

- Identify, develop and implement solutions for **soft and sustainable mobility**
- To preserve the ecological heritage and strengthen social cohesion in suburban and more peripheral and rural areas
- To connect the **places of community life** within each hamlet (parishes, schools, post offices, social centers (community centers), sports facilities, etc.), between nearby hamlets or with urban functions located in the nearest urban district of the city
- Complete / refurbish a **dense network of rural tracks**, including river / stream embankments, agricultural holdings' roadways and other privately owned paths and tracks - instead of planning investments in additional road infrastructure



Why?

→ *Reggio Emilia, like the Emilia-Romagna region in general, has a great tradition of civic volunteering*

- In 2015 the City Council approved the “QUA – Quartiere bene comune” Project



Innovating city *governance* after the abolition of the Circumscriptions (2014)



Stimulate the activity of citizens and associations in the role of shared management of the city and in the formulation of *policies*



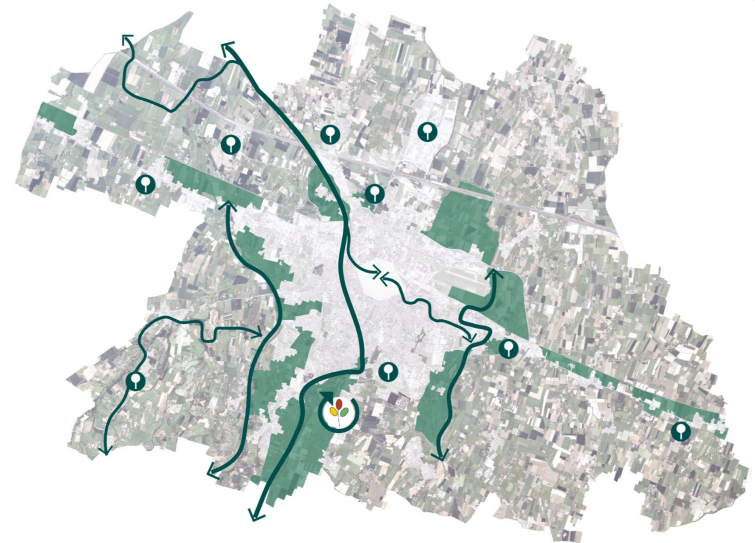
The first "**Neighborhood Workshops**" start and in a few months the outcome of the process is already formalized in the so-called "**Citizenship Agreements**"



Greenways - Sustainable mobility and enhancement of the territory

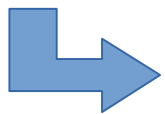
Where?

- In the neighborhoods of the city bordering the countryside
- In the peripheral villages
- In isolated rural villages
- In connections with neighboring municipalities

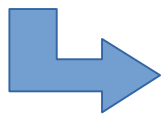


When?

- The first started in 2015 (Masone, Marmirolo, Castellazzo, on the Via Emilia Est)
- The second in 2017 (Roncocesi, Cavazzoli)
- In 2018 the practice spread widely to many other extra-urban and rural locations in the city, thus becoming a positively "contagious" model (Rivalta, Codemondo, Coviolo, Northern area ...)



More organizations involved



Responsibilities vary and change depending on the individual project

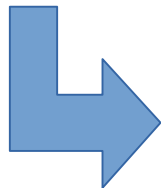


Who?

- Stakeholders (bodies, associations, schools, non-profit and voluntary organizations, individual citizens, etc.)
- Citizenship workshops
- Municipality of Reggio Emilia

How?

- Participatory process → New governance → Citizenship Agreements
- Financial resources (Municipality) + voluntary work



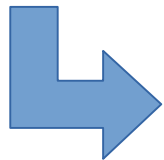
Interventions and maintenance are carried out by:

- Municipality
- Volunteers (in self-construction)
- Other entities or associations

→ *The city of Reggio Emilia (170,000 inhabitants) registers about 2,000 volunteers in the care of COMMONS*

What are the Citizenship Agreements

- Participatory process (Citizenship Lab) → Commitments → Citizenship Agreement (Adm. act)



