

A RECHARGED 'HART'

Synergizing the Housing Pressure in the Depleted Landscape on the Fringe of the 'Groene Hart'

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The Gouw in Weespersluis embodies the anthropogenic terrestrial development and its problematisation.

Proposition



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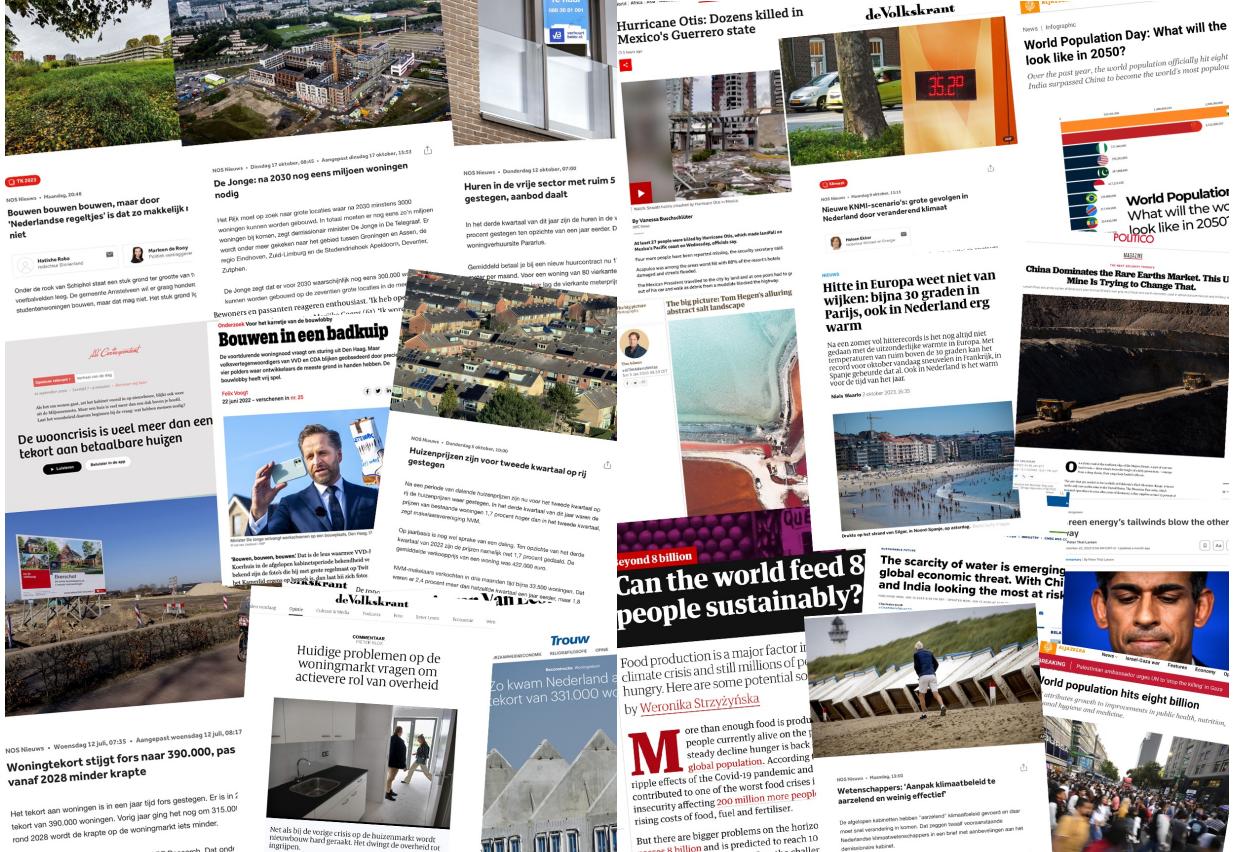
Terrestrial Urbanisation



The current fringe of the 'Groene Hart' near Weesp.

The Proposition

The Time of the Anthropocene



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A Pseudo-countryside Development

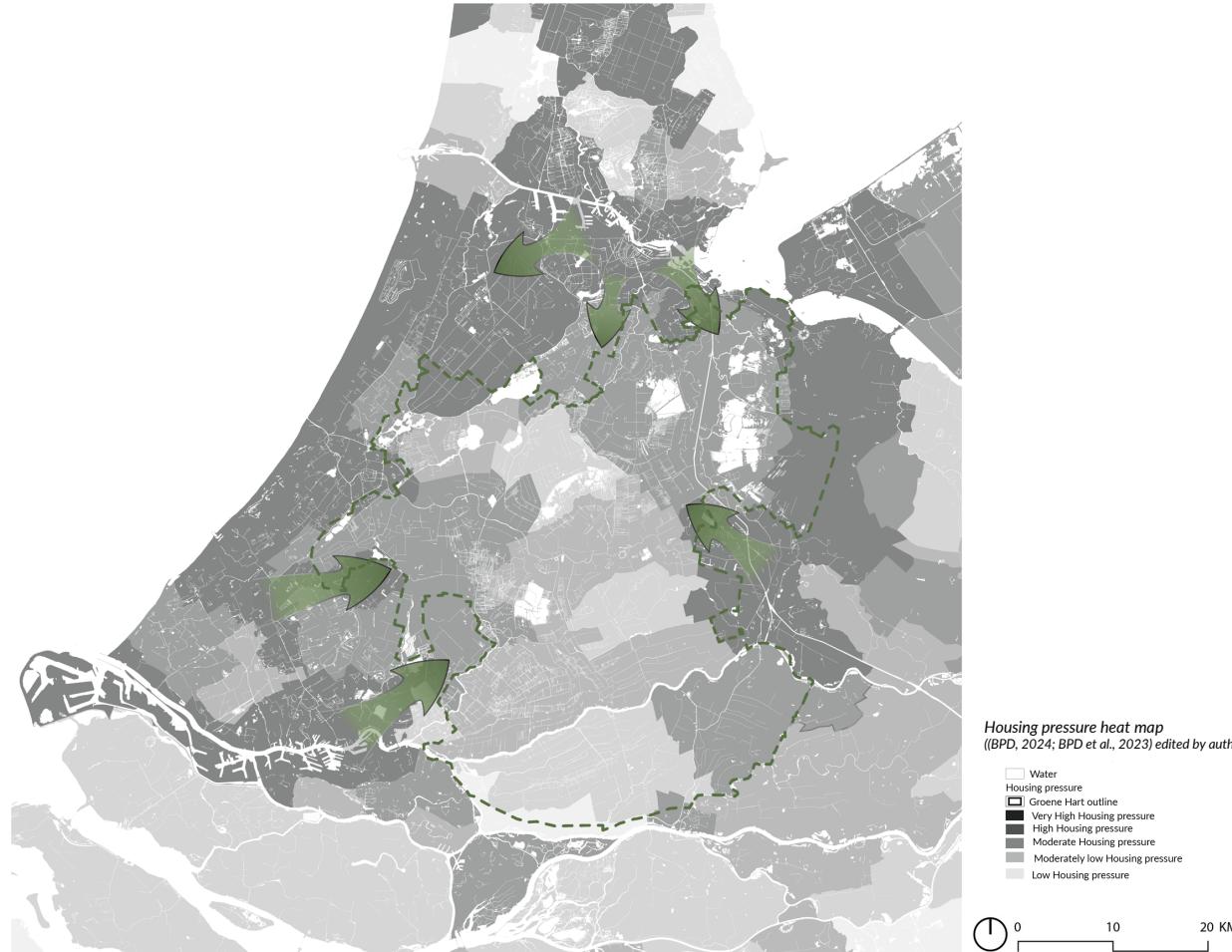
Exemplified by Weespersluis



Photographic atlas of the fringe neighbourhood of Weespersluis, Weesp.

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The Composition of the Fringe



