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"Assessing, conserving and protecting European biodiversity:

A citizen science project"

LICEO CLASSICO SPERIMENTALE "B. RUSSELL - ROMA

...Via Cesare Baronio, 54 to 122...

The decision of investigating the urban biodiversity in this road derives from where it is located - we may in fact define via Cesare Baronio as an ecological corridor, since it connects Via Appia Nuova to the Park of the Caffarella. Via Appia Nuova is an extremely congested and densely populated area. On the other hand, the Park of the Caffarella is a large park in Rome, protected from development. It is part of the Parco Regionale Appia Antica.





THE SURVEY AREA

The Caffarella Park



Brief history 1

During the Roman Empire this area, suburbia of Rome and crossed by some of the main Roman roads - such as the Via Latina, was characterized by the presence of large suburban Villas, as well as of a multitude of tombs, mausoleums and cemeteries scattered across the roads. The importance of this area was dictated by the presence of the three main aqueducts of the Ancient Rome: Anio Vetus, Aqua Marcia and Aqua Claudia.



Brief history 2



Nowadays the district is a middleclass neighbourhood named Appio-Latino. It is enclosed between the Via Appia Nuova and the Parco Regionale Appia Antica. The layout of the Ancient Via Latina is still visible, although affected in some parts by disorganized buildings erected during the '70s of the past Century.

Via Cesare Baronio is separated by a tree-lined traffic divider. On the left side we can see a small garden and a Church among some, while at the end of the divider there is an archaeological site which contains the remains of a monumental fountain, as well as a green area with some flowerbeds created by the neighbours.



