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Manual Water, Heritage and the Environment



Water, landscape & citizenship in the face of global change

**Using cultural heritage
and historical analysis
for current and future
landscape, energy
and water-related issues
in the Netherlands**

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Too much water: historic battle in the Netherlands
Water as a defence system –
Meet water challenges of our time.

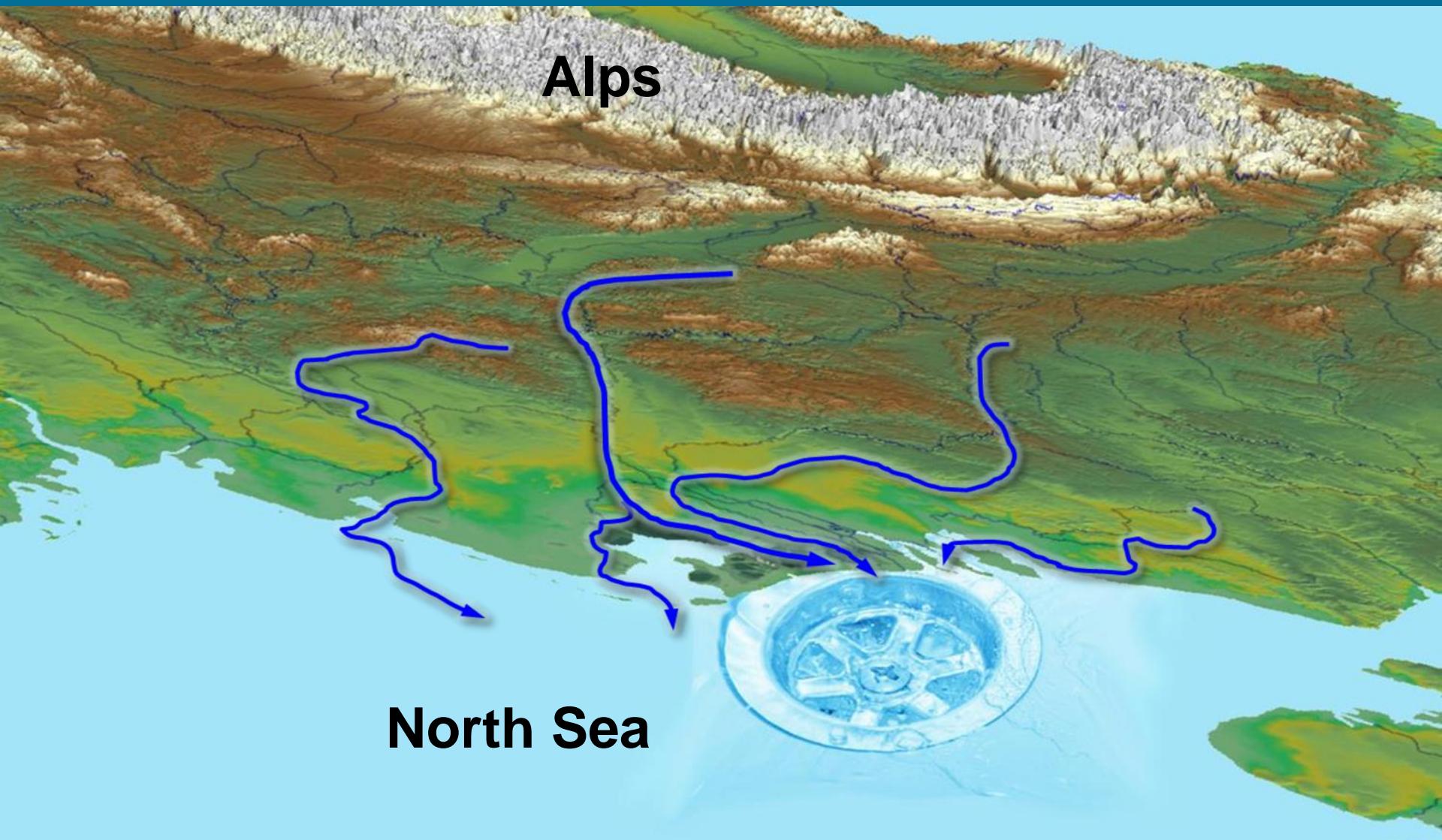
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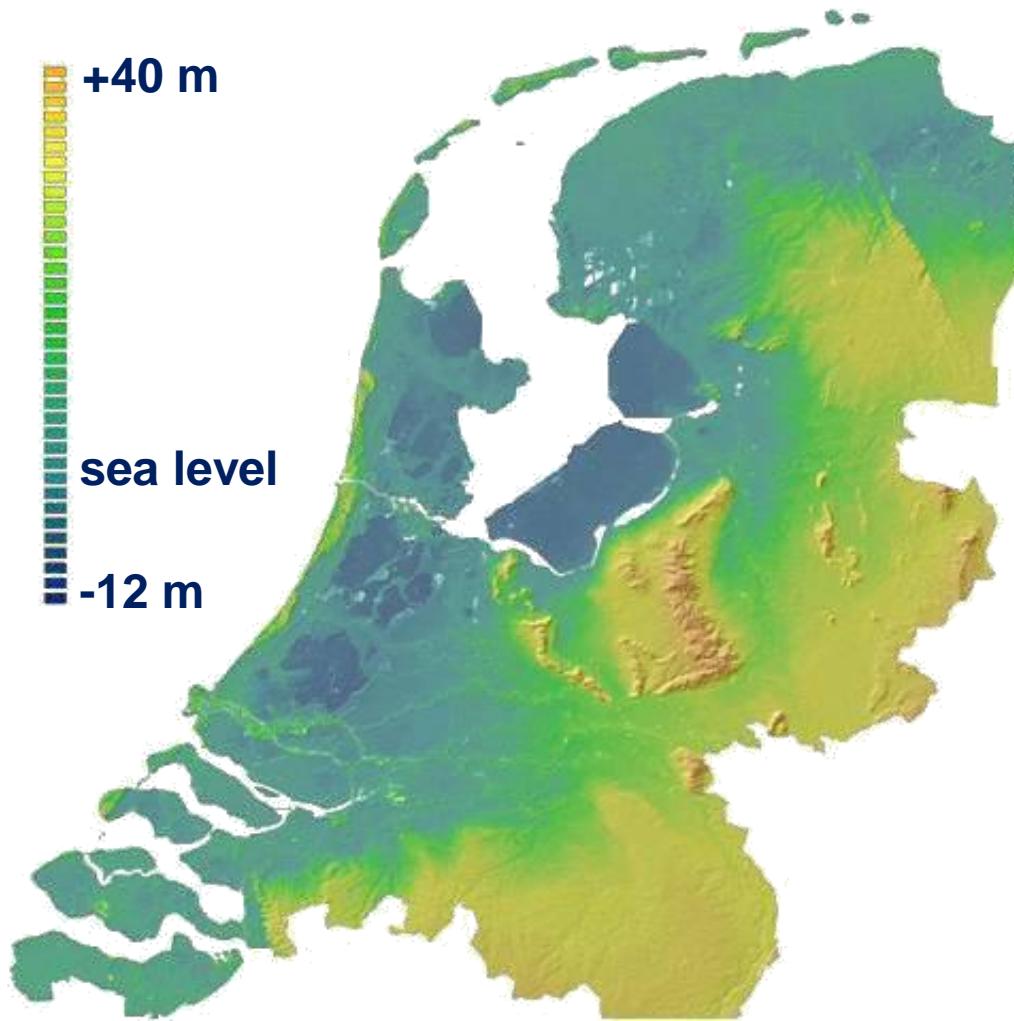
Alps

North Sea

The Netherlands, land in a delta



Dealing with water...