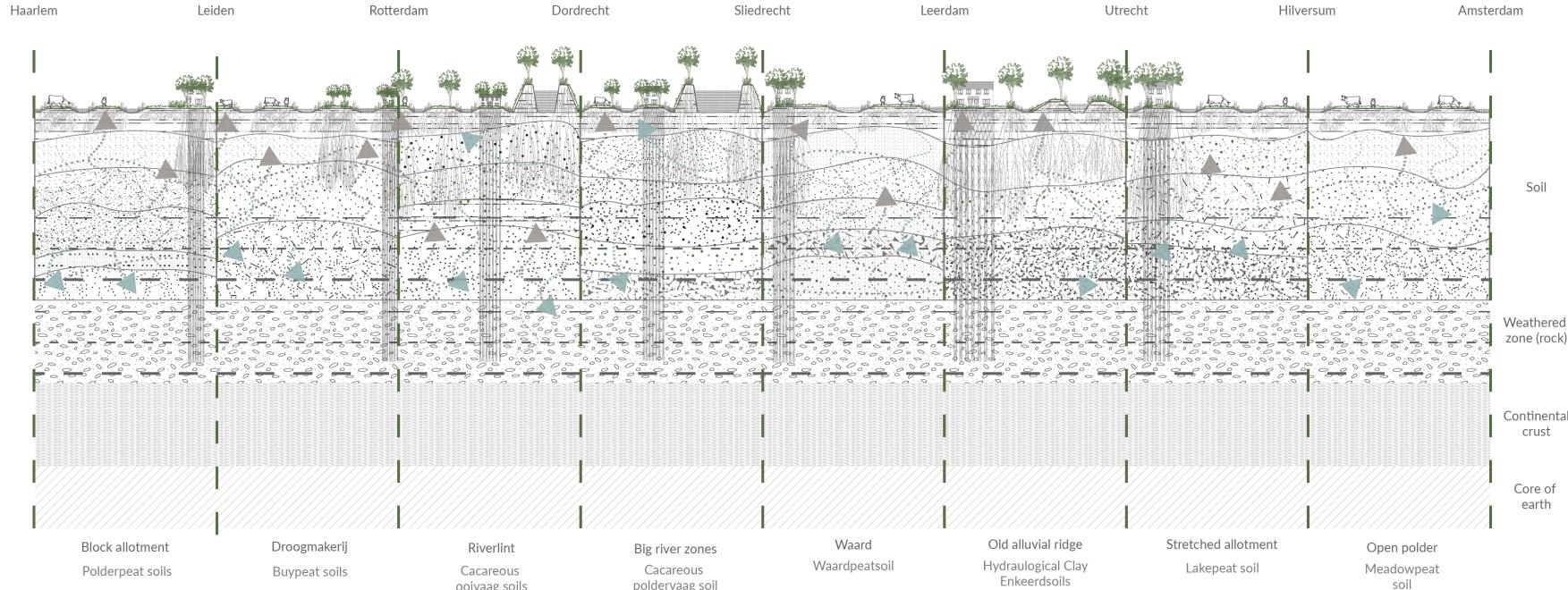
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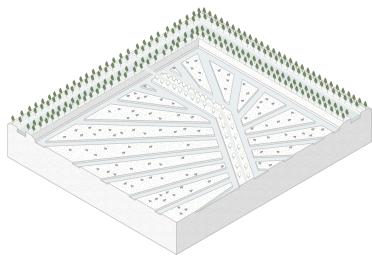
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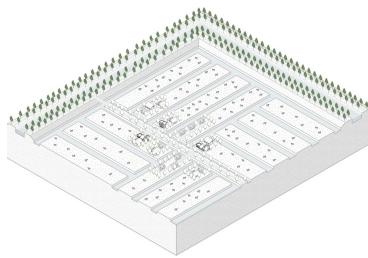
The regionalism of the Fringe and its depleted state.

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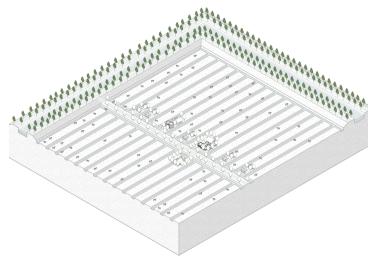
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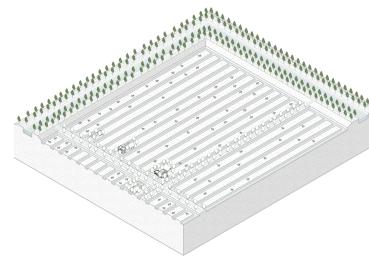
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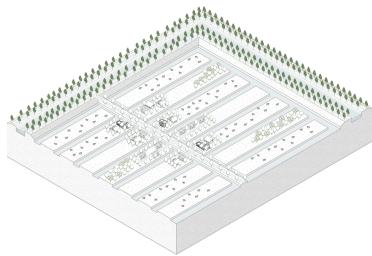
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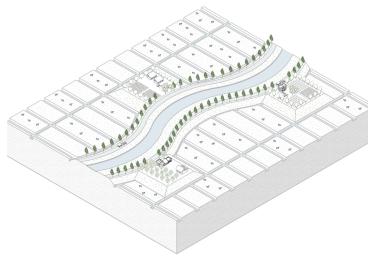
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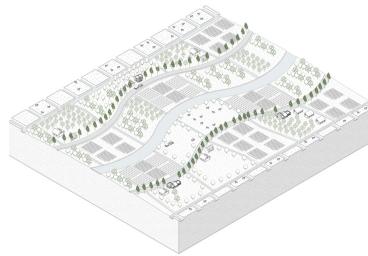
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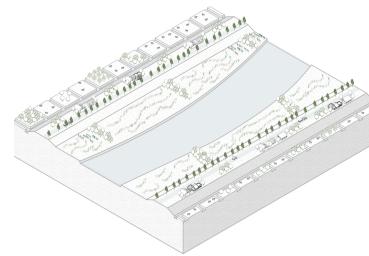
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Old alluvial ridge



Big river zones

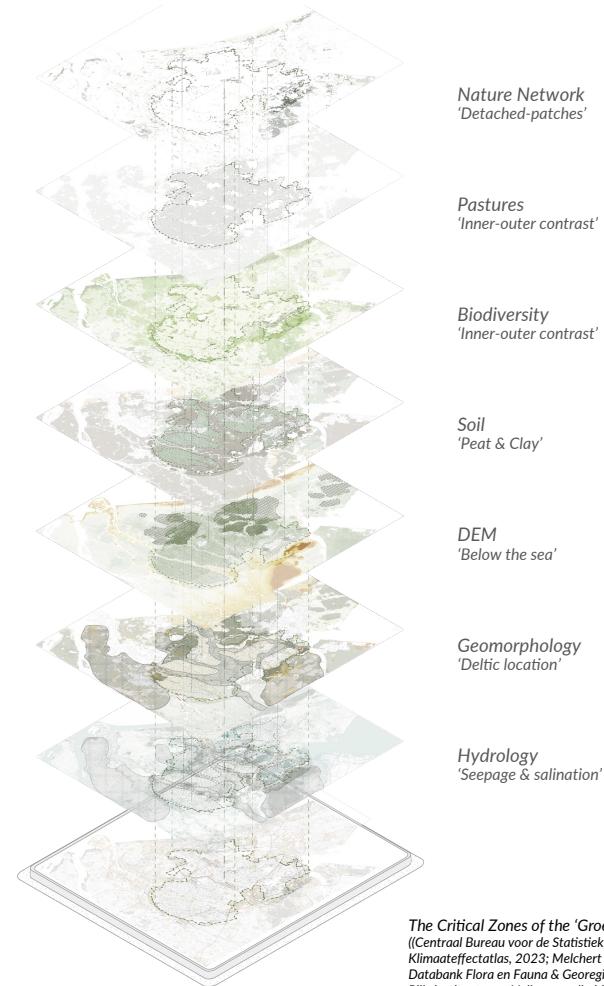
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A Depleted Landscape?

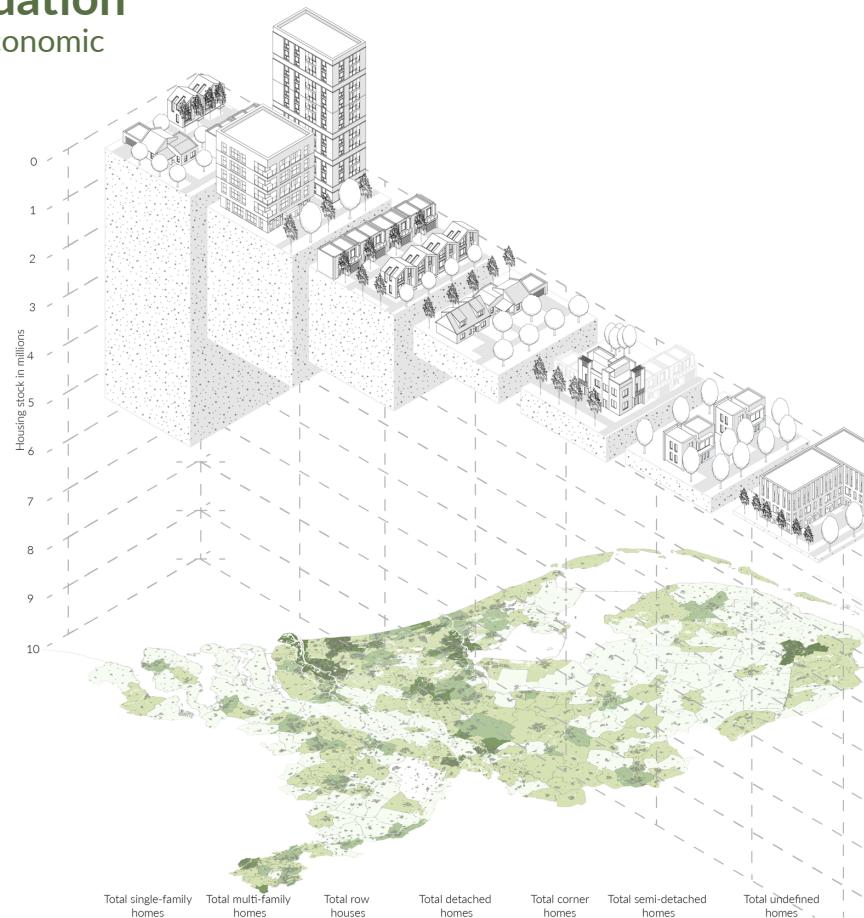
A Depleted Landscape

A landscape that has suffered from forms of land degradation and have lost their qualities due to human interventions, leading to the reduction of its operationalisation.



