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Written statement, short description of the project in English, no more than 250 words

The project focuses on the surroundings of the monastery of San Benito de Lérez located in the city of Pontevedra. The Lérez river is a structuring and generating element of the city. Near the old city there are religious buildings related to the Camino de Santiago. Within this set of buildings, we find the monastery of San Benito de Lérez, declared an Asset of Cultural Interest. The anthropic landscape has been changing over time according to human needs. River banks have been occupied to carry out agricultural activities that today, in many cases, have been abandoned. This situation has caused the spread of invasive plant species.

The main aim of the proposal is to dignify the monastery environment and to recover the agricultural activity. These new urban gardens are destined to neighbours and educational purposes. To do this, the layout of the masonry walls is rescued and the connection of the monastery with the river is strengthened through urban gardens. Finally, a new reception area is created in front of the jetty and at the beginning of the path.

The purpose of the project is to protect and recover the agricultural heritage landscape. The loss of a millenary tradition is a sufficient reason for society to understand, know, value, care for, enjoy and transmit this agricultural heritage to future generations.

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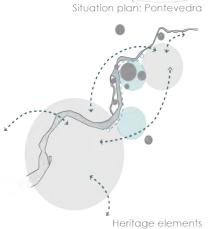


-WEAKNESSES:

- Fragile monastery and the Lérez river relationship.
- Absence of a parking area for visitors.
 Low quality of the monastery surrounding and abandonment of the cultivation

- The agrarian landscape, in general, and the agricultural techniques applied to crops, in particular.

 • Water architecture and infrastructure.
- The path that connect the Lérez river with the monastery.
- The abandoned fields and private paths allow to generate new connections.

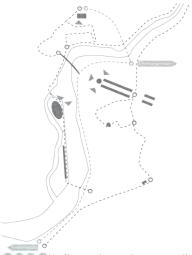


ACTIONS IN THE SURROUDINGS OF THE MONASTERY OF SAN BENITO DE LÉREZ

- Eliminate the road traffic and the current parking area.
- Assign a parking space and condition the access path.
 Designate a new festival area that coexists and respects the cataloged monument as an Asset of Cultural Interest.
- Dignify the surroundings of the monument. RECOVERY OF CULTIVATION TERRACES

- Recovery the layout of the masonry walls.
- Rehabilitate the recovered space to agricultural activities: new green gardens for neighbours and learning place for the children of the school.
- STRENGTHEN THE MONASTERY-RIVER CONNECTION
 - Improve and condition the staircase, the path and tconnection of the monastery with the river.
 - Recover agricultural activity, valuing the architecture and water infrastructure.
 Enable a reception space in front of the jetty and the begining of the path.





Heritage elements: connections

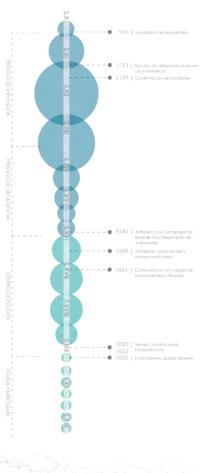




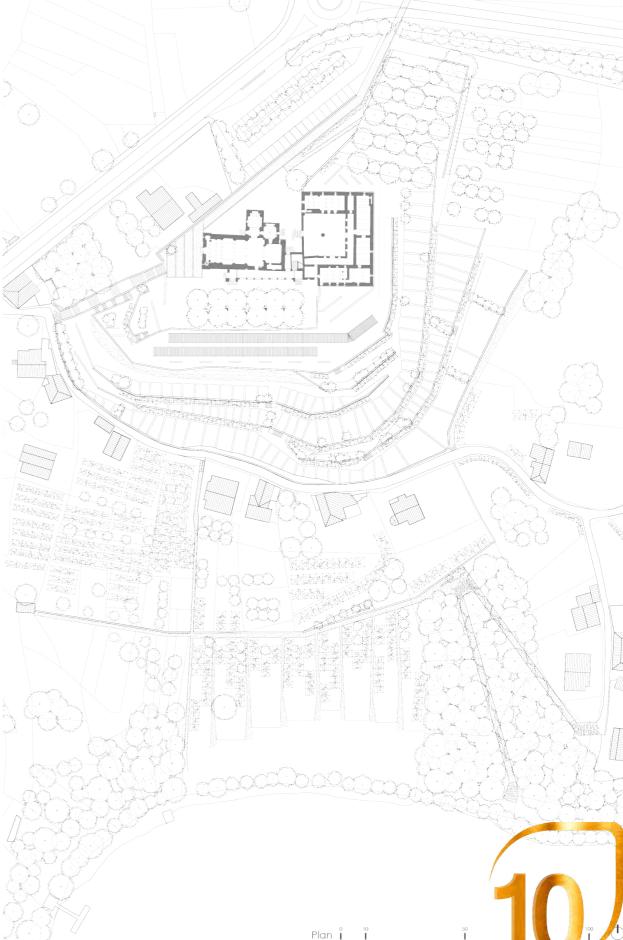






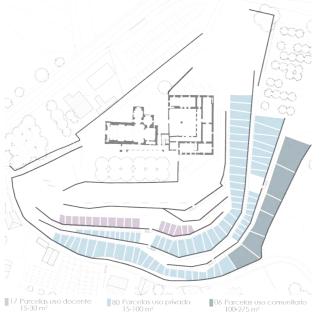


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"Huertas, maizales y viñedos en parras se escalonan hasta los ríos alternando con arbolado -pinos, eucaliptos, fresnos y sauces- que cubren las orillas"

Sánchez Cantón



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