





# TOWARD THE "NO NET LAND TAKE" URBAN PLANNING BASED ON SOIL ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

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*«Urban tools (regulations and procedures) to limit, mitigate and compensate the land take and promote urban regeneration»* Stefano Bazzocchi (Municipality of Forlì), C. Calzolari - F. Ungaro (CNR) et al.

## "LAND TAKE" and "SOIL SEALING"

#### LAND TAKE SWITCHING FROM AGRICULTURAL AND NATURAL COVERAGE TO URBAN COVERAGE

First Report (2009) of the National Observatory on Land consumption, Politecnico Milano referring to the definition of the EEA (European Environment Agency) 2006 and the JRC (Joint Research Center of the IES-Institute for Environment and Sustainability)

CHANGE FROM A NON-ARTIFICIAL COVERAGE (UNUSED LAND) TO AN ARTIFICIAL COVERAGE OF THE GROUND (SOIL CONSUMED) ISPRA (Italian Institute for Environmental Protection and Research) Report 2014

SOIL SEALING (impervious coverage) PERMANENT LAND COVER WITH CONSTRUCTION – ISPRA 2014

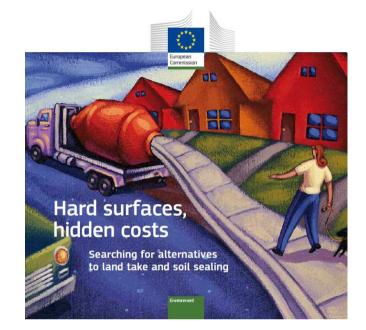
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#### WHAT DOES EUROPE DO?





Guidelines on best practice to limit, mitigate or compensate Soil sealing



2006 Soil Thematic Strategy (COM(2006) 231)

**2011 Roadmap to a Resource-efficient Europe ("no net land take" by 2050)** (COM(2011) 571)

2012 Guidelines on best practice to limit, mitigate or compensate soil sealing 2014 Seventh Environment Action Programme

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#### ITALY

**Government Bill "Containment of land take and reuse of the built up land"** approved by the Chamber on May 12, 2016 and currently stopped in the Senate introduces among the fundamental principles

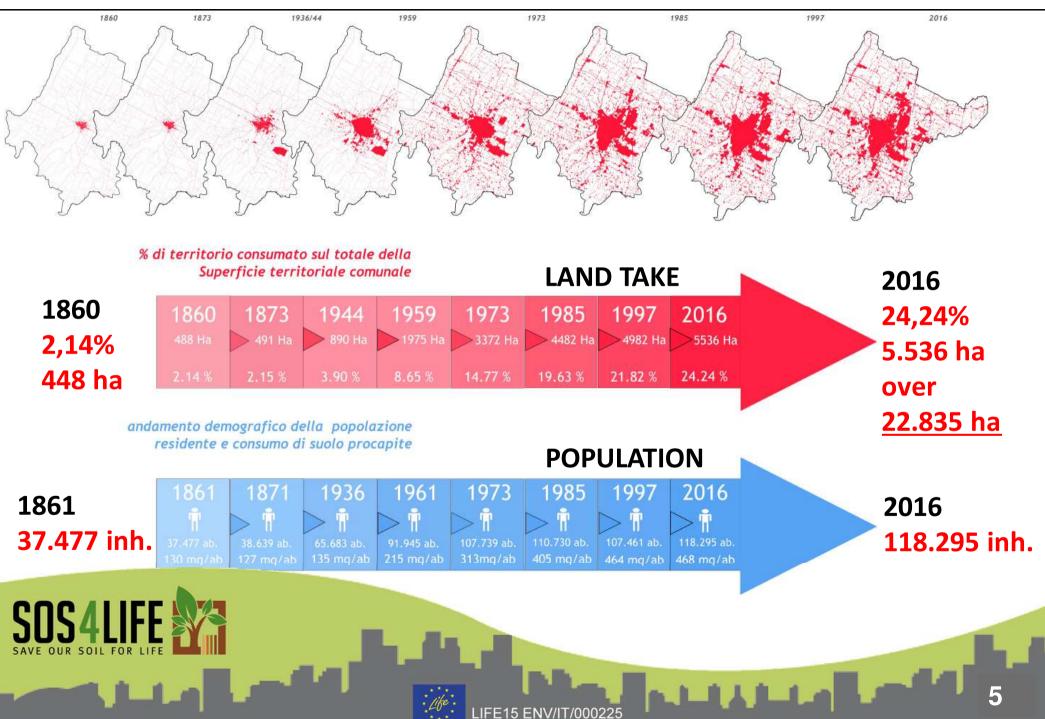
# **Re-use** - Urban regeneration Limitation of land take and soil sealing MOTAPPE

