# **Regenerative energy**

Just economy transition from a socio-economic perspective for Groningen

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# Regenerative <u>energy</u>

Energy transition

# **Regenerative** energy

"Regeneration is the process of regenerating—renewing or restoring something, especially after it has been damaged or lost."

> Renewing and improving the energy system> Restoring the natural system

# **Regenerative energy**

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> Renewed energy among the local population

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#### Problem field: fossil fuels



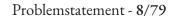
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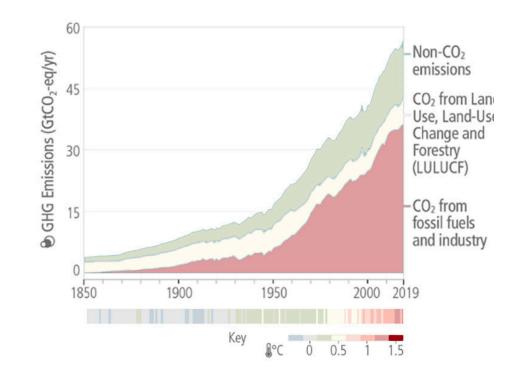
Minister de Pous (second from right) visits a NAM drilling site, 1962-1963. - Photo courtesy of Piet Boonstra, Groninger Archives



Geo political

Dependent on Russian gas. Source: El País (2022)



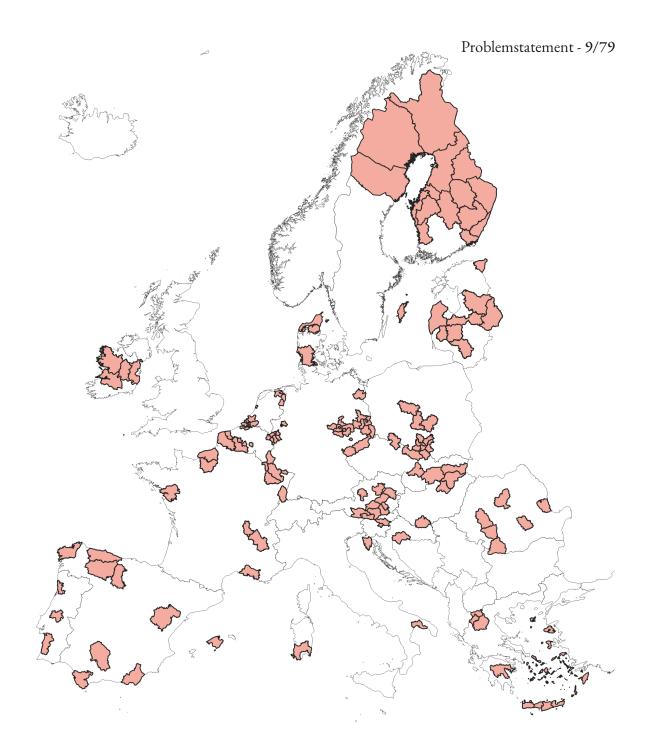


#### Climate change

Greenhouse gas emissions resulting from human activities continue to increase, source: IPCC 2023 (adapted)

# Problem field

Vulnerable regions in Europe



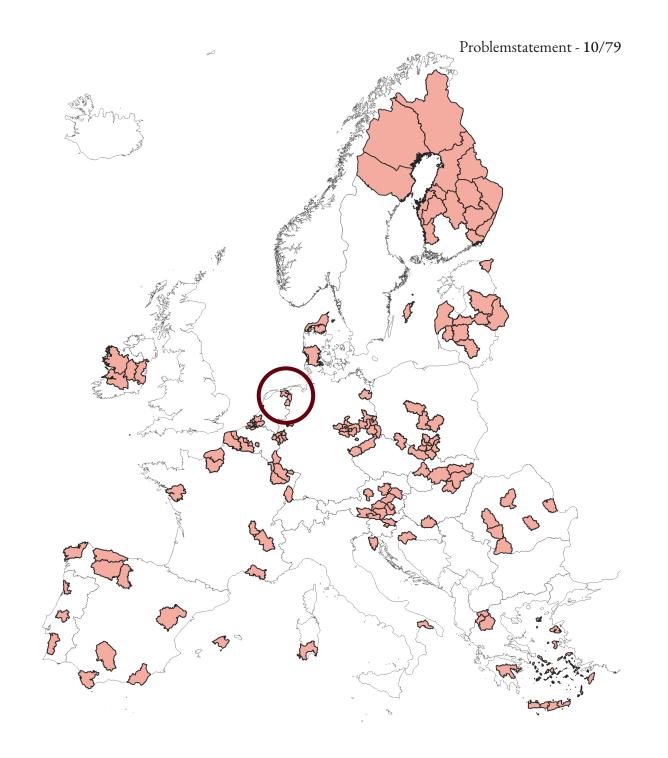


Regions that are part of JTF

# Problem field

Vulnerable regions in Europe

Groningen is the most vulnerable region in the Netherlands





Regions that are part of JTF

## Introduction to the problem statement

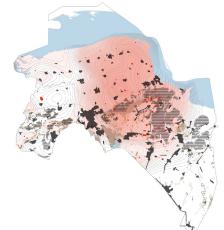
Phase-out of fossil fuels

Consequences of gas extraction

Economic challenges

Social problems



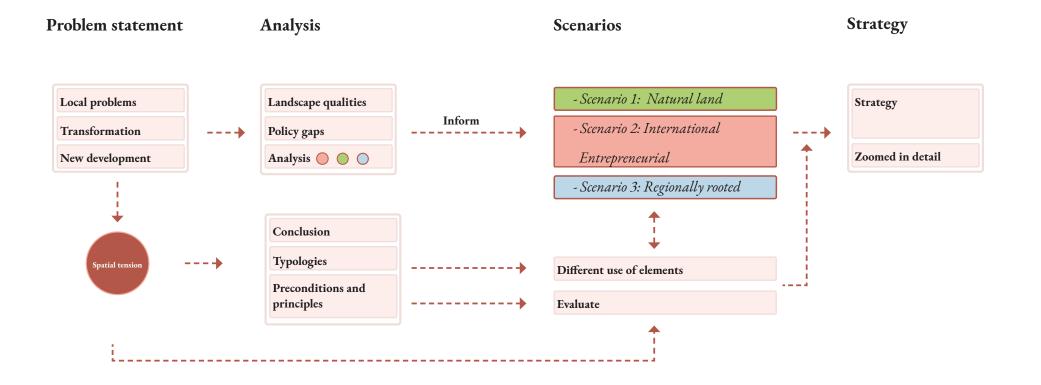


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Nederland Groningen



#### Problem statement



#### Main question:

How can Groningen, a region vulnerable to the energy transition, facilitate a just energy transition strategy that combines spatial planning, heritage, and the inclusion of the least engaged groups?

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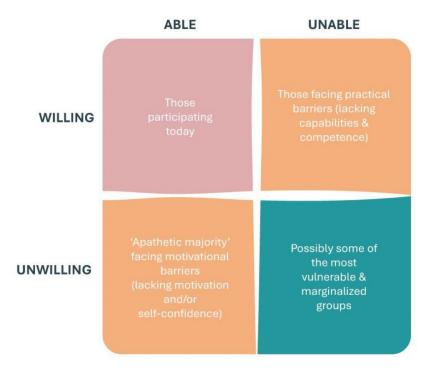
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### Social justice

> Inform local communities

- > Involve local comunities
- > Involve marginalized groups > that are often

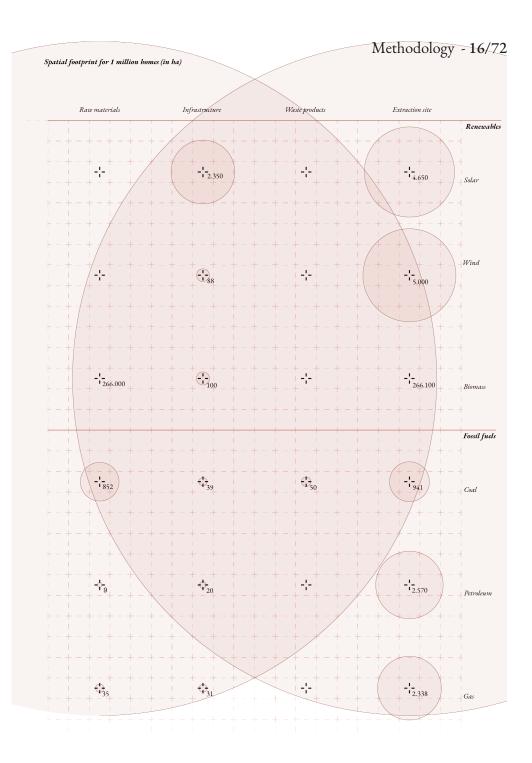
heavy impacted but do not participate.



Analytical framework for distinguishing least engaged communities, source: (Verena Balz et al., 2023 p.36)

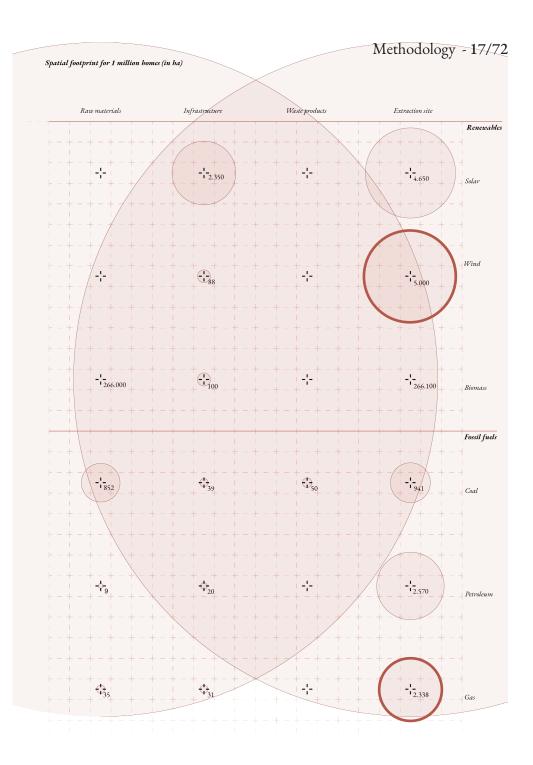
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### The energy transition is spatial

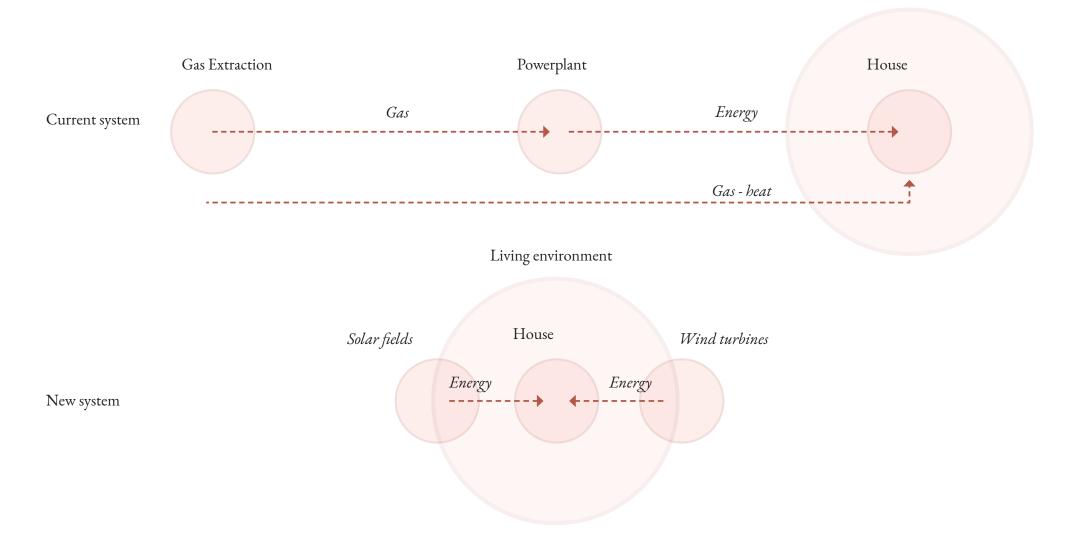
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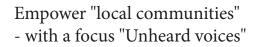
- > Renewables need more space
- > Renewables are more visable and have an impact on the Living environment



