

The New Dutch Waterline

Revitalisation of a hidden landscape

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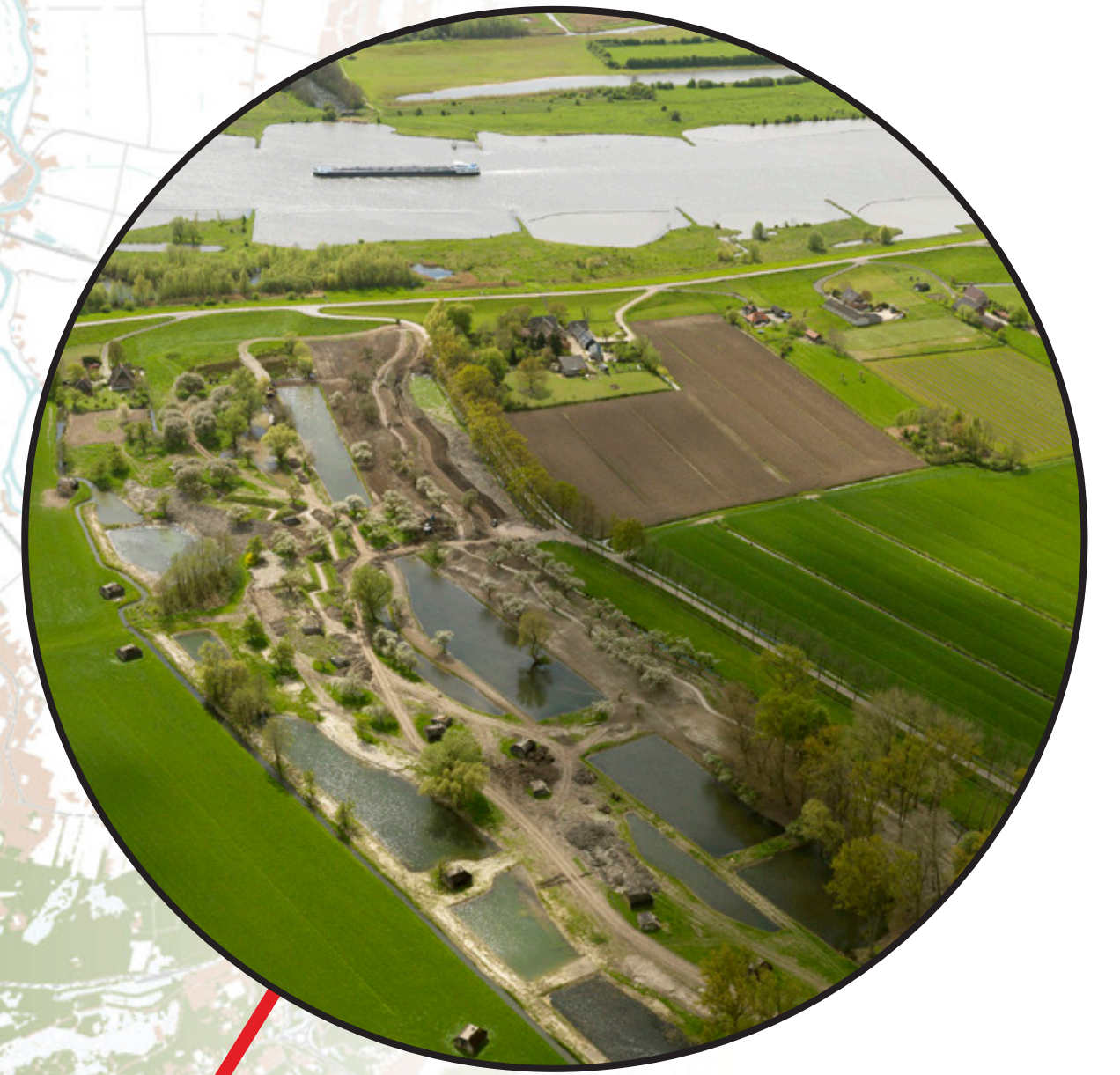
FORT TIENHOVEN

Fort bij Tienhoven shows what happens after 25 years of neglect. Nature has beaten the military structure, with unique ecological values as a result.



FORT AAN DE KLOP

A bomb-free shelter in the city of Utrecht has been transformed into a restaurant with conference facilities and a campsite.



WERK AAN DE GROENEWEG

At first glimpse *Werk aan de Groeneweg* appears like a deserted golf course, covered in fruit trees, nettles and salixes. Only after going around to the far side of the site it becomes clear what this place actually is: a beautifully restored military defense complex.



WERK AAN 'T SPOEL

A local civil group and the municipality of Culemborg turned the derelict *Fort Werk aan 't Spoel* into an attractive site for a wide variety of indoor and outdoor activities. The former military earthwork integrates both new and historical elements such as the bunkers, the bomb-proof buildings, old inundation locks, the new fort house and the amphitheater.

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FORT DE BILT

On the former execution grounds of *Fort de Bilt* a Remembrance centre for the Future is developed. Both children and adults are informed how to promote peace.



BUNKER 599

A bisected pillbox on the bank of a dyke opens a way through the sometimes impenetrable memories of war to a future of broader horizons. It is visible from the Amsterdam–Maastricht highway and can thus be seen by tens of thousands of passers-by each day.



LINIEWACHT

Volunteers of the *Liniewacht* maintain the groupshelters and the military landscape along the *Diefdijk*. At the same time they improve the conditions for bats and perform annual bat surveys.

FORT VUREN

Cold and damp buildings have been transformed into comfortable guestrooms. Thermal heating adds to the sustainability of *Fort Vuren*. The conditions for bats are optimised, a new 'bat-hotel' is created.