A large part of the Netherlands is below sea level

Dealing with water...



Saint Elisabeth flooding 1421 (painting 15th century, Rijksmuseum)



Dealing with water...



An old dyke system



Dealing with water...



Afsluitdijk, large hydraulic locks, delta works

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More room for the River Waal near Nijmegen



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Re-use of artificial water systems for climate adaptation

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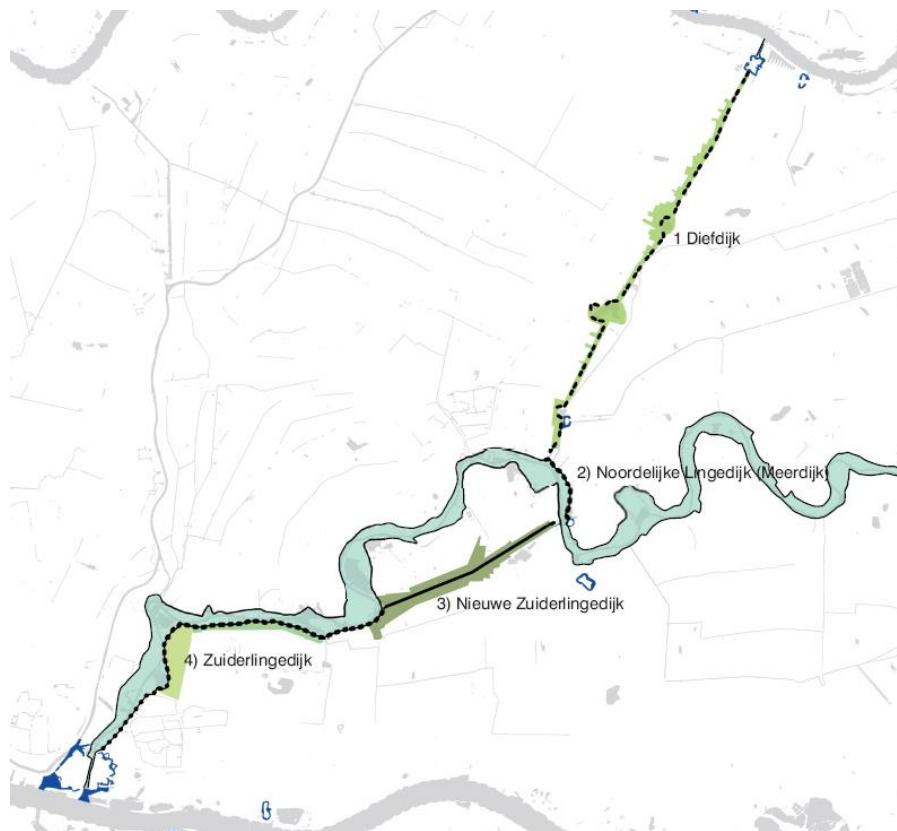
Re-use of defensive waterline structures for climate adaptation



The case of the Diefdijk (New Dutch Waterline)



