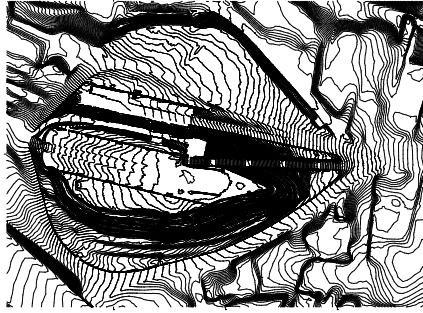




Technical information

Client: Municipio di Balerna
 Architect: Enrico Sassi
 Date: 2024 -
 Surface area: 18'814mq

Concept

A master plan is proposed to emphasize the character of the three areas of the park:

Northern Area

It is proposed to intervene on the municipal tree population with targeted thinning to encourage the growth of selected trees.

The park perimeter is currently characterized by the presence of several shrubby patches of various species.

The shrubby vegetation (height 2m) is currently patchy and requires maintenance. It is proposed to encourage the growth of the main trees and to densify the vegetation of height 2m (shrubs) to create a continuous green backdrop, screening the view of the immediate vicinity.

It is also proposed to create a new perimeter strip (height 3m), contained with round timber and mulched with wood chips, planted with herbaceous and floral species: grasses (perennials) and native flowers.

The wood chips used for mulching are a zero-mile product. It is proposed to use wood chips produced by the management of public green spaces in the municipality



of Balerna.

The proposal interprets the principles of sustainable development, reuse-recycling, and the circular economy.

Southern Area

For the southern area of the hill—directly linked to the church—which is sunnier and warmer, it is proposed to characterize the botanical project with plants with symbolic meaning and cited in the Bible.

The selected plants are compatible with climate change and the specific physical and chemical characteristics of the soil.

The steps are used to create a biblical “botanical promenade.”

At the foot of the hill, it is proposed to build a body of water fed by a small waterfall with a “spring” (rock spring).

Access from the road (unsafe) is closed to favor the higher entrance to the chapel and to enhance the longitudinal paths: from the west door to the east door.

The paths are defined by differentiated mowing, and walkers walk on cut grass, crossing areas of tall grass or native shrubs. The perimeters of the area are planted with wild hedges to promote biodiversity and create ecological corridors.

Eastern Area

The area at the foot of the slope is cleared. Diseased or unsafe trees will be removed. Several specimens of Cupressus sempervirens and various native shrubs will also be planted.

The cypress trees emphasize the shape of the hill, now visible.

With their columnar, tapered structure, they emphasize the shape of the terrace walls and lend verticality, punctuating the slope.

