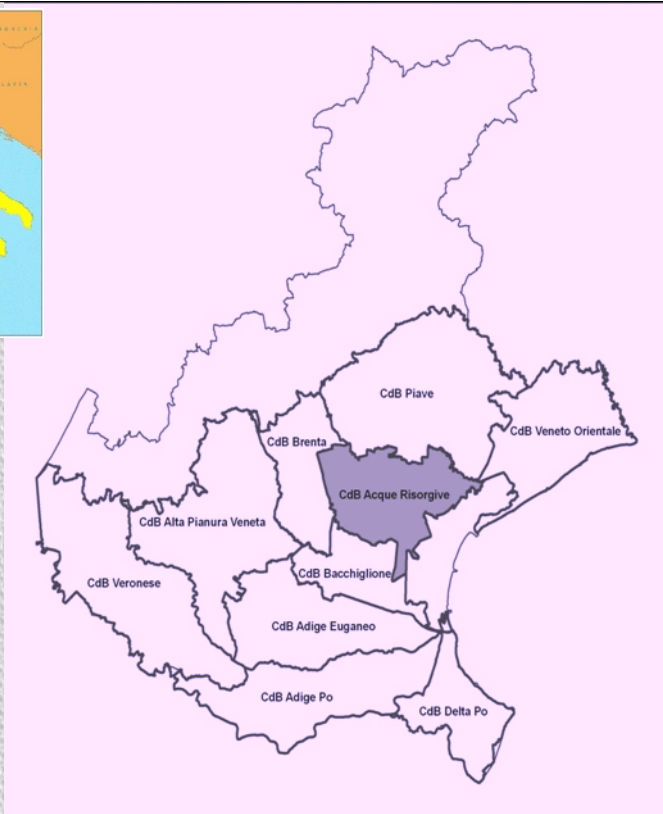


## **RESTORE FRESHWATER SYSTEMS WITHIN A MULTI- OBJECTIVES INTEGRATED STRATEGY: THE CASE OF VENICE LAGOON WATERSHED**

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## RECLAMATION CONSORTIA

They are public economic entities administered directly by the consortium members (all owners of property located in the area). The ordinary expense is incurred by the consortium members.

### COMMITMENTS

**PAST** to coordinate public intervention and private practice in the sectors of water protection and irrigation.

**TODAY** to integrate conservation and development of the territory, environmental protection, flood safety, the development of water quality and management.





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## 2.210 km of channels

Surface	2.038 km <sup>2</sup>
input points	27
Q average	30m <sup>3</sup> sec
Inhabitants	1.019.000
Density	500 inh./km <sup>2</sup>
Agricultural	77%



# Multitasking strategy

- The consortium is triggering the strategy for increasing the capacity of landscape phytoremediation through different type of projects spread all over the territory.
- The real challenge for the consortium is to integrate this with its main role that is to ensure flood safety of the area, preventing floods.
- "Working with nature" made it possible to exploit the ecological potential for a large part of the water network.





# River restoration projects

## DEMOLITION OF CONCRETE COATINGS





## CHANNEL ENLARGEMENT and CREATION OF WETLAND



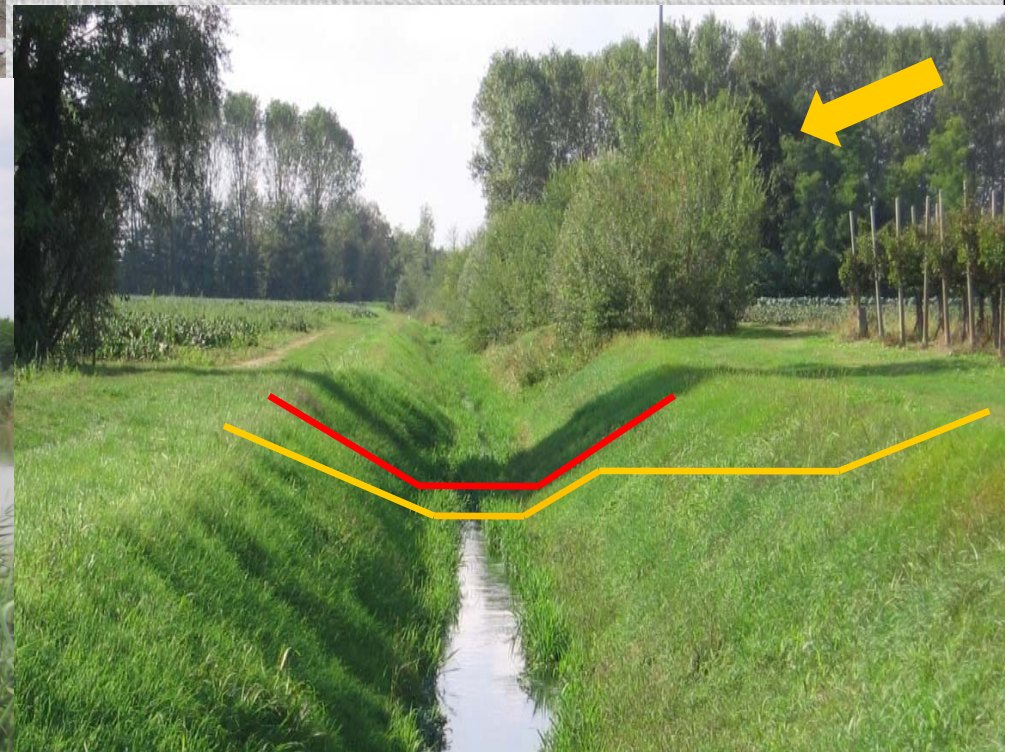


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# RIPARIAN CORRIDORS AND FLOODPLAIN