① Redevelopment of Diefdijk





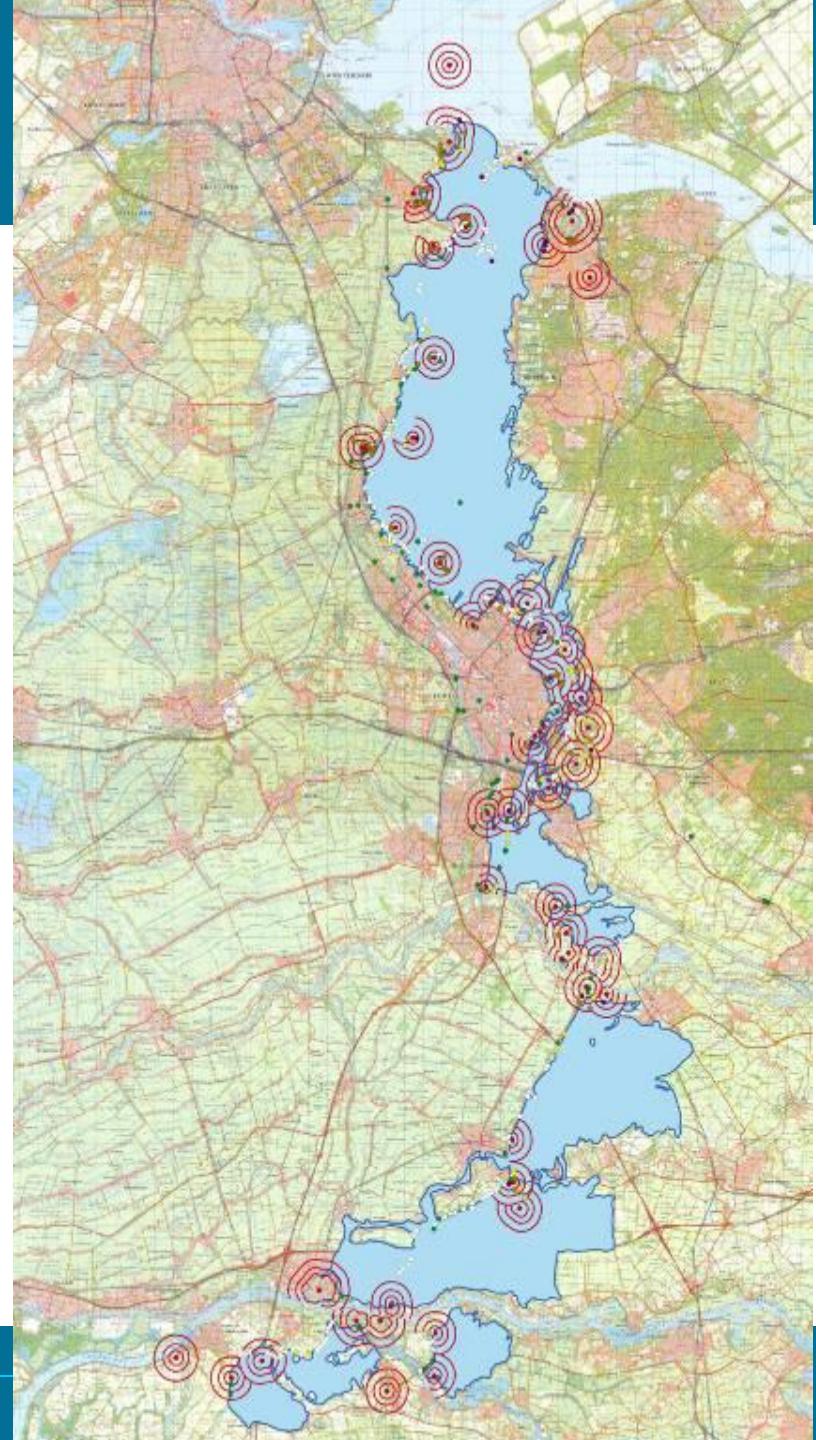






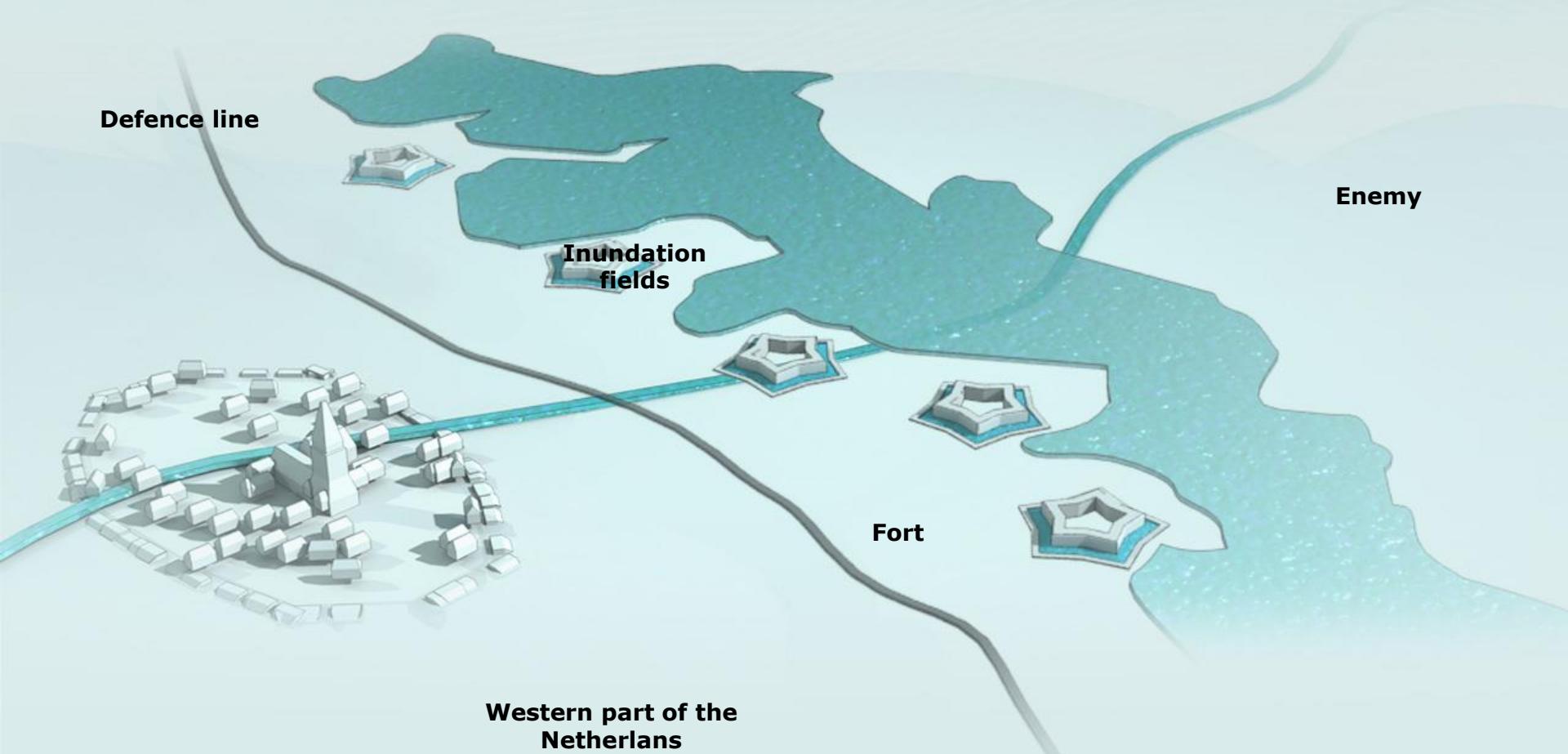
Facts of the Defence Line

- length: 85 kilometres
- width: varies from 3 to 5 kilometres
- 7 basins of inundation field
- 2 castles
- 5 fortified cities
- 53 forts with "the Prohibited Areas"
- bunkers, group shelters, sluices, canals
- totally about 1000 elements
(80% is still in good condition)





How was it working ?





