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# LORENZO NOÈ STUDIO DI ARCHITETTURA

## PROJECT SUMMARY

Brienno still has the dimension of a lakeside village. Unlike many other settlements, the territory has not been impacted by uncontrolled growth, and has managed to conserve a strong identity.

The site lies to the north of the historical centre, downhill from the church and the cemetery, where a stone wall with three arches contains an embankment of about six meters in height over the average level of the water of the lake. The wall cannot be modified, nor can it bear ulterior loads.

To permit use of the escarpment a structure has been built over the lake, resting on recessed columns with individual foundations and micropiles for support below.

The project is composed of a few elements: the stone staircase, the wooden deck and the landing stage. The surface of the plaza is slightly sloped toward the

north, amplifying its sense of space and transforming it into a small stage that commands new views of the historical centre and the opposite shore.

To the south, the park concludes with two wooden volumes: the rest rooms and the access staircase to the storage facility, and the dock for the boats. The space between the plaza and the previous ground level is bordered by steel cables that serve as supports for climbing plants.

The project is inserted in a place of great landscape value, and utilizes current materials. All the facings are in untreated larch boards, a type of wood that will become gray with weathering, over time, taking on a hue that is very appropriate to the context. The staircase that rises to the cemetery uses stone recycled from worksite demolition. The landings are made with small stone pieces installed using local dry masonry techniques.

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