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- promotes the URBAN REGENERATION and the redevelopment of the existing building heritage
- introduces the principle of NO NET LAND TAKE
  - limits LAND TAKE to 3% of Urbanized Territory for each Municipality until 2050 (for new settlements outside the Urbanized Territory)



#### FORLI' – LAND TAKE EVOLUTION 1860-2016



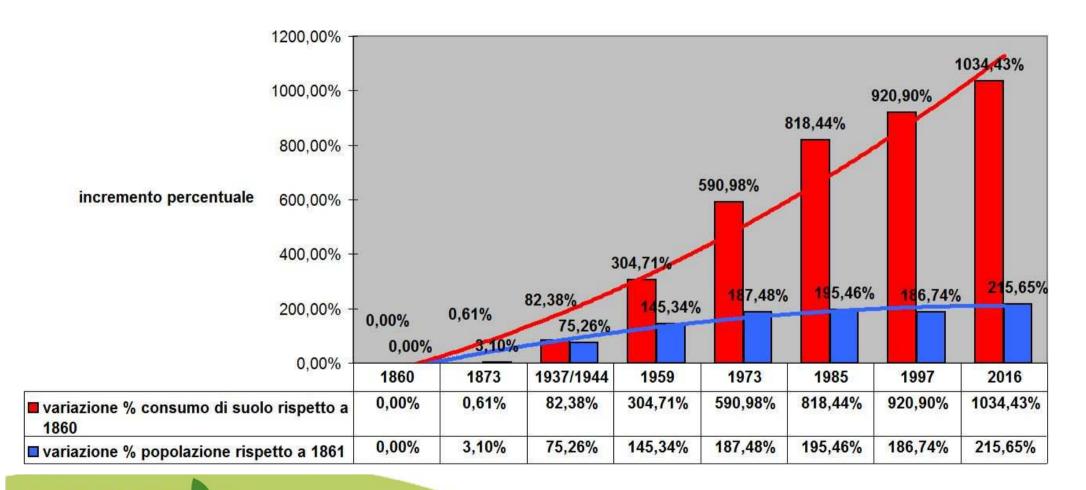
#### FORLI' – LAND TAKE vs POPULATION

# LAND TAKE

#### POPULATION

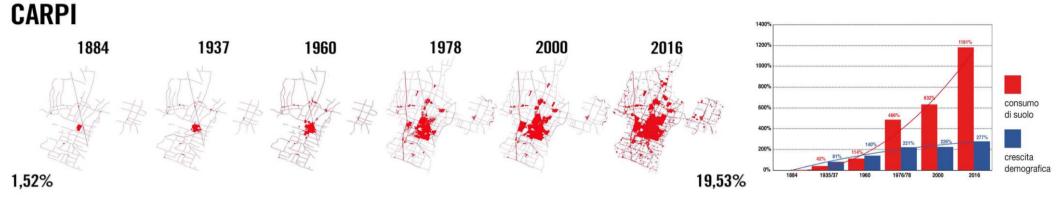
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FORLI' - Confronto variazione % consumo di suolo-popolazione 1860-2016

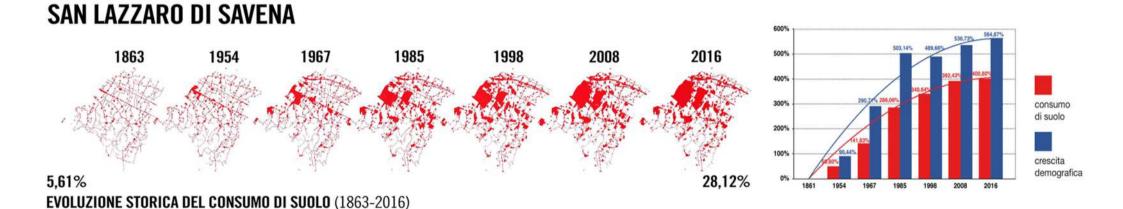


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#### **CARPI – S.LAZZARO DI SAVENA–Historical land take evolution**



EVOLUZIONE STORICA DEL CONSUMO DI SUOLO (1884-2016)