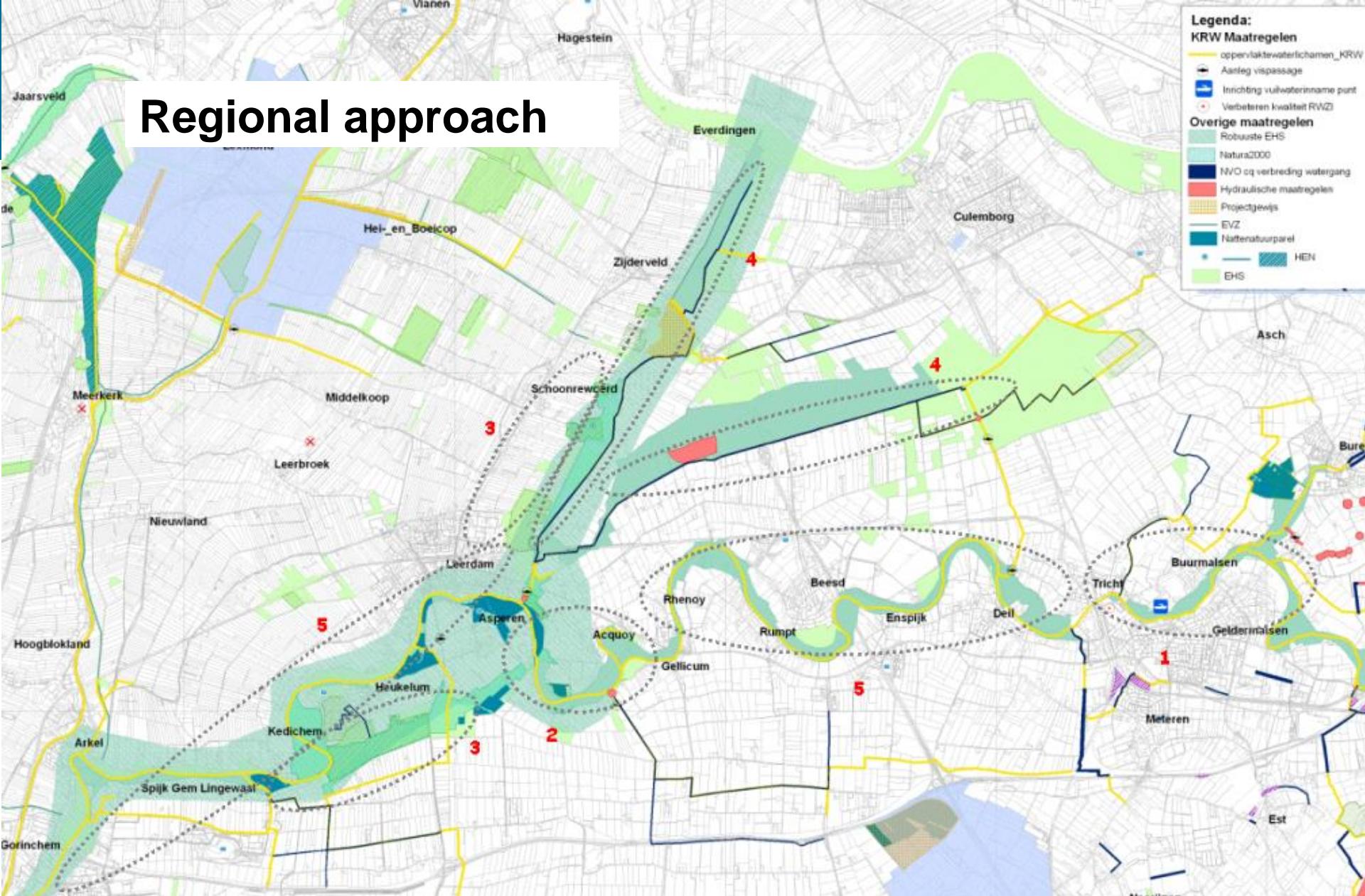
Inundation plains
around fort Spion



② Goal of the project

- Water safety
- Water climate
- Development of recreational networks (walking, cycling, skeerler routes)
- Cultural heritage-related issues (old elements of the Water defence line)
- Nature
- 30 km of dikes

Regional approach





Model 1 : dijkversterking t.b.v. piping + stabiliteit middels aanbermingen/ klei- aanvullingen

De illustraties van de aanbermingen zijn getekend in een doorsnede aanzicht.



1. Diefdijk



2. Noordelijke Lingedijk (Meerdijk)



3. Nieuwe Zuider Lingedijk



4. Zuider Lingedijk





Under construction









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Bunker Sperrlicht-Karin en Bram







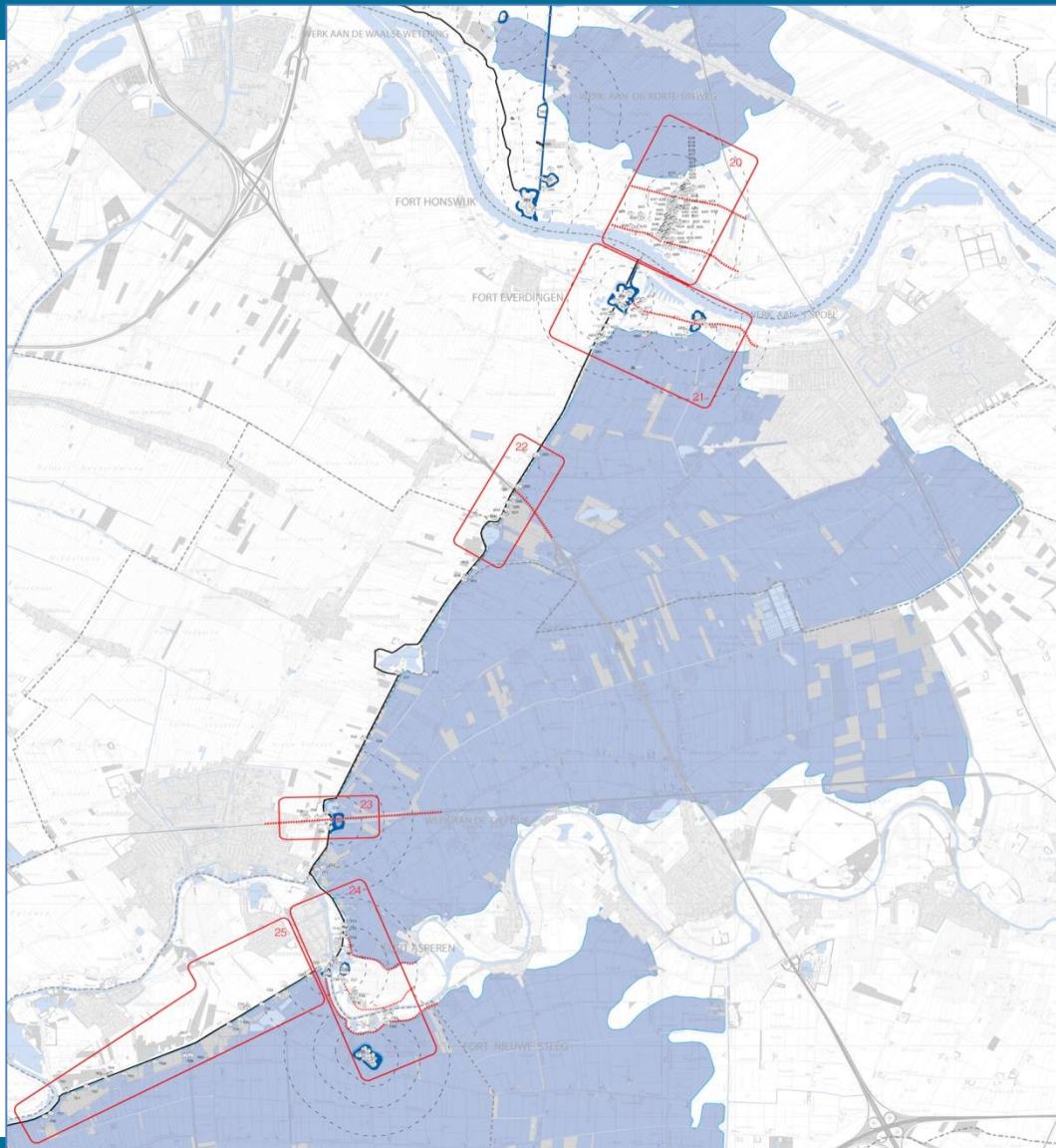




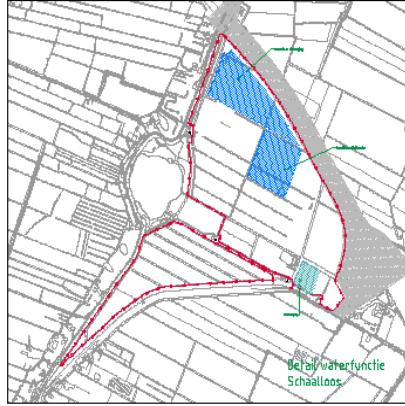




The Molenkade polder originated in the Middle Ages and has been redeveloped into a waterstorage area today

