

context plan

In addition to offering improved water quality, recreational opportunities and an educational experience, the constructed wetland system provides large new areas for flood control, and an enhanced habitat for native wildlife. The benefits spread beyond the system's boundaries too. The views from the park to ZIP, Padova, and southern region will be greatly improved, thus improving people's awareness of the park's presence.

Outside the Parco Roncagette, this plan provides even more benefits. The cleaned Roncagette continues south with a landscaped edge for bicycle and pedestrian traffic. The green spaces will continue beyond the boundaries of the park, expanding into green corridors along major road and rail routes. The proposed southern expansion of ZIP will be fully developed, providing economic opportunities for the municipalities around Padova. This expansion includes not only more industrial activity, but also residential, commercial, and mixed-use areas with ample green space spread throughout. In addition, a policy is implemented that protects the agricultural land adjacent to the major roads, and thereby preserves the historic visual character of the region.