- Memorandum of Understanding
- Conventions
- Collaborations



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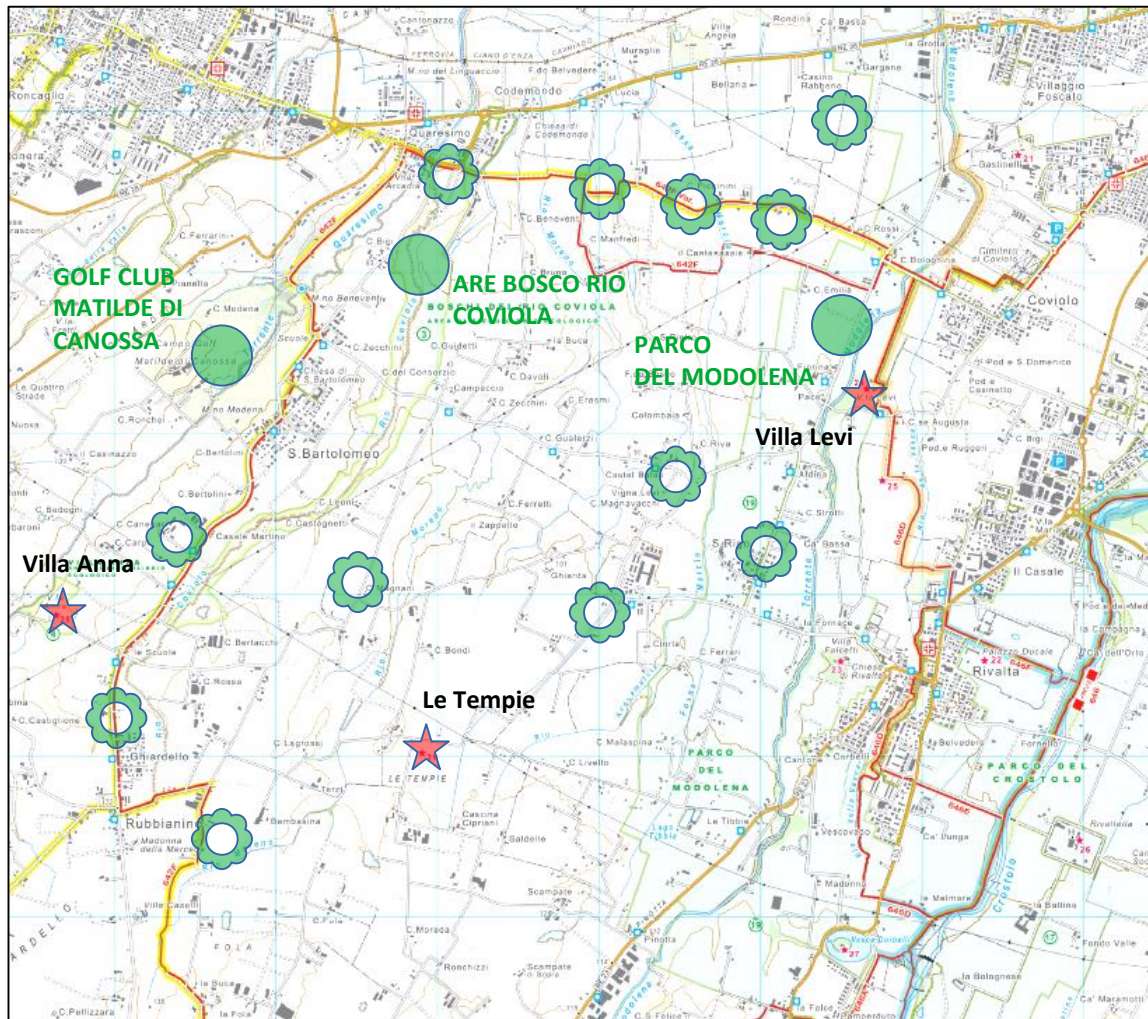


Internal services to the Municipality

- Budget
- Public Works
- Green and Environment
- Social services
- Educational services + Sport



Some examples



Route CAI 642 F «Road of Biodiversity»

Via delle Ville-Coviolo-Quaresimo-San Bartolomeo-Rubbianino-Montecavolo-Bergonzano-Sentiero dei Ducati

