dynamic landscape for the Haringvliet

Landscape architecture explorations for Delta 21

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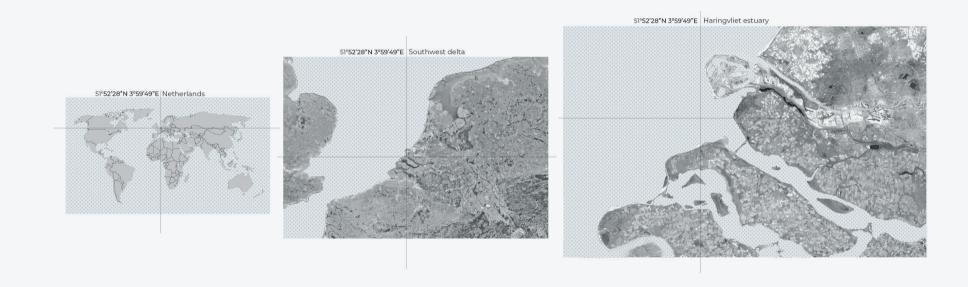
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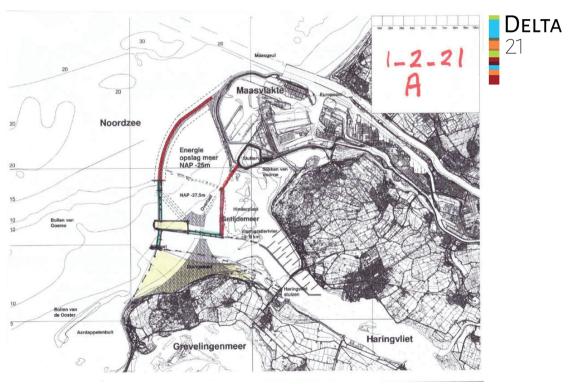


Design brief

Delta 21 plan

A new initiative to realize:

- Open river/sea connection
- New tidal nature park
- An energy lake as hydro power battery
- Enhance flood protection
- Pump-turbine station, spillway and storm surge barrier



Source: Delta21.nl

Design brief

Delta 21 plan

This graduation project I incorporated Delta 21 into the design exploration and approaches this initiative from a landscape architectural view.



Fascination

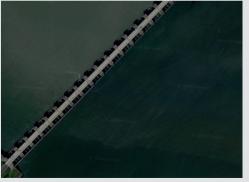
Image of a delta



Rich interface between land and water for nature and economies

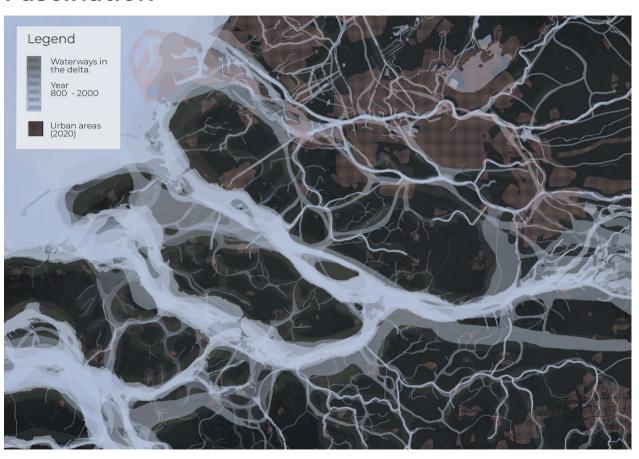
The Dutch Delta



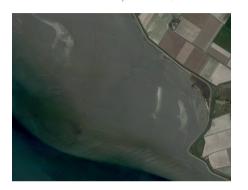


Single line interface

Fascination



Dutch interface: Open river/sea













Dutch interface: Open river/sea with processes









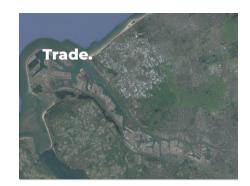




Dutch interface: Open river/sea with processes resulting in













Dutch interface: Open river/sea with processes resulting in the following landscapes:





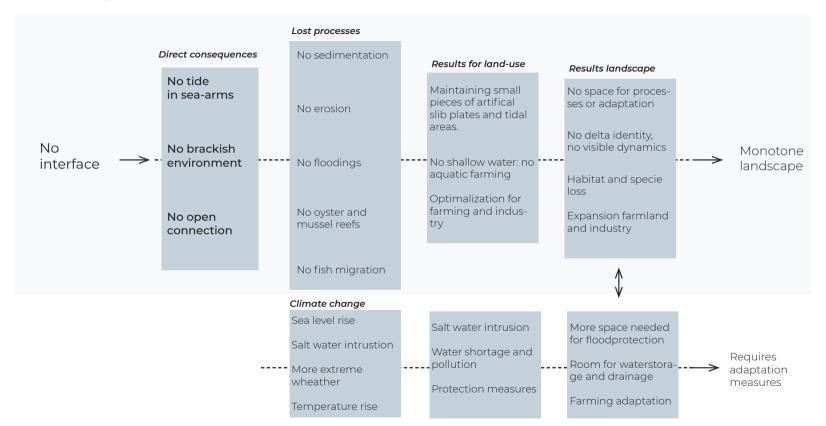






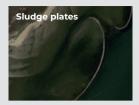


The damming resulted in no interface between sea and river, the consequences are:



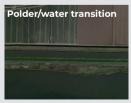
Problem statement

The disappearance of the **dynamic interfa- ce** and the corresponding **natural processes**resulted in a more **monotone landscape** with **habitat losses**, no space for **dynamics** or **adap- tation** and a loss in the **identity of the delta**.









Research Question

How can socio-ecological inclusive design

be used to create new dynamic estuarine

landscape interfaces that integrates flood

protection, ecology, sustainable econo-

mies and recreation?

Sub-questions

How did the delta landscape evolved to its current state and what landscape shaping processes where involved in this?

In what way can natural processes be introduced in the design of land/water interfaces?

How can I developed a landscape interface in which the occurrence of natural processes create a dynamic delta landscape and which facilitates flood protection, ecology, recreation and sustainable economies.



Haringvliet region



Target species

Name (scientific):

Alopecurus bulbosus (foxtail grass)

Origin: **Endangered:** Indigenous

Red list

Habitat:

Representative for: Salt water presence in groundwater Dry salt marsh, absence soil disturbance

like mowing, intense grazing, fertilizing.

(reason for decreasing)

Name (scientific): Origin:

Anarhynchus alexandrinus (kentish plover)

Europe Endangered: On red list

Representative for: Insects, shrimps, crabs, snales

Habitat:

Dynamic coastal areas with little vegetati-

on, voung sandbanks/beaches

Name (scientific): Origin:

Haematopodidae (ovstercatcher)

Europe Afrika (winter)

Decreases (decrease in habitat and food) **Endangered:** Representative for: Insects, shrimps, oysters, snales, worms Sandbanks and mud plates, diverse and Habitat:

wet grasland.

Name (scientific): Phoca vitulina (harbour seal) Origin: Coast Northern Hemisphere

Endangered: No

Representative for: Disturbance (noise, light), fish stock Habitat: Tidal areas, rocky coast, sand banks, cliffs,

deeper water (for hunting).









Name (scientific): Alosa fallax (twaite shad) Origin: Fast atlantic ocean

Endangered: No. but extinct in the Netherlands Representative for: Gradual fresh/salt water transition Habitat: Fresh water for breeding, estuaria to grow

up (important), sea as adult fish

Name (scientific): Zostera (seagrass)

Origin: Shorelines Northern Hemisphere Endangered: Red list, rare in the Netherlands Representative for: Biodiversity of fish and birds Habitat:

Lives in saline and brackish water and

settles in the soil

Name (scientific):

Lacerta agilis (sand lizard) Origin: Northern Hemisphere, Europe and Asia

Endangered:

Habitat:

Representative for: Dynamic dunes, in first states of succession Sun orientated sand dunes with a combi-

nation between open land and shrubs.