#### **FORLI' – LAND TAKE - 2016**



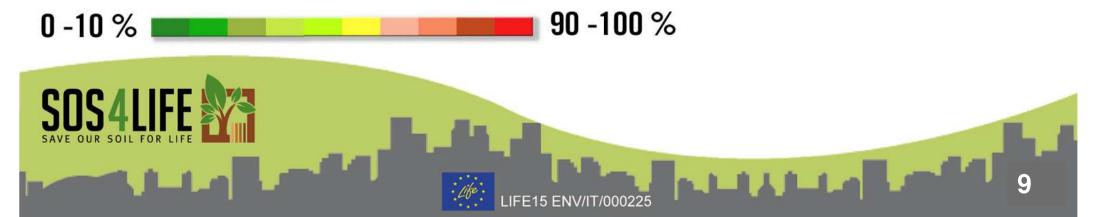
#### LAND TAKE MAP (from agricultural and natural areas to urbanized areas)



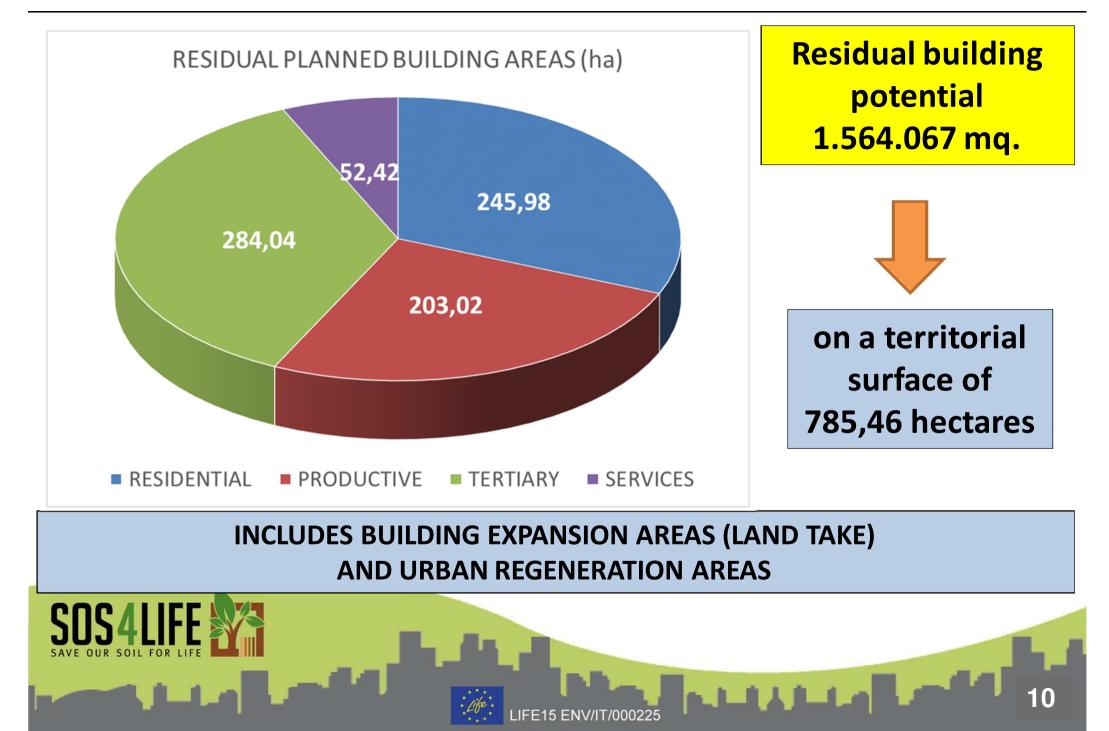
#### FORLI' – SOIL SEALING LEVEL - 2016



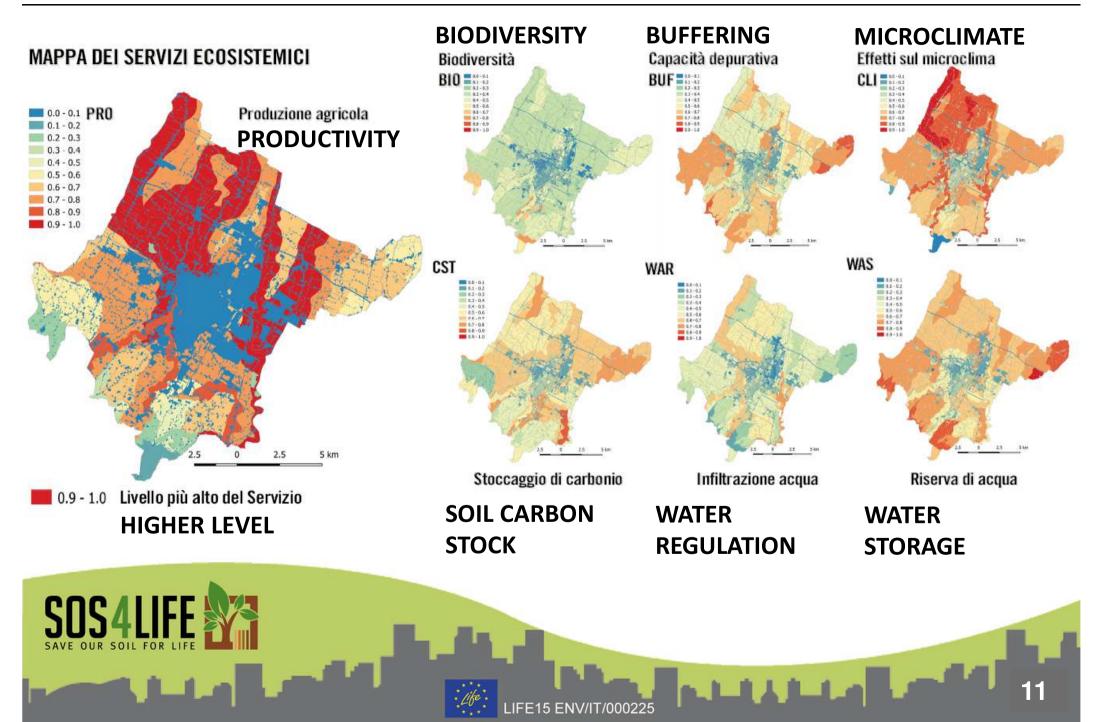
#### **SOIL SEALING MAP**



#### FORLI' – RESIDUAL PLANNED BUILDING AREAS AT 31.12.2016



# FORLI' – ECOSYSTEMS SERVICES MAP (CNR Ibimet)



# **FORLI' – LAND TAKE IMPACT (CNR Ibimet)**

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#### **TOWARDS "NO NET LAND TAKE": TO LIMIT LAND TAKE**

- REACH THE "NO NET LAND TAKE" GOAL IS NOT EASY
- WHEN AN AGRICULTURAL OR NATURAL SOIL IS URBANIZED LOSES SOME OR ALL (IF SEALED) ECOSYSTEM SERVICES
- ANY COMPENSATION WILL BE ONLY PARTIAL
- SOME ECOSYSTEMS SERVICES WILL NOT BE RESTORED
- SOME WILL BE RESTORED WITH A WORST QUALITY
- THE BEST SOLUTION IS ALWAYS NOT CONSUMING SOIL
- THE BEST STRATEGY TO COUNTERACT LAND TAKE IS PROMOTING
  URBAN REGENERATION

YOU MUST:

- MAP AREAS TO REGENERATE (BROWNFIELDS BUT NOT ONLY)
- PRIORITY ADDRESS NEW INTERVENTIONS IN THESE AREAS
- INCENTIVE THE URBAN REGENERATION
- LIMIT URBANIZATIONS OF NEW SOILS



## **TO MITIGATE LAND TAKE**

- IT IS IMPORTANT TO MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF THE
