The area included in the “Parco Metropolitano delle Colline di Napoli” is not exclusively devoted to production, but also affected by an agricultural activity whose conservation has the safeguard and the restoration of the land as their main purposes. In fact, this area is intended by transformations aimed to the development of some natural ecosystems. The area is mainly characterized by steep slopes and rough tracts: the hydrogeological stability of these lands has been possible thanks to the terracing technique; nevertheless, this stability is often threatened by the building expansion. The farmed lands are often bordering on the residential areas or, conversely, some buildings arise from areas devoted to the agriculture. Some remains of the past agricultural activities still present agricultural systems of remarkable importance, both historical and ecological. The progressive isolation of these lands, effectively involved the conservation of traditional factors, such as the cultivated species and the farming techniques. The urban farms, characterized by a subsistence agriculture, are far from the city and scare plots, are considered as valuable sources of biodiversity, with a high ecological importance. Therefore, urban agriculture, as a mean to produce in these lands, which produced various trees nowadays considered in extinction or superseeded by industrial cultures. Apart from the agricultural use, the areas less suitable for farming are characterized by chestnut copses, maquis vegetation and spontaneous interpolating. The abandoned quarries margins, which used to cause discontinuity in the agricultural landscape, nowadays represent an effective scenario, together with the cultivated lands.

**Spatial Planning/history phenomenon**

The two cases analyzed in the social benefits are the one of Vigna San Martino, managed by the association, and the agriturismo Masseria Colline Grande. The two cases have a strongly different nature, the former is an association that carries out activities exclusively for purposes of social utility while the second is an entity with a mainly productive purpose but also educational. Despite this, the value of production in terms of turnover by year is almost similar while the number of paid workers is in line with the company’s production goals, higher for the agriturismo Masseria Colline Grande. Regards the value of social, environmental and cultural activities is much higher for the association Paed per la Terra, in line with the nature of its purpose.

**Urban Agriculture Metabolism**

**Vigna San Martino**

- Nutrients sourcing: Establishing closed loops with the gardens: 100\% 
- Campared production: Nutrients sourcing: 100\% 
- 100% of the grown satisfy the large portion of diet food needs

**Masseria Colline Grande**

- Nutrients sourcing: Establishing closed loops with the gardens: 100\% 
- Campared production: Nutrients sourcing: 100\% 
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**La terra di Milano**

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- Campared production: Nutrients sourcing: 100\% 
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**Social benefits**

- Vigna San Martino: activity of educational, didactic, social, environmental, recreational, cultural 
- Masseria Colline Grande: educational, didactic, social, environmental, recreational, cultural

**Actors and Public Policies**

Access to land (both public and privately owned) has guaranteed by formal agreements, social funding and policies for social, and educational activities support the allotment gardens. Cultural heritage, and trails are supported by local development grant.

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