Analysis Landscape types













Analysis



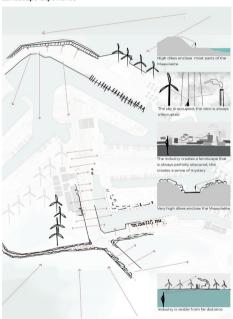
Utilitarian







Landscape experience



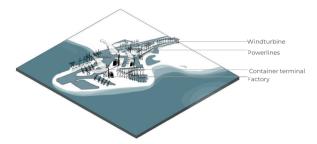
Utilitarian landscape



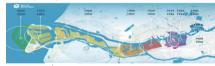
Landscape structure



Elements of the utilitarian landscape



Landscape shapers



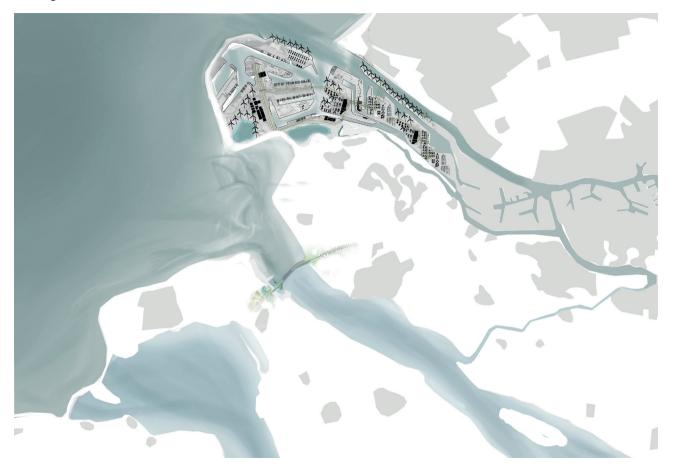








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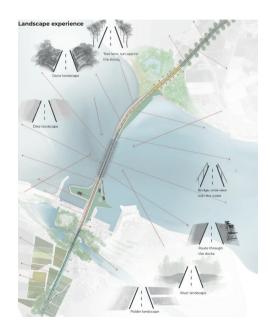


Dike and Sluices









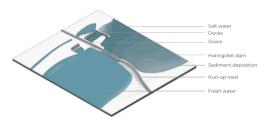
Dikes and sluices landscape



Landscape structure



Elements of the dike and sluice landscape



Landscape shapers











Cultural movements

Analysis

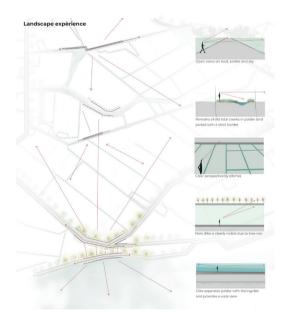


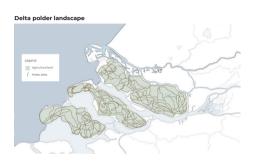
Polder





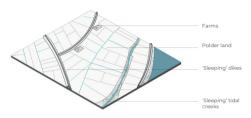




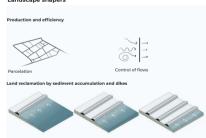




Elements of the polder landscape



Landscape shapers



Analysis



Urban







Delta polder landscape



Landscape structure



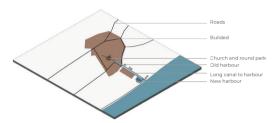
Landscape experience in 1953



Landscape experience in 1953



Elements of the urban landscape



Landscape shapers







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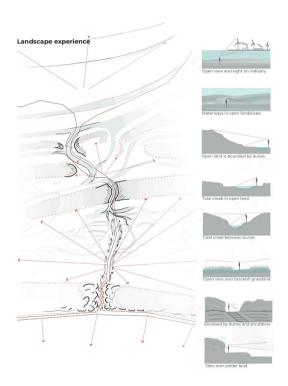


Coast





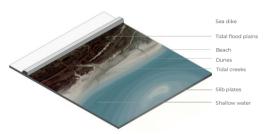




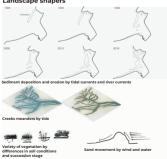




Elements of the coastal landscape







Analysis

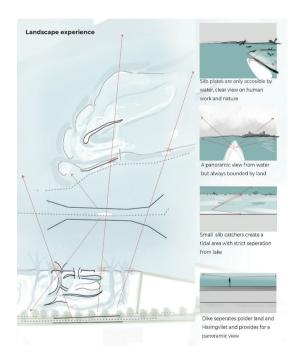


Sea-arm





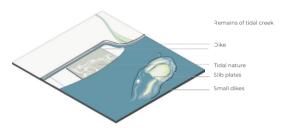




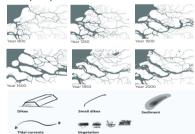




Elements of the sea-arm landscape







Analysis - First conclusions



The Haringvliet Delta is very **rich in structures and experiences**. Each

landscape type **adds value** to this delta

landscape in different ways. However,

each landscape type **stands on its own**,

with there own systems and experiences.

The delta is a fragmented landscape.

Analysis - Landscape transitions



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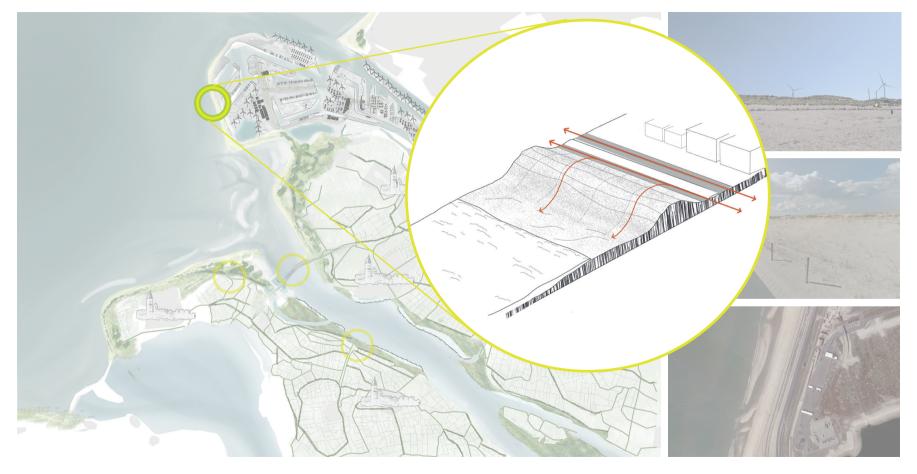




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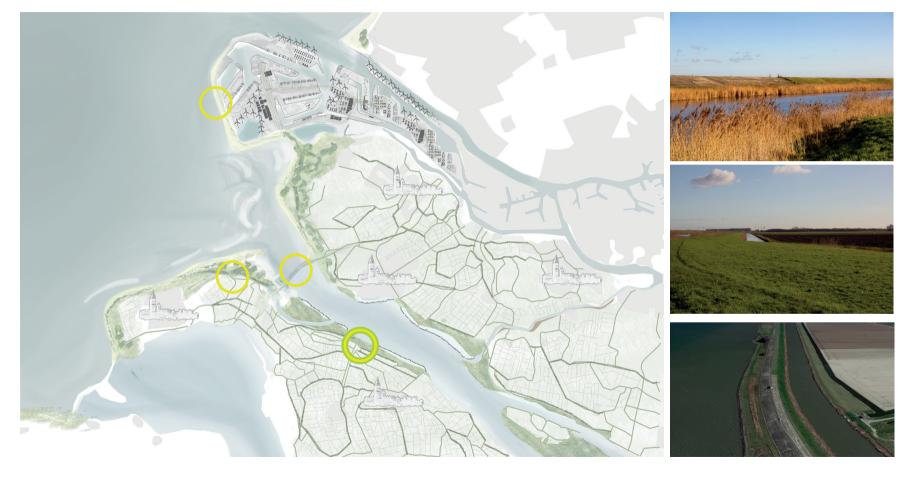














Analysis - Conclusion- Dikes extracted the interface and experience of the estuarine landscape

Connection The character of the interface defines the area as being experienceable as a whole or in enclosure. It can work as an edge or be part of the regional infrastructure. **Boundary element Binding element**

Gradient

The character of the interface in the delta is too often the monotonous shape of the hard edge. There is no space for natural formation of biotopes, ecology gets little chance.





Challenge and opportunity



Challenge:

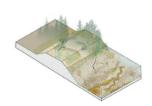
Get rid off the hard edges and to return the estuarine environment and experience.

Opportunity:

Create a new estuarine landscape in front of the Haringvliet by incorporating Delta 21 with gradual land/water transition and river/sea transitions and by that restore the estuarine experience of the dynamics and the esturarine ecological habitats and corridors.

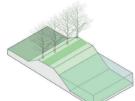
Design principles and case studies

The land/water transition, the flood defence structure, in different contexts





Sediment accretion by tide
Sediment accretion by river slib
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Erosion by tide
Erosion by river discharge
Ecological succession



Spatial dike

Height dike

Profile (view towards and view top)
Material and arrangement (view
towards and view top)
Movement and trace
Width dike

Social dike

Dike as infrastructure
Dike for recreation
Dike as landmark
Dike as heritage and storyteller
Orientation
Playing

Ecological dike

Wetness
Sun/shadow
Slope
Material
Maintenance
Wind/water/gravity force

Economical dike

Electricity generator: windturbine, waterturbine
Slib winning

Aquaculture

Saline agriculture

Waterpurification

Housing or holiday cabins

Case studies

Land van Saefethinge - gradient, dimensions, type of nature (salt and fresh)



Slufter Texel - gradient, dimensions, type of nature (salt)



Coastal zone Katwijk (by OKRA) - open transition with hidden dike



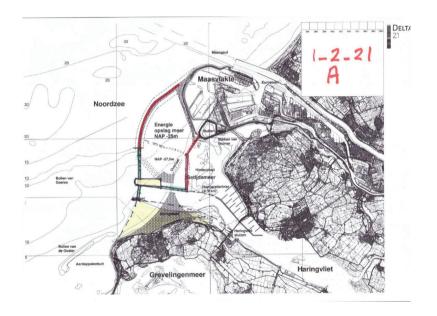
Noorwijke duinen, dynamic dunes - notches within dunes



Design exploration



Delta 21 plan- technical requirements



Pump-turbine station, storm surge barrier and spillway must not be trapped with sediments.