- ➔ Total length: km 20 of which 9 in the Municipality of Reggio
- ➔ Journey time: 4h 45' one way | 5h 45' return (2h 20' the Reggio section)

THANKS TO



- ✓ Codemondo-San Bartolomeo citizenship agreement

Project: The road to biodiversity

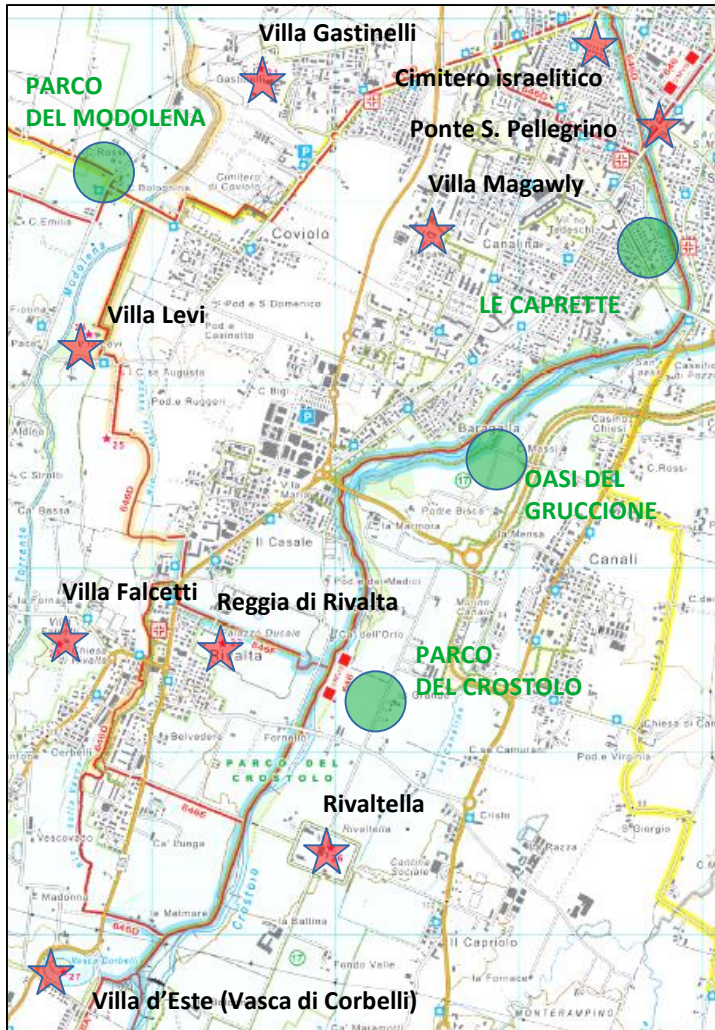
- ✓ Synergies between farms, golf clubs, B&Bs, holiday farms, clubs, and other local realities



Some examples



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Route CAI 646 D “Via delle Ville”

Ring circuit between: Ponte di San Pellegrino-Caprette-Parco del Crostolo-Ville di Rivalta-Rio della Vasca-Coviolo-Cimitero israelitico

→ Length: km 15

→ Journey time: 2h 40'

THANKS TO



✓ **Rivalta-Coviolo citizenship agreement**

Project: Greenway Rio della Vasca. Historical-natural path for education and socializing

Some examples



Advantages

- **Over 80 km** of nature trails
- Increase in the number and type of **users**
- **Engagement and networking** of individual volunteers, organizations and associations in the care and implementation of greenways
- **Lower costs and shorter intervention times** for the public administration
- Constant **monitoring** and joint identification of problems
- Greater **awareness** of the area in which you live or work
- Development of an adequate and simplified **methodological tool**
- Compliance with the **Highway Code** as a type E path
- Incentive for **local tourism** and **soft mobility**

Disadvantages

- **Practicability** problems in bad weather conditions
- Architectural **barriers**
- **Periodic renewal** of agreements and memoranda of understanding with agricultural holdings and entities
- Agreements with private individuals **not renewed**
- **Conflicts** with the properties lapped
- Need for **expropriation**
- **Urban Planning Compliance**
- **Withdrawal of volunteers** from management and taken over by the Municipality



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Thank you!



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