The Problem Foundation

The Pseudo-countryside Economic



Legend
 Locations of homes
 Percentage of multi-family homes

<15
15-30
30-45
45-60
>60

Operationalisation of the disconnected demographic housing sequence
 (CBS et al., 2020; CBS, 2021a, 2021b, 2023a, 2023b, 2023c, 2023d; Central Bureau voor de Statistiek, 2023; Peters et al., 2022) edited by author)

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The Societal Residual Identity



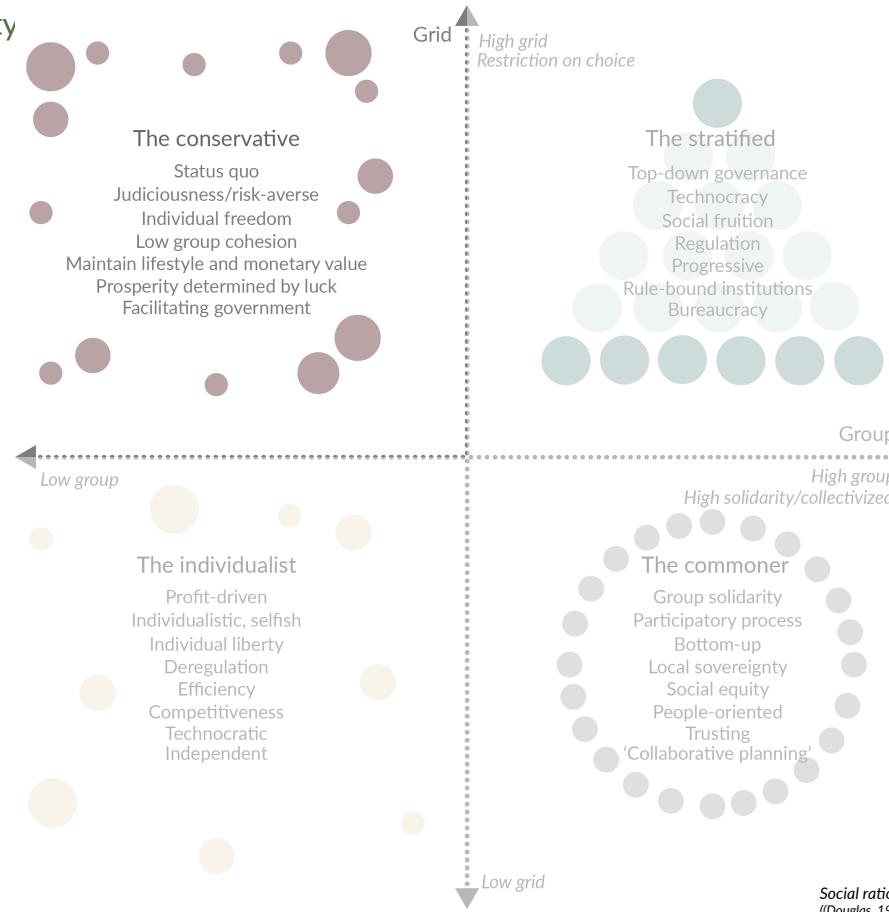
Perceived identity, depicting a picturesque pseudo-country-side neighbourhood.



Actual identity, depicting an agricultural rural production landscape, with terrestrial lines of urbanisation.

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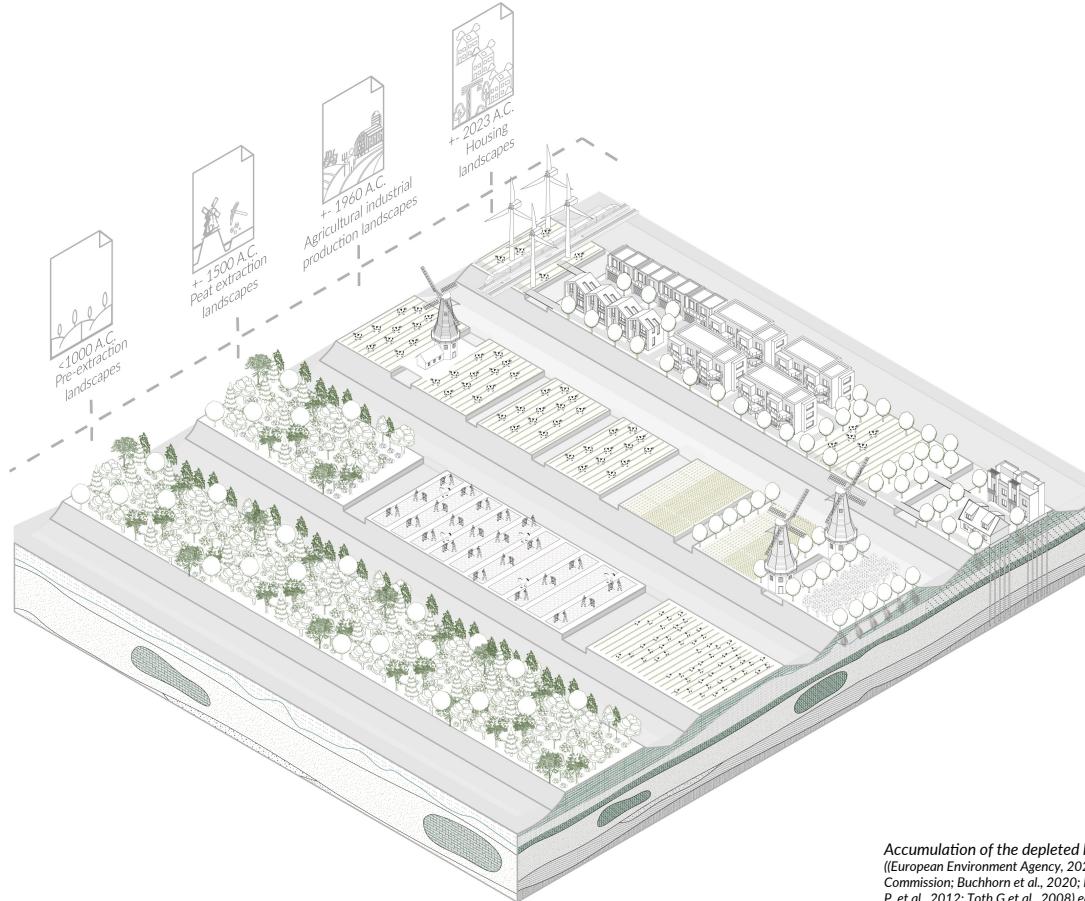
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*Social rationalities
((Douglas, 1970, Mamadouh. 1999) edited by author).*