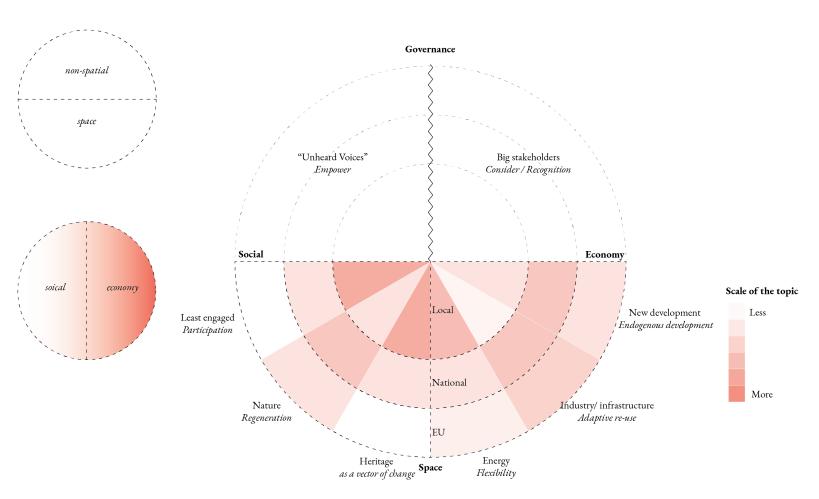
Living environment

### **Conceptual framework**

#### Create more balanced governance



- New energy economy



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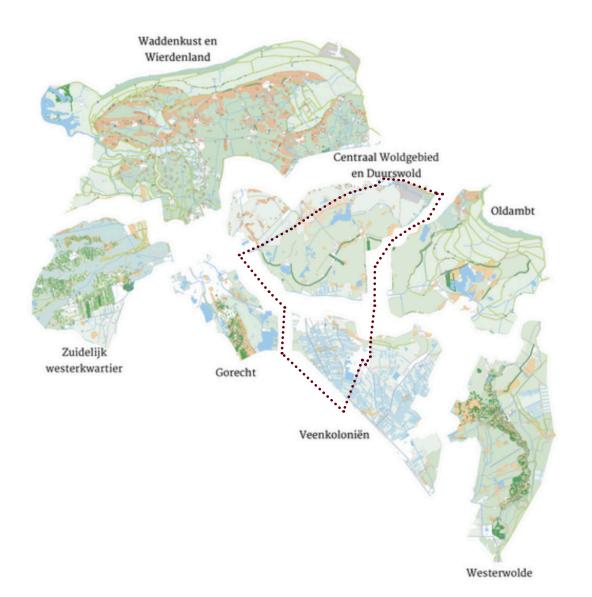
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#### The landscape of Groningen

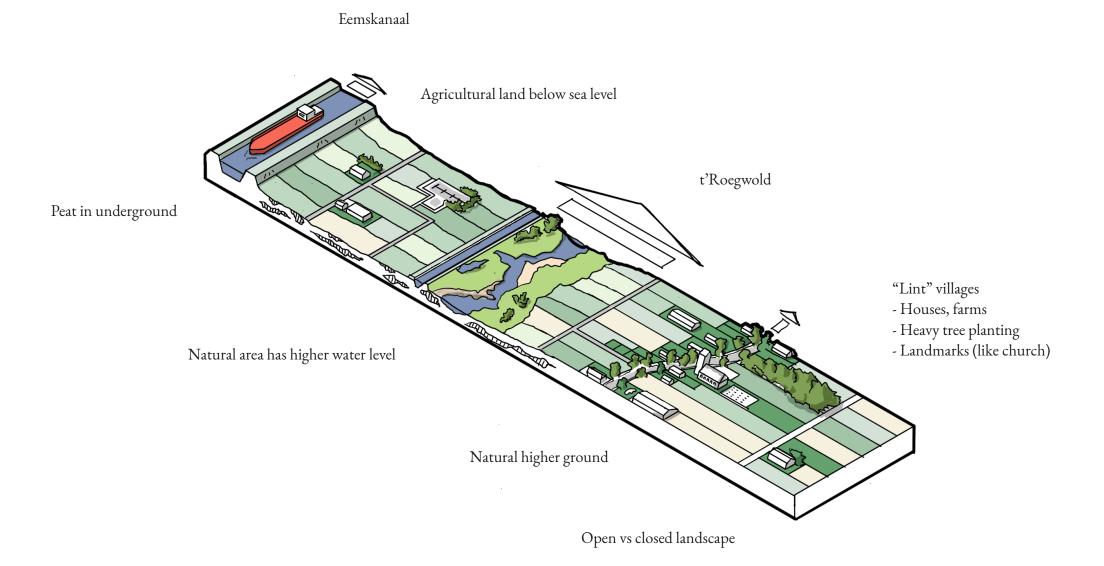


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#### The central Woldsarea



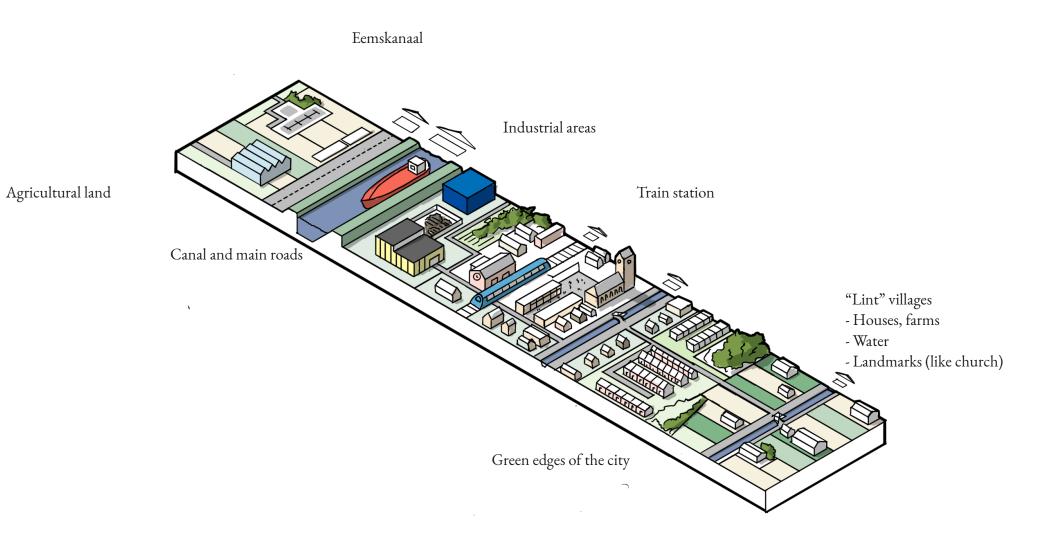
# Landscape qualities: open landscape



# Landscape qualities



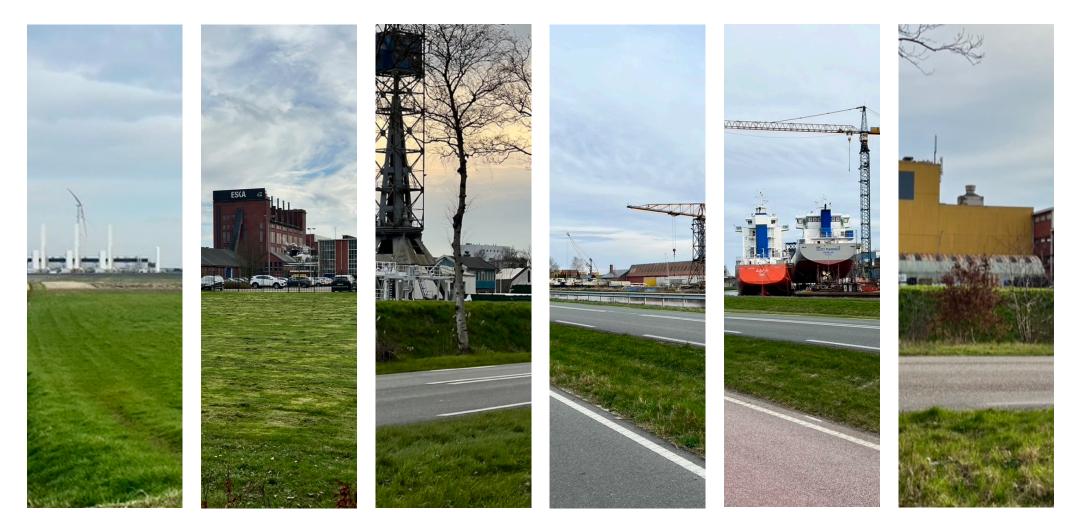
## The Veenkolonien



# Landscape qualities: urban area



# Landscape qualities: industry



# Landscape qualities



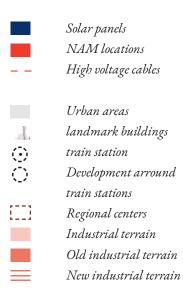
### Strength / opportunities

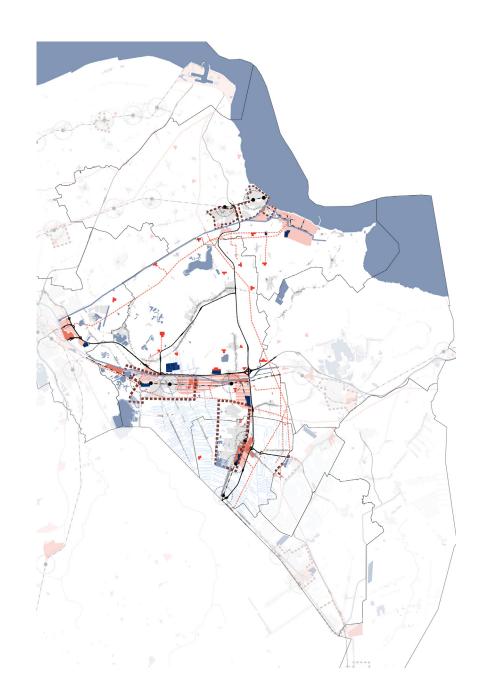
#### Ambition: New energy economy

- > Good energy infrastructure
- > Gas extraction sites (NAM locations)
- > Space for the placement of renewables
- > Expertise

#### Area is well connected (infrastructure)

#### Legend





### Weaknesess / treaths

#### Rural area

- > Groundsubsidence (peat + extraction)
- > C02 oxidation peat areas
- > Need for more waterstorage (nature, agriculture and industry)
- > Water from the IJsselmeer cannot be guaranteed in the future during dry periods
- > Land-use transformation is needed (local economic activities are under pressure)

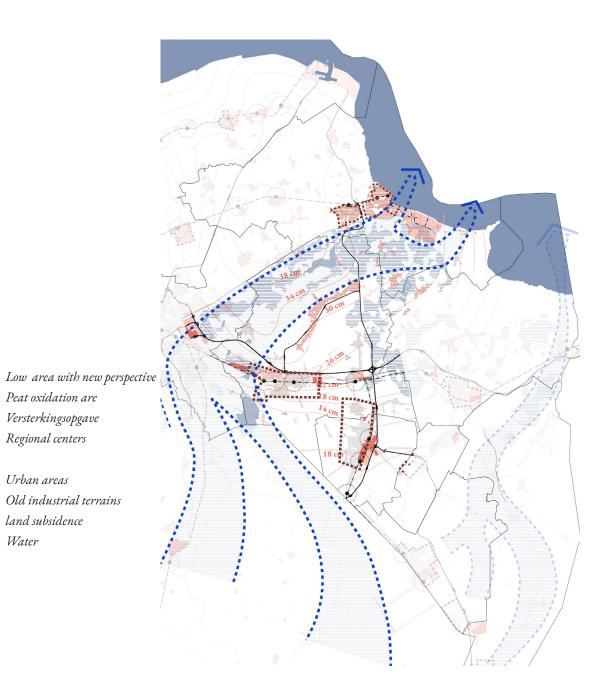
#### Ecomic zone

- > Old industrial terrains
- > Quality of living environment under pressure
  > Shrinkage

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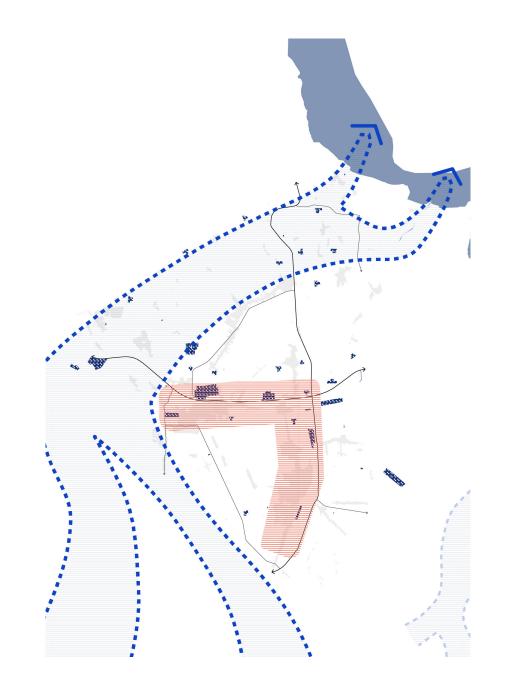
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## Concept

#### Energy transition

- > Placement of the renewables
- > Re-use of current infrastructure and NAM locations
- 1. development of a natural / agricultural land
- 2. development of an urban / economical zone



