

Campo di Marte, Philanthropic Garden

Campo di Marte should be an accessible resource which answers the need for **nature within the city** and ensures active/sport-based infrastructures supporting the diverse lifestyles of the users of Florence. Therefore, our approach begins with a consideration of permeability, extending the major urban axes through the boundary of the garden.

Responding to the neighborhood scale, the project reinterprets the courtyard, replicating a **human scaled** pattern to generate the foundation of the design. While preserving the density of the existing trees, the courtyards represent and **celebrate specimens of Tuscan vegetation**, ranging from moments of low grasses which support gathering, bosques of oranges from the Ville Medicee, to towering allays of cypress.

The courtyards mediate between nature and architecture, arraying landscape elements along a linear grid, densifying at the perimeter and creating clearings within. Meandering through the garden, the user discovers a series of more intimate moments of gathering, social interaction, free sport activity, and serene contemplation.

The new program is carefully located at the edges of the garden in order to interact with the everyday activities of the immediate surroundings, therefore freeing the center of the park to be experienced as a more complete retreat. The sport activities which characterize the memory of the Campo di Marte are located on Viale Paoli reinforcing the pedestrian connection to the surroundings.

As a final discovery, this series of landscape experiences leads to the open Franchi portico and surrounding plaza, a new public space which can be inhabited daily by the public market and serve as an open infrastructure for future activities.



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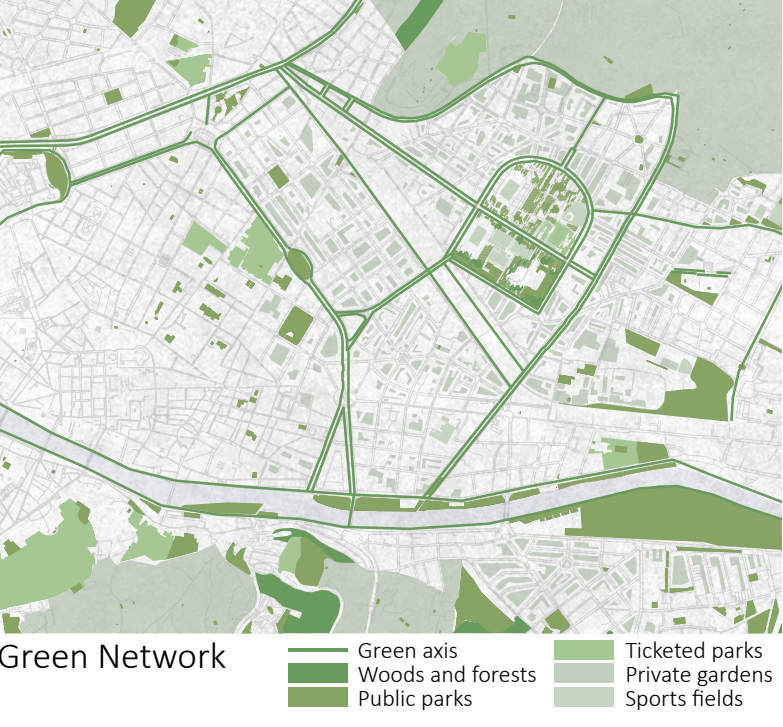
Urban pattern



Vehicular Access



Pedestrian



Green Network



Infrastructure

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