Water fluctuations energylake 20 meters

(-5 NAP to -25 NAP)

Slope energylake mimunim slope 1:10

Open connection Haringvliet - Sea

Dunes at least 400 meters (width)

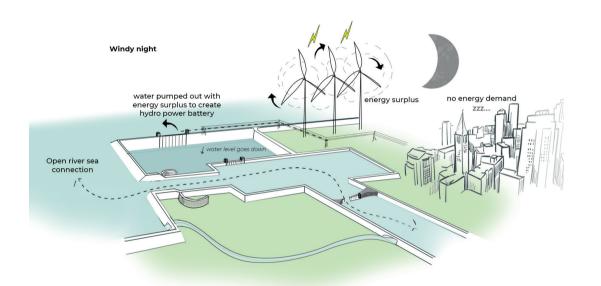
Energylake surface minimum of 24 km2

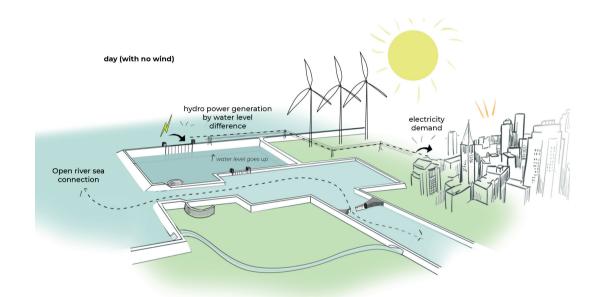
Pumps sea-energylake 2 km long

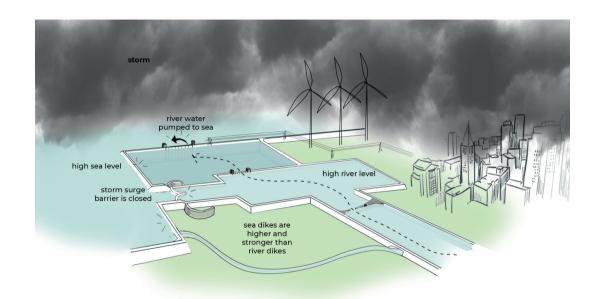
Pumps tidal-sea 1 km long

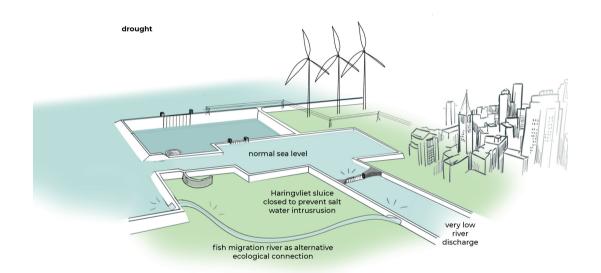
Tidal lake is a natural area

Fish migration river









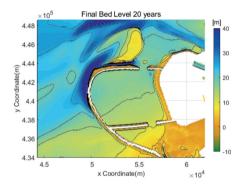
Explorations for design - Morphological research Delta 21 by students

Important findings:

West edge is erosive

Direction and width tidal channel





(d) Bed level after 20 years

Master thesis:

Zhaoyi Li (2020), Large-scale and local morphological impact along the northern side of DELTA 21, TU Delft.

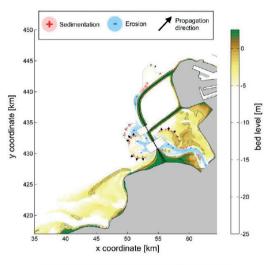


FIGURE 51: CONCEPTUALIZED MORPHODYNAMICS AFTER 5 YEARS

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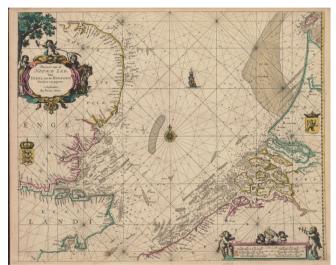
J.R. Ijntema (2021), Initial morpholdynamic changes in the Voordelta in response to the Delta21 interventions, TU Delft.

Explorations for design - Natural shape of the Southwest delta

Dutch delta was an area full of islands and creeks due to waves and tide.

The sand ridges are now below the sea level, the sand bars near the main islands are reclaimed.

The sand bars/mud flats still present at the Haringvliet are very valuable ecological habitats and need to be preserved.

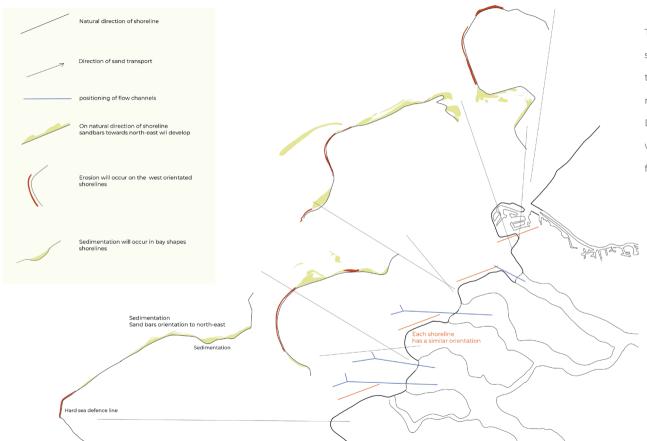




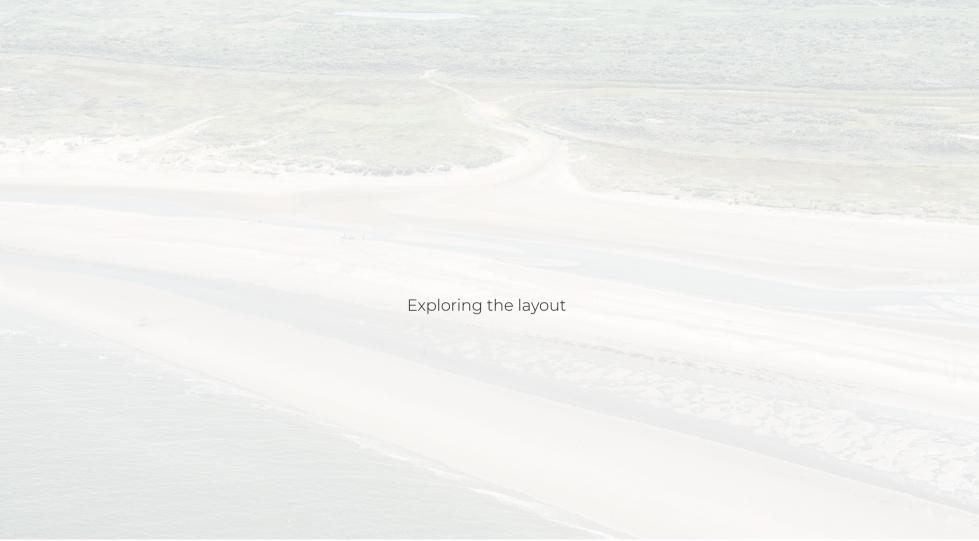




Explorations for design - Natural processes in the Southwest delta



The outer edges of the island heads are erosive. The dominant direction is southwest to northeast, which is shaped by the dominant flow current of the sea. Designing the Delta 21 layout with this direction in mind will create less resistance from natural forces.





The morphology of the seabed

Sedimentation and erosion processes

Direction and open connection sea/Haringvliet

Much more new land to create more space for recreation, nature and softer transitions.