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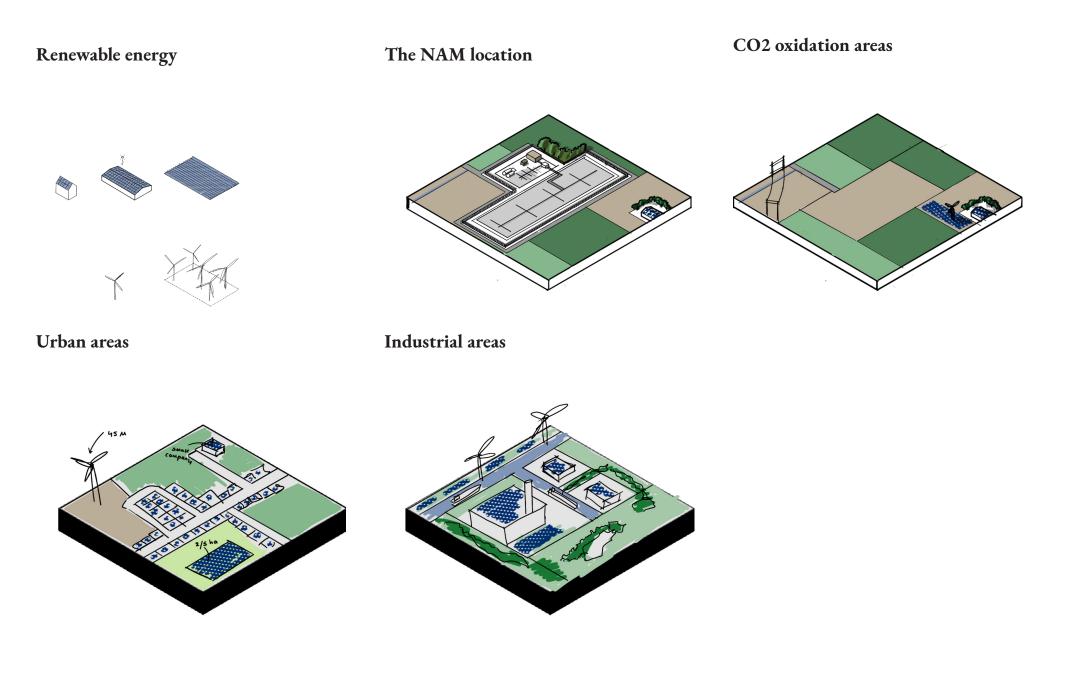
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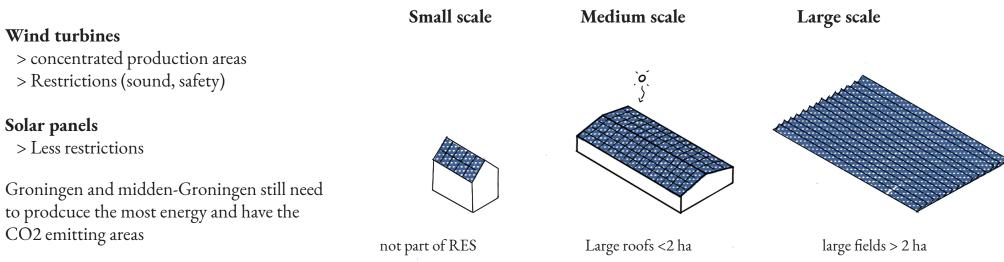
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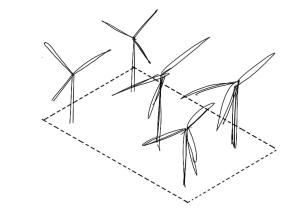
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# Typologies



#### Placement of the renewables





Large windparks, always in groups

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Small windmills alone

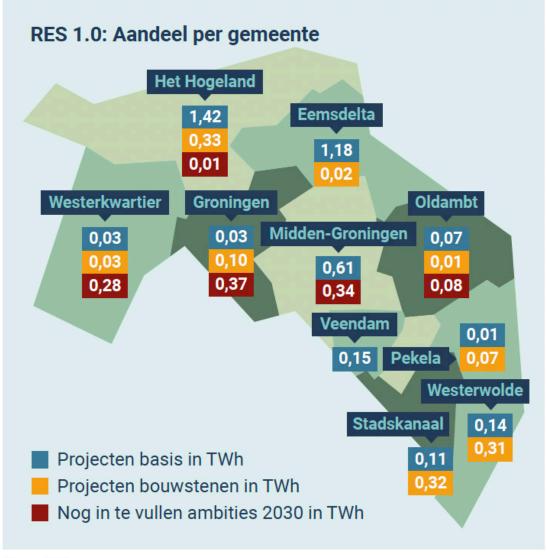
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# RES 1.0: Bod opwek duurzame energie in 2030: 5,7 TWh



Basis: 4,1 TWh
 Bouwstenen: 1,2 TWh
 Ambitie: 1,1 TWh

Figuur 1.1





#### wind turbine

### Solar parks

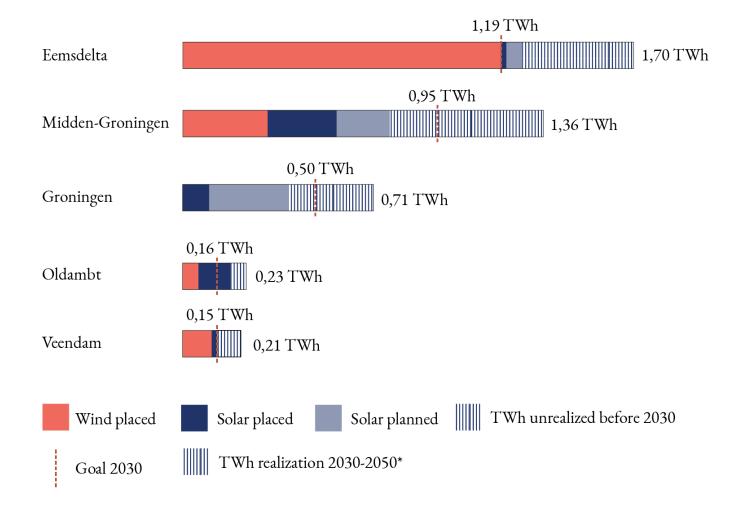
> 5,6 MW wind turbines 50 - 65> 3 MW wind turbines 110-130

> 1100-1500 ha> 350.000 houses with solar roofs

Heat x amount of houses:

> A++ 320.000 houses > A 100.000 houses > G 50.000 houses

# **RES** ambitions



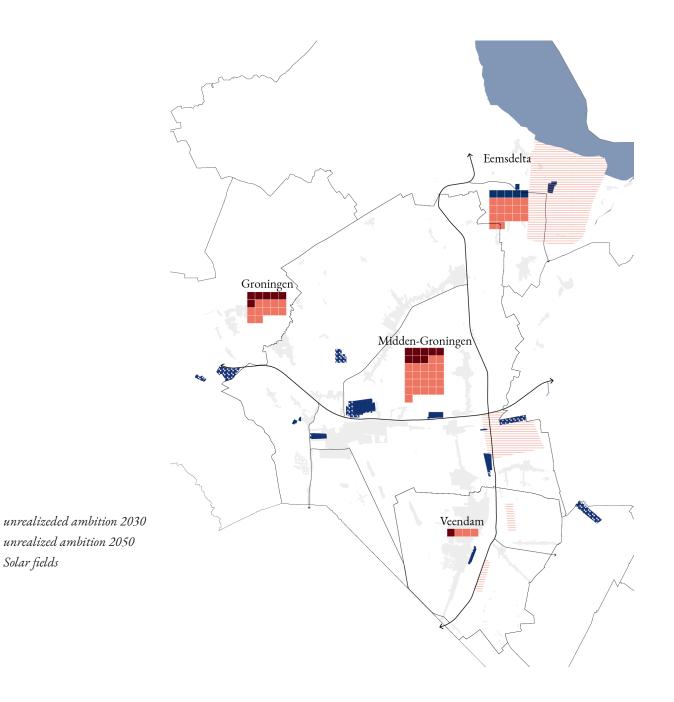
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# Space for renewables

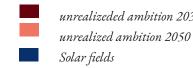
Spatial needs:

- solar panels take a lot of space

- 1 tile is 25 ha of solar panels



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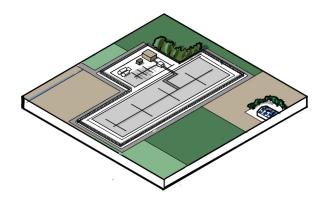
# **NAM locations**

#### **Current policy:**

- Return the land back to agriculture
- Locations are currently closed
- Closure takes about 5 years

### Elements that can be re-used/ kept:

- High voltage connection
- Gas pipelines (green gas, hydrogen)
- Roads
- Fences
- Trees arround the location
- Potential to become new energy production





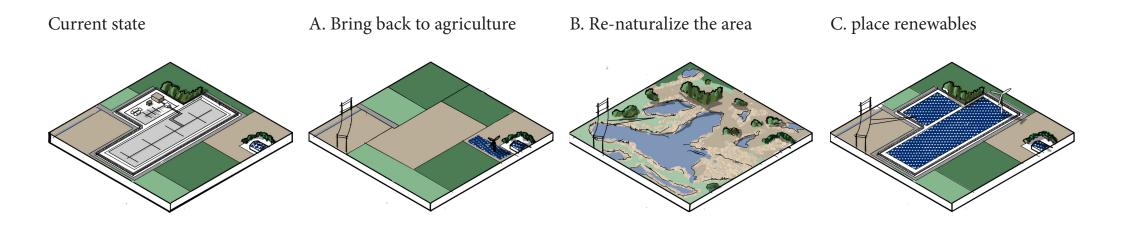
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# NAM locations - possibilities

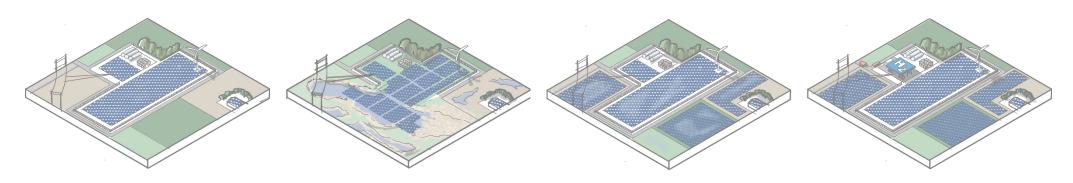




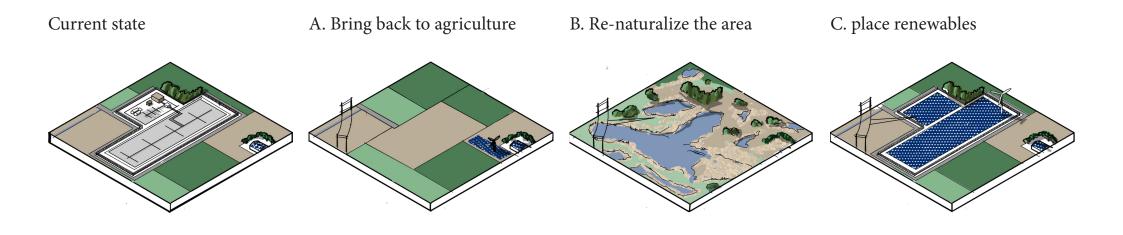
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#### C4. Renewables + hydrogen (remote)

C5. Renewables + hydrogen (mobilty)



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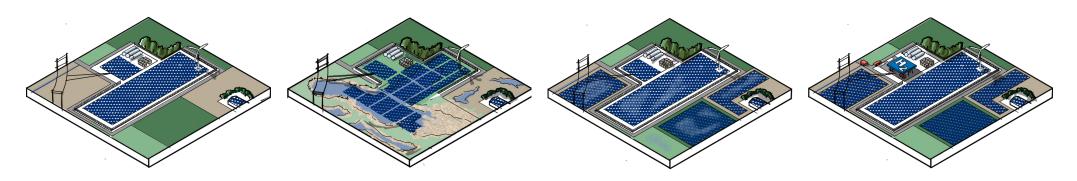




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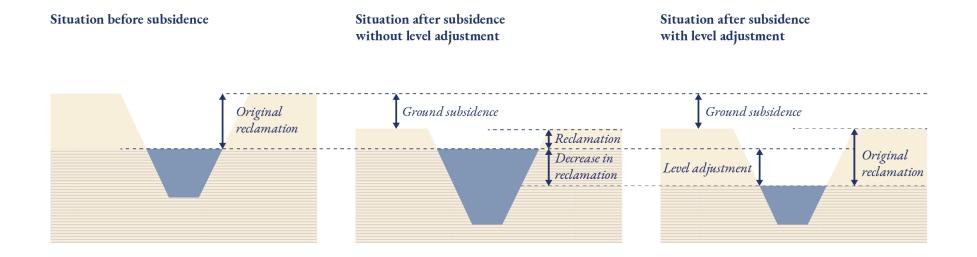


