On 15 March 2011, the Madrid Autonomous Region’s assembly approved the Law related to the reversal of the Cañada Real. This was seeking to become the final solution to the legal and social problems of the Cañada Real, a 15 km long informal settlement with a population of 8000 inhabitants, some of whom have been living in an irregular situation for more than 40 years. This law has grown under the framework of a struggle between two stances that are antagonistic by definition. In one hand, to make disappear the actual existent settlement in its totally, restoring the Cañada Real as a natural ground (this stance is defended by the councils of Madrid, Coslada and Rivas Vacia-Madrid). In the other hand we have the stance who recognizes the existing occupations (this last one is being defended by the neighborhood associations of the 1,2,3,4 and 5th Sectors).

After a two year long work, the TXP collective stands up for an intermediate and alternative solution to these two antagonistic stances: the extinction of the settlement, restoring La Cañada as cattle road; and the recognition of the existing occupations. El Plan Cañada (The Cañada Plan) is a neighboring proposal of urban restoring, articulated through a citizen participation process. It is an alternative solution to the one proposed by the different councils implicated, which counts with the support of the residents (Neighborhood associations of the 1,2,3,4 and 5th Sectors). It includes specific urban planning proposals, a network of green zones and public equipment, as well as a comprehensive rehabilitation project for all the houses. Instead of demolishing the homes and rehousing its inhabitants, it is proposed an alternative more viable economically, and environmentally and socially more sustainable.