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The Altered Nature



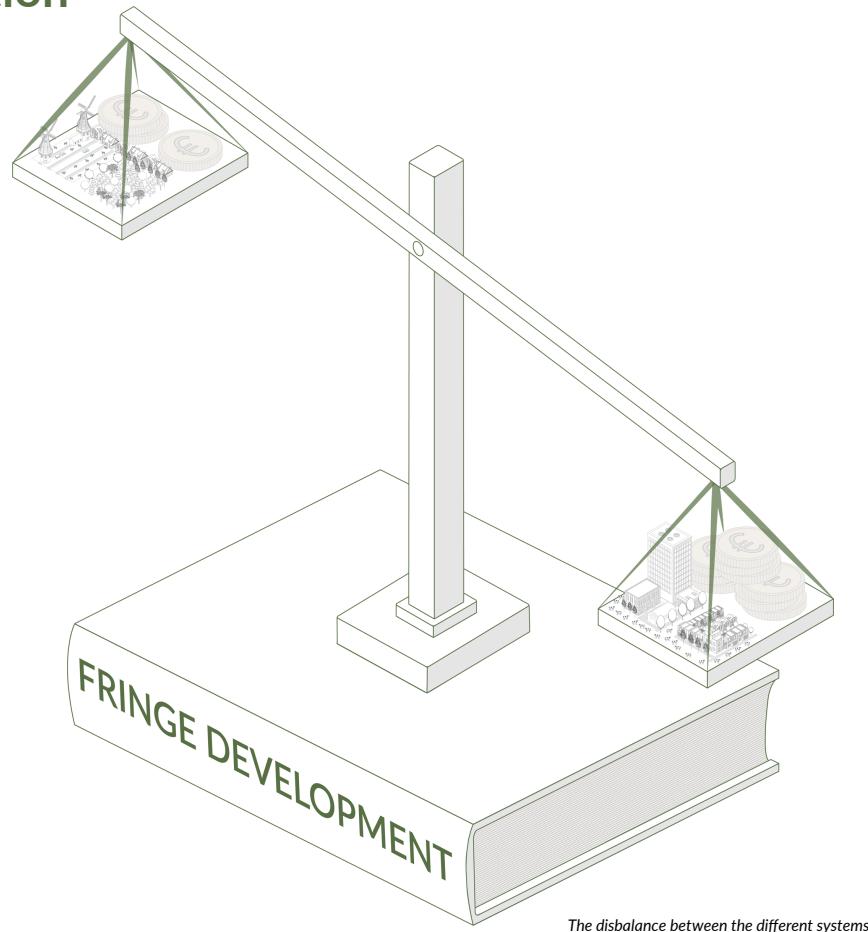
Accumulation of the depleted landscape

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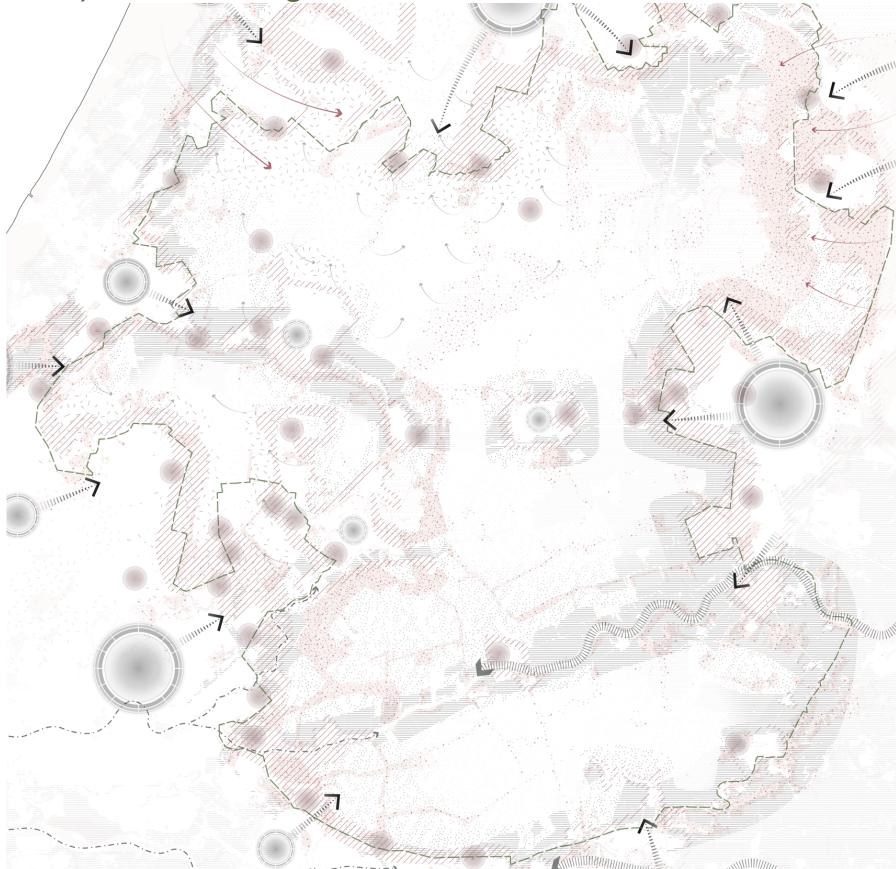
The Three Pillared Foundation

- Economic unbalance
- Social unbalance
- Natural unbalance



The Problem Foundation

The Conclusion of the Spatial Analysis of the Fringe



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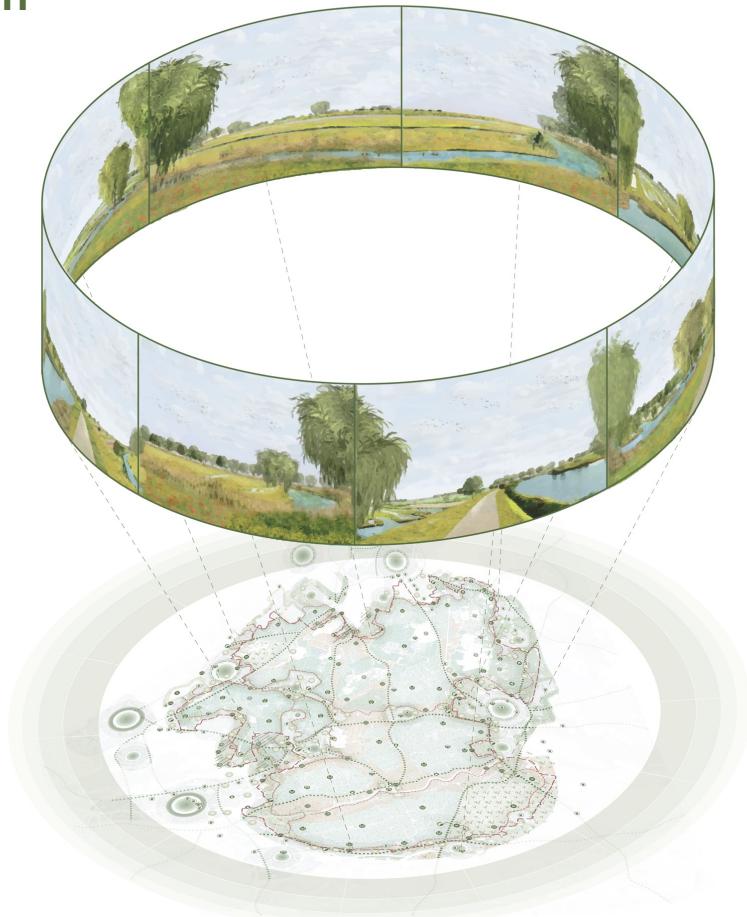
The Problem Statement

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'The predominant market-driven, human-centric economic emphasis of spatial development policies tackling the housing scarcity in the Netherlands, has led to a disbalance within society and nature. Giving rise to economic, ecological, and social unaligned housing developments on the fringe of the 'Groene Hart' susceptible to similar pitfalls as the previous VINEX developments.'

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A Recharged 'Hart'



The 'Recharged Hart'

The Problem Foundation

The Research Question

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Considering the growing (urban) population and its subsequent scarcity of available housing in a time of environmental (ecological) crisis:

How can we **create a synergy** between social, economic, and environmental interests in depleted landscapes like **the fringe of the 'Groene Hart'** through the **implementation of the ecocentric paradigm** in terrestrial development to allow for an alleviation of the **housing scarcity**?

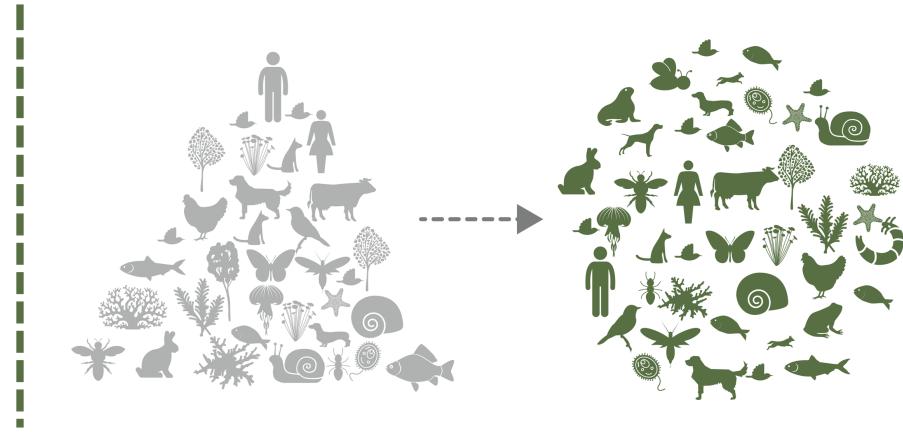
The Design Perquisite

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An Ecocentric Future

Ecocentric Paradigm

A worldview describing a synergy between humans and nature, in which neither element is more significant than the other, with their well-being being tied to the well-being of the entire natural system (Curry, 2011; Daly, 2014; Vieira & Sampaio, 2022; Vink et al., 2024; Washington et al., 2017).



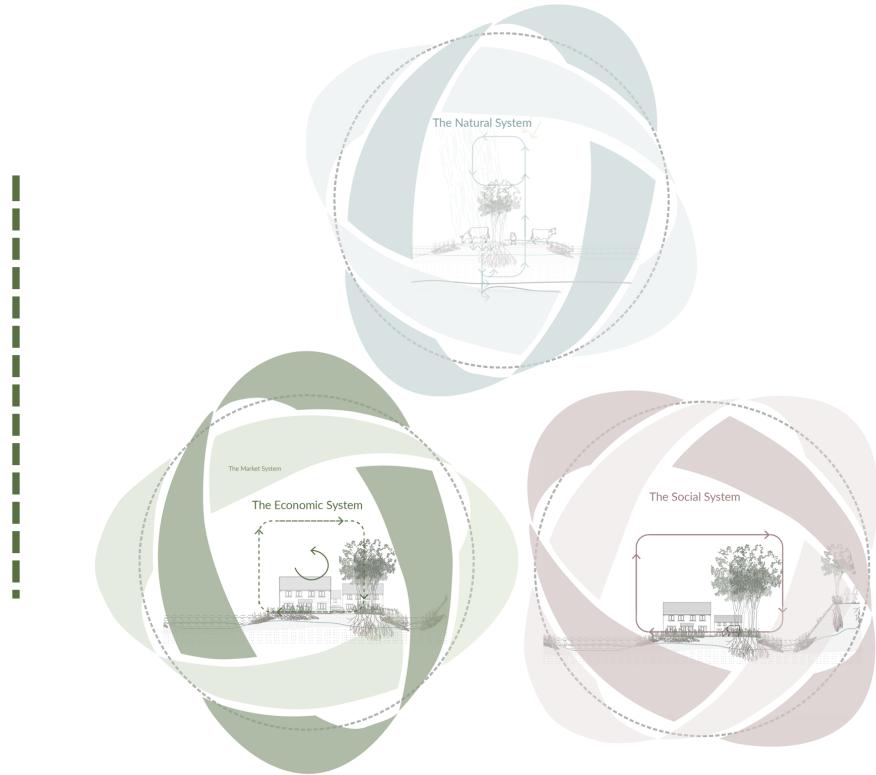
For nature-inclusive ecocentric developments, one must shift from an anthropogenic to an ecocentric paradigm
(Butler, 2018) edited by author.

