# **Bridge generations**

Collective intergenerational living community



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## **Site Introduction**

Group plot selection Individual plot selection

# Site Introduction

Site information



midden delfland

ZUS plan

### Site Introduction Water



wet areas after 0.5m rise of "new swamp" water level

# Site Introduction

Group plot selection



## **Site Introduction** Group plot selection



#### **Site Introduction** Group plot selection



#### Situation in November 2023







Zones according to ZUS Plan

Program



Height [m]

Household types

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Household Family of 2+1 or 2+2

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# Site Introduction

Group plot selection





### **Site Introduction** Individual plot selection





### Motivation

Housing phenomenon Site observation Target group Research questions

### **Motivation** Housing phenomenon



Single Households in the Netherlands (Centraal Bureau voor de Statistiek, 2023)





Number of inhabitants by age group in Delftweg (AlleCijfers, 2022)

- The trend of living alone
- ageing
- Students housing crisis

Student housing protests (DutchReview, 2023)

#### **Motivation** Site observation



#### **Motivation** Site observation



**Motivation** Target group

• Students







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**Motivation** Research question

# What can architects do for intergenerational communities to alleviate living loneliness?

#### **Motivation** Sub questions

- Is there a relation between **built environment** and **living loneliness**? What kinds of environment features can help alleviate living loneliness?
- What are the **housing needs** of different age groups?How to balance different housing the differences?
- How to design **shared spaces** to facilitate different interaction?

Built environment and Living loneliness Housing needs Case studies

Built environment and Living loneliness

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#### Built environment and Living loneliness

Location	Amenities within walking distance Convenient transportation Good accessibility & walkability
Public spaces	Flexible use of space Collective community center Good distribution of common/public areas Clear distinction between public and private
Landscape	Good view and exposure to natural space High-density greenspace
Others	Diverse neighbourhoods Good-quality housing materials

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### Built environment and Living loneliness



Amenities within walking distance



Good accessibility & walkability



Convenient transportation

#### References





### Built environment and Living loneliness



Good distribution of common/public areas

Clear distinction between public and private

Built environment and Living loneliness



Good view and exposure to natural space



High-density greenspace

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## **Research findings** Housing needs - Old



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Housing needs - Old



Green spaces and trails

Living room, kitchen, bathroom, and at least one bedroom located on the same floor

Buildings equipped with elevators

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**Research findings** Housing needs - Students









Housing needs - Students



Case studies

#### 1. Programme

health care entertainment places creativity rooms sports facilities

- 2. Greenery
- 3. Boundary
- 4. Shared space



Centre de Salut de Campoamor



Marmalade Lane Cohousing



 $Bridge\ Meadows$ 



Zwei+plus Intergenerational Housing



Two Front Doors

Case studies

• Boundary



Public

Case studies

• Shared spaces













Case studies

• Shared spaces



#### Small

- similar size as a "room"
- for 2-3 person
- close relationship





#### Medium

- similar size as a "hall"
- for several households
- neighbourhood



Case studies

• Shared spaces



#### Large

- similar size as a courtyard
- for the community
- could be strangers



Conclusion



## **Design Strategy**

Urban master plan Block mass model Floorplans Dwelling typology Facade Section Structure Climate

# **Design Strategy** Urban master plan

**Step 0:** Original situation





farmland



farmland
**Step 2:** Where to build?



**Step 2:** Where to build?



Step 3: Connection

- with the existing village
- with the other plot



Step 4: Accessibility



Step 5: Landscape



Step 6: Flood control



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#### **Design Strategy** Block mass model



- public plinth
- underground garage

• greenhouse in dwelling

• public terrace

#### **Design Strategy** Ground floor plan



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#### **Design Strategy** First floor plan



#### **Design Strategy** First floor plan



outdoor terrace

public area

#### **Design Strategy** First floor plan



greenhouse (living room)

kitchen

#### **Design Strategy** Second floor plan



outdoor terrace

public area

#### **Design Strategy** Accessibility

#### **Design Strategy** Dwelling typology







#### **Design Strategy** Dwelling typology

TypeB Sharing house

 $2-3 \text{ person } 72 \text{ m}^2$ 





#### **Design Strategy** Dwelling typology



Duplex house

 $3-4 \text{ person } 126 \text{ m}^2$ 







**Design Strategy** Public & Shared spaces

"Small"



**Design Strategy** Public & Shared spaces



"Medium"



#### **Design Strategy** Public & Shared spaces



# **Design Strategy**

Section East-west



#### **Design Strategy** Section North-south



#### **Design Strategy** Facade Materialization



#### **Design Strategy** Outer South Facade



# Design Strategy

Inner West Facade



# **Design Strategy**

Outer East Facade





Structure



2.5×6m

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6m

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CLT wall 300mm

CLT floor 200mm

# Design Strategy

Sustainability

#### **Passive principles**

- 1. Continuous Insulation
- 2. No Thermal Bridges
- 3. Airtight
- 4. High Performance Windows + Doors
- 5. Fresh Air with Heat Recovery
- 6. Shading
- 7. Orientation + Form
- 8. Daylighting + Solar Gain
- 9. Moisture Management
- 10. Efficient Water Heating + Distribution



#### **Design Strategy** Sustainability



# Design Strategy

Climate Scheme - winter



# **Design Strategy**

Climate Scheme - summer



South









