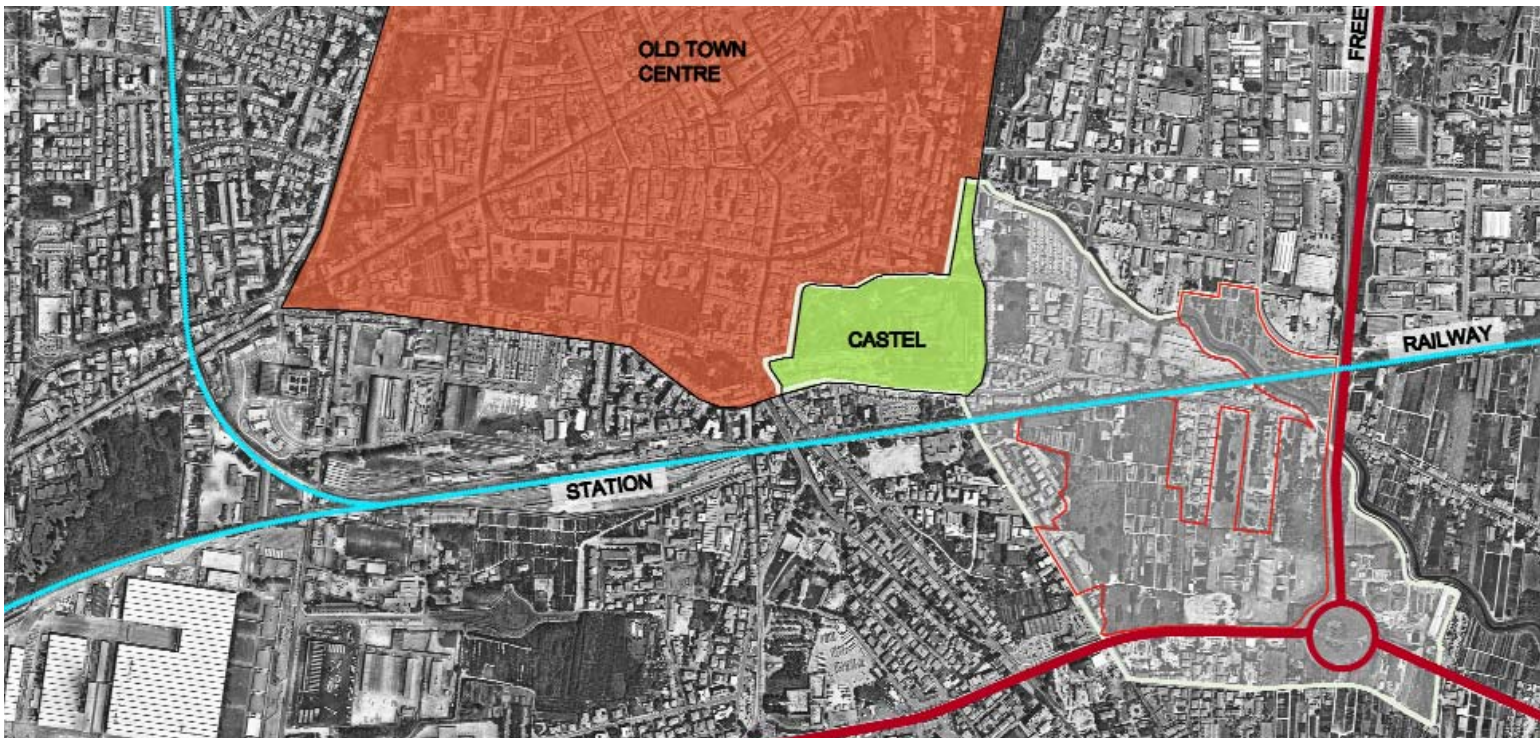


City	Pistoia
Location	DANO area
Population	approx. 88.500
Study site	approx. 45 ha
Site of project	approx. 33 ha

TOPIC

The study site well complies with the theme "European urbanity. Sustainable city and new public spaces".

In fact, its urban expansion, developed essentially along the historical roads, has generated some "voids" among the single housing lots that represent fundamental resources for the development of this part of the town. This development will favour the re-organisation of functions, services, mobility, urban morphology, relation with the private spaces, by focusing on the realization of new public spaces: squares, gardens, reserved pedestrian trails, and by improving the natural areas (uncultivated areas, river banks), the dump or the degraded areas (DANO plant and a facility for concrete mixing).



TERRITORIAL SCALE : CONURBATION

Pistoia is a province in a wide and geographically diversified territory composed by several towns. It is characterized by an important historical centre delimited by the Medici Walls and by some more recent expansions. Despite the limits created by the surrounding rural lands cultivated as breeding grounds, the town includes some areas - among them the study site - not used by agriculture and needing a new urbanity design which preserves their relations with the adjacent rural cultures.



URBAN SCALE : STUDY SITE

The study site, located at the limit of the town south to the Firenze-Lucca railway, is limited by the Via Fiorentina, by the ring road and by agricultural zones. The area has a strong functional mixity mainly residential and includes the garbage dump site -in progress to be dismantled- many open spaces, few services for the residents and some problems with the crossing road networks.

Programmatic intentions:

Starting from the proposed site, to create strategies and opportunities to build up a district able to overcome the present suburban character, by developing a new urbanity and by improving the connections with the historical town.

PROXIMITY SCALE : SITE OF PROJECT

The site of project is mainly framed by lots of private houses, is uncultivated, and holds a nursery, the DANO plant and a facility for concrete mixing.

It borders on with the railroad, a district road and two fast roads, and it is close to a supermarket of 1600 m2 to be relocated or reorganised.

Due to its proximity to the Medici Walls, the Santa Barbara Fortress and some other areas involved into important local transformations, the site needs more and more to represent a new element of polarity for the town.

Programmatic intentions:

Recovering the DANO area, creating new green public spaces, concentrating important urban activities, linking the public and the private spaces. Rehabilitating DANO area, providing the district with open public spaces - mainly as green belt - setting up urban functions of value, functionally and morphologically reconnecting public and private spaces, planning a residential quote as a completion and one parking, even one-storey underground.