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A Synergetic Design Theory

Synergetic Design Theory

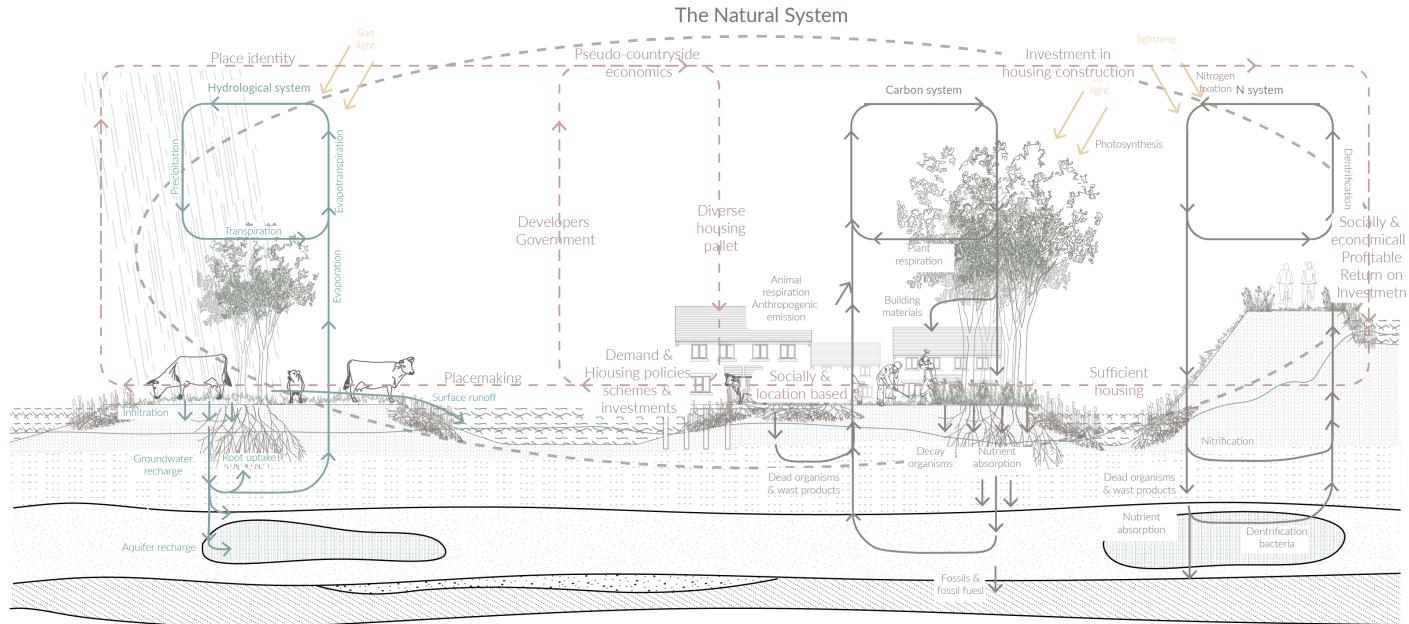
Implies that the interaction or cooperation of two or more elements within the landscape result in a combined effect that is greater than the effects of each entity alone (Tillie, 2018).



The non-synergetic systems of my thesis, the economic, the social and the natural system.

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The Synergizing System Strategy



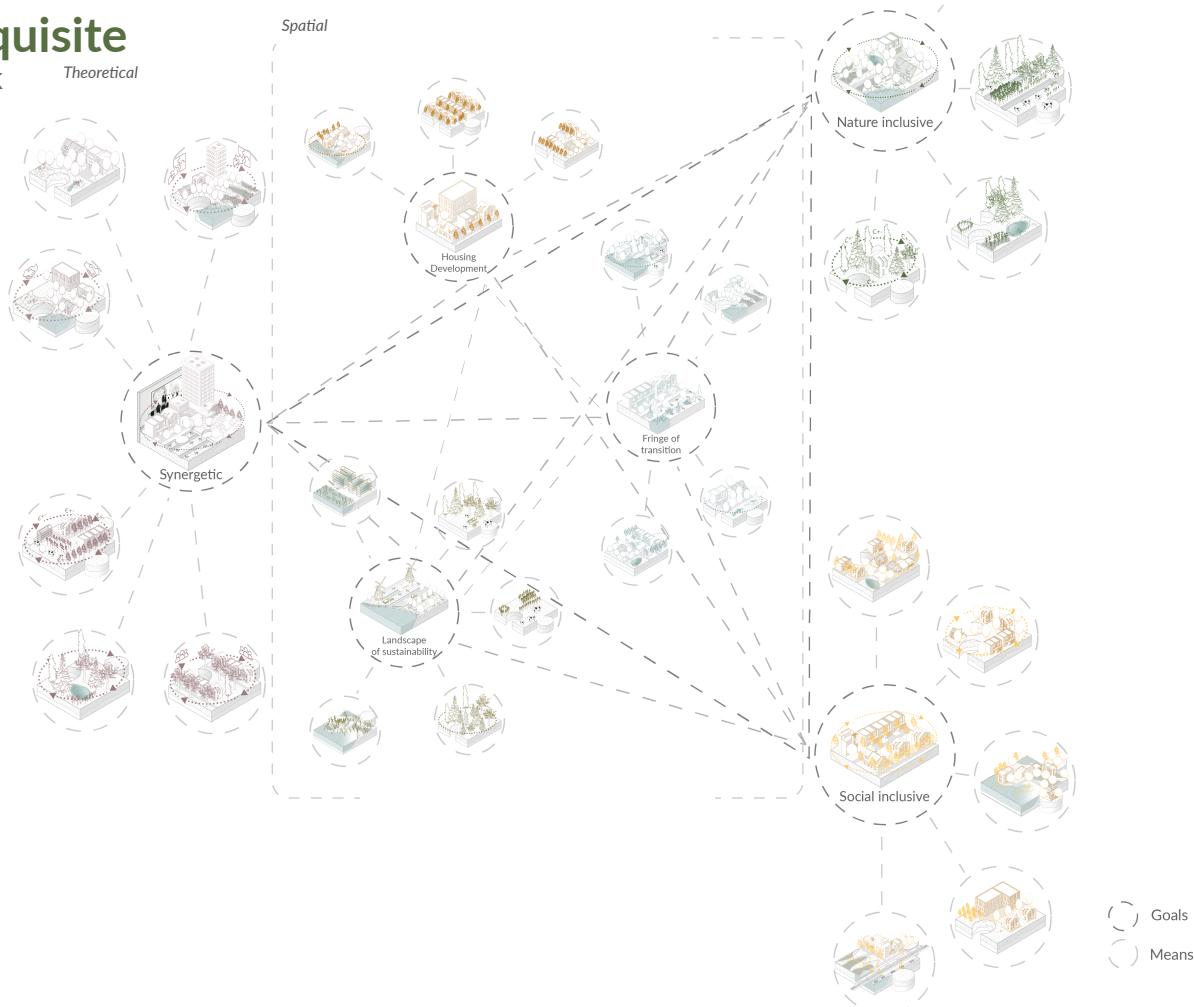
The Synergetic system

The synergised spatial systems.

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The Design Framework

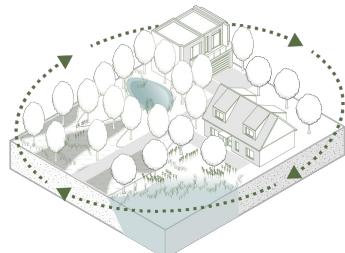
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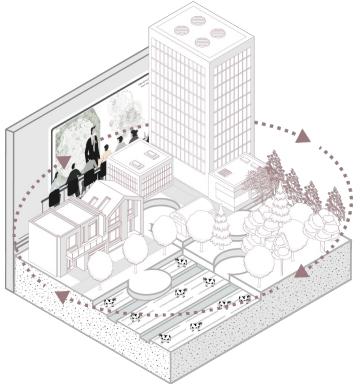
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The Design Goals & Values

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pillar*



Nature inclusive

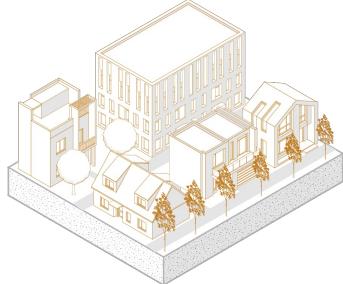


Synergetic system

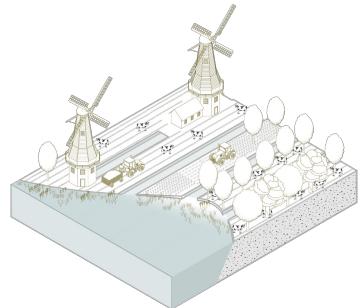


Social inclusivity

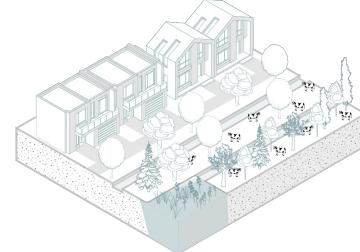
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Housing developments



Landscape of sustainability



Fringe of transition

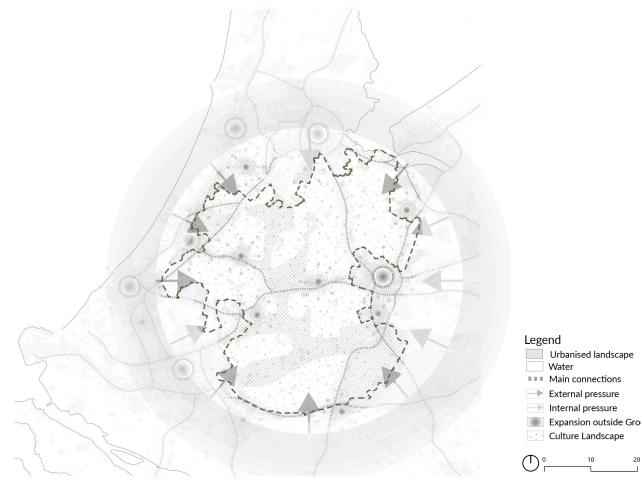
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The Synergizing System Strategy

Spatial synergistic translation



Locations capacity, their natural and agricultural suitability according to height, soils, hydrology and networks.