  URBANIZATION
- WE NEED TO PLAN **STANDARDS** THAT ALLOW US **TO MAINTAIN** THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL OF **PERMEABLE SURFACES** (ALSO IN URBAN REGENERATION INTERVENTIONS)
- THE **DEGREE OF PERMEABILITY** SHOULD BE VERIFIED BOTH IN THE PROJECT AND IMPLEMENTATION PHASE



#### **TO MITIGATE: MORE GREEN**

 THE REALIZATION OF GREEN SURFACES OF VARIOUS TYPES (public and private green areas, green walls, green roofs etc.) ALLOWS TO MAINTAIN / ENSURE SOME ECOSYSTEM SERVICES (eg. water infiltration, effects on the microclimate, carbon storage) VERY IMPORTANT IN THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT TO INCREASE URBAN RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE CHANGE (to counteract the effects of intense meteoric events, of urban heat island, pollution)



#### TO MITIGATE: TO REDUCE THE IMPACT OF LAND TAKE

CONTAINING AND ASSESSING THE PERCENTAGE OF SEALED SURFACES BOTH IN NEW URBANIZATIONS AND IN URBAN REGENERATION INTERVENTIONS BY USING AN INDEX LIKE B.A.F. - Biotope Area Factor (Berlin 1994) THAT INSPIRED the Green Space Factor (Malmo 2001), the Seattle Green Factor (2006) or the RIE, Building Impact Reduction (Bolzano 2007)