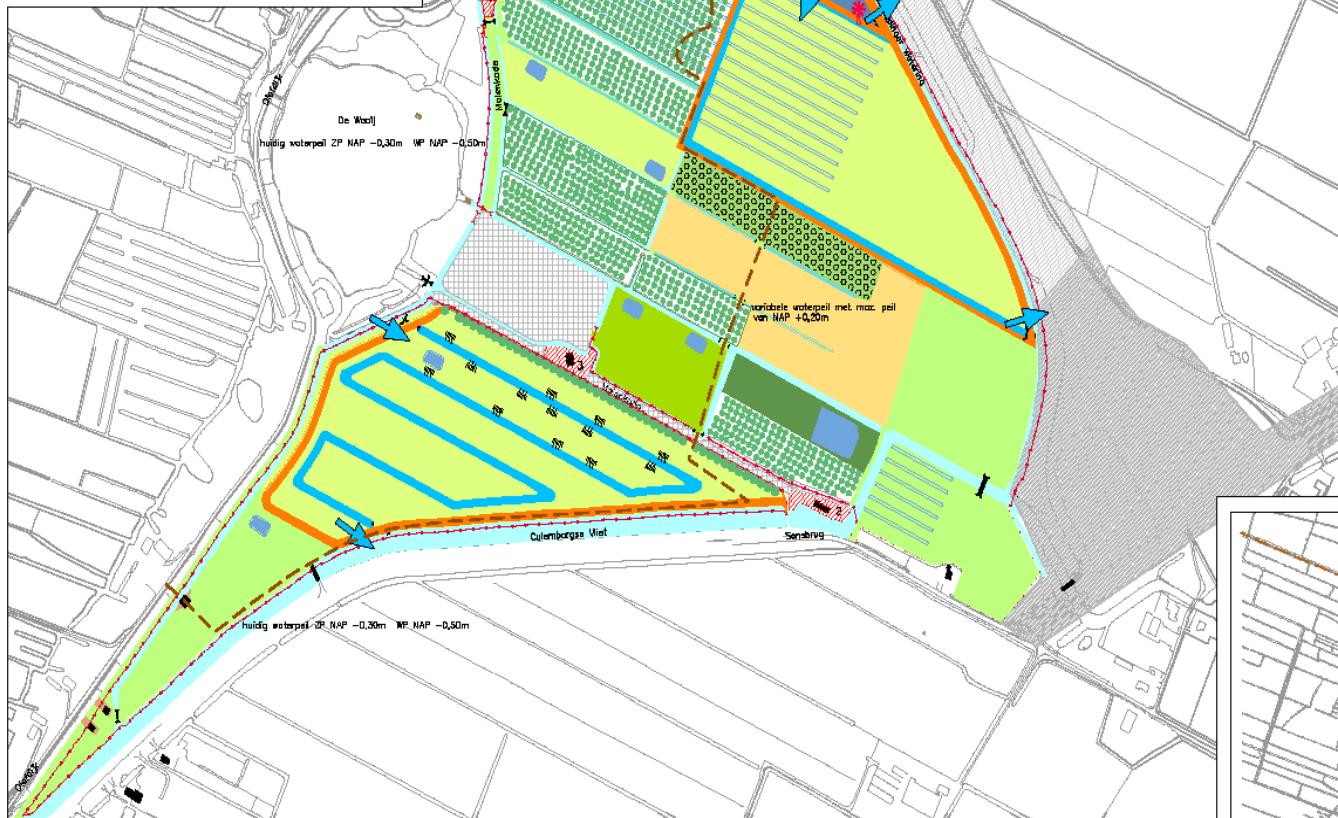


Principe Waterlinie: leegte in inundatievlaktes + clusters verdedigingswerken

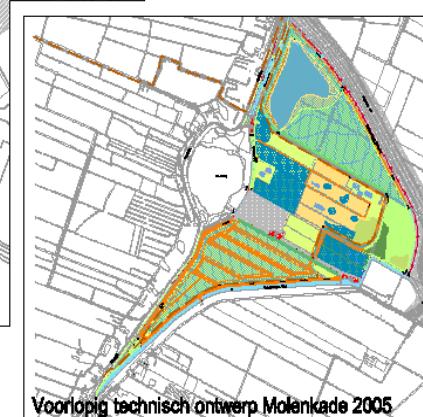


LEGENDA

- natig veldachtig grond
- vochtig tot nat schadegrond
- bloemrijkgrond
- moeras
- stam houtbos
- stamboom- / rige eikenbos
- grazend
- loofbomen
- ribbenbos
- natuurvriendelijke oester
- huidig waterpeil ZP NAP -0,90m WP NAP -0,90m
- plos waterpeil NAP -0,30m
- nieuw waterpeil, hoogste variabel
- variabele waterpeil met max. peil van NAP +0,20m
- pad
- kade NAP +0,70m
- laag dampen uitgang
- groepschutsplassen
- groepschutsplassen met uitvoeringsroute
- recreatieve wandelroute
- bescherming
- stuw/overlaat
- duiker nieuw
- duiker met sphindachulf
- vaste overlaat
- wieden
- waterbering
- duiker bestaand
- projectgrens
- bedoelde bebouwing met huisnummer
- niet verduurzaambaar
- ruimtelijke verbinding A2
- tijdelijke brug RWS



Definitief technisch ontwerp Molenkade



Voorlopig technisch ontwerp Molenkade 2005



**100,000 m³ water storage
70 ha nature for National Ecological Network**



Molenkade: inundatielandschap > 100.000 m³ waterberging, natuur, recreatie (foto Daniel Nicolas)



Conclusions (1)

- Clever function combinations
- Sustainability issues:
ecology, landscape, water and the watersystem
- Making clear how the inundation functioned



- **Great invisible landscape**
- **Make it now visible and vital**
- **Use the existing under layers of nature, water and cultural history**
- **Not just individual elements**
- **Think in terms of an area**
- **A sustainable UNESCO landscape**
- **Good co-operation between partners**