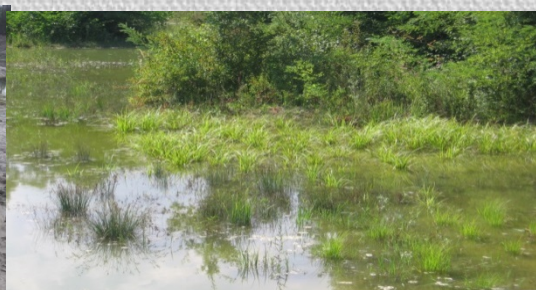
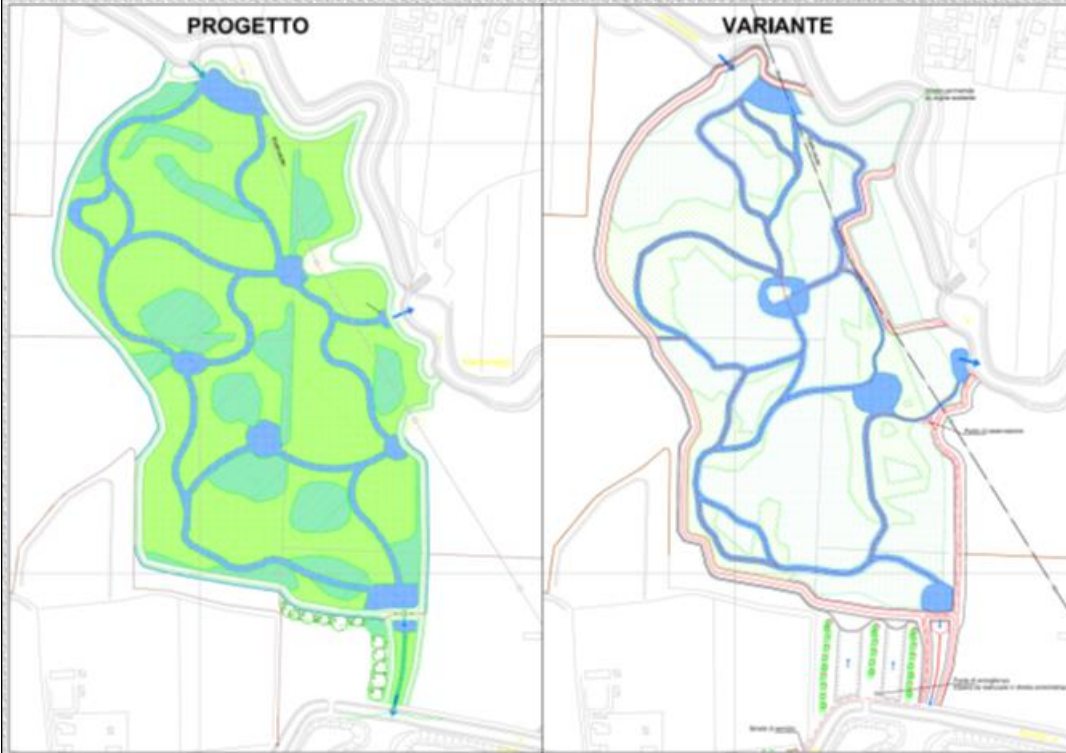


## MEANDERING





# from quarries to wetlands





## **Working together with administrators, politicians, trade associations and stakeholders**

- ✓ Key node/link between policy and territory
- ✓ Collaboration with the 52 municipality
- ✓ Working together solving real problems
- ✓ Good results
- ✓ Education
- ✓ Keep responsibility
- ✓ Communication with citizens



## Collaboration with The Water Civilization International Centre (waVE)

*aimed to:*

change unsustainable behaviors and practices in water use and management;

restore a positive relationship between Man and Water.

manages projects and disseminates research findings for sustainable solutions to global water crisis;

recovery of both the material and non-material heritage of water and the use of local/traditional knowledge of past societies



## Conclusions

what convince people more than good technical discussion or straight participative process were:

- ✓ Friendly attitude,
- ✓ Good results that means less risk,
- ✓ Good communication,
- ✓ Dynamic approach able to include adjustment required/needed

If you have the stakeholder on your side sooner or later you will have politician as well but ...  
if you convince the politicians and not the stakeholder the politicians will disappear soon.



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even if I do not look like  
I feel slightly optimistic