Abbeygate Vizion – Milton Keynes (UK)

Reichenbergertrasse Berlin – Sarah Riviere arch. – photo Jan Bitter

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#### **BIOTOPE AREA FACTOR - BERLIN**

Surface type	Weighting factor
Sealed surface Impermeable to air and water and has no plant growth (concrete, asphalt, slabs with a solid subbase)	0.0
Partially sealed surfaces Permeable to water and air, but no plant growth (mosaic paving, slabs with a sand/ gravel subbase)	0.3
Semi-open surfaces Permeable to water and air, some plant growth (gravel with grass coverage, wood-block paving, honeycomb brick with grass)	0.5
Surfaces with vegetation unconnected to soil below On cellar covers or underground garages with less than 80 cm of soil covering	0.5
Surfaces with vegetation unconnected to soil below No connection to soil below but with more than 80 cm of soil covering	0.7
Surfaces with vegetation connected to soil below Vegetation connected to soil below, available for development of flora and fauna	1.0
Rainwater infiltration per m <sup>2</sup> of roof area Rainwater infiltration for replenishment of groundwater; infiltration over surfaces with existing vegetation	0.2
Vertical greenery up to 10m in height Greenery covering walls and outer walls with no windows; the actual height, up to 10 m, is taken into account	0.5
Green roofs Extensive and intensive coverage of rooftop with greenery	0.7

https://www.berlin.de/senuvk/umwelt/la ndschaftsplanung/bff/index\_en.shtml

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#### **TO COMPENSATE LAND TAKE**

- THE MAIN GOAL IS TO **REDUCE LAND TAKE**
- "NO NET LAND TAKE" DOES NOT EXCLUDE TO CONSUME NEW SOIL IN A RESIDUAL WAY, BUT YOU HAVE TO FORWARD A COMPENSATION
- MITIGATION WITH MORE GREEN SURFACES REDUCES COMPENSATION
- THE COMPENSATION CONSISTS PRINCIPALLY IN **INTERVENTIONS OF DESEALING** (DESIGILLATION) WITH RESTORATION TO GREEN OR AGRICULTURAL USE OF AN AREA THAT NOW IS SEALED (NOT PERMEABLE)
- BALANCING BETWEEN NEW "TRANSFORMED" SOILS AND SOIL "RESTORED TO GREEN" NEEDS AREAS AVAILABLE FOR DE-SEALING INTERVENTIONS



## **HOW MUCH LOSS OF SOIL MUST BE COMPENSATED ?**



#### 4,5 ha - agricultural

#### 4,5 ha – land take

#### 2,13 ha – sealed soil

- ANY INTERVENTION THAT PROVIDES LAND TAKE MUST BE COMPENSATED WITH A DE-SEALING INTERVENTION IN ANOTHER AREA.
- IT WILL NOT BE EASY TO FIND SUFFICIENT AREAS FOR A COMPENSATION, EVEN ONLY, QUANTITATIVE.

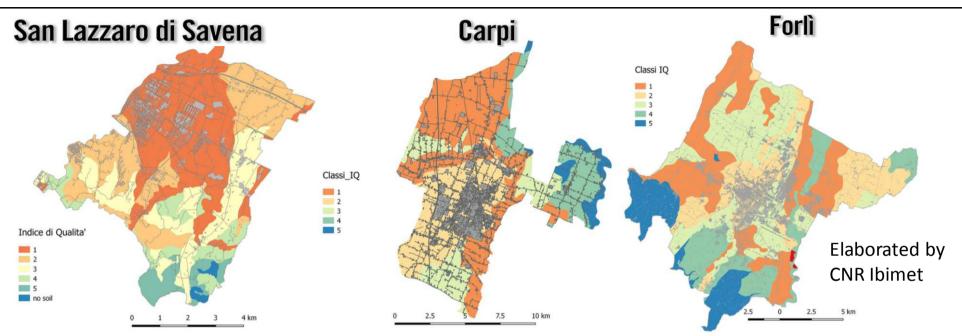


#### **NOT ONLY QUANTITY**

- THE URBANIZATION OF NEW SOILS (RESIDUAL) SHOULD BE COMPENSATED.
- TO DO THIS, IT IS IMPORTANT TO PREPARE ALSO A **MAP OF THE** QUALITY OF SOILS
- THE MAP CLASSIFIES THE SOILS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE QUALITY / QUANTITY OF ECOSYSTEM SERVICES THAT ARE PROVIDED
- AT THE SAME TIME THE MAP PROVIDES INDICATION OF THE BEST SOILS TO BE PRESERVED BY THE TRANSFORMATION
- THE SOIL QUALITY MAP ALLOWS TO ADDRESS THE CHOICES OF TRANSFORMATION TO LESS VALUABLE AND MORE COMPROMISE SOILS
- THE SOIL QUALITY MAP IS NECESSARY **TO ENSURE A COMPENSATION LEVEL MORE CORRECT** OF THE IMPACT RESULTING FROM THE TRANSFORMATION OF A SOIL.