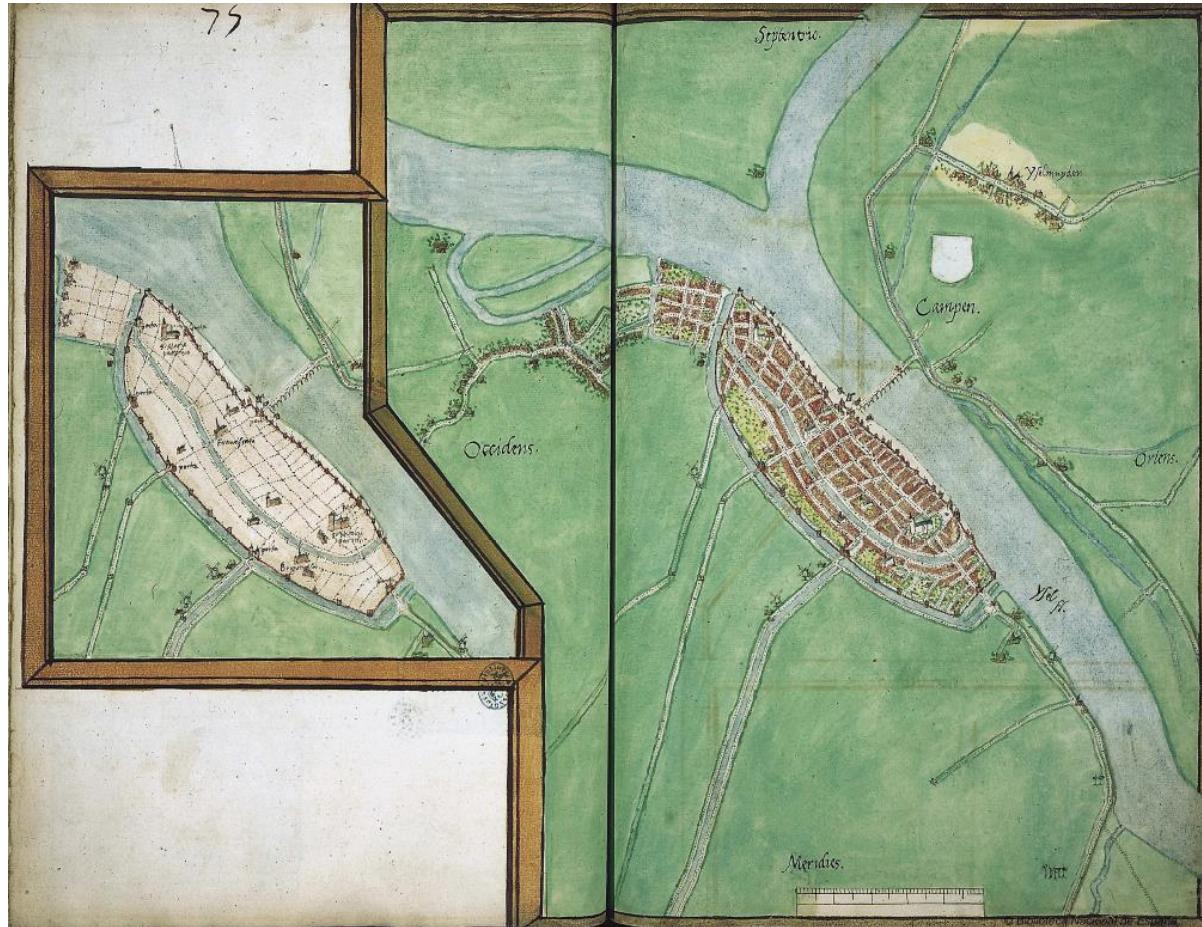
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The importance of historical maps and cultural heritage for modern climate adaptation strategies

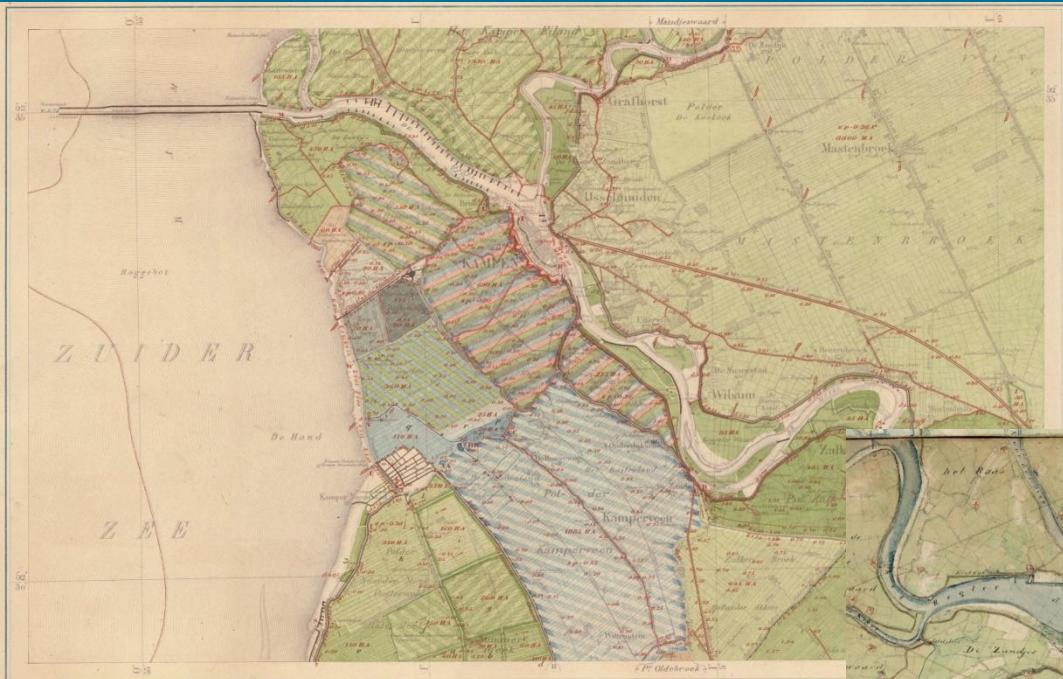
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Kampen on a 16th century Jacob van Deventer map

