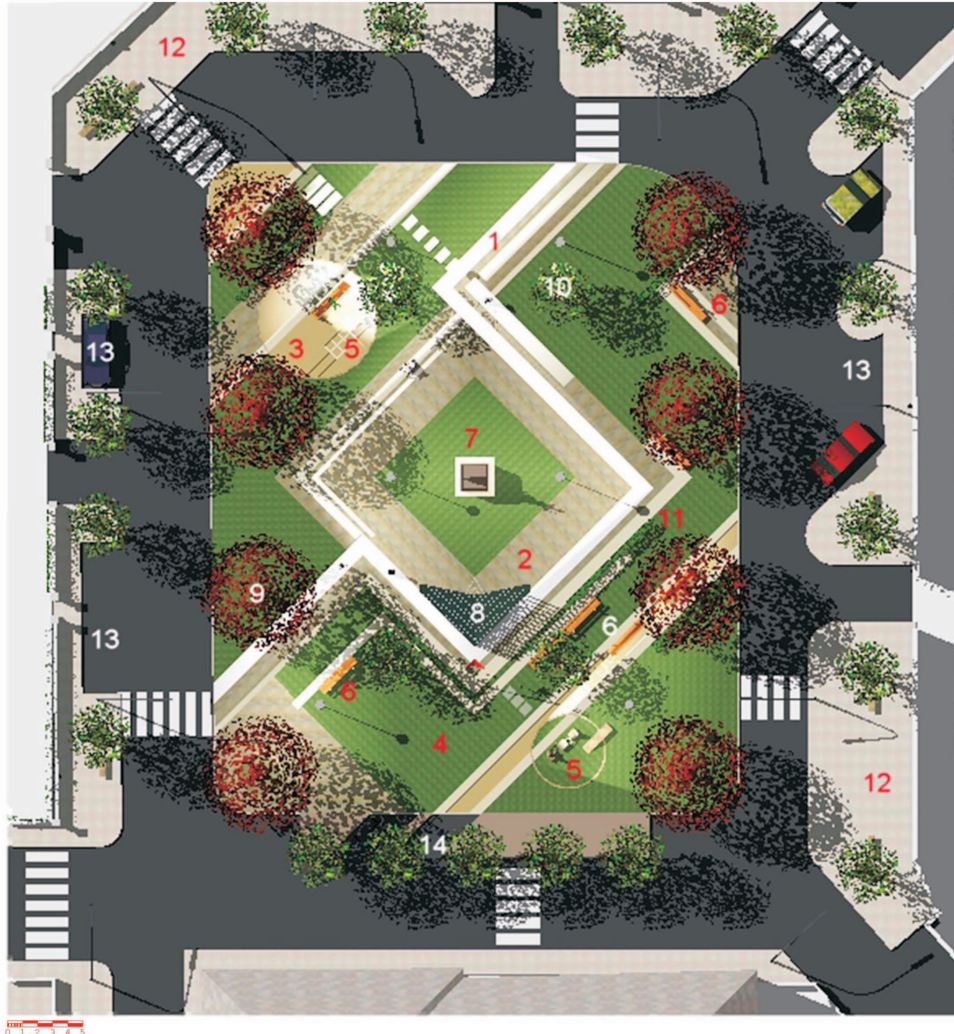


« Il faut bien que je supporte deux ou trois chenilles si je veux connaître les papillons. »

"I have to support(bear) two or three caterpillars if I want to know the butterflies."

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry " Le Petit Prince », Paris, 1943

RIQUALIFICAZIONE di PIAZZA JORGE CHÁVEZ detto GEO DOMODOSSOLA - 2010 / 2014



RENEWAL of CHAVEZ SQUARE- site plan:

- 1- paved walkway in local plates stone white and grey
- 2- cobble dry stone paths (partially recycled)
- 3- stabilized earth floors
- 4- lawn
- 5- playground equipemnt (hopskotch game, marbles game)
- 6- benches areas
- 7- monument to Chavez (1923)
- 8- bookcrossing shelter e Haiku/sculpture
- 9- acer king crimson
- 10- prunus subhirtella autumnalis
- 11- siepi
- 12- sidewalks
- 13- parking
- 14- byciles rental

The celebrative monument of the twentieth century has been restored and valued, the new sculptural work dialogues with it and renews in a contemporary way the celebration of the heroic adventure.

The work has been welcomed by the citizens and the initial controversy has stopped. Only some people complain about the fact that the new trees grow too slowly.

The nearby kindergarten has adopted the square and has travelled through the route that includes the other 13 works as far as Brig in Switzerland. An educational opportunity: the discovery of the territory and the landscape through the interpretation that architecture and art have been able to give along the route where Jorge Chavez, new Icarus, drew with a sign of a FuturBalla his mad and fatal flight

Evaluation:

Today the square is mainly connected to the urban pattern, and finally opened to the vision of the magnificent scenery of the Alps. Sustainable materials were used for its construction: stone partially recycled, and partially from local quarries placed dry, stabilized soil, steel and wood treated with oil for seating, mixture of local essences for turf, trees and hedges planted with more respect for their living space, a low-power LED lights, bins for recycling. It requires less labor for maintenance jobs except for the regular ones of the green areas.

It has accessibility for the disabled people and it is a place where it is pleasant to stay.



S - W view (above: after intervention, bottom: before intervention) - photo: Gianni Bretto



western view , photo: Gianni Bretto