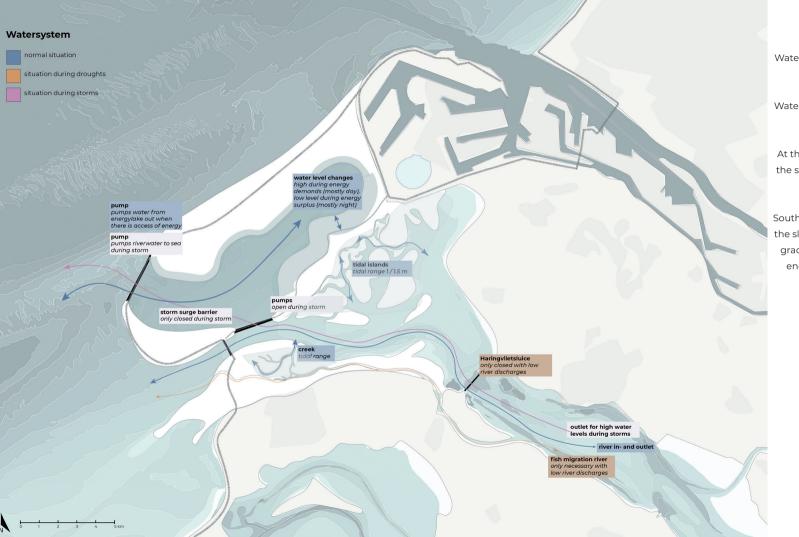
Existing mudflats connected no new implemented island and marshland to preserve and expand the nature reserve.

Fishmigration river implemented by use of existing water structures and coastline.



Pumping station is situation on the west outer edge and stays clear from sedimentation due to the dominant erosive forces.

Storm surge barrier and spillway stay clear from sediments due to the erosive forces achieved by the width of the in/outflow channel.



Water level difference in tidal lake is 1.5 meters.

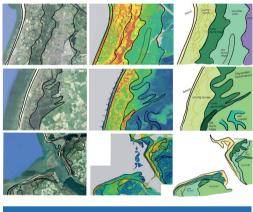
Water level difference energy lake is 20 m.

At the north edge of energy lake the slope is 1:10 to experience the water level differences.

Southeast edge of the energy lake the slope is 1:50 to establish a very gradual transition between the energy lake en the tidal lake.



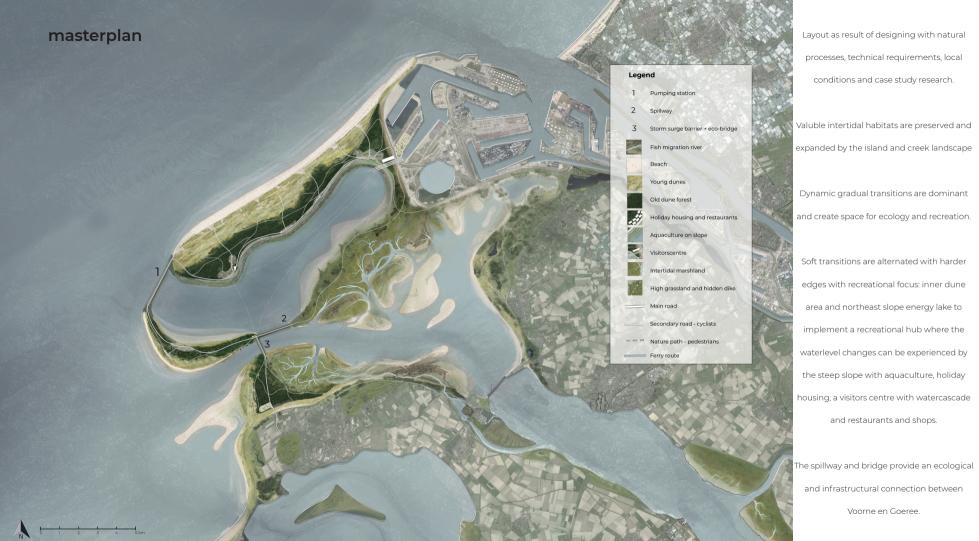
Landscape structure is based on the coastal landscape structure which is present along the dutch coastline.



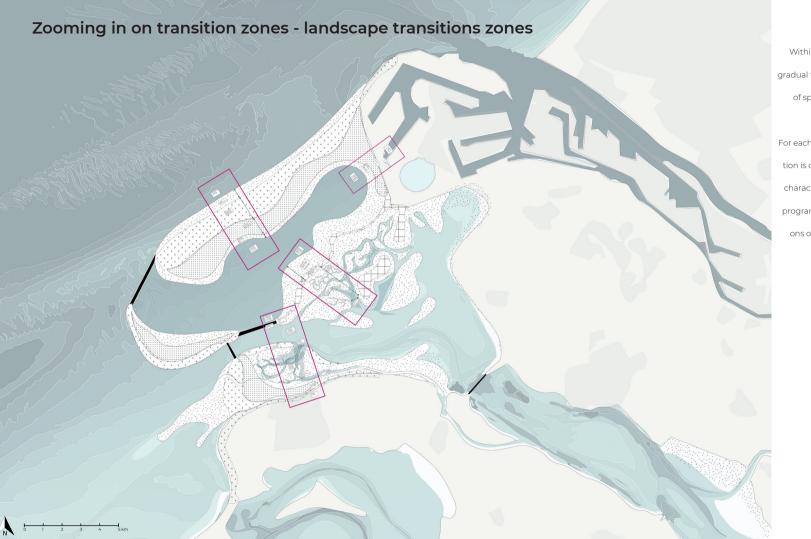


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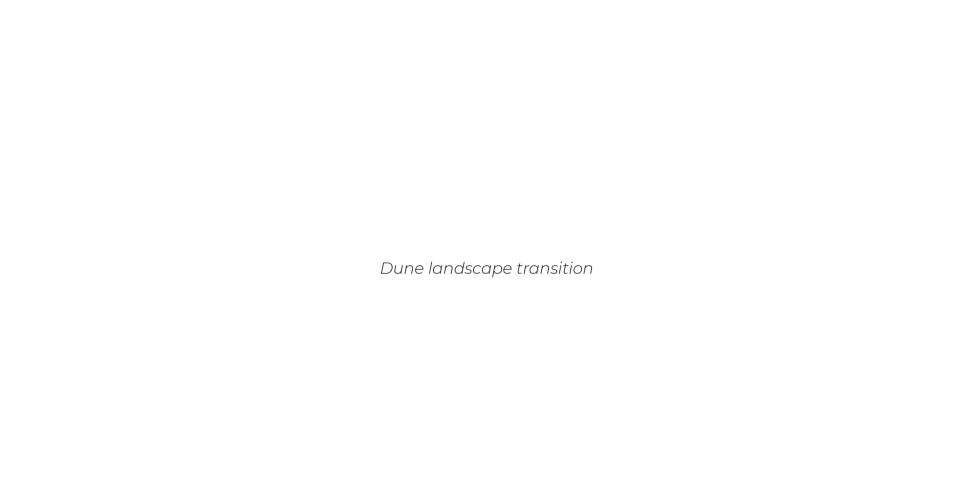


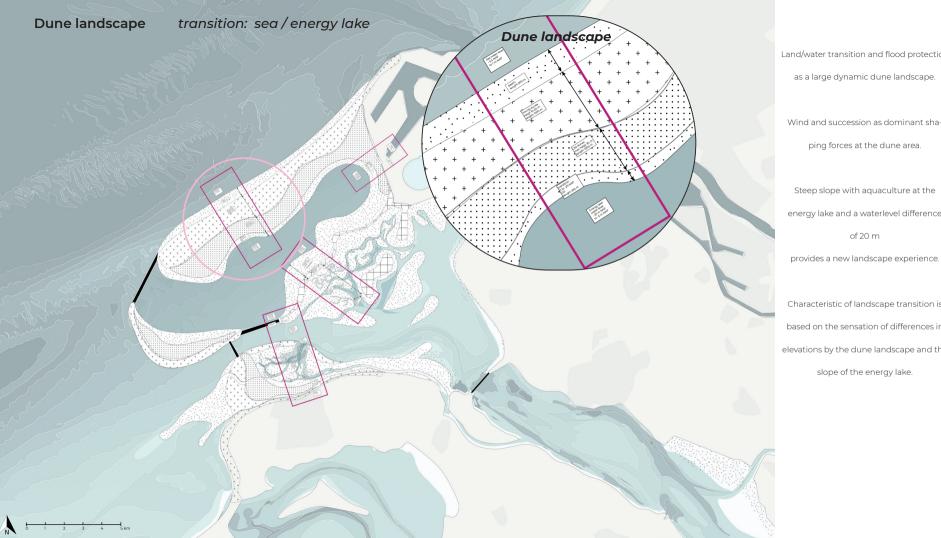




Within the new estuarine landscape
gradual transitions are designed with a lot
of space for nature and recreation.

For each transition zone a design exploration is done to investigate what role the character of a transition can play in the program and experience and connections of the new estuarine landscape.





Land/water transition and flood protection as a large dynamic dune landscape.

Wind and succession as dominant shaping forces at the dune area.