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'Waterstaats' map, 1882/83

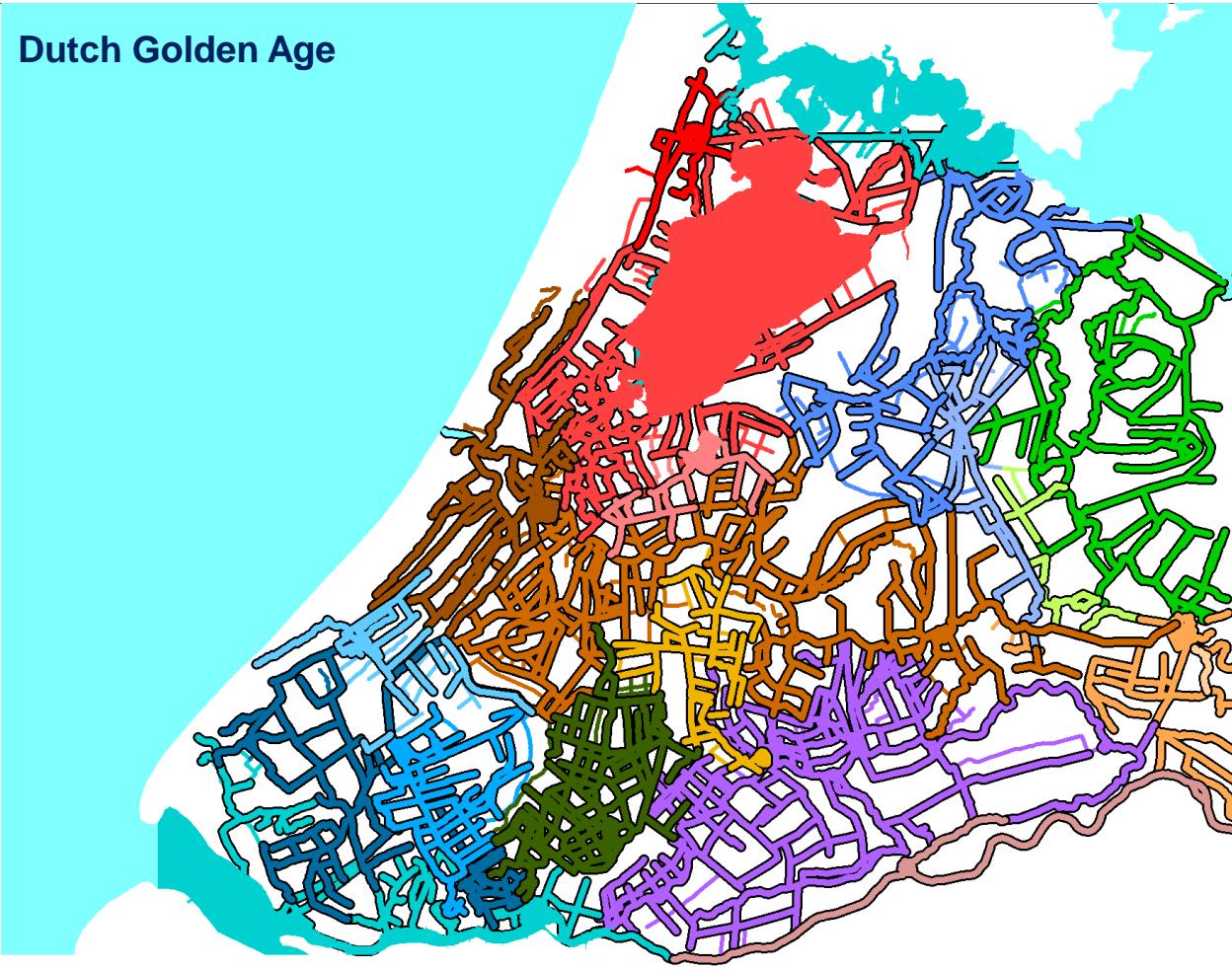


Military map, 1851

19th century maps



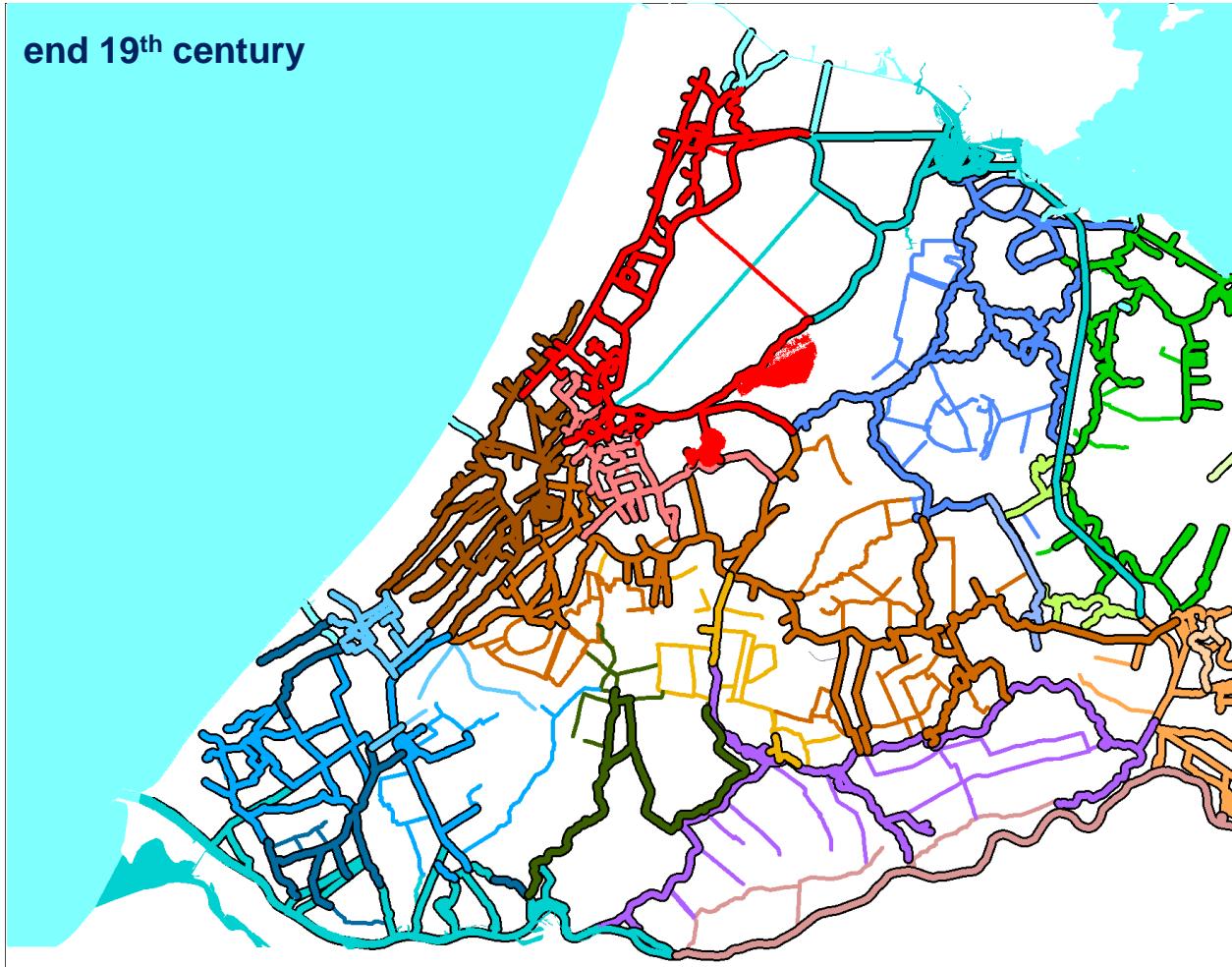
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Building a GIS on water systems