# Peat oxidation areas

- Peat oxidation is happening when peat is not below the groundwater level

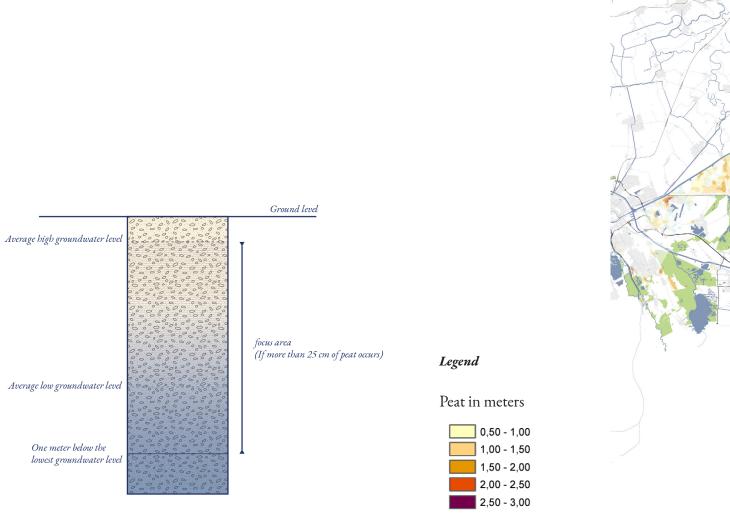
- Water level needs to be low for farming

Consequences: CO2 oxidation



Process of ground subsidence Source: Author, adapated from: Source : https://commissiebodemdaling.nl/gevolgen/vernatting/

# Peat oxidation areas

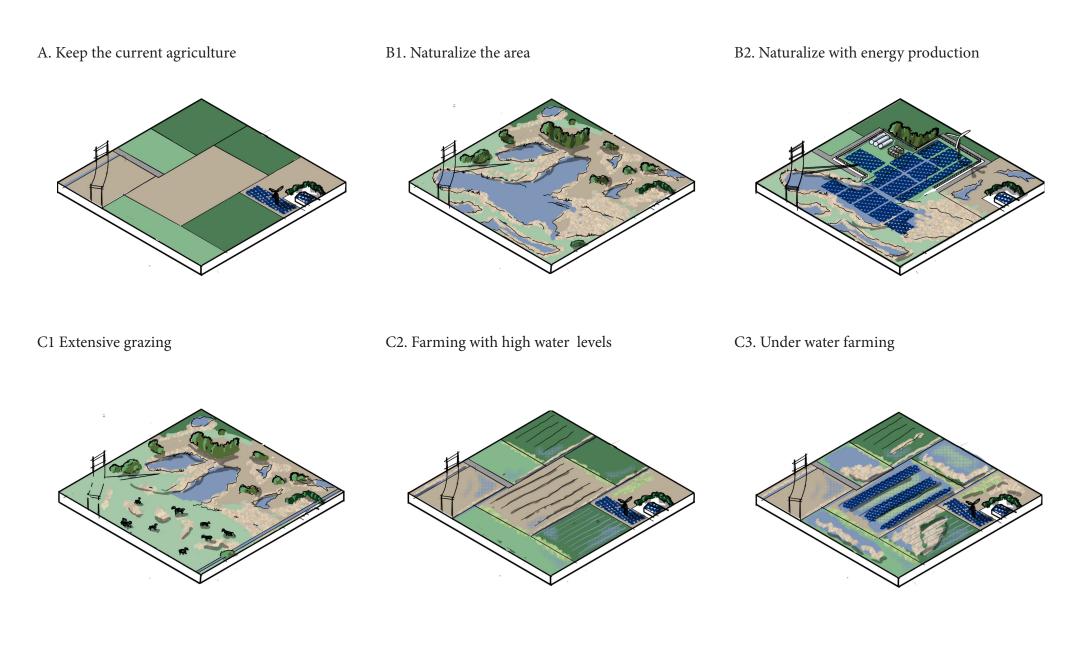


How is the peat in the ground measured source: Author, adapted from (Waterbeheerprogramma 2022 - 2027, 2022)

Source : waterbeheerprogramma 2022-2027 waterschap Hunze en Aa

# Peat oxidation areas

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# Industry

Industry classes in the Netherlands:

1-2 (office / shops) - Low energy demand

3-4 (small companies / manufacturing)

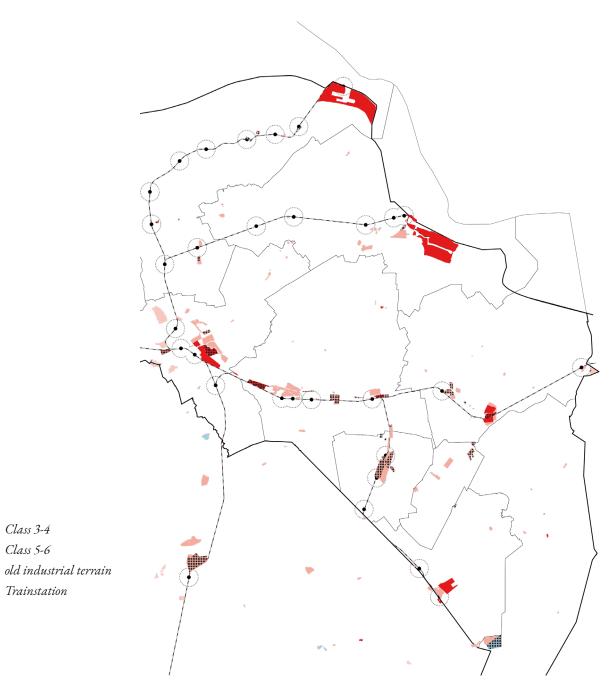
- Medium energy demand

- Lot of these terrains are old

5-6 (Heavy industry)

- High energy demand

Re-purpose of the industrial terrains.



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Class 3-4 Class 5-6

Trainstation

# Industry - possibilities

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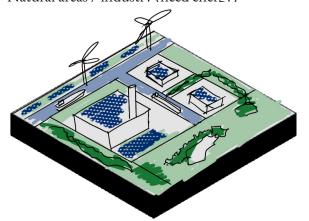
**Class 1/2 (offices, shops)** Produce their own enegry



Class 3/4 (small companies, manufacturing) Mixed use development (need energy)



**5/6 heavy industry** Natural areas / industry (need energy)



# Urban

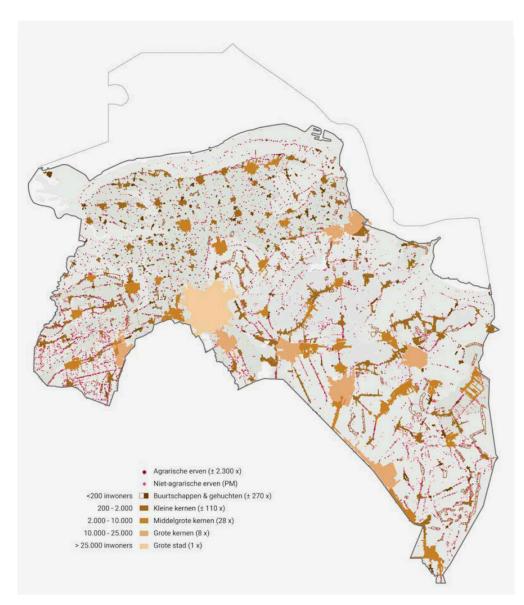
#### Self producing residential areas

Agricultural yardNon- agricultural yardHamlet or villageSmall townMedium-sized town2000- 10.000

#### Need aditional energy from other places

Small city	10.000-25.000
Groningen	>25.000

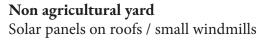
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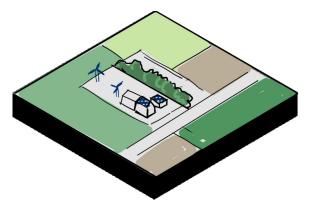


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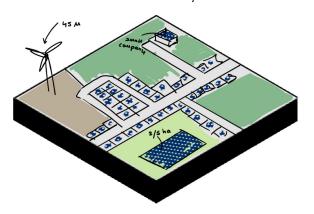
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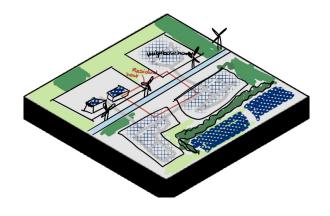
Agricultural yard Solar panels on roofs / small windmills





**Small town <2000 people** Solar fields 2/5 ha / comunity windmill 45m

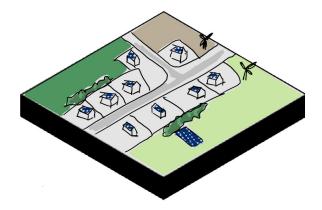




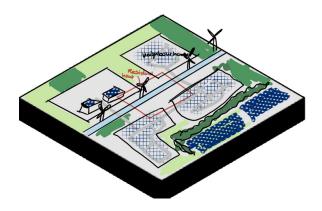
Medium sized town 2.000-10.000

Solar fields, windmills, heat network

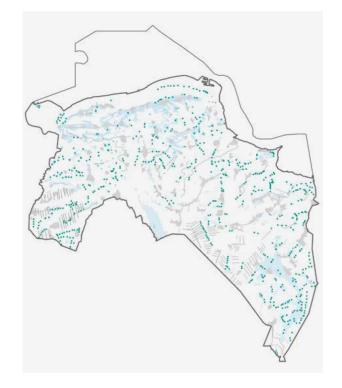
**Village <200 people** Solar panels / comunity windmills / small solar



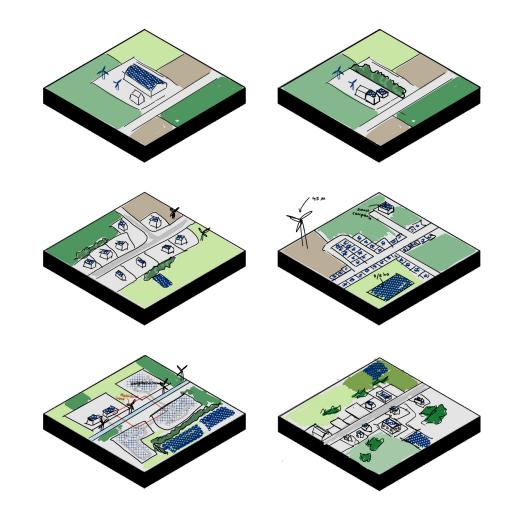
**Small city 10.000-25.000** Solar fields, windmills, heat network + external



# Small scale energy landscape (self producing)



Map of small energy landscape, source: RES concept version



Map of large energy landscape, source: RES concept version

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# Preconditions and principles

#### Preconditions

Preserving the Groningen landscape and identity

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Placement of renewables and reuse of current energy infrastructure



Ensuring economic competitiveness

Addressing climate change challenges

Inclusion of all groups in society







#### Principles

Establishing a nature network throughout Groningen

Transforming train stations into development hubs





Repurposing NAM sites for renewable energy



Enhancing opportunities for recreation and tourism



# Parameters for scenario's

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#### **General values**

- Local bussineses
- Human in nature
- Work with shrinkage
- Low energy production (5,7)
- Fallible
- Caring

#### Planning and design values

- Spread out local bussinesess
- Spread out small nature
- Expantion
- Energy is spread out

#### General values

Supra regional companies

Human above nature

Work against shrinkage

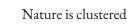
High energy production (+6,4)

(Culture) Perfection

(people) Efficient

Planning and design values

Concentrated industry



Densification

Energy is concentrated

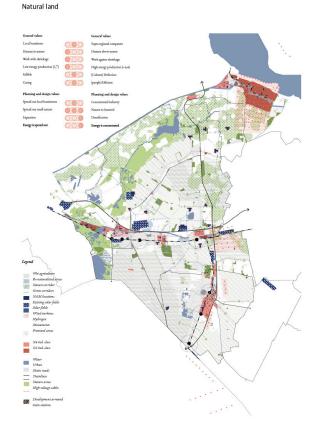
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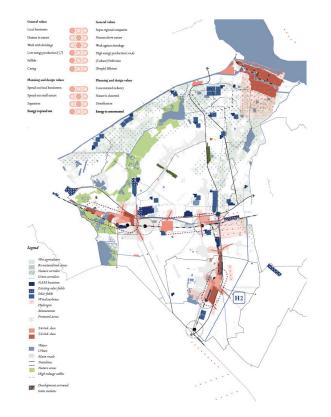
Common ground

Spatial tension

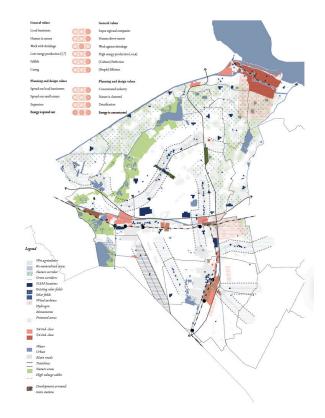
**Regionally rooted** Culture / housing Natural land Landscape / Water