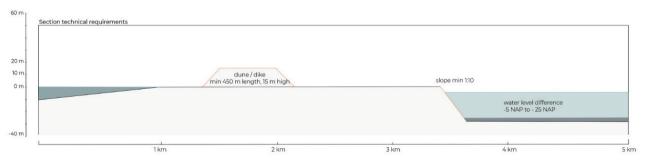
Steep slope with aquaculture at the energy lake and a waterlevel difference of 20 m

Characteristic of landscape transition is based on the sensation of differences in elevations by the dune landscape and the slope of the energy lake.

Dune landscape

landscape structure and technical requirements

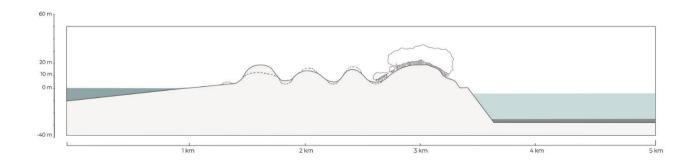




Dune landscape

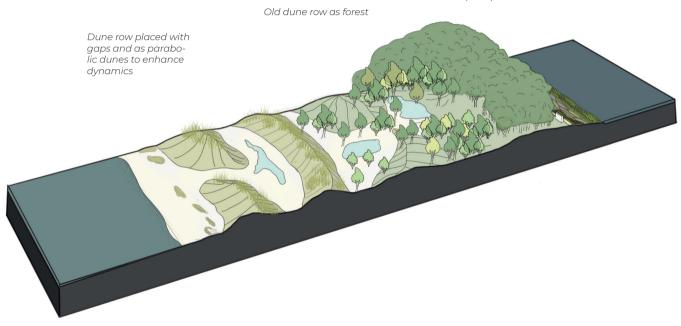
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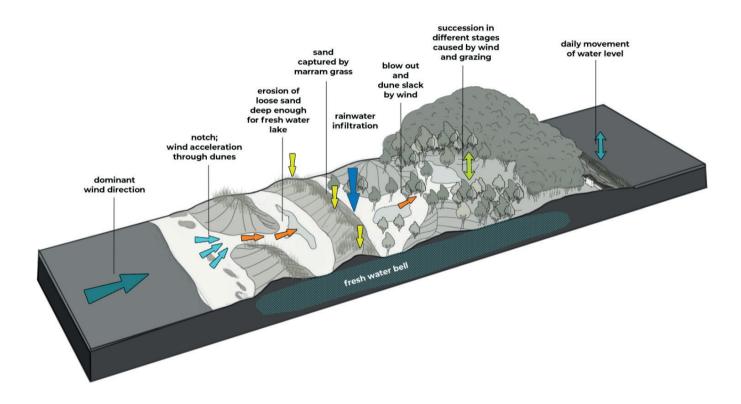




Dune landscape structure

Steep recreational dune edge and steep aquacultural energy lake slope creates a very interesting new landscape experience.





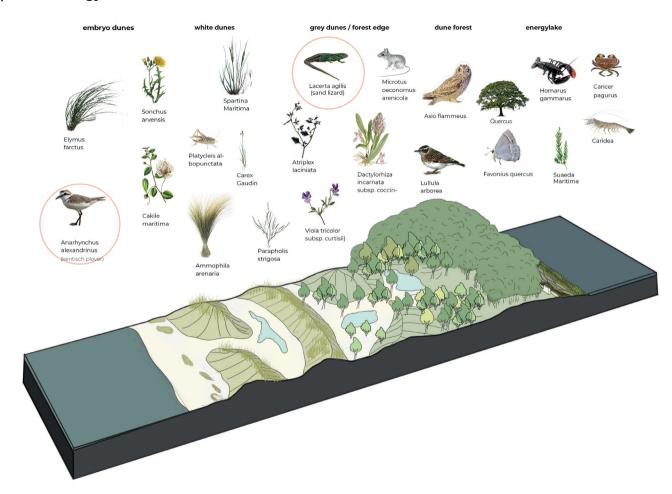
Dune landscape natural shaping







Dune landscape ecology



Dune landscape program



A climbing dune that captures sand to increase the experience of dynamics and elevation differences.





Dune landscape

program

Pathways over and through the dune landscape



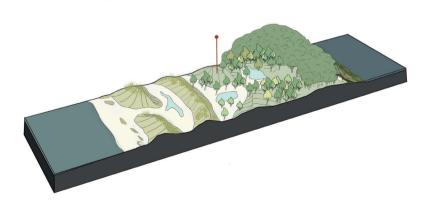
Pathways over hilltop and a choice for one adventureus path and a concrete path



Overview of the transitions and how the path leads you trough it.

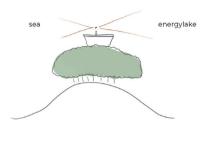


Secret side pathways that leads the visitor to more intimite spots.



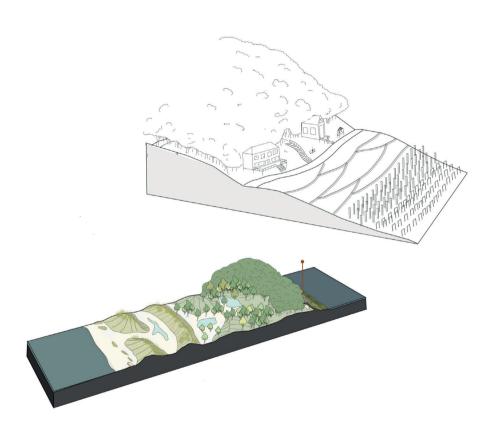
Viewing tower to visually connect the sea, dune area and energy lake.

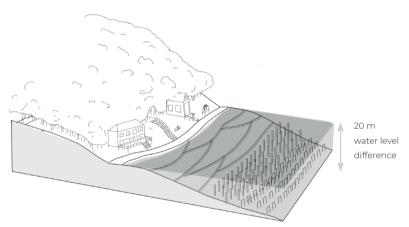




Viewing tower







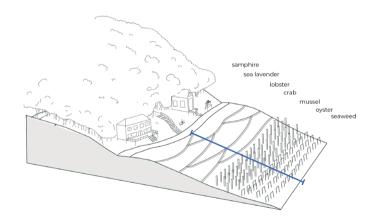
Dune landscape

aquaculture

Location of the crops and animals depends on the desired overflow time

Samphire Sea Lavender Lobster

Slope up





Slope down

Dune landscape

rmain road goes through the

dune area.

recreational hub

Houses, shops and restaurants with the dune forest in the back and a view towards the energy lake.

Sometimes main road is located next to the energy lake at other places the

References holiday housing and restaurants energy lake



Sea side restaurant (Source: Rocksalt Folkstone)



Holiday homes on dune slope with a view



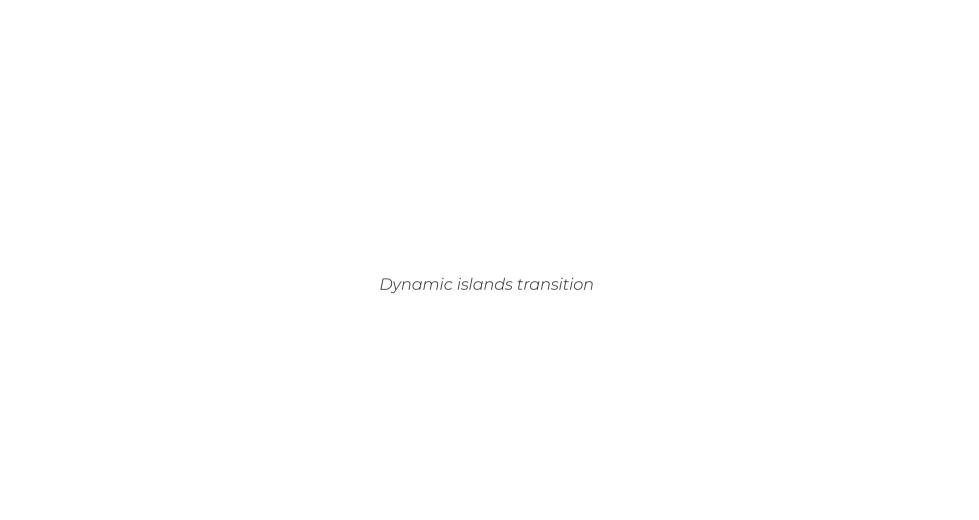
Holiday cabin (design by: Lendager Groupne)