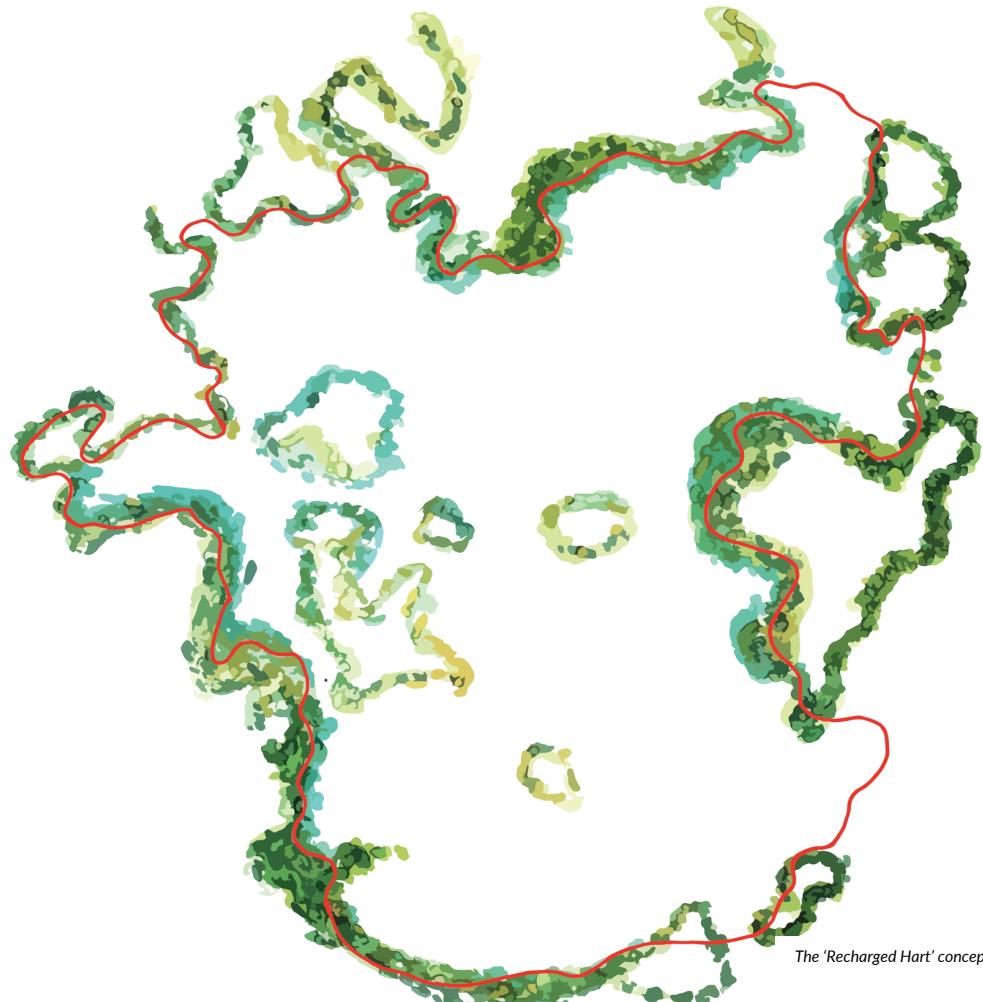
Network inclusive aspect to connect the external and internal pressure through axes.

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Concept

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The Concept

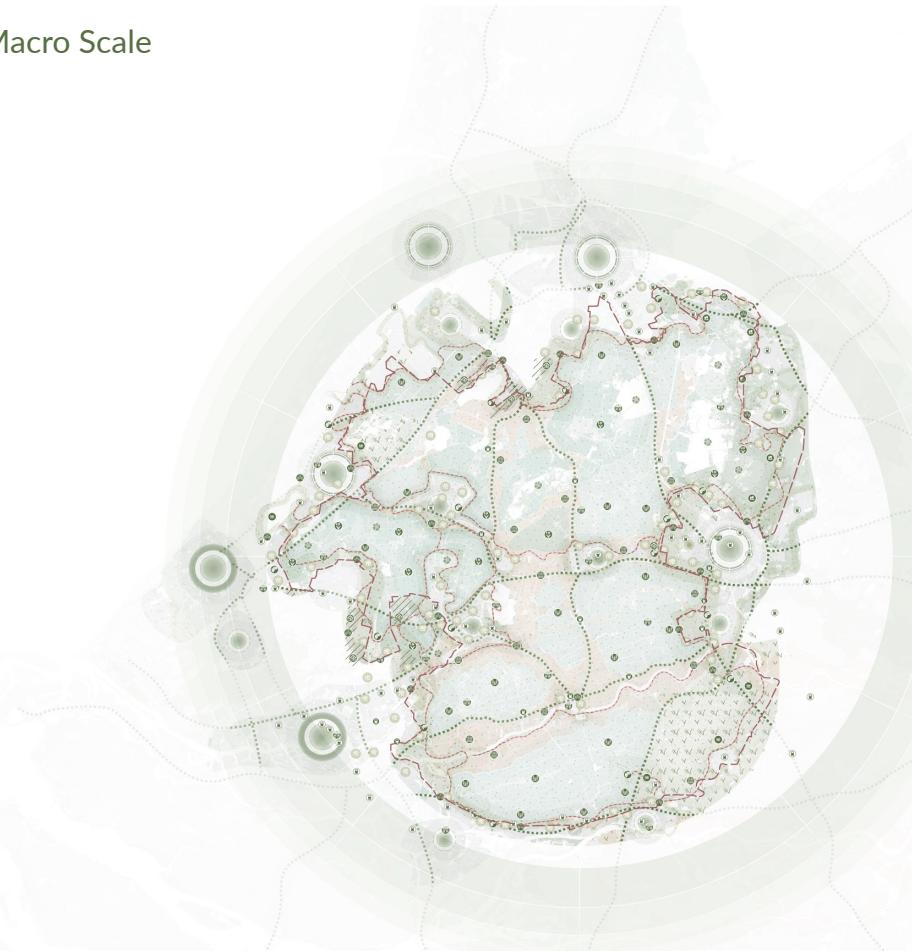


The Design Strategy

Territorial re-ensemble

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Territorial Re-ensemble - Macro Scale



Preliminary design strategy at macro scale

- Housing
 - Wet Nature-inclusive Housing Developments
- Agriculture
 - Greenhouses for (urban) food production
 - Wet Agricultural, Paludiculture, Aquaculture
 - (Wetland) Silvovarable, Silvopasture, Silvoculture
 - Dry Agricultural Landscape

- Nature & recreation sites
 - Wet Peat Meadows, for natural development
 - Amphibious Delta Forest and Dry Nature
 - Ecological network

Society & economy

- Knowledge hub
- Society hub
- Cultural sites
- Current train stop
- Proposed train stop

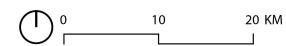
Meso scale Territorial framing

- Landuse
 - Urbanised landscape
 - Water
 - Main connections

- Fringe
 - Fringes with mixed Housing, Nature and Agriculture
 - Expansion outside Groene hart
 - Culture Landscape
 - Fringe trail

