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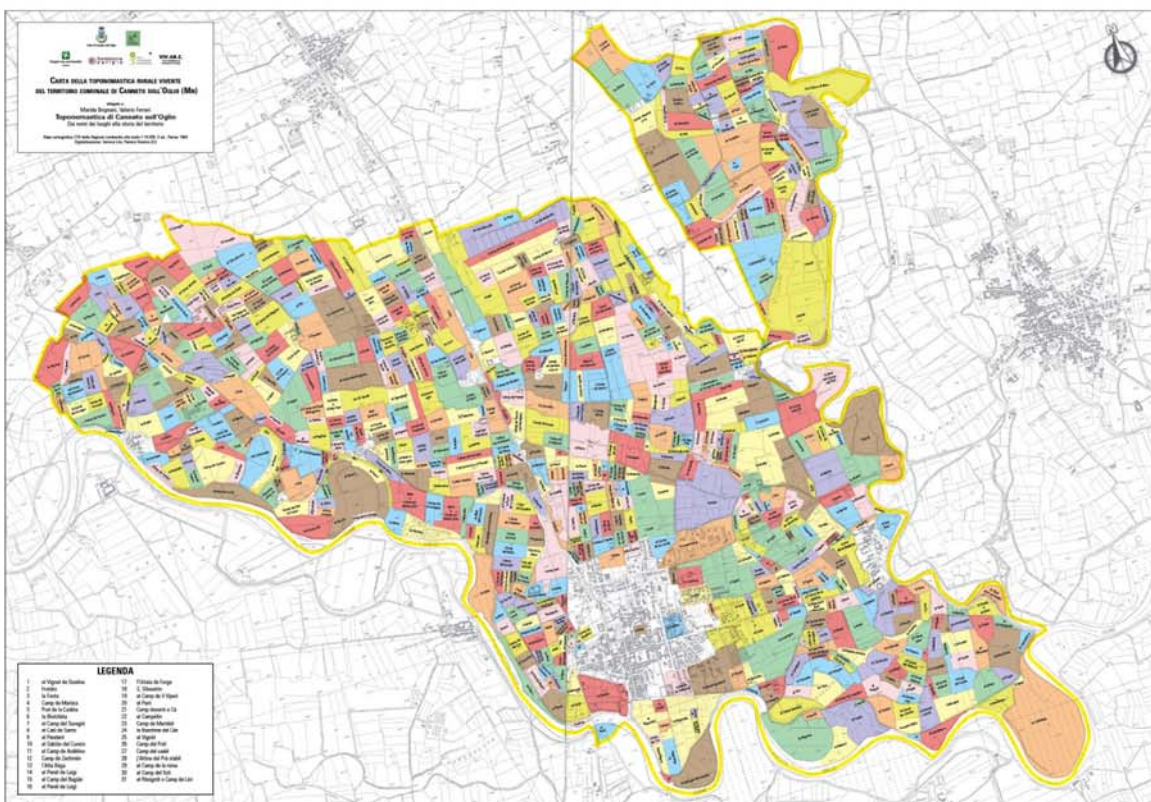
A LANDSCAPE OF NAMES



Comune di
Canneto sull'Oglio



1 - The architecture of the territory. The land fragmentation and the web of waters and roads, Canneto sull'Oglio (Mn). Photos by Luigi Briselli



2 - M. Brignani, V. Ferrari, Living rural toponymy Charter of Canneto sull'Oglio

Since the Seventies of the twentieth century the cooperation of the inhabitants has been a fundamental element for the projects pursued by the AEMOC Association and the Ecomuseum Valli Oglio Chiese.

A *landscape of names* has involved farmers, peasants, nurserymen, greengrocers and shepherds together with their families in the collection of the dialectal names of fields, of irrigation ditches and of waterways, of roads, of sacred and rural buildings, existing and perished of their own territory.

More than a thousand toponyms have been studied one by one from an historical and linguistic-etymological point of view with the aim of rediscovering their origins and of revealing their meaning.

Each toponym has been located, registered on the topographic map and illustrated in the disclosed catalogue, printed and returned back to the citizenry.

Today each place, even the most marginal one, both of past and present, both of the memory and everyday life, possesses a meaning for all; it has rediscovered its own historical, cultural and linguistic depth; it can once again narrate tales and remembrances of all, whose oblivion has been eventually prevented.

For only the citizens, who are aware of the value of what they possess, are motivated to promote and safeguard it.



3 - M. Brignani, V. Ferrari, *Toponomastica di Canneto sull'Oglio*, cover of the catalog



4 - The landscape of the nurseries between Oglio and Chiese rivers, Bizzolano (Canneto sull'Oglio - Mn). Photos by Luigi Briselli

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