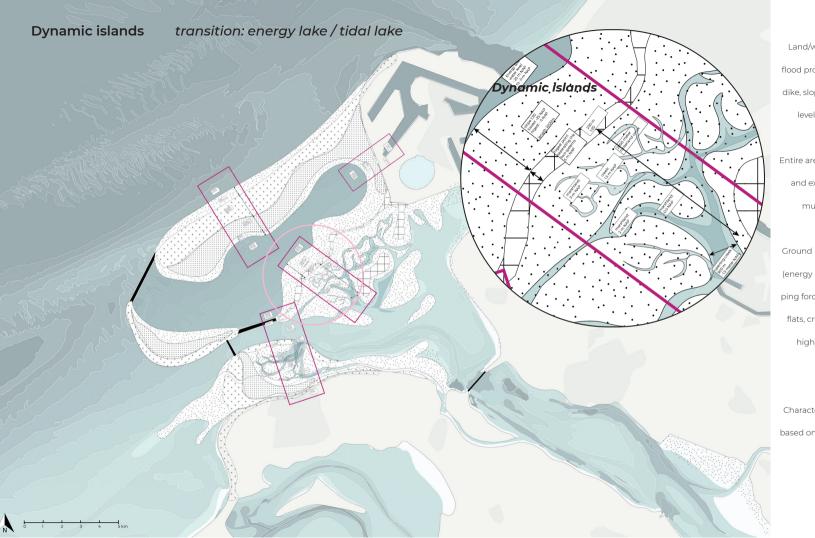


Boulevard on lake side (via: Eco Inn Warners Bay)









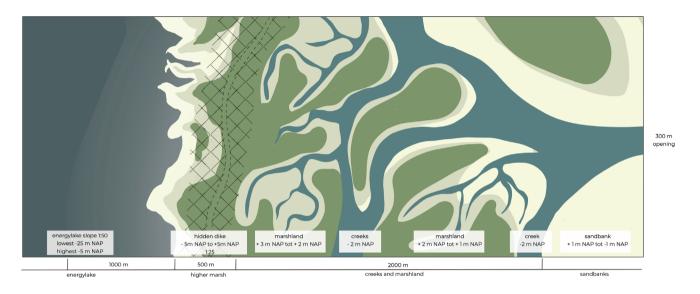
Land/water transition is very gradual, flood protection is obtained by a hidden dike, slope of energy lake is 1:50, ground level islands from 1 to 3 m +NAP.

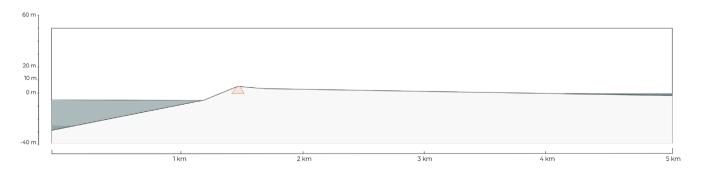
Entire area is a nature reserve to preserve and expand the valuable ecological mudflats like the Hinderplaat.

Ground level and water level differences
(energy lake and tide) as dominant shaping forces which creates intertidal mud
flats, creeks, low and high marshland,
higher grassland and shrubbery.

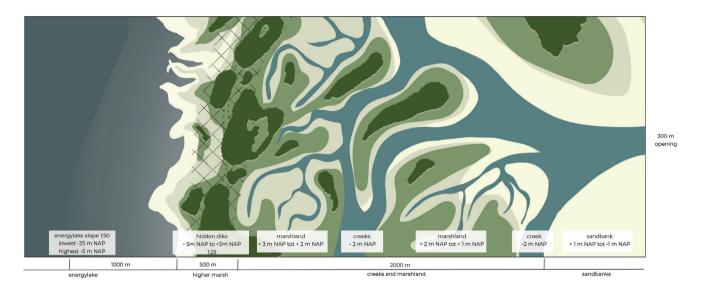
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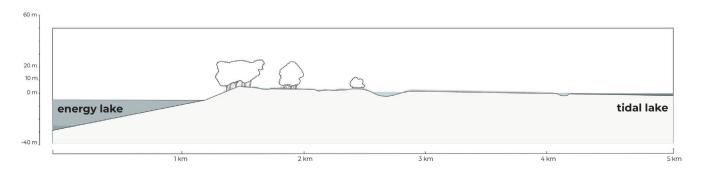
Dynamic islands technical requirements



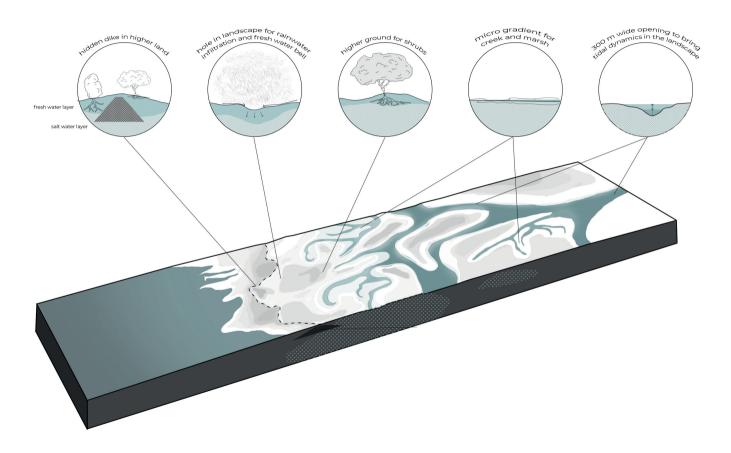


Dynamic islands structure





Dynamic islands gradients



landscape development - implementation stage



During the implementation only the islands and the first creeks are created artifically.





landscape development



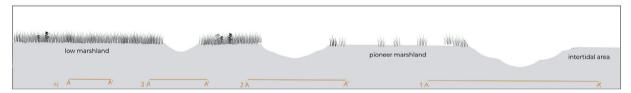
During the next stages the tidal dynamics will create the creek system naturally.

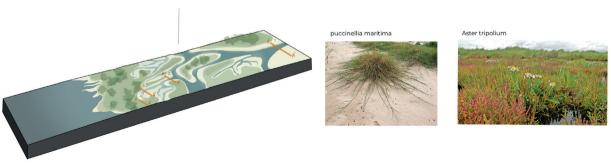




Dynamic islands landscape development

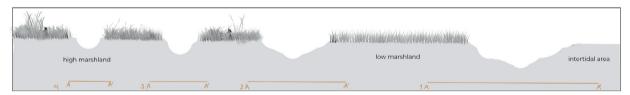






Dynamic islands landscape development



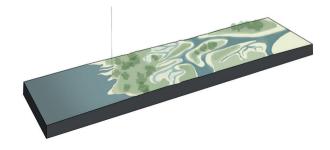




Dynamic islands Impression transition energy lake / high grassland - high water

The energy lake edge has a soft meandering water edge which appears as a very gradual transition.

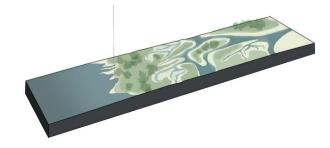




Dynamic islands impression transition energy lake / high grassland low water

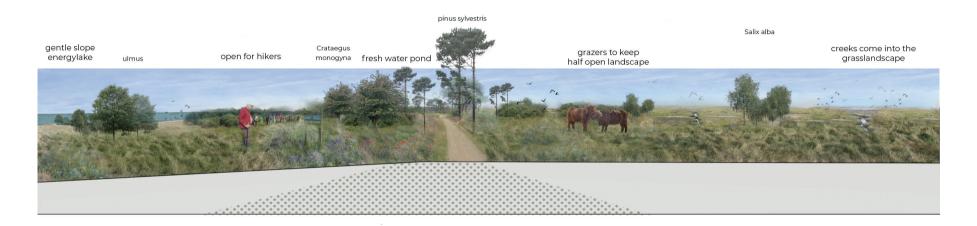
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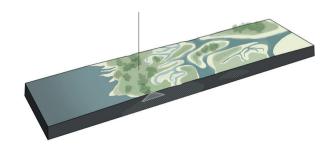




impression hidden dike

The contours of the hidden dike are not visible due to the shrubs and trees that obscure the view.





Dynamic islands impression dynamic islands

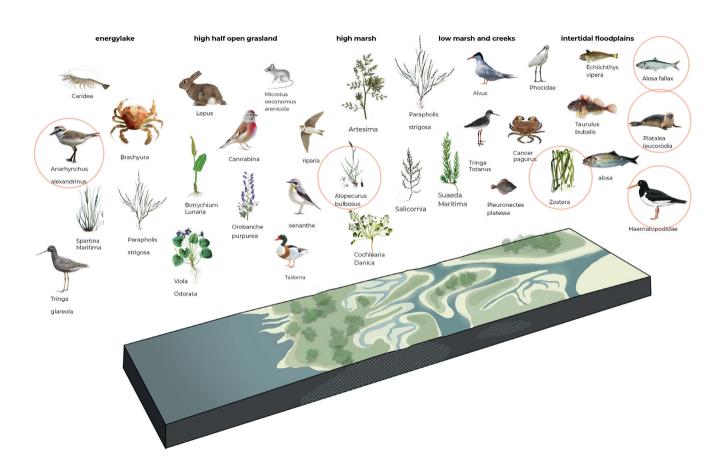
The creeks islands and larger water bodies alternate each other which creates a very dynamic landscape that is a lot of fun to explore.