# Posters





International entrepreneurial





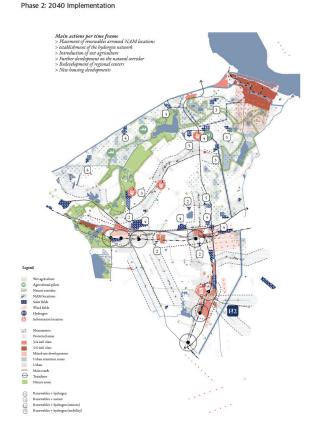




Regionally rooted

## **Posters**

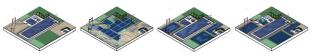
# Phase 1: 2030 preparation Main actions per time frame > Prepare NAM locations > Placement of renewables > Research on peat oxidation areas > Remain groundwater levels > Pilats with wet agricultrue > Protest the ribbon > Plan natural corridor 11 Legend 0 Wet agriculture Agricultural pilots Nature correlator NAM locations Solar fields Wind fields Hydrogen Information locy Wet agricults Monuments Protected areas 3/4 ind. class Mind use development Urban attention zones Urban Urban Translines Namera areas Urban Main roads Trainlines Nature areas 3 Remewables + hydrogen (a) Remewables + numer (a) Remewables + hydrogen (remose) (b) Remewables + hydrogen (mobility)



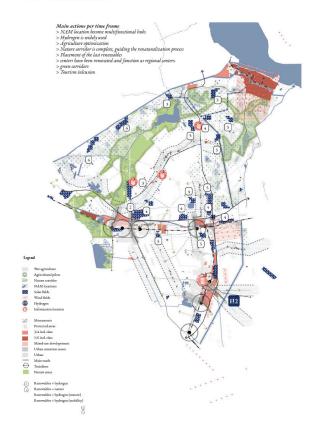
Current state A. Bring back to agriculture B. Re-naturalize the area C. place renewables

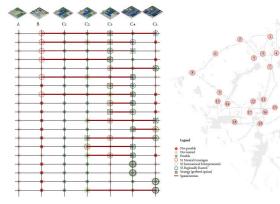


C2. Renewables + hydrogen C3. Renewables + re-naturalize C4. Renewables + hydrogen (remote) C5. Renewables + hydrogen (mobility)



#### Phase 3: 2050 Establishment





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#### NL Preconditions ++ Preserving the Groningen landscape and identity ++ Placement of renewables and reuse of current energy infrastructure ++ + Ensuring economic competitiveness ++ + + Addressing climate change challenges ++ Inclusion of all groups in society

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Strengthen Participatory Processes

Raise public awareness

Spread Knowledge



Improve transparancy

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- Organize local participation moments
- Organize workshops with the local community
- Organize events
- > energy festival
- Online discussions

- Organize local meetings and public participation moments
- Organize workshops with stakeholders
- Inform via social media
- Create a website
- Courses at local high schools

- Retrain employees
- Offer local training opportunities and knowledge courses
- Make local knowledge center(s)
- Create cources for local highschools
- Information point, small van.

- Start policy documents with why it is important for local residents.
- Share knowlegde on the website
- Annual feedback session
- Provide detailed data for students and young

pofessionals

- Information point, small van.

Promoting Collaborative Policies

Monitoring and Evaluation Systems

#### Promoting Long-term Planning





2050

- Include local stakeholders

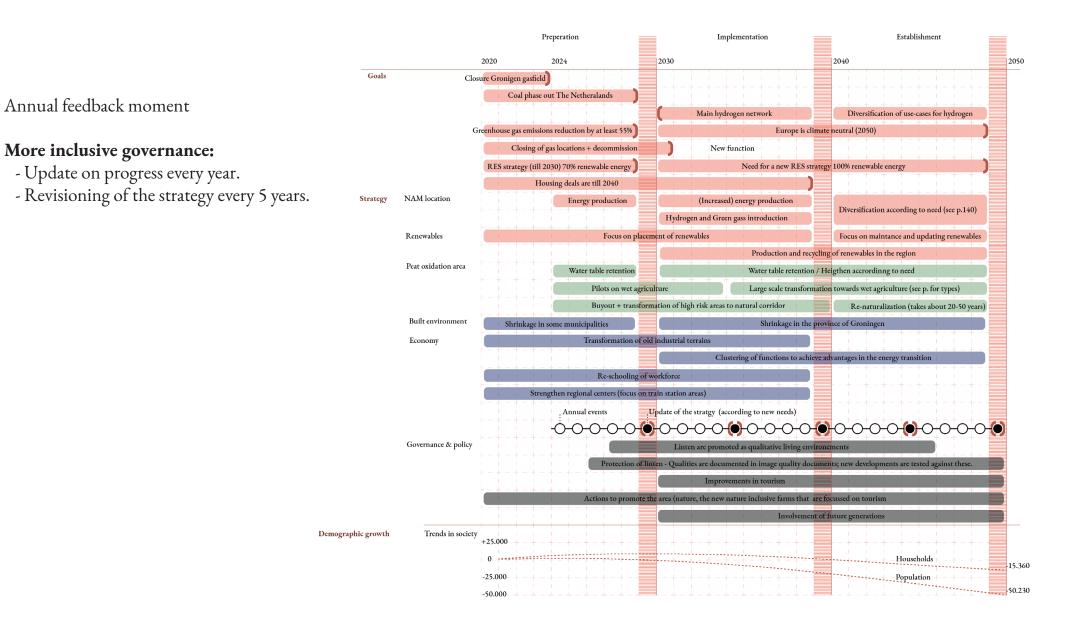
- Make more money available for local participation.

- increase the local capacity

- Organize "design tables" with profesionals from all levels

-Publish the progress every year - social media for polls - website Make policies that are integrated on multiple scales
Multi-sectoral planning
Include EU and national goals

# Timeline



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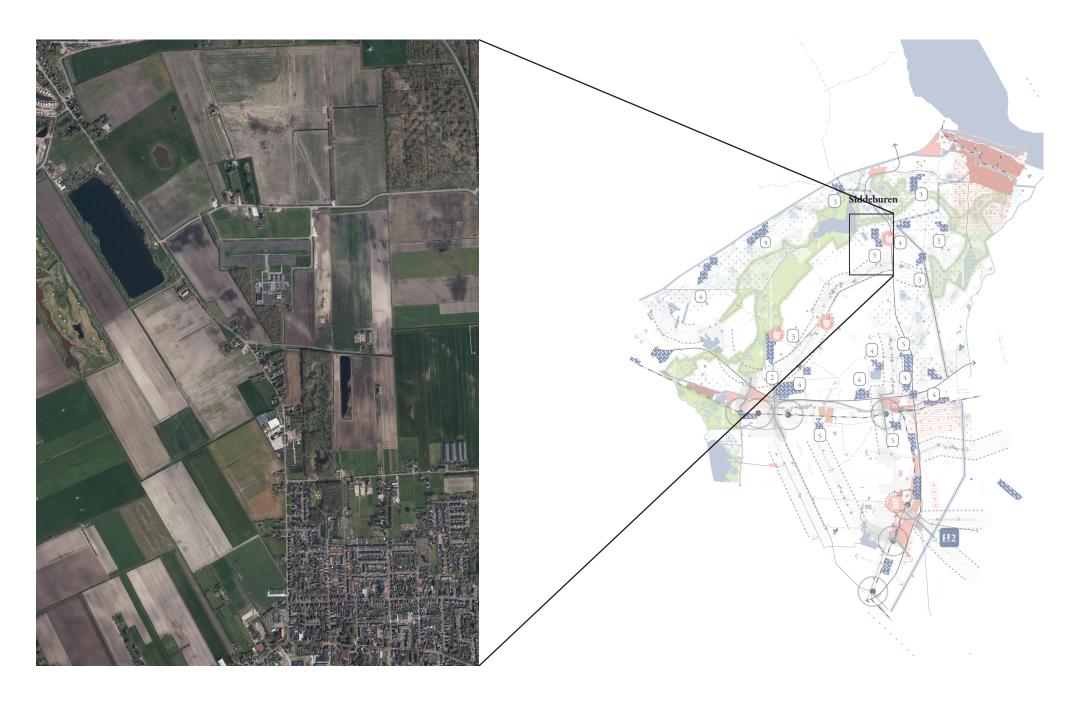
# Zoom in locations

#### Location: Siddeburen

- NAM location mobility
- Wet agriculture Nature
- Recreation
- Informantion location on the energy transition
- "Lint" village



# Siddeburen introduction



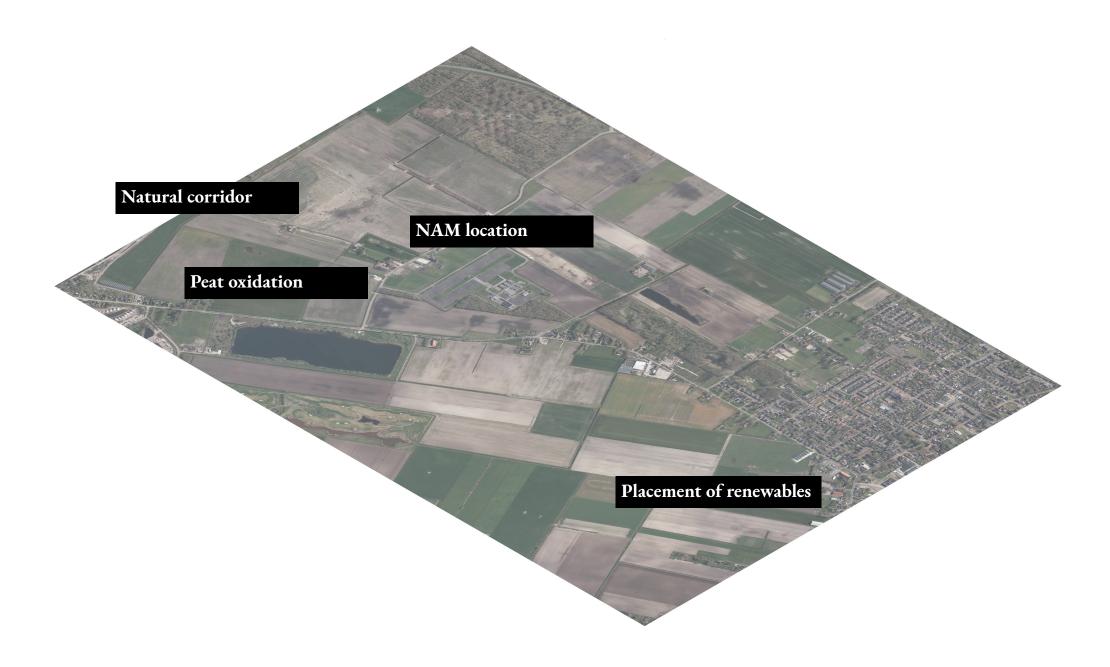
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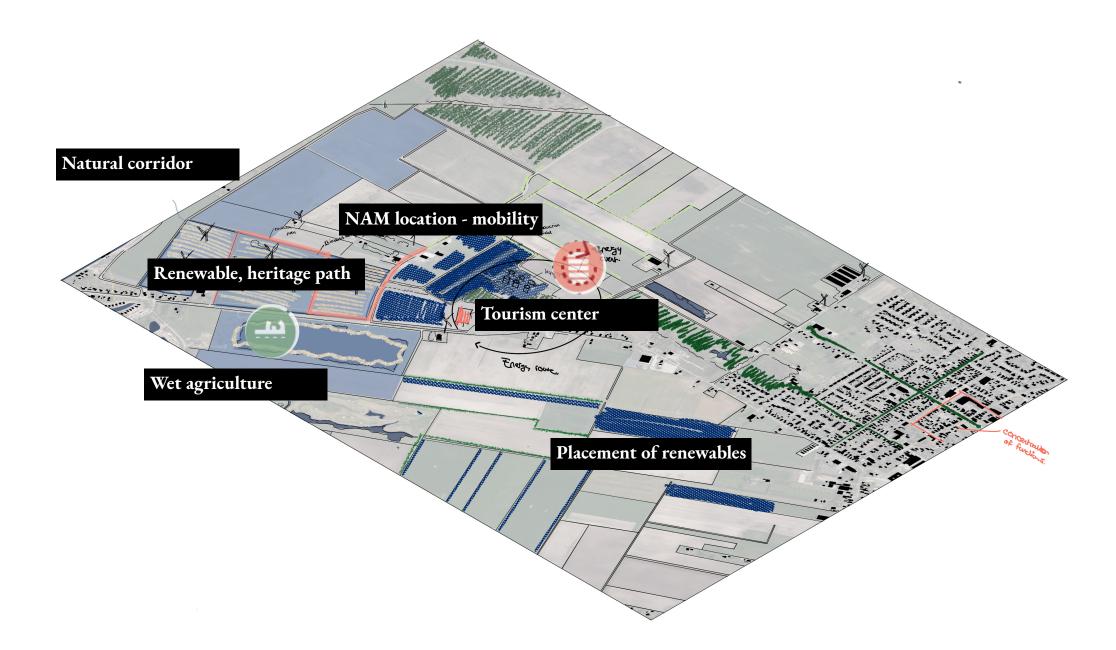
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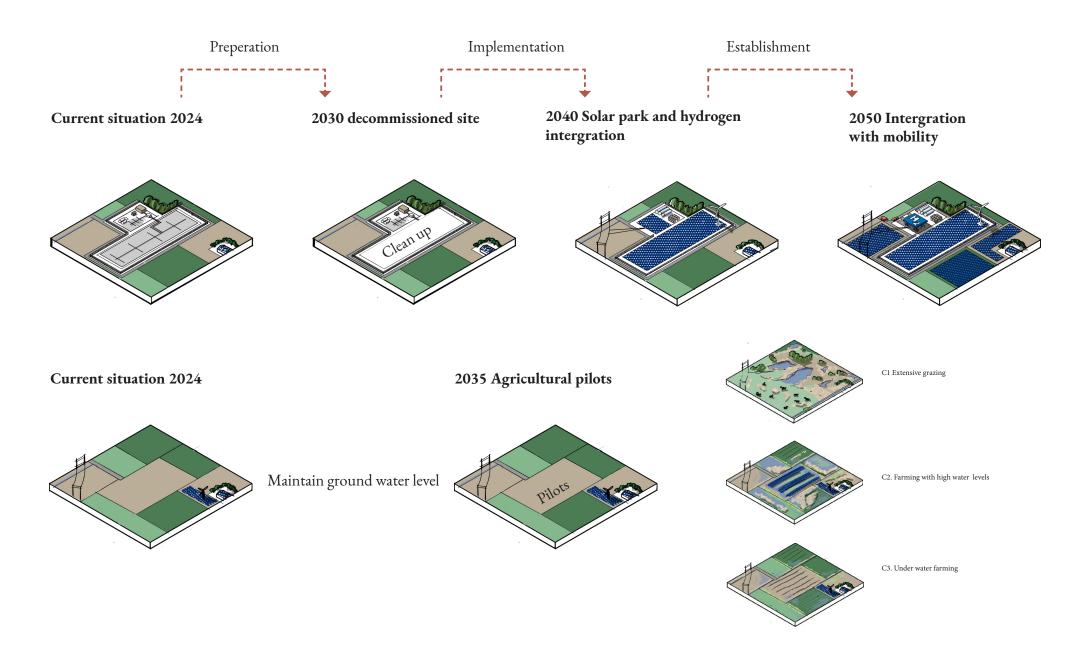
# 2024: Siddeburen



