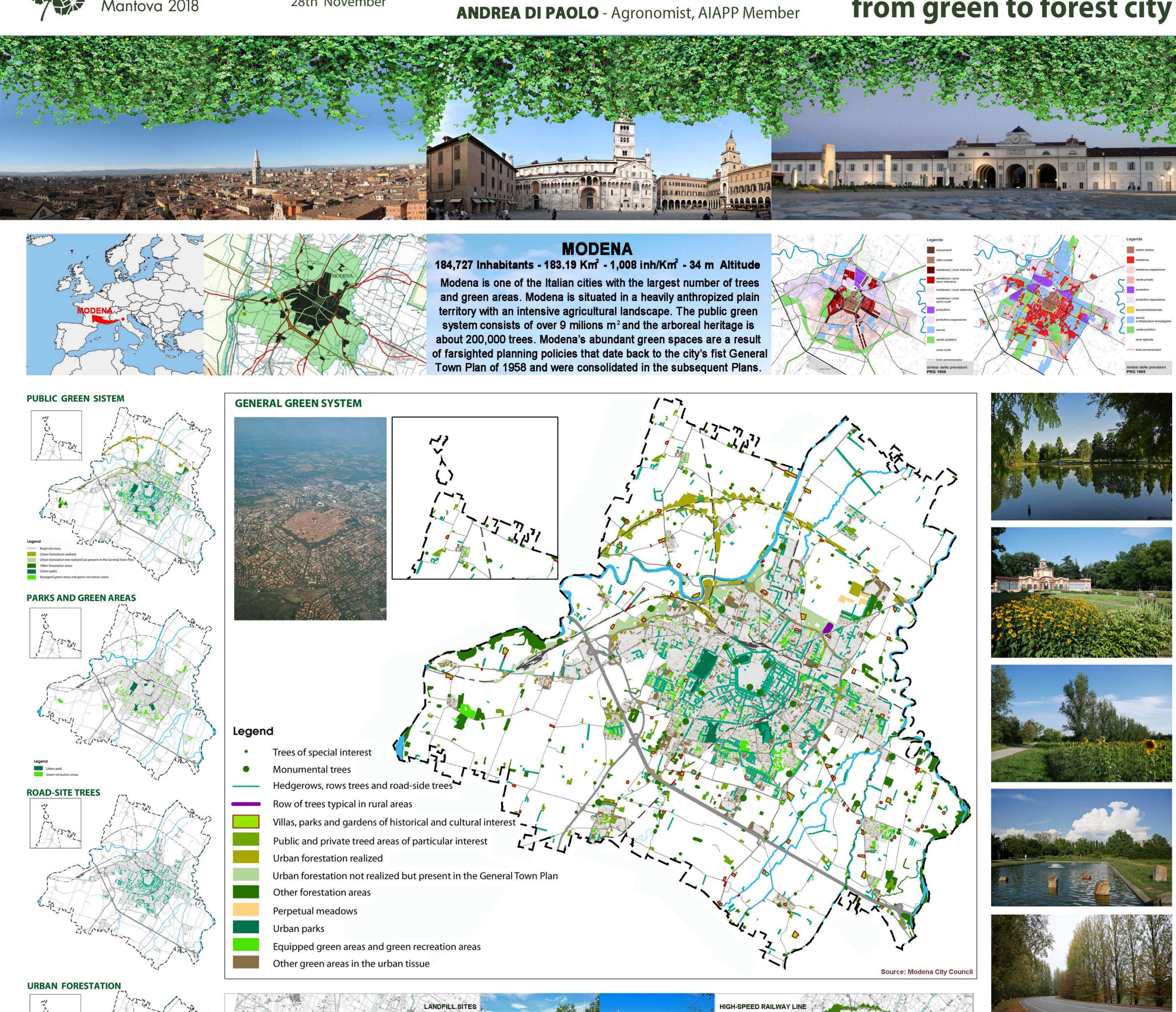
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MODENA from green to forest city





The municipal area of approximately 183 Km² boasts an extensive system of public and private green spaces, which together create a dense network of interconnected green areas within the city and between the city and the surrounding countryside. In particular, the extra-urban area contains: a 1,000,000 m² area belonging to the "Protecting Europe's biodiversity - Natura 2000 network" and 1,935,000 m² of natural protected areas. The public green system, organized in three macro typologies, covers over 9 million m² and the arboreal heritage consists of about 200,000 m² of the 201 data published by the Italian National Institute of Statistics reveal the considerable size of public urban green spaces in the city. Modena has 13 urban parks and more than 100 equipped green areas. Modena also has an extensive network of more than 450 urban tree-lined roads. Since 1990, the Modena City Council has been increasing the city's level of urban forestation, which currently extends over an area of more then 3,800,000 m² with woodland coverage of more than 2,000,000 m². The forestation project extending along the ring-road covers an area of 3,200,000 m² and includes both agricultural land and urban forestation. Around 30% of the planned forested areas have been completed to date. Another major forestation project concerns the environmental remediation of Modena's landfill sites. The area concerned amounts to 980,000 m² and the project is currently in the phase of completed urban forestation of modena's landfill sites. The area concerned amounts to 980,000 m² and the project is currently in the phase of completed urban forestation projects are linked to the construction of two railway lines. One concerns forestation of an area approximately 1,500,000 m² along the high-speed railway line, while the other covers an area of around 632,000 m² extending along the new section of the FS railway line. Research is currently in progress with the aim of analysing the municipal green spaces. The experimental data collected and the analyses c