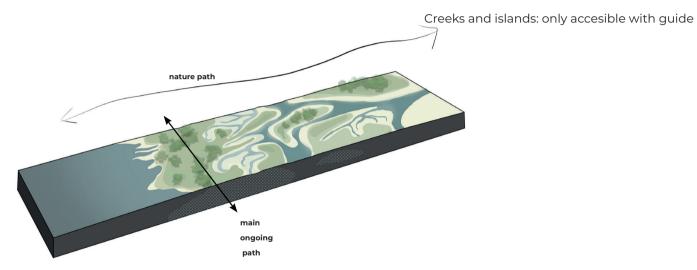
ecology

This landscape provides a suitable habitat for all 7 target species as presented at the analysis.



program

The entire transition zone is a nature reserve, the focus on recreation is based on experiencing nature.



Main route: accesible for hikers and cyclists

program

A tidal path invites the visitor to explore the lake bed and to search for sea life.

tidal path - high water



tidal path - low water



searching for sea life





Mowed path emphasized the natural character of this landscape and guides the visitor through the area.

mowed path to guide visitor



natural bike lane



bird watching tower





program

Exploring the creeks

bird watching tower (Lookout Loop by Ulf Mejergren Architects)



guided tours





program

Kayak safari trips will not disturb nature too much but provides the opportunity to explore the extraordinary landscape.

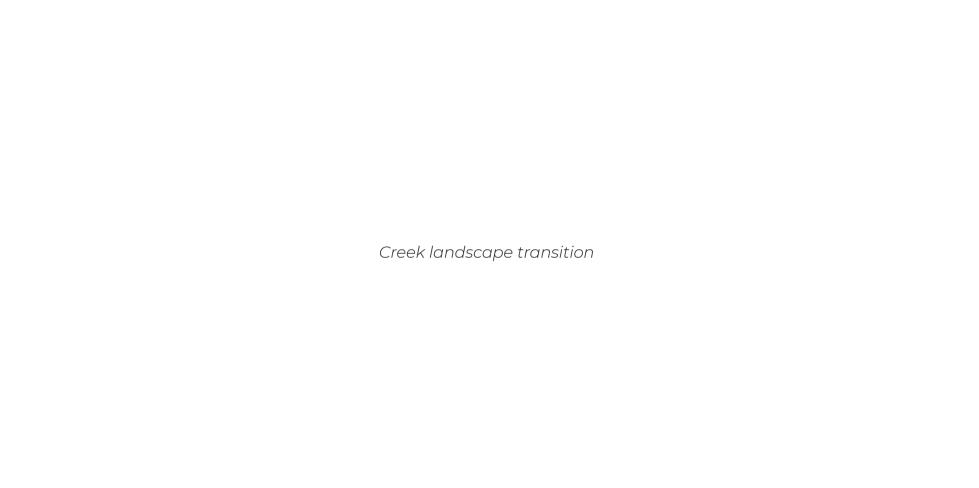
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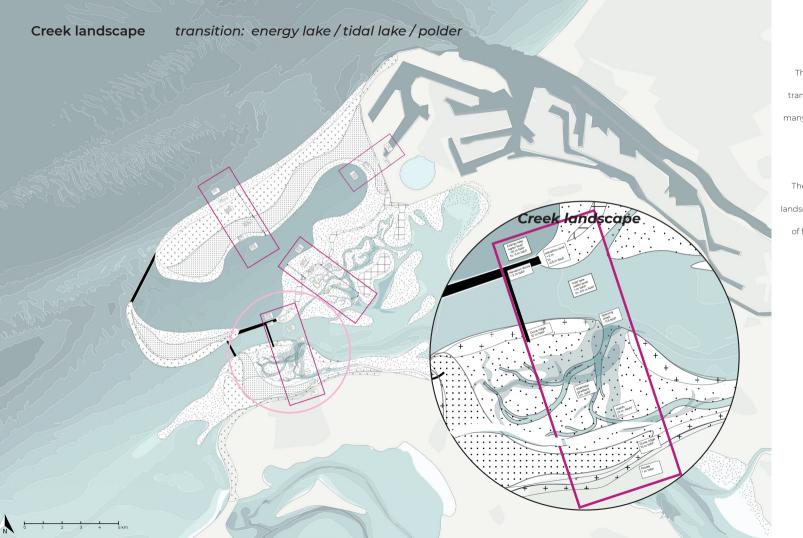


seal watching





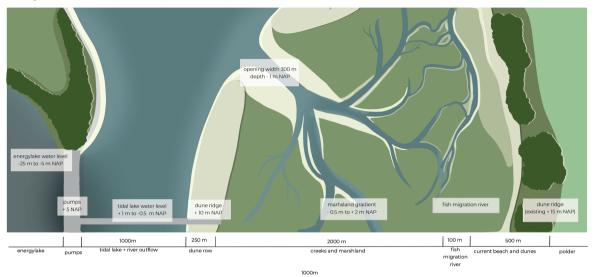


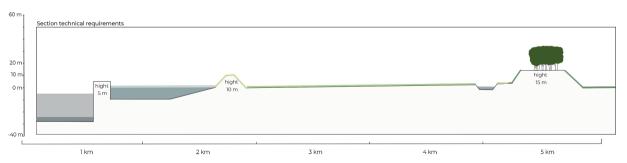


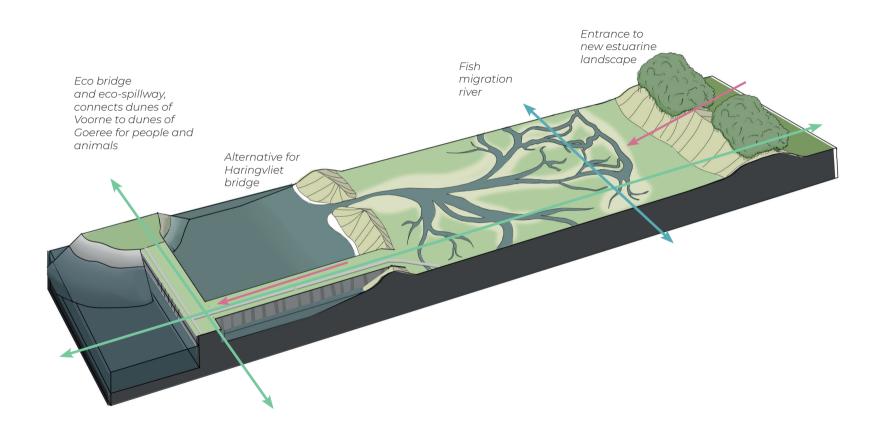
The characteristic of the land/water
transitions is very diverse and contains
many different flows of water, people and
ecology.

The creek landscape is the dominant
landscape type and embeddes the system
of flows into the estuarine landscape.

Creek landscape technical requirements and structure







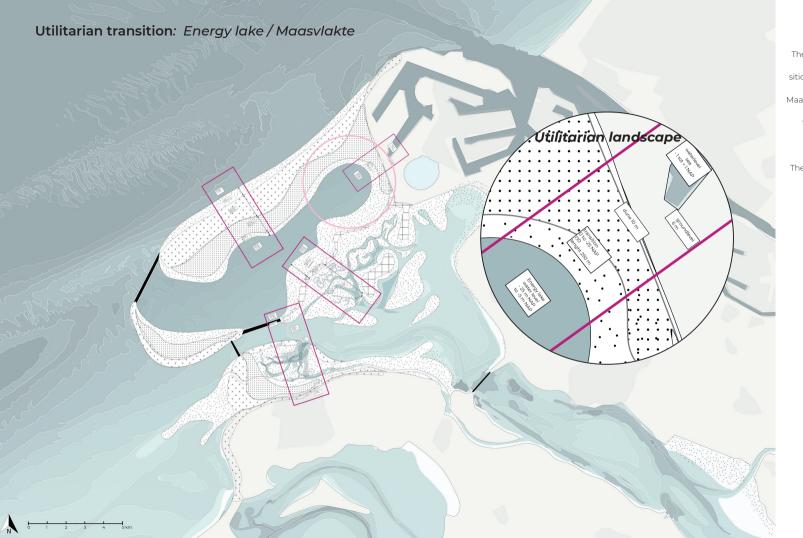
Creek landscape impression eco-spillway and eco-bridge

Flow of ecology combined with flow of people





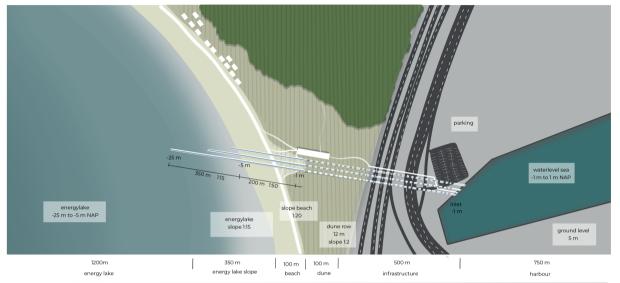


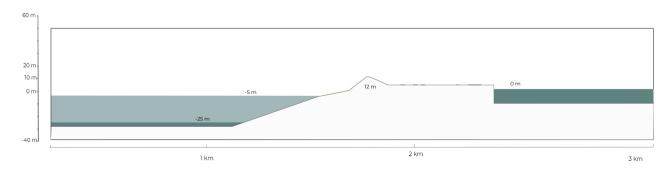


The characteristic of the land/water transitions is very strict at the Maasvlakte. The Maasvlakte and the energy lake are seperated from each other by a dune row:

The characteristic of this transition will be based on recreational experience.

