

## EDITORIAL

### **URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY**

*The 8<sup>th</sup> edition of LABVERDE Magazine presents questions of ‘urban environmental management and sustainability’ as central theme. As will be noted, the articles present works outlining concepts of environmental management in several scales of the territory, having as filter the needs and aspirations of various socio-cultural sectors, not only of the city but also of the macro-metropolis of São Paulo.*

*Thus, LABVERDE presents the first three articles focusing this theme and covering the metropolitan scale, starting with SCHUTZER’s article advocating a preliminary approach about the nature of the environmental management of urbanized territory’ and where the ‘locus’ of actions linked to the concept of ‘green infrastructure’ is. Right after, FERREIRA’s article argues the implementation of the Metropolitan Mário Covas Beltway which, according to the author, due to the adoption of an inappropriate operational model, undermines its own performance and degrades the built environment. LIMA’s article discusses the possibility of a territorial reintegration through an environmental planning guided by a green infrastructure in Alvarenga District, São Bernardo do Campo City, which is cut nowadays by highways extremely important to the metropolitan services, bringing serious problems of socio-environmental integration and mobility, as a consequence of the disintegration of the urban fabric by the existing road infrastructure.*

*In the 4<sup>th</sup> article, BONZI discusses the urban model of the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, which did not consider the issue of urban waters as integrant element of landscape and investigates streams that disappeared during the implementation of the University City Armando de Salles Oliveira urban project, in Butantã District.*

*SATIRO, in the 5<sup>th</sup> article, focus the concept of ‘environmental gerontology’ and housing projects for seniors in the State of São Paulo, which, according to the author, make understandable new possibilities that contribute to the quality of life and the sustainability of buildings from the concrete definition of concepts such as ‘accessible’, ‘adapted’ and ‘adaptable’.*

*HANNES presents in the 6<sup>th</sup> article, a view of the Parque da Juventude (Youth Park) project, located in Carandirú District, under the environmental perspective, dealing with the process of creation and design, as well as its inclusion in the territory of São Paulo City and discussing its possible potentials, that the site presents for the development of a “design” and ‘sustainable environmental planning’.*

*In the Interview section, architect Luis Eduardo Brettas focuses the work “São Paulo Urbanism”, which since April 2013 initiated an “open dialogue” with a large quantity of people, of different levels of knowledge and coming from different areas of occupation, reaching to an analysis, a diagnosis and an intervention program in public spaces of the city, accomplishing the targets program of São Paulo City Authorities, which emphasizes the “Project Anhangabaú Valley Requalification” program, counting on the consulting support of ‘Gehl Architects’ office.*

*In the section Testimony-1 of this edition, Fernando de Mello Franco, Urban Development Municipal Secretary and President of São Paulo Urbanismo, advocates the ideas of ‘innovation and collaborative processes’ in the renewal of São Paulo downtown in the “New Project for Anhangabaú Valley”, which is inspired by methodological concepts of urban requalification created by the architect Jan Gehl, having as scenario the “Football World Cup”, the “FIFA Fan Fest” and other events. In contrast, in the Testimony-2, Marco Antonio de Almeida Ramos, superintendent-general of the Association Viva o Centro, makes a severe critique to the “New Project for Anhangabaú Valley”, presenting in details his reasons.*

*It was held last April the second meeting of LABVERDE with the collectives “OCUPE & ABRACE” and “RIOS E RUAS”, aiming to present the “Preliminary Study to Requalify Praça da Nascente”, which had the cooperation of the offices ‘Patrícia Akinaga Arquitetura Paisagística’ and ‘Amima Arquitetura’ which event resulted the cover page of this edition of LABVERDE Magazine, and at the end, the case of José Otavio Lotufo in the Events section.*

*I hope readers appreciate the reading.*

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