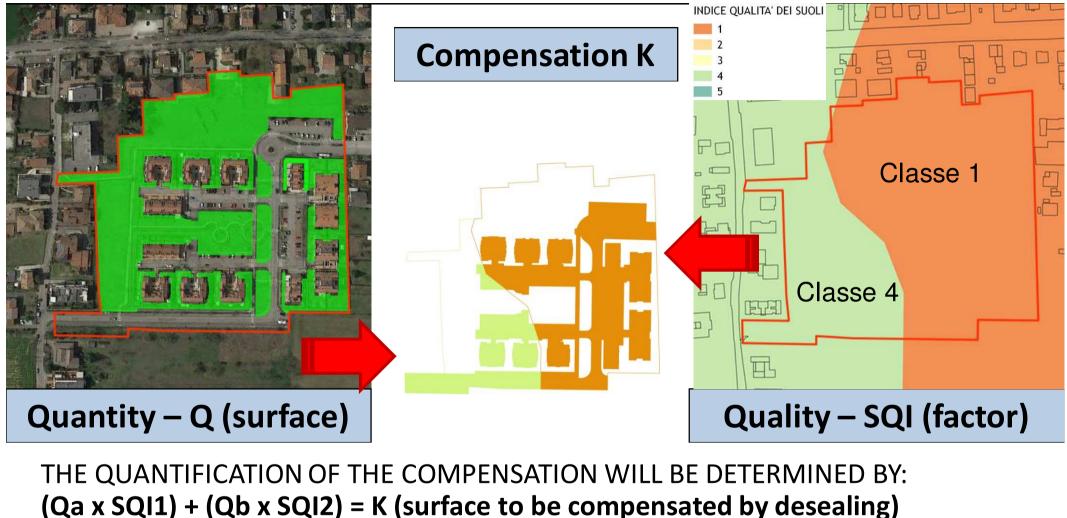
## **ECOSYSTEM SERVICES – QUALITATIVE COMPONENT**



- IT IS NECESSARY, THEREFORE, THAT THE COMPENSATION TAKES ACCOUNT OF A QUALITATIVE COMPONENT
- THE SOIL THAT IS TRANSFORMED IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME
- THE QUALITY OF SOIL IN EACH PART OF THE MUNICIPAL TERRITORY IS INDICATED BY THE SOIL QUALITY MAP



#### **COMPENSATION = QUANTITY x QUALITY**



SQI FACTOR INCREASES AS THE CLASS OF SOIL GROWS

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(1 is the best class)

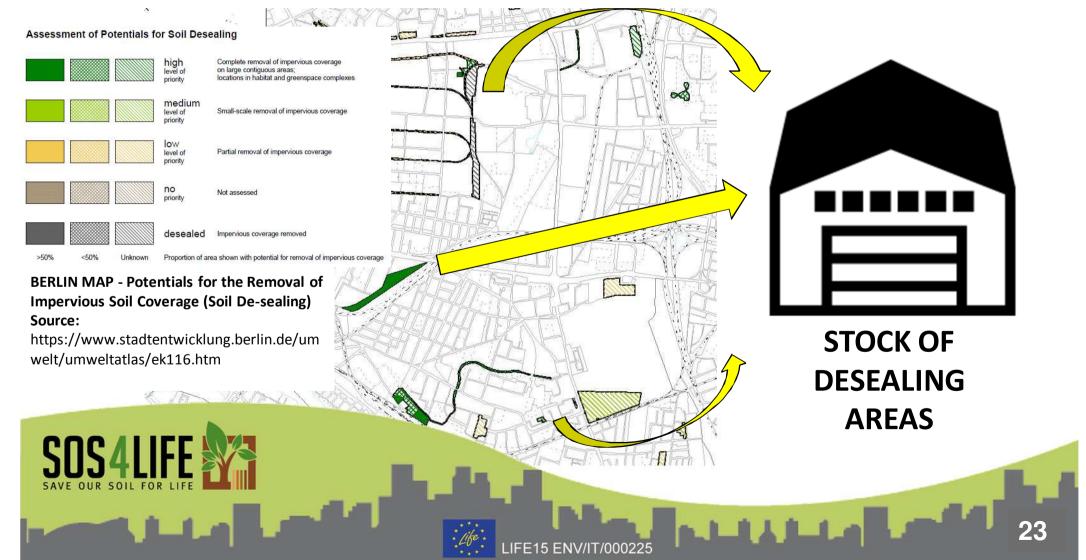
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#### WICH AREAS TO DE-SEAL ?