# 2050: Siddeburen

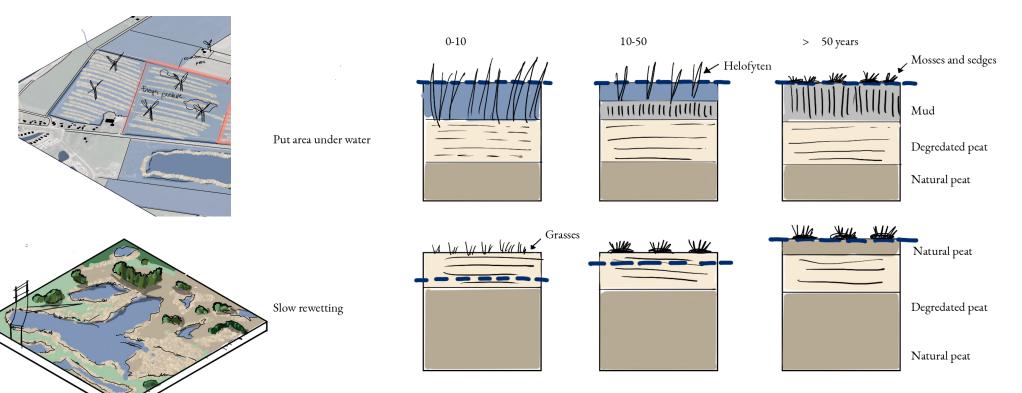


# Design intervention 1: Siddeburen

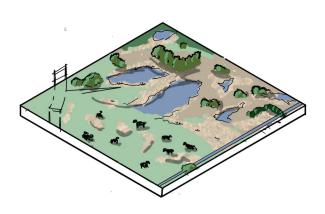


# Detail: naturalization process

Natural corridor

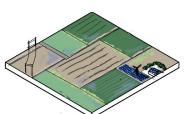


(Zak and McInnes, 2022)



# Detail: types of wet agriculture

# Grassland



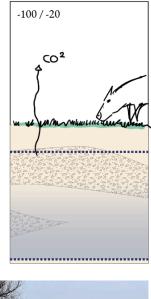
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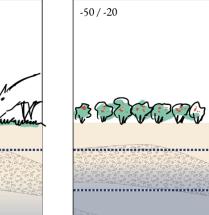


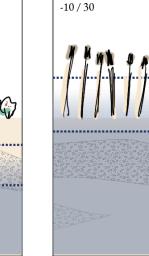
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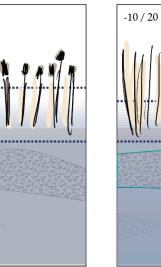




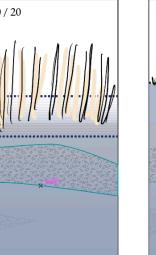




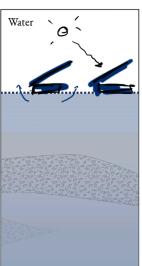




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Livestock (food)







Lisdodde (Building material)

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Kroosvaren (Feed for cattle)

#### Can be used to feed the cows

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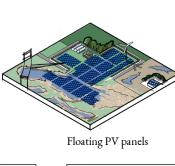
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Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/ wiki/Cranberry

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Wet agriculture



# Reflection

#### Society

- Provide information about the energy transition
- Give insight in problems and possibilities
- Create social engagement

### Scientific

#### - "Research by design"

- Contributing to knowledge on energy transition
- Translation of the spatial dimension of the energy transition
- Apply this on Groningen with the help of scenarios

## Personal

- How complicated strategies are
- Not all issues can be included

## Recomendations

- Further development of the design
- Actively engage the community
- The link between other vulnerable regions in Europe and Groningen

Design - 73/72

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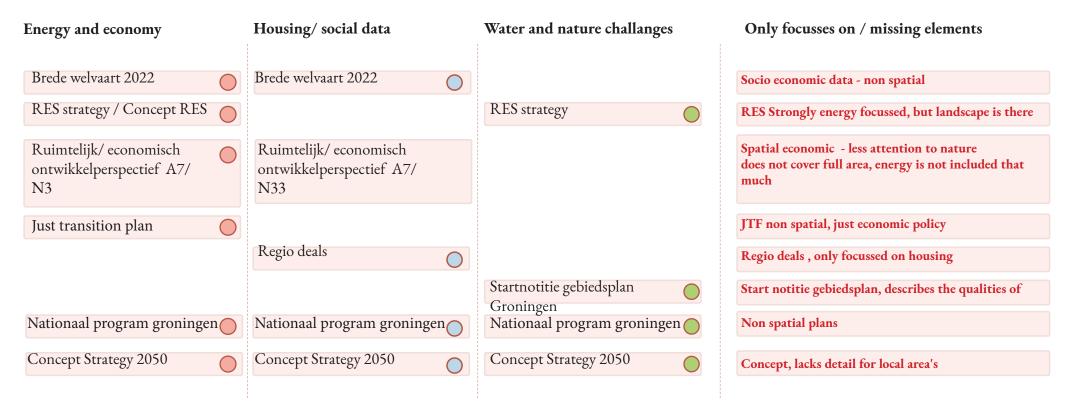
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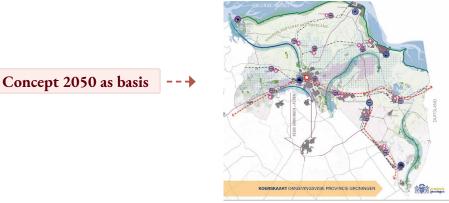
### Methodology framework

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# **Policies strategies**



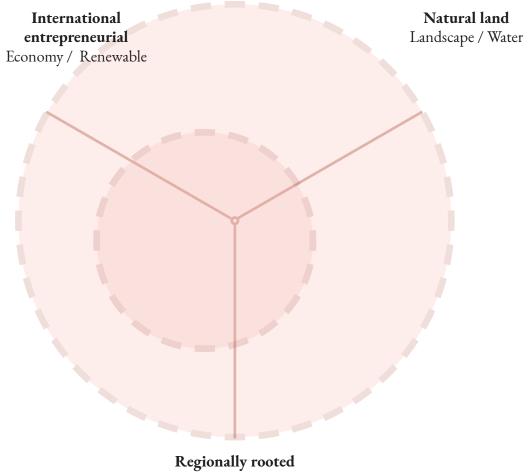


#### Where are the gaps?

#### **No scenario's** > To consider different futures > Test spatial "claims" against eachother

# **Lack of zoomed in detail** > Translation strategy to design

### From scenarios to strategy

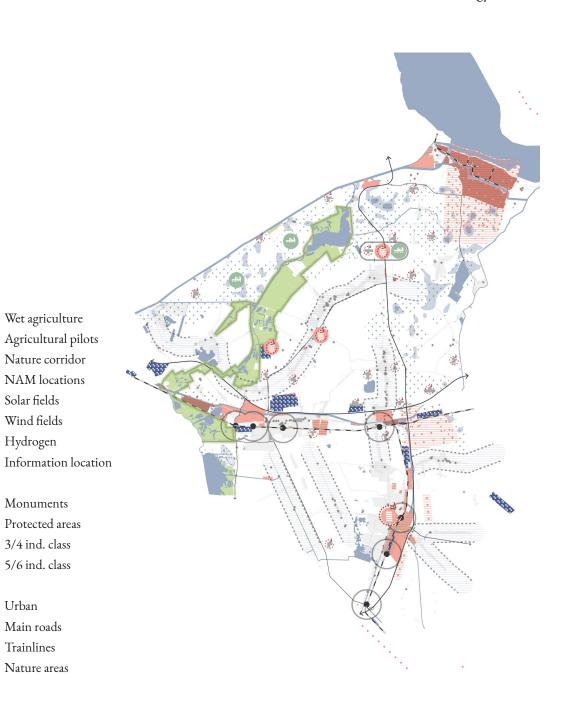


Culture / housing

### Phase 1: 2030 preparation

Main actions per time frame

- > Prepare NAM locations
- > Placement of renewables
- > Research on peat oxidation areas
- > Remain groundwater levels
- > Pilots with wet agricultrue
- > Protect the ribbon
- > Plan natural corridor



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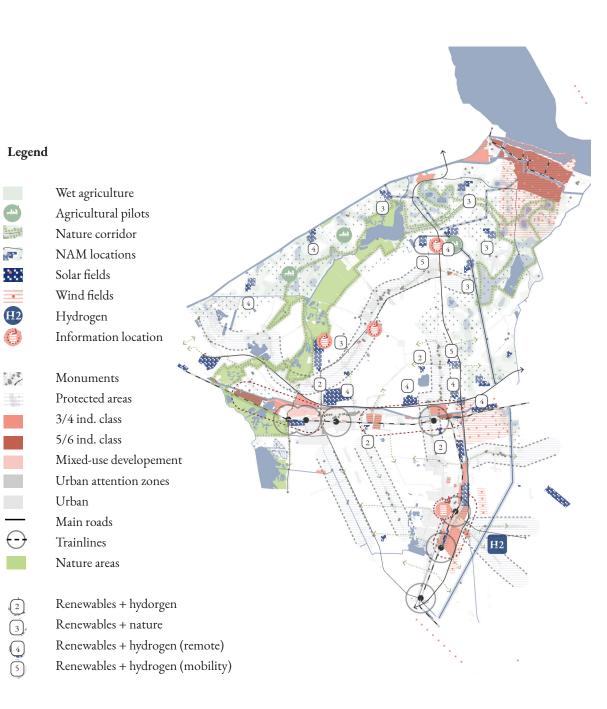
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### Phase 2: 2040 Implementation

Main actions per time frame

- > New RES strategy
- > Placement of renewables arround NAM locations
- > establishment of the hydrogen network
- > Introduction of wet agriculture
- > Further development on the natural corridor
- > Redevelopment of regional centers
- > New housing developments



### Phase 3: 2050 Establishment

Main actions per time frame > NAM location become multifunctional hubs

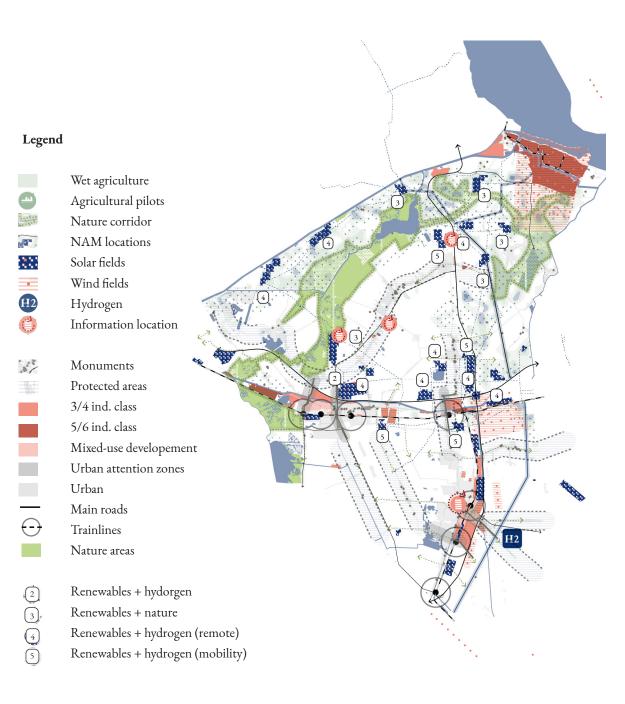
- > Hydrogen is widely used
- > Agriculture optimization

> Nature corridor is complete, guiding the renaturalization process

> Placement of the last renewables

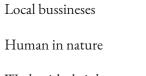
> centers have been renovated and function as regional centers.