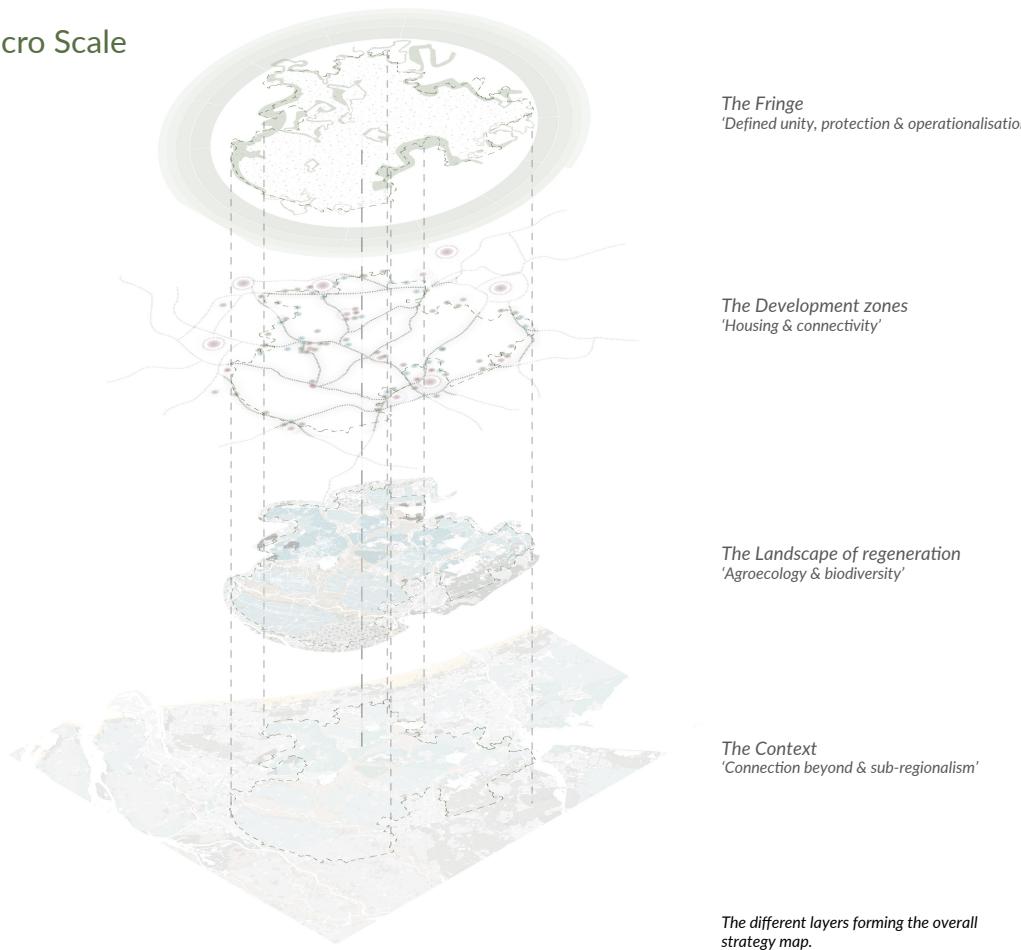
Housing

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Territorial Re-ensemble - Macro Scale



The Fringe

'Defined unity, protection & operationalisation'

The Development zones

'Housing & connectivity'

The Landscape of regeneration

'Agroecology & biodiversity'

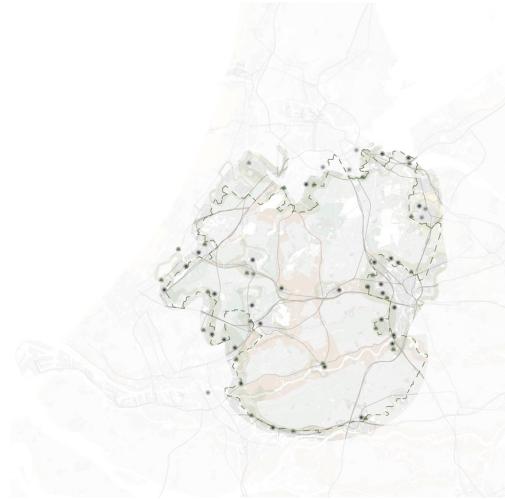
The Context

'Connection beyond & sub-regionalism'

The different layers forming the overall strategy map.

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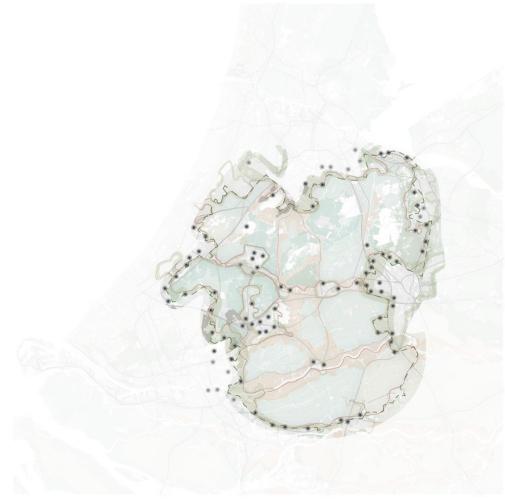
Phasing



The reconfiguration phase
2045, unification of the fringe



The build-up phase
2065, territorial herniation



The succession phase
2080, habitat maturation



	Territorial re-ensemble	Regional dissection	Local operationalisation	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unification of the fringe	Territorial herniation	Habitat maturation	<input type="checkbox"/> Succession
<input type="checkbox"/> Present	Establishment of the fringe	Establishment of the fringe	Establishment of the fringe	<input type="checkbox"/> 2080
<input type="checkbox"/> 2025	Zoning & bordering of the region.	The establishment of the Fringe National Parkland.	Succession of the Fringe National Parkland.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Integration of the fringe	Integration of the fringe	Integration of the fringe	
<input type="checkbox"/> Regional dissection	Land use form the landscape capacity.	Landscape rewetting or rewooding.	Succession of habitats of diversity.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Connectivity through the territorial networks.	Construction of housing developments.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mechanisms of the fringe	Mechanisms of the fringe	Mechanisms of the fringe	
<input type="checkbox"/> Local operationalisation	Avocation & education of the ecocentric future.	Integration of local loop networks.	Succession of the ecocentric synergies.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Territorial network.	Planting and seeding of indigenous species.		

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Reconfiguration phase +- 2045

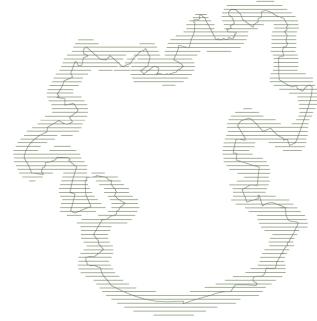
Territorial re-ensemble

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Reconfiguration Phase



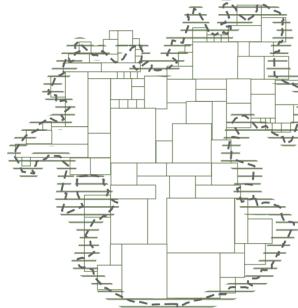
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Regional dissection		
Local operationalisation		



The fringe governance as a unity



The implementation of enhanced connectivity



The agroecological transition



The sub-regional approach to development

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Critical Action

The fringe governance
as a unity.