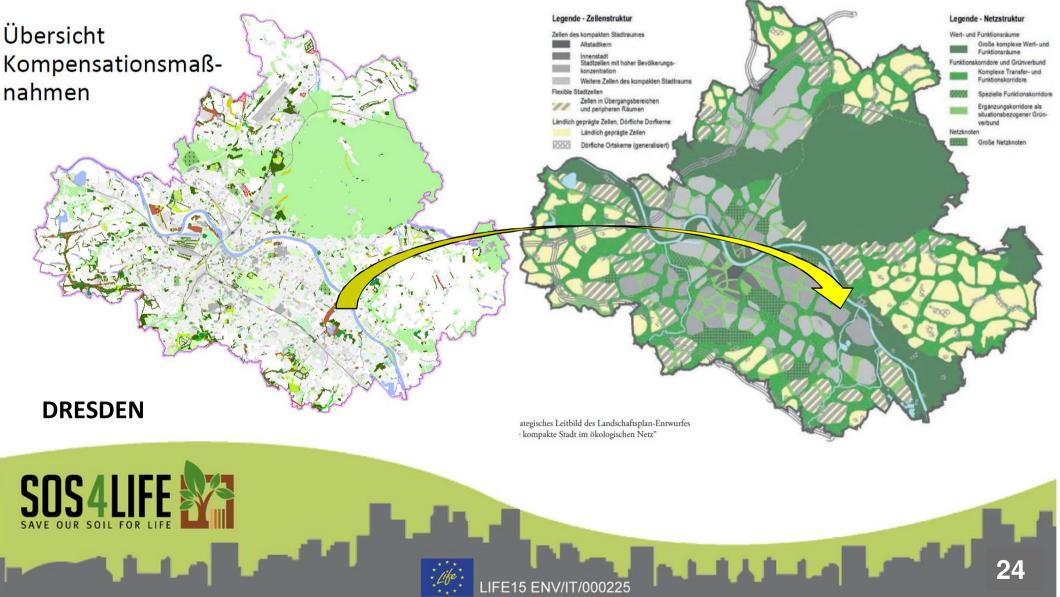
#### **POTENTIAL DESEALING AREAS MAP**

LOCATING AND MAPPING AREAS OF POTENTIAL DESEALING It is necessary to establish and maintain a stock of areas to be desealed and restored to green or agricultural use to compensate for the consumption of new soil

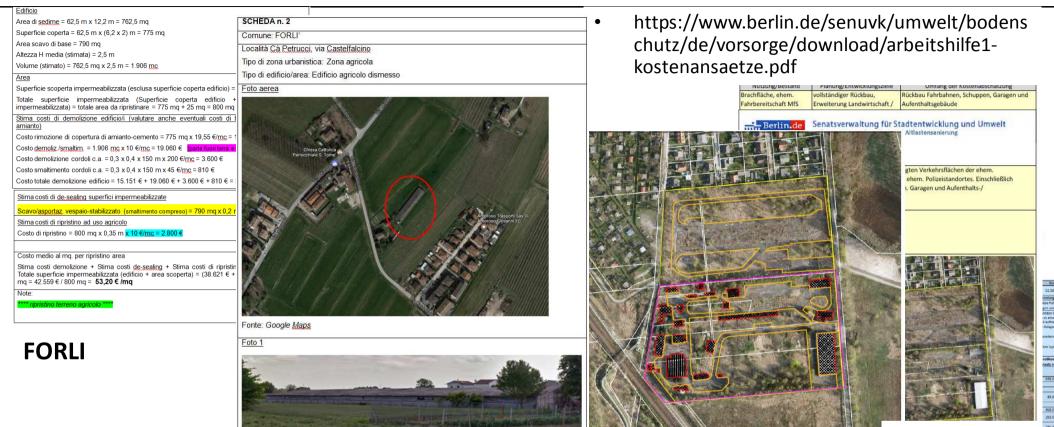


#### **A MUNICIPAL STRATEGY**

• THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION ADDRESSES THE COMPENSATORY INTERVENTIONS TO GIVE IMPLEMENTATION TO ITS ECOLOGICAL-ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY, DEFINING THE PRIORITIES



