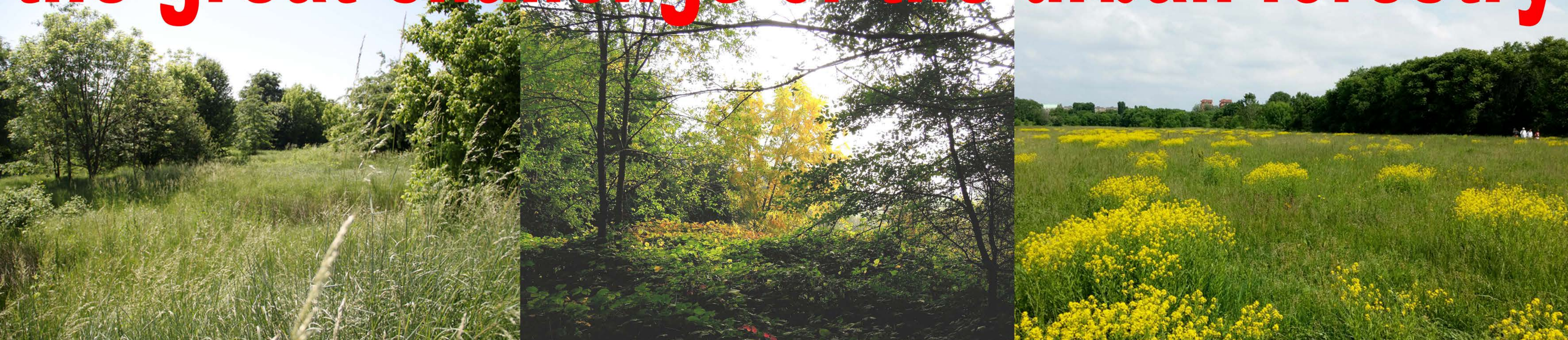


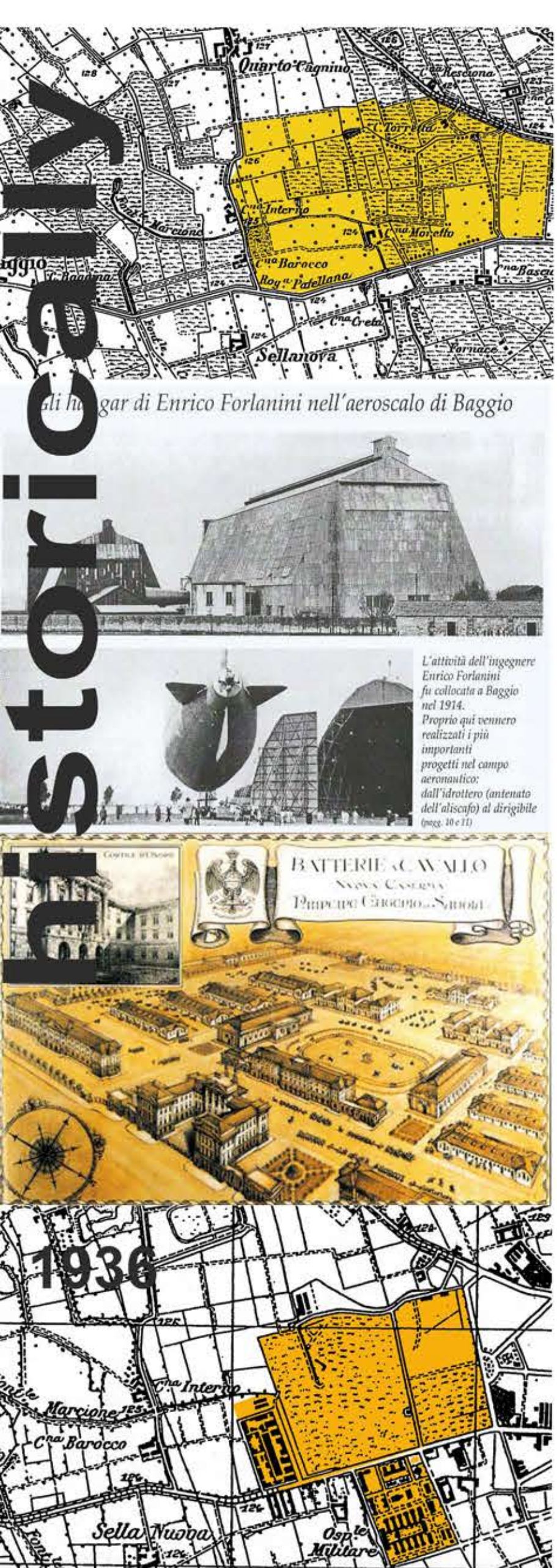
a different town is possible!

the great challenge of the urban forestry



The Piazza d'Armi in Milan, Italy, a great opportunity for the city.

The former military parade ground is a large area, 35 hectares, with alternating clearings, small deciduous forests and wetlands.



The first evidence of this area dates back to 1346 when the maps show a system of farmhouses and agricultural fields that had replaced the original plain woodland.

From the Middle Ages we pass to the early twentieth century when the area is used as the first Milanese airport. In 1907 the first Italian airship, designed by Ing. Forlanini, was built here.

In the 30s the parade ground has been transferred here, the barracks and military warehouses have been built and the all ground has been fenced for military use until the end of the 80s. The military used it for the driving school of heavy vehicles along the same circuit. So now some areas of the former parade kept the same ground as in the Middle Ages.

**in many years
of
abandonment
this area
preserved
and developed
a rich and
valuable
biodiversity.**

It is now the habitat of 32 species of birds, protected by the Directive 79/409 / EEC "Birds", in particular we note the constant presence of the green woodpecker, the Great Spotted Woodpecker and also of the Sparrowhawk as possible nesting.

The presence of amphibian species has been ascertained in the wetlands, they are strictly protected by regional and European regulations (Regional Law 10/2008, Directive 92/43 / CEE Habitat, LIFE Project Manage 2020 of the Lombardy region)

There are bees and apoids (a beehive with over 120 hives has been present for more than 30 years) the dwarf bat and the Cestoni bat have also been sighted, as well as specimens of small fauna.



Biodiversity or Habitat Value / Carbon storage/ Capture of PM10 and Ozone / Water Detention and Water Purification / Climate Mitigation and Protection / Agricultural Production / Pollination / Disease Prevention / Cultural Identity.

According to the 2016 Report on "Soil consumption, territorial dynamics and ecosystem services" by I.S.P.R.A (Higher Institute for Environmental Protection and Research) it is estimated that the area of

Piazza d'Armi provides **ecosystem services worth € 1.925.000 per year FOREVER.**

Milan Piazza d'Armi is an area that allows wilderness and biodiversity to penetrate deeply in the consolidated urban texture.

Our proposal
is about
maintaining
the historical **memory**
and increasing
the habitat value,
sensitive to the needs of
citizenship, sustainable
and compatible with the
resources made available
by Nature



New functions
for the warehouses
in collaborations with
universities and
farmers for the
urban agricultural
studies and practices,
educational purposes,
sports, naturalistic, artistic
and rehabilitation activities.