Utilitarian transition: Plan, structure and technical requirements





The characteristic of this transition will be based on recreational experience by implementing a visitorscentre and water cascade.

The visitorscentre will visually connect the Maasvlakte to the energy lake and the water cascade provides a water stream from the Maasvlakte to the energy lake and will connect both areas systemetically.

By this design intervention the working of the energy lake can be explained by experiencing the water level differences and by viewing the wind turbines on the Maasvlakte.

Utilitarian transition: Plan, structure and technical requirements

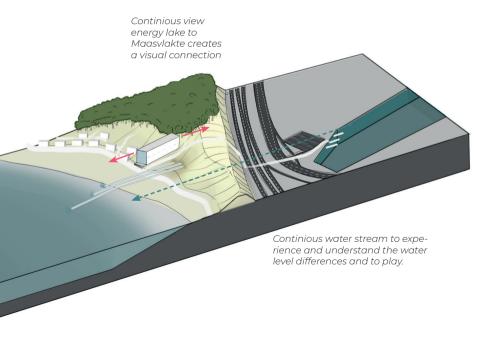
References



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Utilitarian transition: Impression



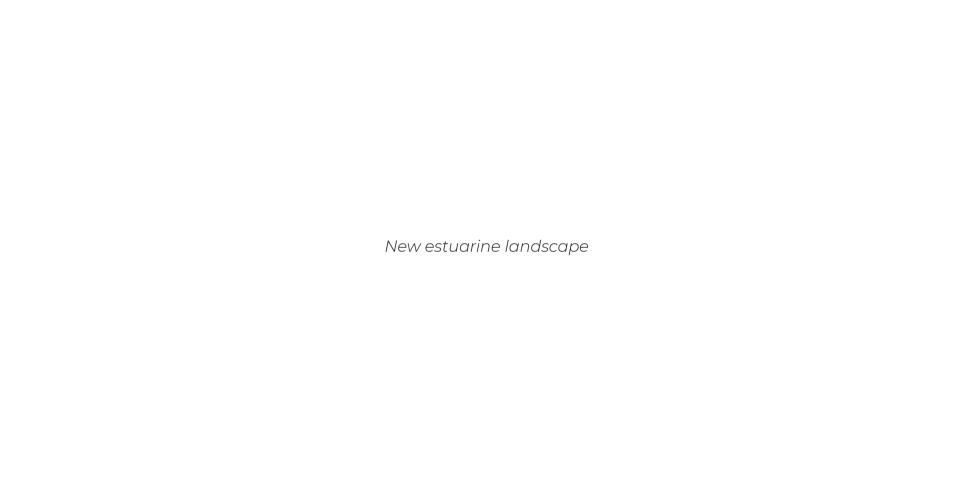


Visitorscentre and watercascade to understand the area but also as a recreational destiny on itself.

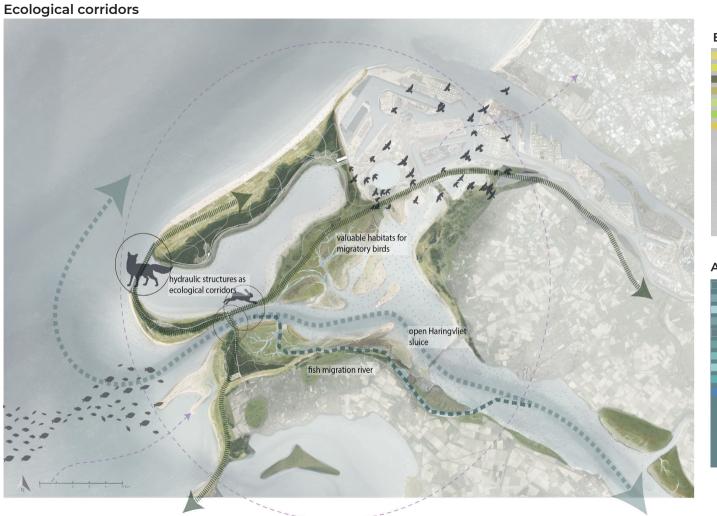
impression cascade above energy lake



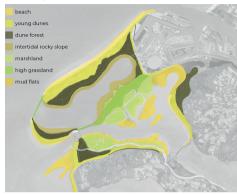








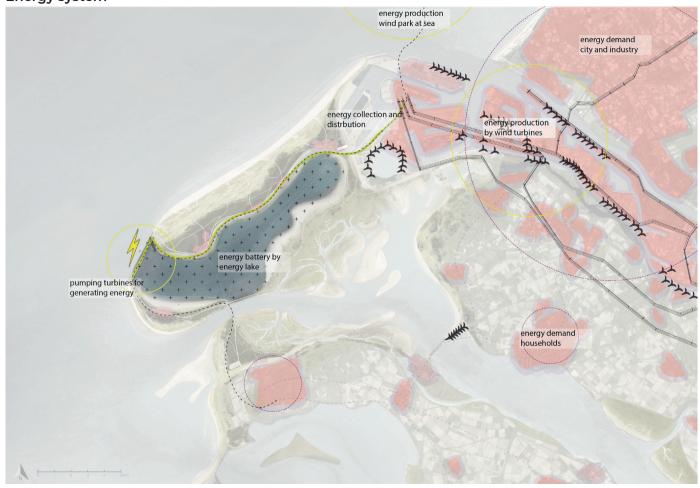
Ecotopes on land



Aquatic ecotopes



Energy system



Energy is stored directly next to the wind turbines and is delivered to the industry and city in the same region.

The amount of energy that can be stored is huge and will contribute significantly in achieving the climate goals.

Food production



Seafood can now be produced locally. This can decrease the dependency on the fisheries at sea and in Asia.

Local distribution of the food will help in getting shorter producer-consumer chains.

Flood protection



The pump turbines have a capacity so large it can pump out all the excess river water during an extreme event.

In this way, the river dikes do not need to be strengthened. This will saves an enormous amount of money and solves the problem of lack of space around the dikes.



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Flood protection - pump turbines



Infrastructure



One main road which only can be used for long-stay visitors, good delivery and people with a physical disability

People move through this area by bus, ferry, bike or walking.

The low amount of traffic in this area will provide more quietness, less pollution, and slow down the visitors, who will experience their visit as more calming and remote where they spend time in nature.

Infrastructure - road typologies and vehicles

Main road - cars and bikes



Ferry to cross the energy lake



Secondary road - cars and bikes



Beach bus along the coastline



Bicycle lanes



Hiking trails



Recreational nodes



Small villages for recreation with their own identities subdivide the landscape into more intelligible distances.

Recreational nodes and infrastructure



There are endless recreational routes to visit this area.

Hiking through the landscape with overnight stays in the villages.

You can take the ferry to the spillway and bike back to the parking lot.

A day to the beach

Recreational node - beach entrance



beach area

beach entrance & parking



Pathways to other beaches



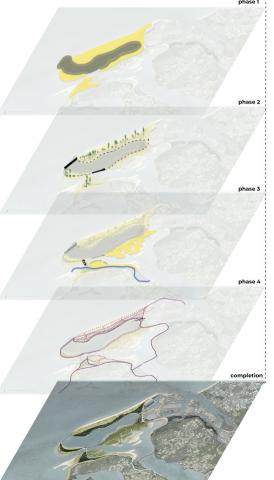
beach opening, restaurants and services



beach entrance



Implementation



Sand is removed from the energy lake location to make it more deep. The sand that comes free is used to build up the frame of Delta 21.

Seond stage, the pumping station, spillway and hidden dike are installed and the dunes are planted with marram grass to prevent it from eroding.

During the third stage the aquaculture edge, the storm surge barrier, bridge and fish migration river are installed and the sand is placed at the creek landscape and the island landscape with the correct gradients and dimensions for the tidal inlets.

The last stage is about installing the recreational layers with the houses, pathways and visitorscentre.

During all the stages flora and fauna is occupying the landscape and will eventually, in about 20 years after implementation, cover the entire new landscape in fully grown habitats.

Reflection

