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A RECYCLING ATTITUDE FOR THE LANDSCAPE DESIGN?

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Abstract

The study-case of the riverfronts can be an important case to demonstrate the relationships between landscape design and recycling strategies, object of investigation in our Recycle Italy research. The historic and contemporary processes of urban and territorial development have widely contrasted the natural evolution of river landscapes. From a long engineering tradition the rivers were raped, regimented, dammed, channelled: they were treated through processes “against nature”. The consequences of this treatment have often been disastrous both technically in terms of hydro-geological landslides and aesthetically in terms of effects on the shape and form of the landscape. The concept of re-cycling, or new life-cycles, clearly applies to these cases in the sense of returning to the river and to its riparian environment a better vitality corresponding to its original nature though not necessarily as a real restoration of the original conditions but as an original re-invention more coherent with those original conditions and yet compatible with the needs of the contemporary cities and territories. This implies the ability of the landscape designer to combine the demands of urban and territorial development with the ecological and eco-systemic features.