#### **DESEALING – costs and operating methods**



- TO ESTIMATE COSTS FOR VARIOUS TYPES OF DESEALING
- DEFINING OPERATING METHODS FOR DESEALING INTERVENTIONS



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#### **HOW TO COMPENSATE ?**

# EVERY ACTUATOR OF A TRANSFORMATION INTERVENTION THAT CAUSE LAND TAKE MUST COMPENSATE

#### 1) STOCK OF AREAS AVAILABLE

- a) DESEALING DONE DIRECTLY BY ACTUATOR following operative indications of the Municipality
- a) MONETIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION BY THE MUNICIPALITY

#### 2) STOCK OF AREAS SOLD OUT OR INSUFFICIENT

- a) COMPENSATION (total or partial) BY
  USING SURFACE CREDITS registered
  for other desealing and green
  recovery interventions
- b) MONETIZATION and implementation by the Municipality when the desealing area is available (the amount is linked to the realization of the compensatory intervention)

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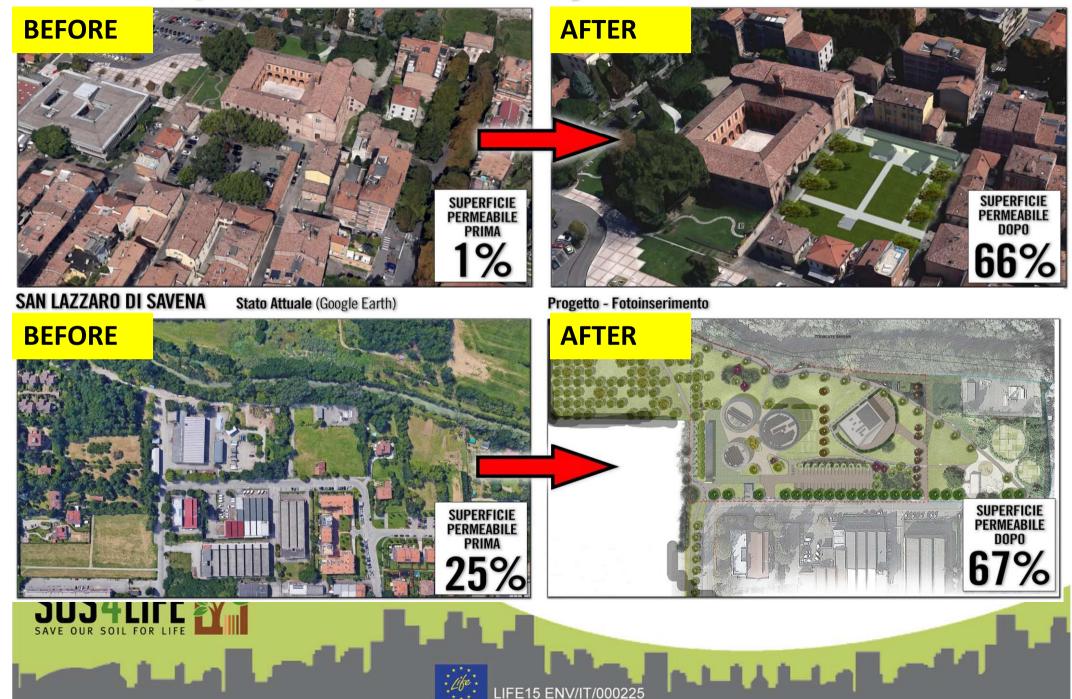
#### FORLI'–De-sealing intervention in G. da Montefeltro Square



#### **CARPI e S. LAZZARO DI SAVENA – De-sealing interventions**

CARPI Stato Attuale (Google Earth)

Progetto - Fotoinserimento



#### **DEMONSTRATIVE PLOTS IN THE INTERVENTION AREAS**







Bioclimatic and pedological monitoring to evaluate the effects of green restoration



## **TOP SOIL REUSE**

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Soil is precious and must be safeguarded as a substantially not renewable resource. The topsoil, corresponding to the most superficial horizon of the soil, rich in organic substance and microorganisms, can be reused favoring the formation of a new soil and it MUST NOT BE WASTED.

As part of the project, guidelines were drawn up to support desealing interventions with subsequent green restoration.

The aim of the Guidelines, with a view to circular economy, is to encourage the reuse of topsoil.







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