



Within the framework of the 2024 EU Green week, dedicated to the topic of water resilience, the Comitato No Inceneritore a Santa Palomba Committee and the Ecomuseum Lazio Virgiliano, aware of the vital, historical and cultural value of water, are promoting a programme of events called "The Water Tree", to valorise the heritage of "resilient" water, existing in 11 municipalities of the Region of Lazio (Albano Laziale, Aprilia, Ardea, Ariccia, Genzano di Roma, Lanuvio, Nemi, Pomezia, Rocca di Papa, Rome and Velletri) and which characterises the catchment area of the INCASTRO river, known in antiquity as the sacred Numico river.

The Incastro river constitutes the natural link between the great crater of the Latium Volcano and the Tyrrhenian Sea and is characterised by its tree shape that is also visible from the satellite. For this reason the 'Water Tree' is the title of our project.

With The Water Tree we intend to promote what is an authentic naturalistic heritage that is intertwined with an equally extraordinary patrimony of history, rich in testimonies linked to Latium Latinus and the places narrated in the Aeneid.

The articulated programme will be declined through a series of appointments. The first of them is scheduled for 8 June 2024, at which the complete programme will be presented, the existing naturalistic heritage will be illustrated the river contract as an instrument of valorisation will be discussed. Will follow guided tours in the catchment area on 9, 15 and 16 June and the final event on 22 June 2024 the experience gained during the previous events will be shared.

Representatives of territorial realities and experts (naturalists, archaeologists, historians) will participate in the activities as speakers, and the widest possible involvement of institutions and associations in the area will be promoted.

The recipients of the activities are students, families and all those interested in the knowledge and protection of the territorial water heritage.

## **The mouth of the Incastro and the port of the Rutuli – 09.06.2024**

SUNDAY 9 JUNE 09.30 a.m.

With the visit to the mouth of the INCASTRO river, it will be possible to see the landscape with the great Latium Volcano on the horizon, where the Water Tree originates, that is the largest river basin south of Rome after the Tiber. At the mouth of the river INCASTRO lies an extraordinary archaeological area with the remains of a maritime station from the Roman imperial age and an ancient frontier sanctuary of the Rutuli of Ardea, with four temples about a hundred metres from the shore. The place is mentioned by the poet VIRGILIO in the 6th book of the ENEIDE as CASTRUM INUI as the port of the Rutuli that connected the Mediterranean world with the peoples of ancient Latium.

The visit to the mouth of the Fiume Incastro will bring us a close-up view of the ancient Numic river where, three years after the death of Turno, Aeneas drowned before the Rutuli, who had taken up arms against the invaders.