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The town planning context of Ancona

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Through the planning of Ancona it is possible to trace the most significant phases of Italian town planning; marking out this itinerary is fundamental for defining the context in which the transformation of the city has taken place. The relationship between Plans and urban evolution is a very close one here, more than in other situations. Another feature of Ancona is the succession of calamities that have punctuated its recent history: the earthquake of 1930, the bombing of 1945, the earthquake of 1973 and the landslide of 1982 have played a decisive role in slowing down, averting or speeding up the processes of urban transformation.

Ancona is thus the result, for good or ill, of non-stop planning activity:

- a 1861 Master Plan of the city of Ancona;
- beginning of the expansion outside of the 16th-century walls in the flat part b 1885 Master Plan of Expansion;
- forecast of the first city periphery around the Station area and creation of a new urban thoroughfare in Corso Carlo Alberto, around which the "popular" residential area arose c 1914 Master Plan of Expansion;
- development of the middle-class residential city around the Adriatico district, along the axis running from the centre and reaching the coast in an easterly direction from the centre to the coast in an easterly direction d 1945 Reconstruction plan and successive building plan in 1954;
- reconstruction of the consolidated centre of the city and the theme of urban substitution 1958 PRG (Masterplan) by Astengo;
- process of 'deprovincializing' the city

and relations with the surrounding territory;

- development of housing designed for 150 thousand inhabitants (the city has never exceeded 100 thousand);
- cultural development through the creation of the university centre;
- development of tourism targeted on the Conero coastal area to the south rather than the traditional area of Palombina in the north:
- upgrading the environmental and landscape assets of the territory by means of establishing the system of large urban parks;
- start of the backfilling of the port area, in order to set up the industrial zone f 1973 PRG (Masterplan) by Campos Venuti;
- formalization of the present pattern of the city in the southern direction in which there are two parallel road systems, the thoroughfare linking the Ancona sud tollgate with the port, and the north-south Highway connecting the consolidated city with the new residential settlements;
- definition within the consolidated fabric of Ancona One, corresponding to the historic centre and to the Adriatic district, Ancona Two which identifies the first periphery arising around the Station and Piazza Ugo Bassi, and Ancona Three corresponding to the new residential districts between the city and Baraccola.
- 1993 PRG (Masterplan) of Campos Venuti, Ballardini, Oliva, Costa, Zani and Lenzini.
- transition from urban expansion to urban upgrading/renewal, locating the areas of transformation in the first peripheral belts, within Ancona Two which becomes the privileged part of the urban upgrading process;
- extension of environmental and landscape protection measures further out: establishment in 1987 of the Conero Regional Park

which with its 32 square kilometres covers about one-quarter of municipal territory; coming into force in 1992 of the PPAR Landscape and Environmental Plan) of the Region of Marche.