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Press release

Trento, officially approved the Urban Green Plan developed by the Municipality of Trento in collaboration with LAND Italia and the University of Trento

Milan, December 5, 2024 – The approval process for the strategic document resulting from the collaboration between LAND Italia - the firm led by Andreas Kipar, the Parks and Gardens Office of the Municipality of Trento, and the University of Trento, concluded yesterday after a process of engagement with the local community. As outlined in the guidelines of the Manifesto, its goal is to improve the quality of life for the residents of Trento by promoting environmental sustainability through the integration and enhancement of green spaces in the city.

A **dynamic vision of urban greenery**, based on a rethinking of urban nature through the lens of its ecosystem services. This is the approach outlined in **Trento's Urban Green Plan**, approved yesterday by the City Council following weeks of discussions with local districts. The Urban Green Plan aims to support future urban planning, management, and development of the city's public spaces.

Realized with a **co-creation** perspective, the Urban Green Plan involves the entire local community to ensure a **holistic and collaborative approach to protecting and enhancing urban nature**, seen as a common good. Through adaptive planning, green and blue infrastructure becomes a central pillar of a strategy aimed at countering and mitigating the effects of climate change with a **resilience** perspective, thanks to the fundamental contribution of **nature-based solutions**.

"European cities are rediscovering their vocation, and Trento cannot be an exception," **states Andreas Kipar, CEO of LAND**. "Our mission is to promote the rediscovery of territorial identity, creating urban landscapes that harmonize sustainability and climate resilience with people's well-being. In the transition from Nature-Positive City to Nature-Positive Landscape, the landscape emerges as infrastructure and a driver of development, capable of transforming public spaces into beautiful, sustainable, and inclusive places for everyone." LAND Italia's contribution is enriched by the **scientific consultancy of LAND Research Lab**, which managed the monitoring program for the Plan.

The Plan's guidelines are outlined in a **manifesto created by LAND** for a **cooler Trento**, proposing 155 km of shaded streets and 34 km of riverside parks; a **more inclusive** Trento, with plans to enrich 296 urban green areas with biodiversity and inclusivity; a **more resilient** Trento, identifying 165 areas for potential de-paving interventions, 59 hectares of green mitigation areas, and an agricultural park; and a **greener Trento**, with strategic future areas redeveloped and three hills reconnected to the urban fabric.

The Green Plan aligns with **major international environmental policies**, from the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to the European Green Deal, the EU Biodiversity Strategy, and the EU Nature Restoration Law. It is also part of **SELINA** (Science for Evidence-based and Sustainable Decisions about Natural Capital), a European project aimed at enhancing ecosystem services and natural capital, in which the Municipality of Trento is a partner.

The document is based on an analysis of urban greenery conducted by LAND's multidisciplinary team, identifying **four distinct landscape areas** within the municipal territory: the **urban landscape**, the **riverine landscape**, the **urban and peri-urban agricultural landscape**, and the forested landscape.

From this analysis, the Urban Green Plan outlines **eight key objectives**: protecting the existing landscape and natural heritage; improving land management; collaborating with the urban community and partners; ensuring inclusivity and accessibility of urban green spaces; fostering climate change adaptation; enhancing greenery as a structuring element of urban design; increasing green-blue connections; and creating a riverside park as an opportunity for territorial integration.

Based on climate, ecological, hydro-geological, and demographic analyses, the Plan identifies the main territorial challenges and opportunities, shaping a **program for urban regeneration** that leverages **public-private synergies** to promote **inclusivity and accessibility of spaces** while ensuring **ecosystem conservation**. This enhancement goes hand in hand with **management based on careful monitoring** of activity and transformation indicators, enabling interventions to remain continuously updated over time.

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LAND – an acronym for Landscape, Architecture, Nature, and Development – is an international landscape consultancy with offices in Austria, Canada, Germany, Italy, Saudi Arabia, and Switzerland. Andreas Kipar and a Team of 200 landscape architects, architects, urban planners, agronomists, engineers, and researchers are dedicated to the regeneration of regions, cities, and places since 1990.

LAND's consulting, planning, and design activities aim to improve people's well-being and environment through the implementation of climate-positive solutions and participatory processes that lead to sustainable development.

We provide consultancy to public and private clients on how to innovate with nature, applying international policies and promoting collaborative planning procedures. Together with our clients and our extensive network of partners, we leverage the opportunities of the green transition for our communities.

Among our main projects: Green Rays strategy, Porta Nuova, Piazzale Loreto, and the re-development of the former EXPO site MIND in Milan; Essen's Urban Open Space Strategy and Krupp Park, comprising ThyssenKrupp HQ, and the Freiheit Emscher in Essen; Ruhr Regional Green Infrastructure Strategy; the renaturation of the Airolo valley and Cassarate River Park in Switzerland; Saint-Laurent biodiversity Corridor in Montreal; Al Urubah Park in Riyadh and EXPO 2020 Dubai in the UAE; strategic consulting in landscaping, infrastructure, and renewable energy through, among other things, Landscape Information Modeling LIM©, as well as the research and innovation projects UrbAlytics and T-Factor funded by the European Commission. LAND's work has been recognized through numerous prestigious international awards, amongst them Premio Mercurio, MIPIM, Wan Awards, Biennale Pisa, Passive and Low Energy Architecture Award (PLEA), European Garden Award 2023.

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