- > Green corridors
- > Tourism inlcusion



### Natural land

#### General values



Work with shrinkage

Low energy production (5,7)

Fallible

Caring

#### Planning and design values

Spread out local bussinesess

Spread out small nature

Expantion

Energy is spread out



Supra regional companies

Human above nature

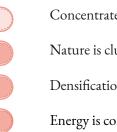
Work against shrinkage

High energy production (+6,4)

(Culture) Perfection

(people) Efficient

#### Planning and design values



Concentrated industry



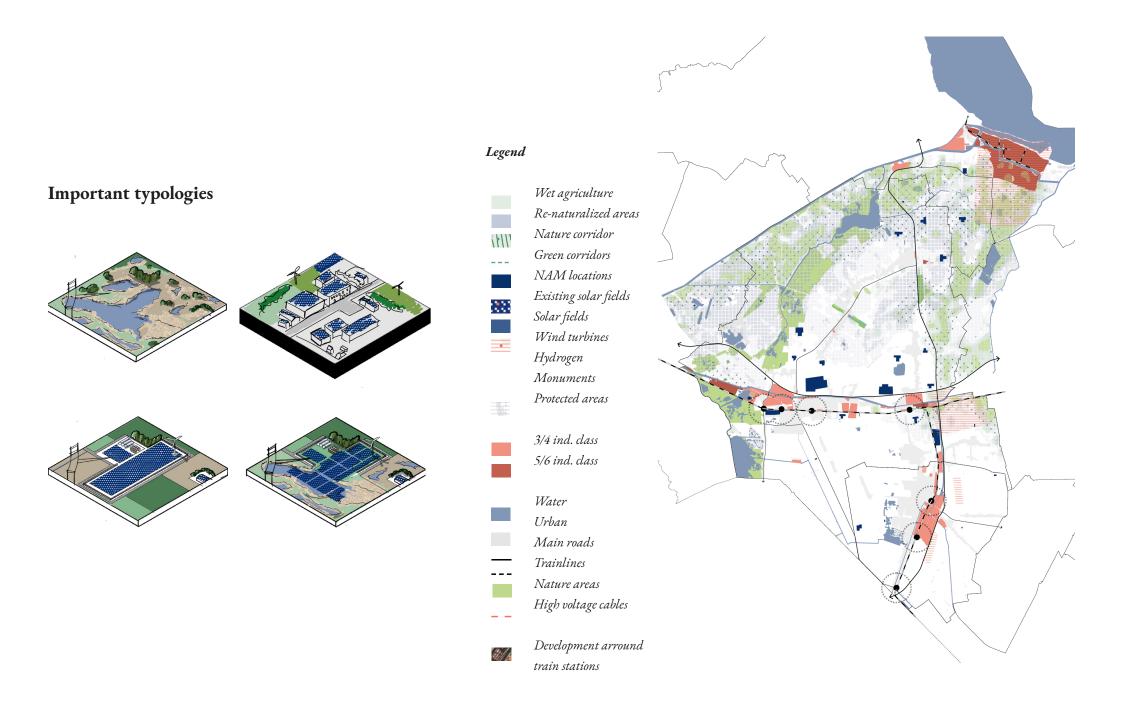
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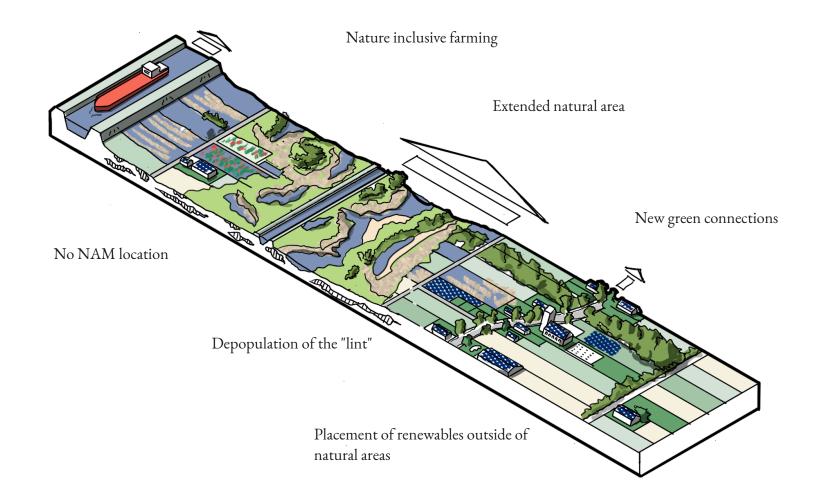
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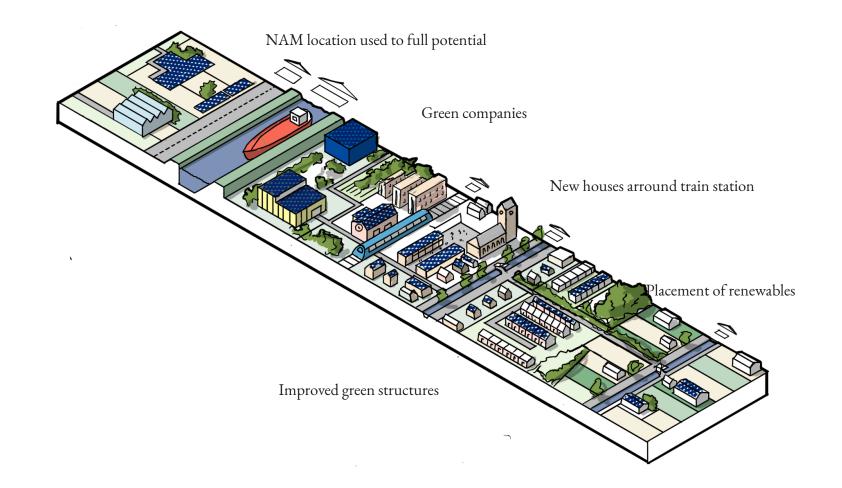
> Nature is central urbanization follows nature

- > Industry only possible in selcted locations
- > Countryside is working with nature
- > Protected natural zones
- > Natural solutions

### Natural land

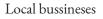






### International entrepreneurial

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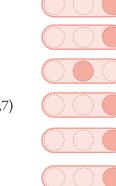
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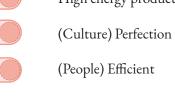
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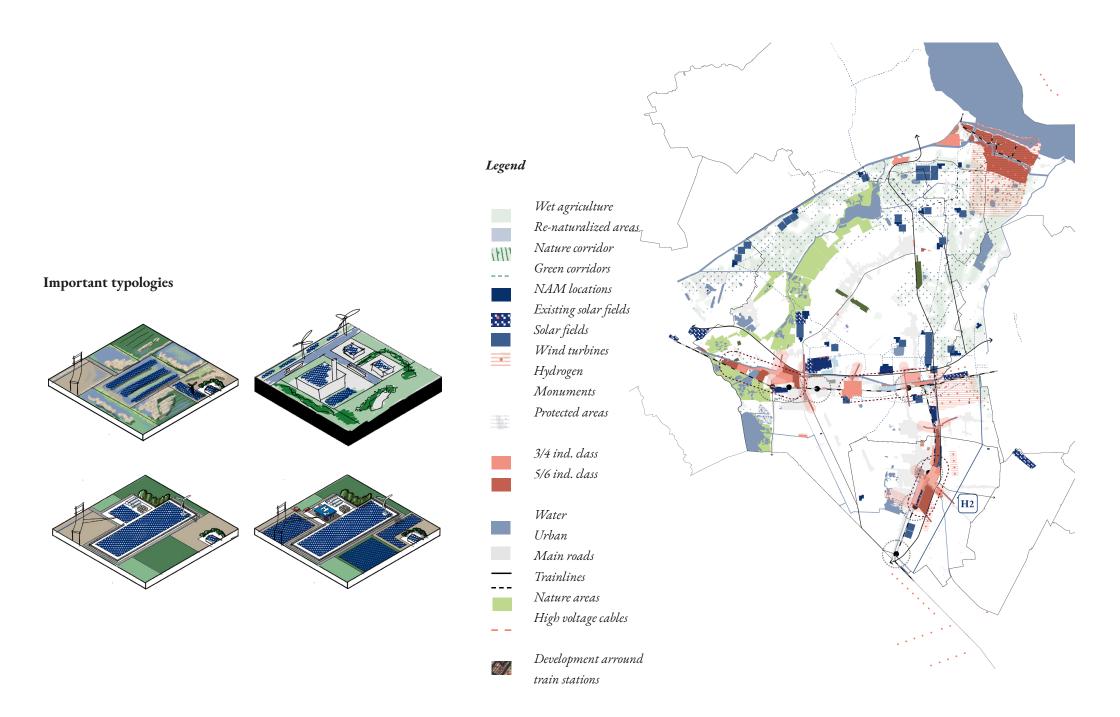
Nature is clustered

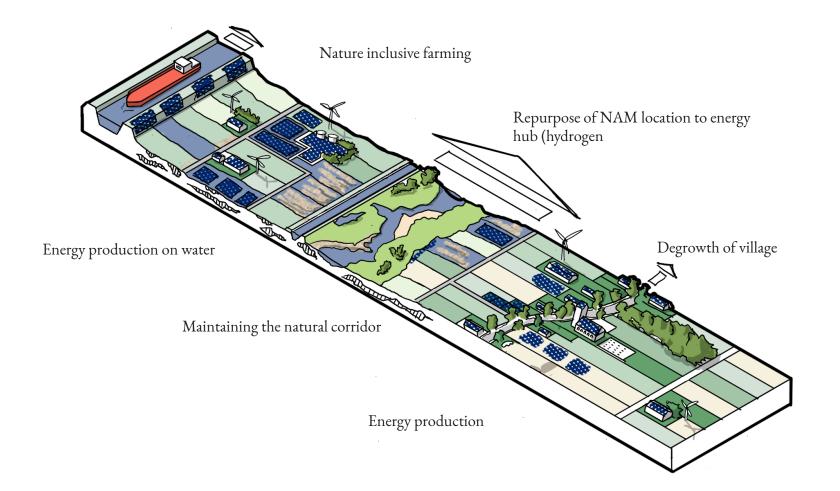
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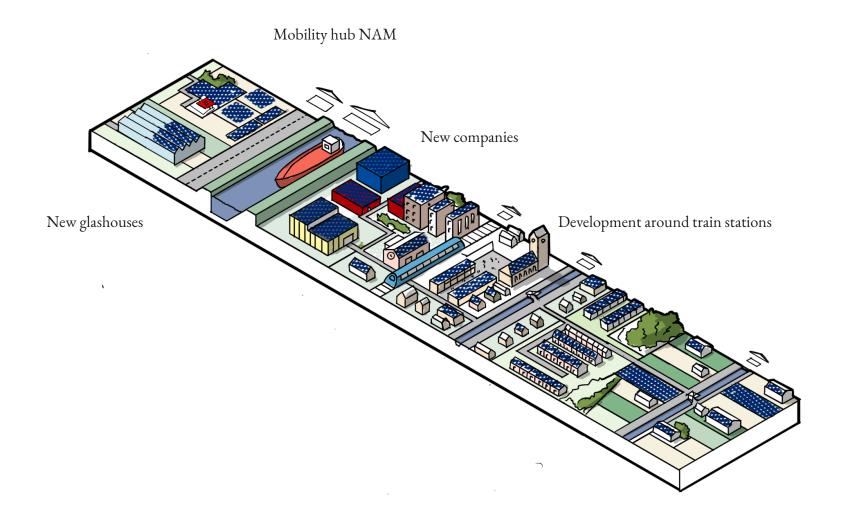
- > Groningen creates large economic clusters
- > Focus on regional urban centers
- > Countryside is "serving" clusters
- > People dominate nature
- > technical solutions for sustainablity and efficiency

