

# CONSTRUCTED WETLANDS SYSTEM FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT OF MUNICIPAL DOG POUND IN LAVELLO



## ORIGINAL NEED

The project involves the realization of a constructed wetland that will treat the wastewater of the municipal dog pound of Lavello, hosting about 300 dogs, situated in Finocchiaro locality.

The wastewater were partially clarified by an Imhoff tank and stored in a storage tank, from which they are periodically removed through vacuum truck/sewage suction truck, with considerable management costs; for this reason it was decided to use a sewage plant to be realized on site.



## DESCRIPTION

The choice of a system of natural purification was motivated by the high variability of the characteristics of the discharge and the need for a treatment characterized by simplicity and economy of management and maintenance. Since, in addition to the reduction of the organic load and of the bacterial load, one of the principal objectives is the reduction in the quantities of inlet organic nitrogen, so it is considered to be more suitable to the case, the choice of a hybrid system composed of vertical and horizontal subsurface flow system.

### LOCATION

Fonocchiaro locality  
Municipality of Lavello  
Province of Potenza  
Italy

### COMMITTANT

Municipality of Lavello

### NUMBER OF PERSON EQUIVALENT

300 dogs

### WASTEWATER TYPOLOGY

Comparable to domestic

### PLANT TYPOLOGY

HF + VF + VF

### AREA (M<sup>2</sup>)

380 (160 + 110 + 110)

### YEAR OF REALIZATION

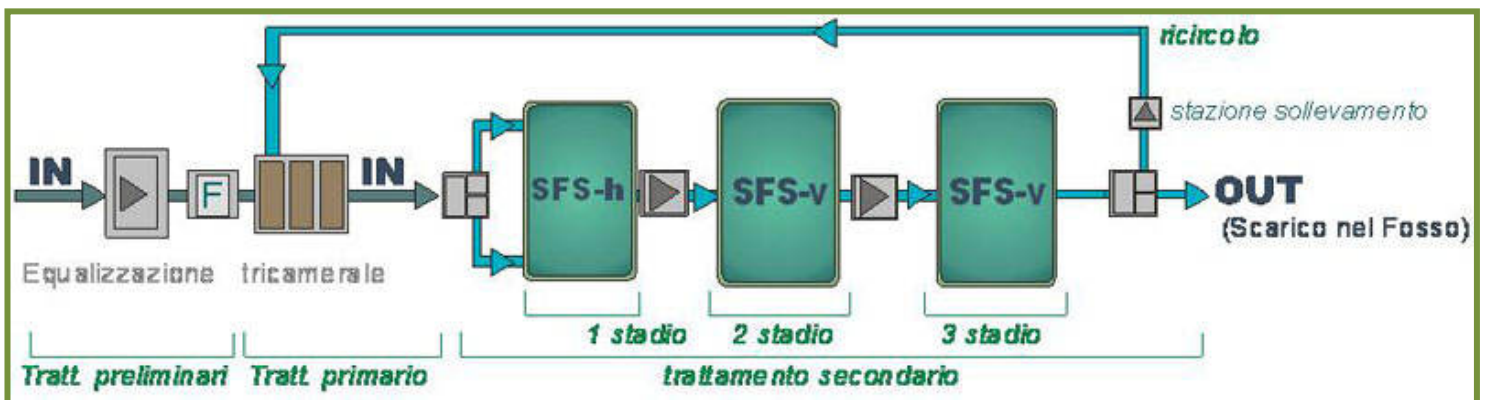
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As preliminary treatments are provided an equalization (so as to distribute throughout the day the design flow rate, otherwise concentrated within 4-5 hours), a fine automatic screening (brushes filter, particularly suitable especially for the lock of hair) and a primary treatment of sedimentation through septic tank.



The constructed wetland system turns out to be composed of:

- 1st stage: HF basin, surface area of 160 m<sup>2</sup>;
- 2nd stage: VF basin, surface area of 110 m<sup>2</sup>;
- 3rd stage: VF basin, surface area of 110 m<sup>2</sup>.



Block scheme of the plant