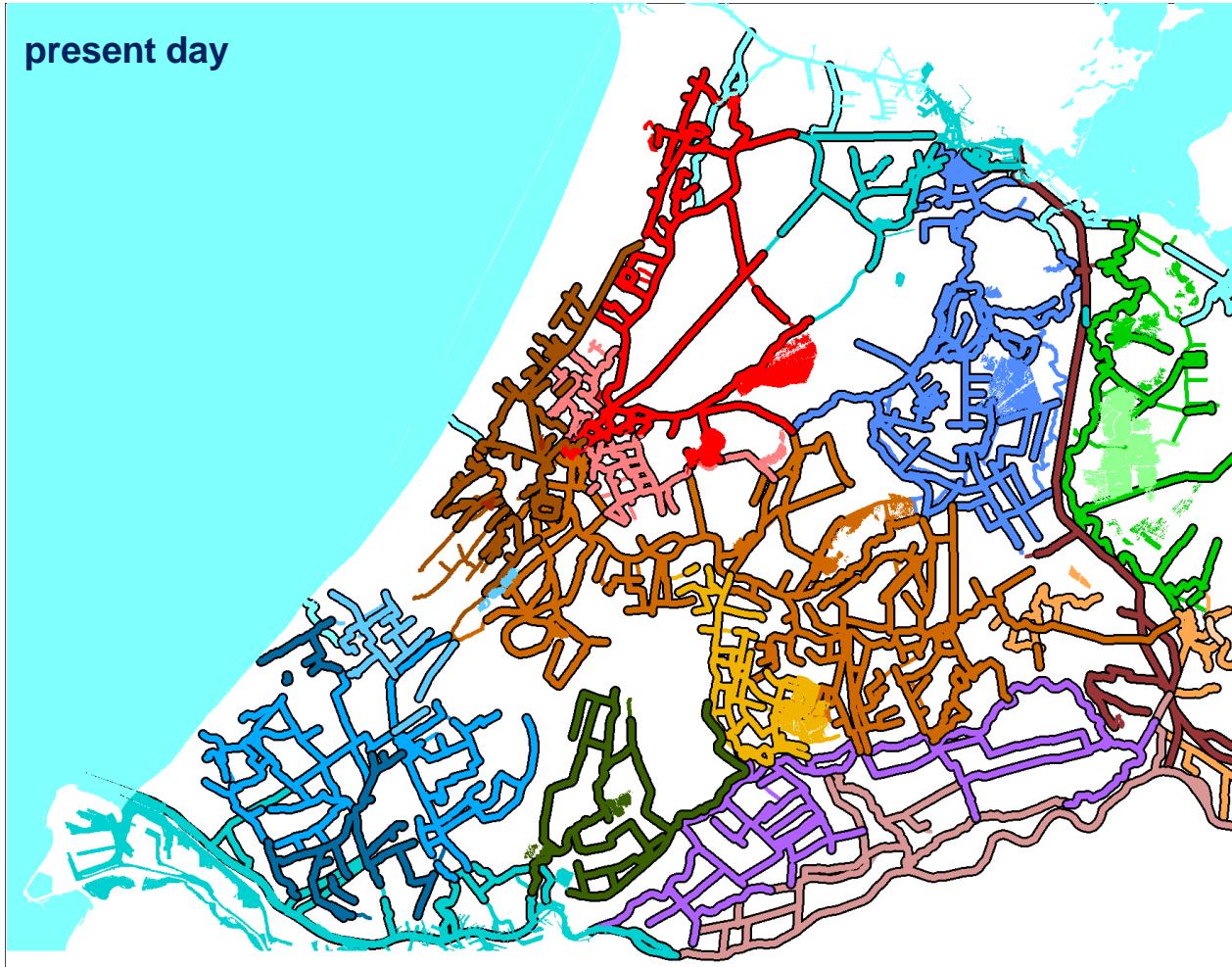


end 19th century

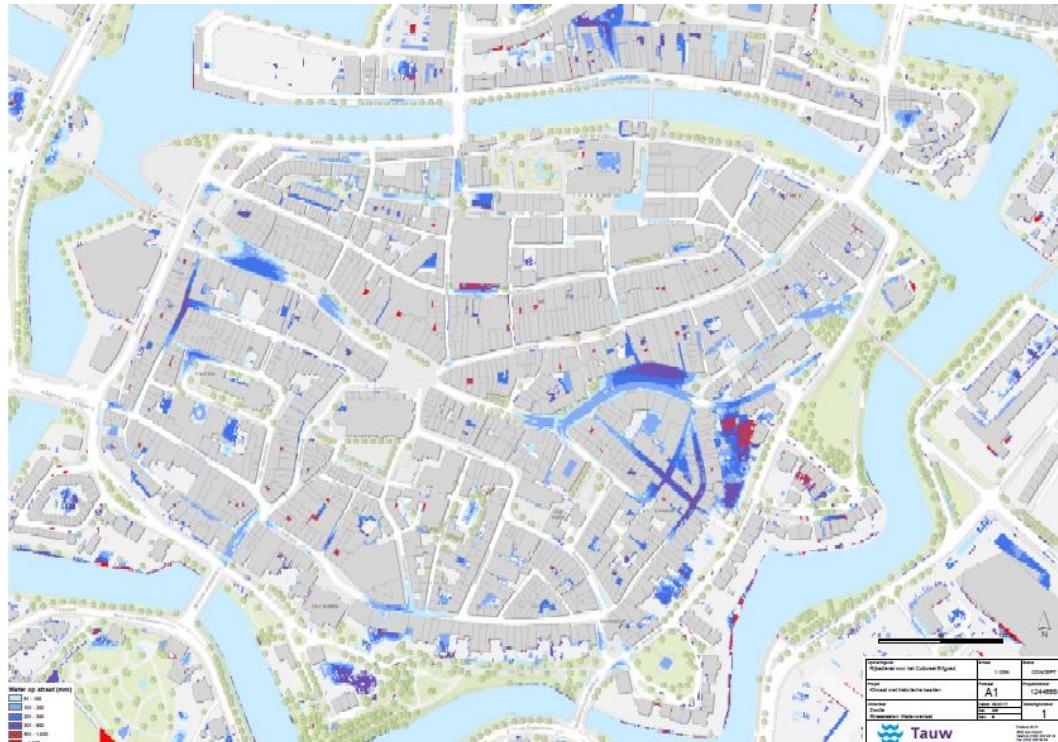




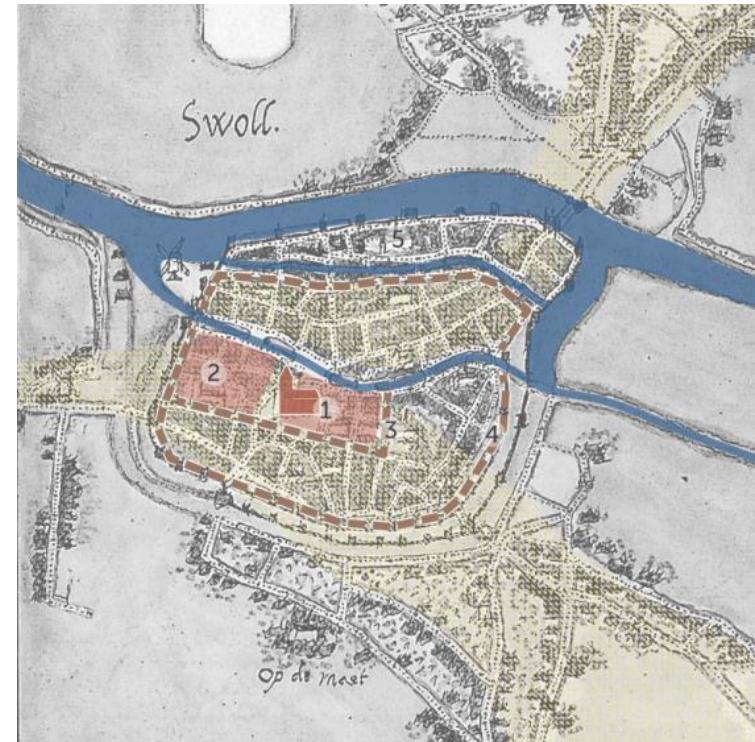
present day



Dealing with water...



Stress test on extreme rainfall (2017)



Historical water system (1557/58)

Identifying potential problems with too much water



Using cultural heritage for current and future landscape, energy-related issues in the Netherlands

- How can we use spatial qualities of our cultural landscape in the production of sustainable energy?
- Alternative forms of energy will have a major impact on our environment;
- How to use cultural heritage aspects in this development?
- Preservation, embedding and transformation of wind, sun and biomass energy methods.
- Manual Energy, Heritage & Environment
- **Subject for a future conference ?**



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Discussion

To what extent can this perspective on cultural heritage also be applied outside the Netherlands, in order to redefine the role of cultural heritage, to find suitable solutions for issues relating to climate adaptation and climate change?