### International entrepreneurial

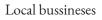




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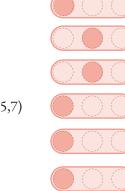
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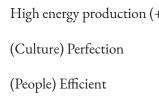
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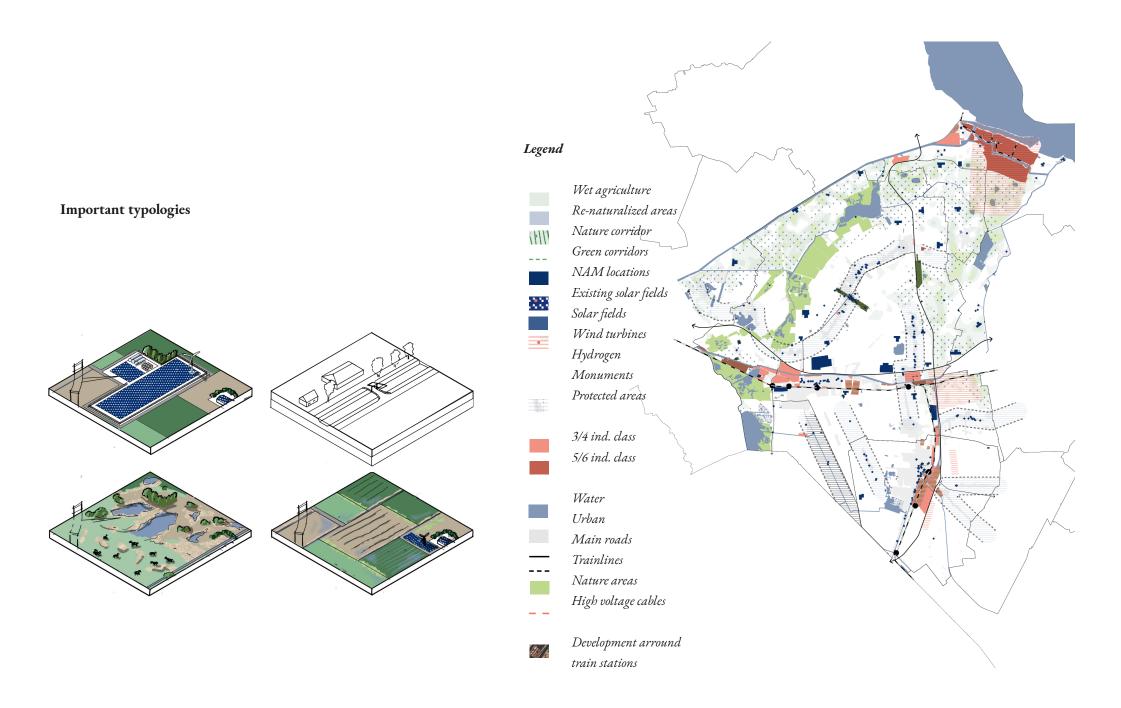
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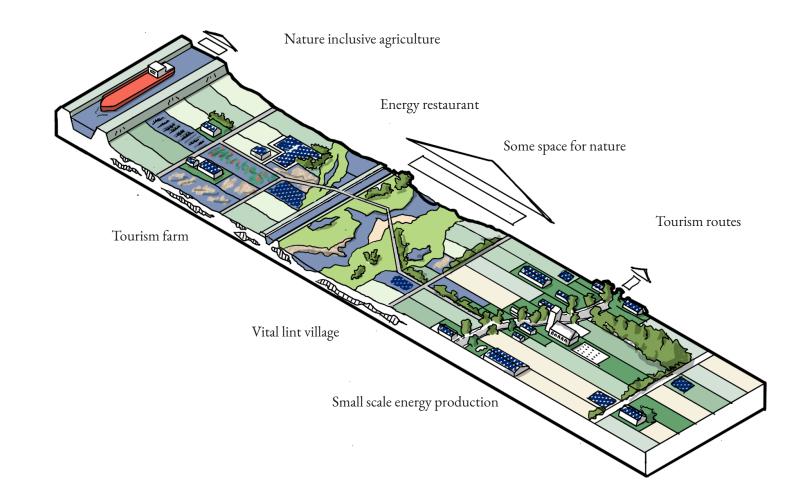


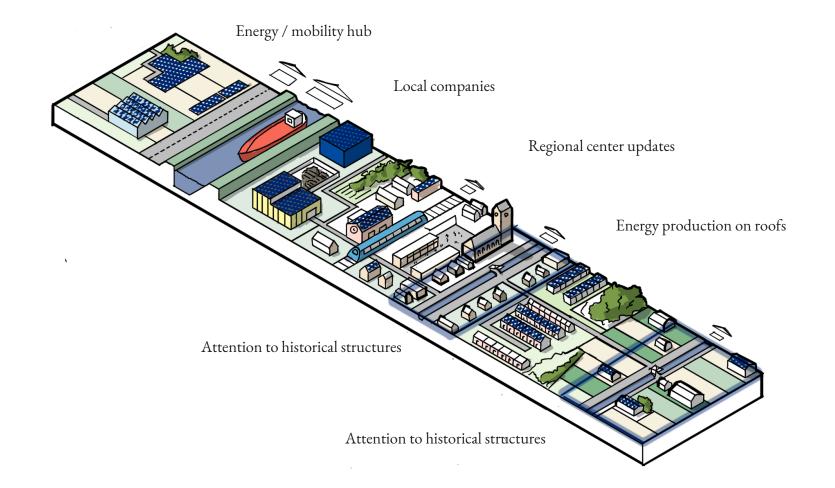
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> Urbanization and natural areas stay more or less the same

- > Industry only possible in selected locations
- > Nature is seen as recreative regional landscapes
- > Region is supplying its own need
- > Less coordination on the national level



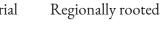


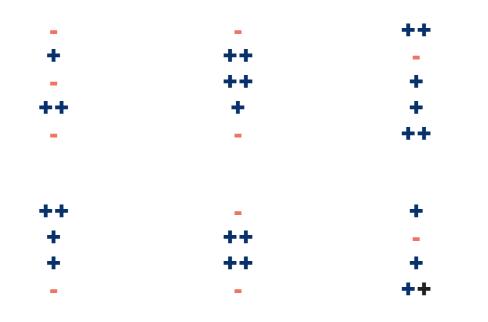


### Scenario evaluation

Natural Groningen

International entrepreneurial





#### Preconditions

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#### Principles

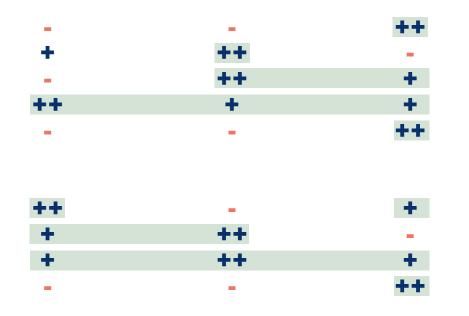
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### Stakeholder power/interest matrix

Main changes:

Less power: 18. Fossil energy companies

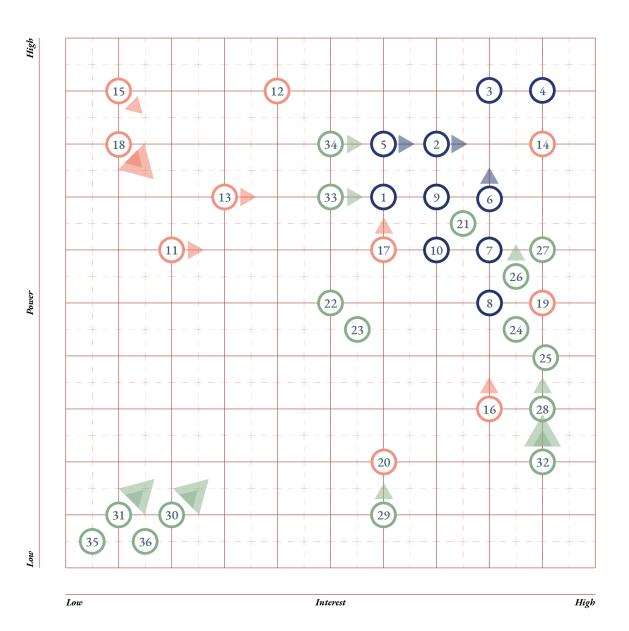
**Empower least engaged:** 30. Youth

31. Least engaged

> Engagements strategies

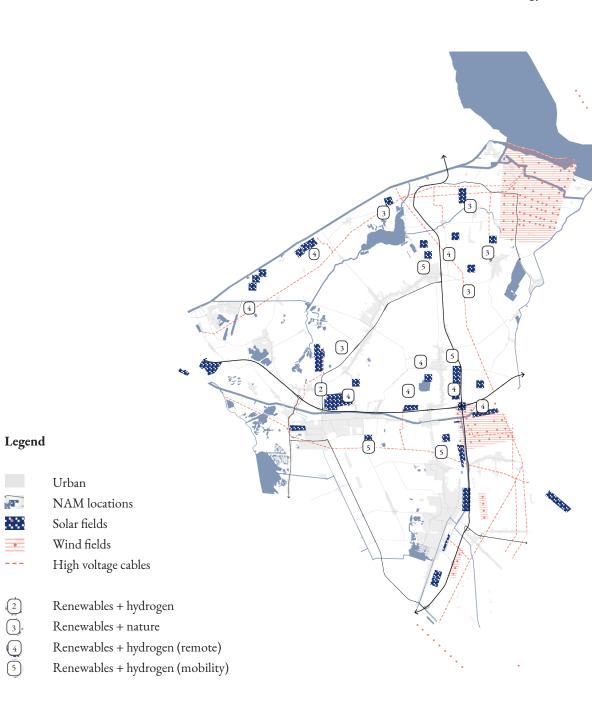
### Consider nature and animals:

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## The energy production

> Placement of the renewables arround the NAM locations > Use of less suitable farming lands.



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### The hydrogen backbone

### The NAM locations

- > Store the hydrogen
- > Conversion hydrogen towards energy
- > Large scale storage veendam
- > Hydrogen production
- > Integration with national network

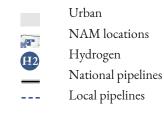


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## Nature and nature inclusive farming

> test locations for green agriculture

> New natural network

> Areas for wet agriculture

> Increased water storage

> Green connections



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Urban

Wet agriculture Agricultural pilots

Nature corridor

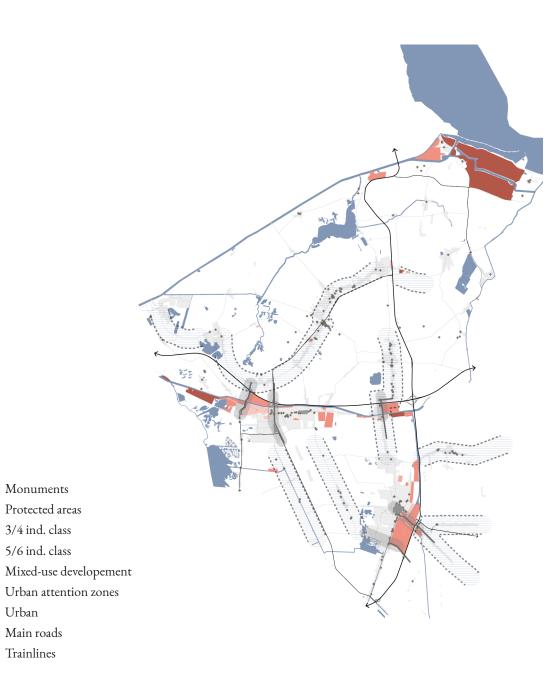
### **Built environment**

The rearangement of the industrial areas

The protection of urban zones

Attention areas in the urban zone

Train station areas as core regions.



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Urban Main roads

Trainlines

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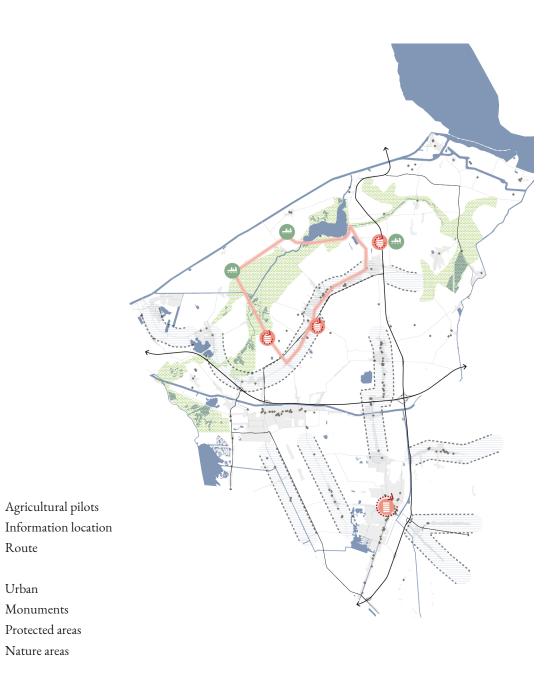
### Energy, heritage path

> Information about the energy transition

Intergration with tourism:

- > Wet agriculture pilots
- > NAM location

> Local heritage



Legend

Route

Urban Monuments

Nature areas

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### Zoom in locations

Remote namlocation can have more intergration with natural elements

