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*Abstract*

**Villa Cavallini:  
proposal for restoration and refunctionalization**

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The Villa Cavallini restoration project, situated in Lesa on the shore of Lago Maggiore, was born with the purpose to recover an eighteenth-century architectural complex totally abandoned because of a poor maintenance work.

The territory where Villa Cavallini is located has always been a destination chosen by tourists coming from all over Italy. Here, the villas and their parks, outline the landscape conformation that, especially in Verbano, is

the most evident feature of the territory. Anyway, in so many cases, villas and parks aren't recognized as environmental heritage and that continues to compromise their safeguard and the landscape's one.

The elaborate, as anticipated above, has the purpose to realize a project that considers the unity of the complex, without forgetting the evolution of the territory, the typical architecture of the lake as a product of its own elite tourism and, in particular, the study necessary to guarantee its safeguard.

A historical analysis based on inspections and a research of documents has been essential to understand the evolution of the building and the park over time and also to start a project that could respect the place.

The first step of the project consists in a careful examination of the building and its

deteriorating state, studying a way to intervene on the structure without violating its historical and aesthetic importance. The second one, instead, has the aim to valorise the villa creating a network of activities connected with the Agrarian Institute.

In this way the park will be subject to revision and maybe one day it will be open to public again, thanks to a great and unique project that can conjugate the building and the park, giving back to the plant its original value.

