



Technical information

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Concept

The urban regeneration and traffic calming project for the access route to the school in Sonvico is part of a wider urban masterplan for the Dino and Sonvico areas. The underlying concept that informs the general project can be summarized in five points:

1. Identifying an independent pedestrian route separate from the Cantonal road
2. Improving and redeveloping the pedestrian route that runs through the entire area
3. Marking the route with consistent materials so that it is easily legible
4. Redeveloping the public realm and pedestrian routes as tools for mitigating car traffic
5. Improving, where necessary, the availability of services and urban infrastructure (parking, benches, new public spaces).

The project for the redevelopment of the new "Spazio Incontro" involves the transformation of the existing disorganised residual space into a new public amenity that would work in synergy with traffic calming measures.



SIDEWALK - the stretch of sidewalk that completes the local network of pedestrian paths was built.

MEETING SPACE - a new horizontal space of 70 m2 was built. Upstream access is via a new staircase. The space is delimited by two new reinforced concrete walls.

CONCRETE WALLS - two new walls were built for the construction of the horizontal space.

BENCH XL - a new seat was built against the straight wall along the road. The red XL bench has a length of 6.5 meters and is the longest red bench in the city.

HILL AND OAK - the curvilinear wall ends with a large circular flowerbed surmounted by an oak.

DRY MEADOWS - The arrangement of greenery reproduces the essences of dry limestone lawns.

BIOTOPE - In contrast to the "sterility" of the reinforced concrete walls, a wall-flowerbed was built.

REUSE - The space has been built favoring, when possible - the reuse of materials.