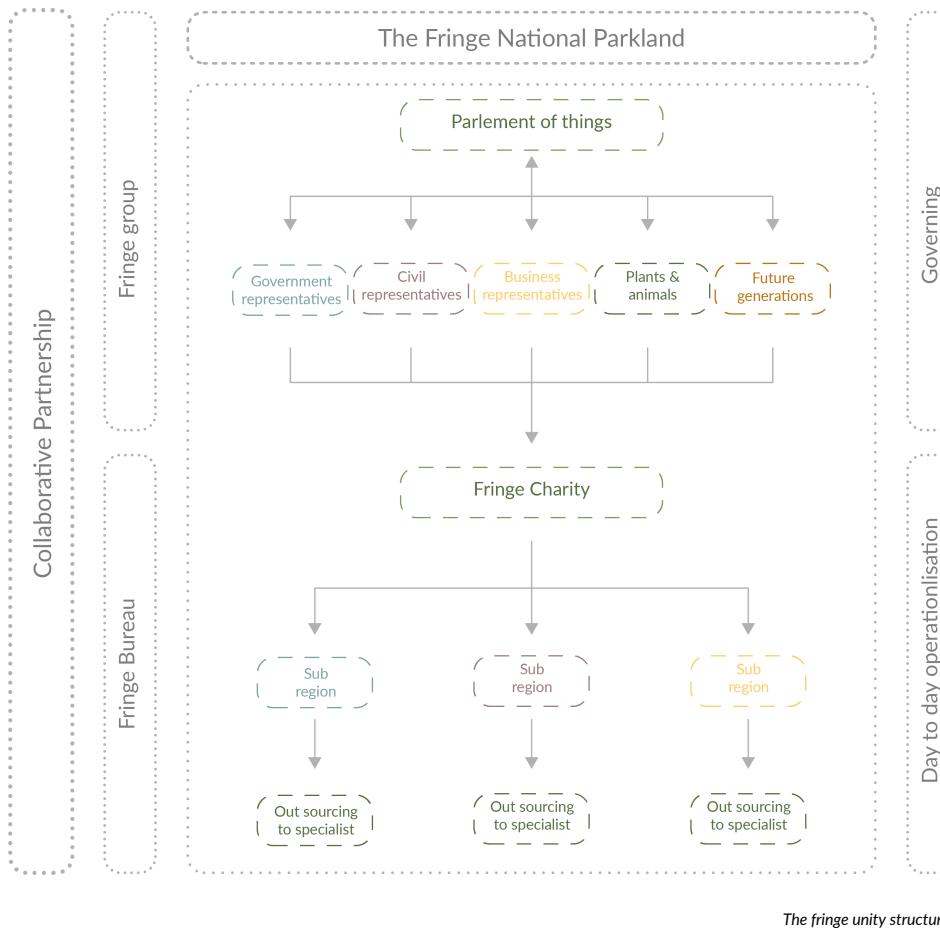


The critical action of fringe governance as a unity

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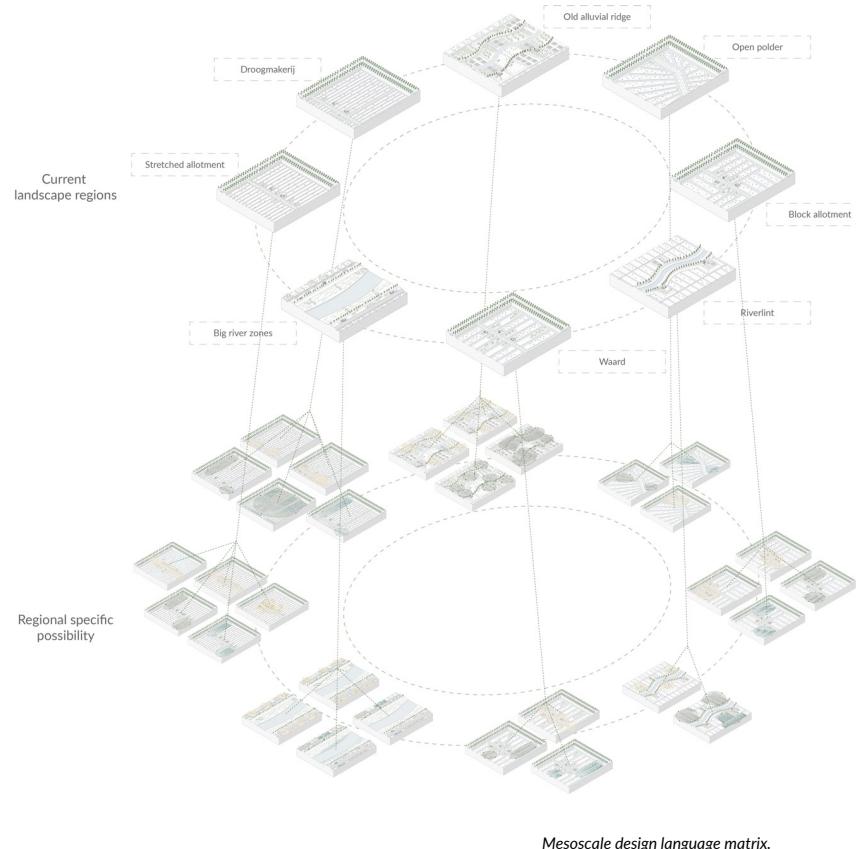
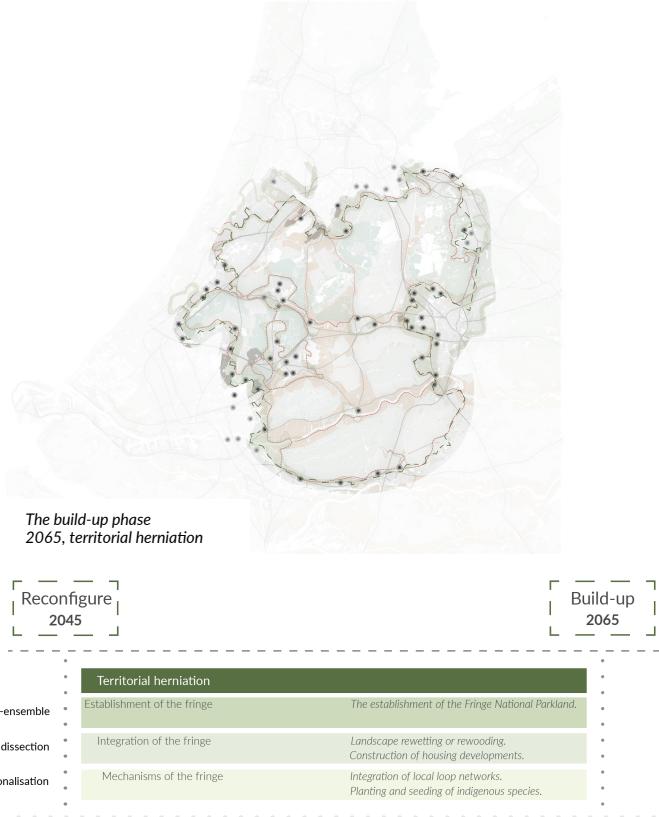
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Build-up phase +- 2065

Regional dissection

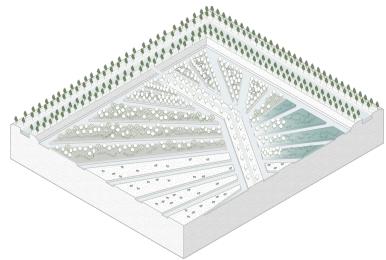
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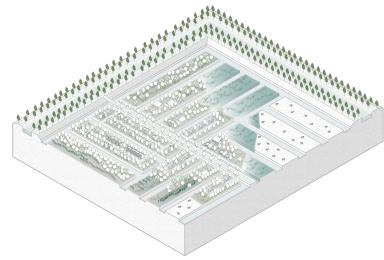


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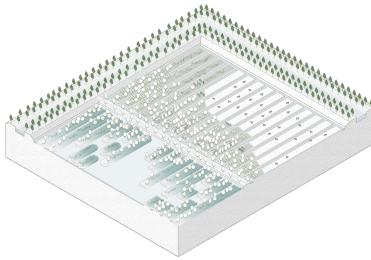
Regional Dissection – Ecocentric Regionalism



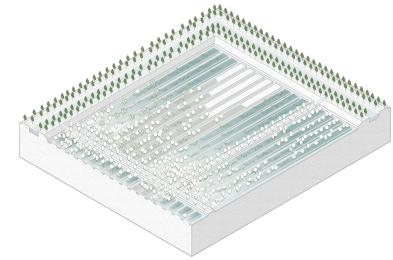
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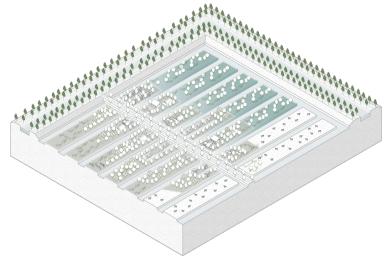
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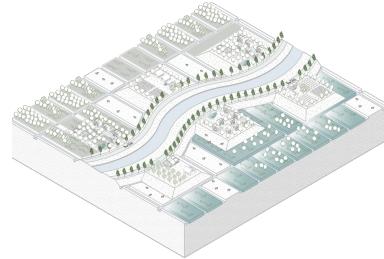
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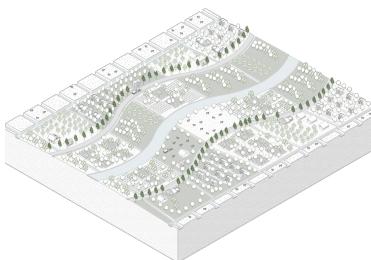
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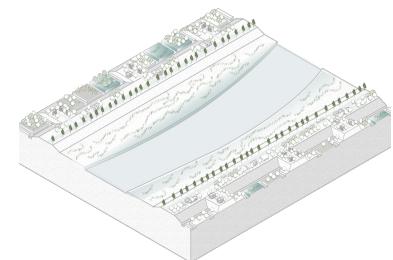
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Big river zone

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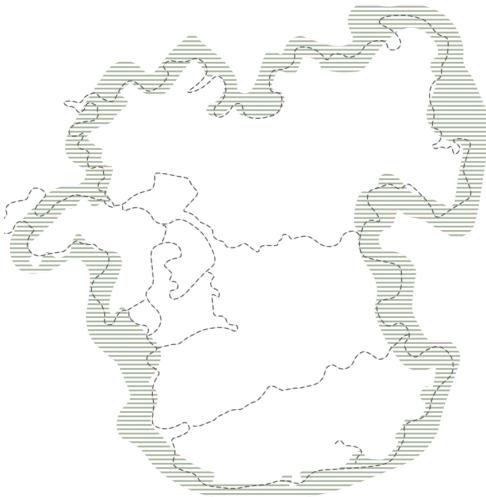


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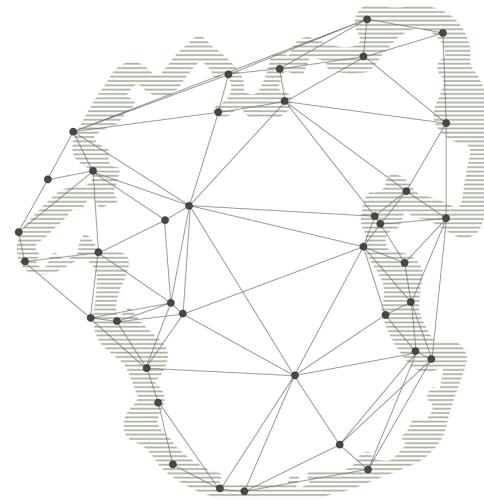
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Regional Dissection – Regional Operationalisation

Meso scale critical actions



Action the *fringe trail*, connecting developments..

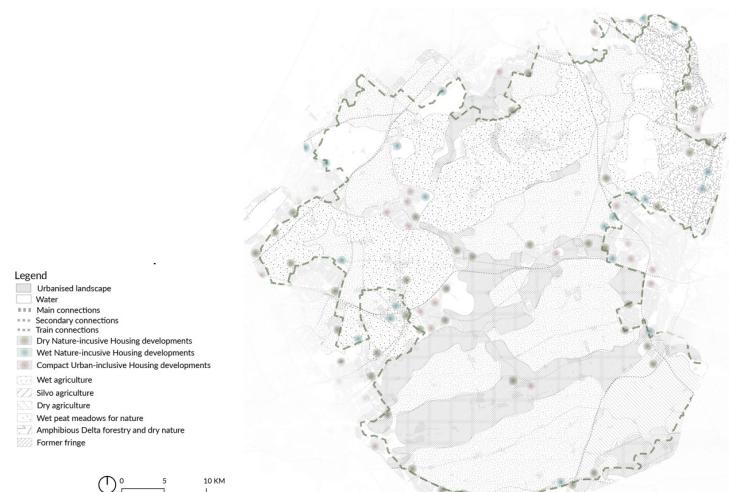


Action network of social and knowledge hub, the
Critical Zone observatories.

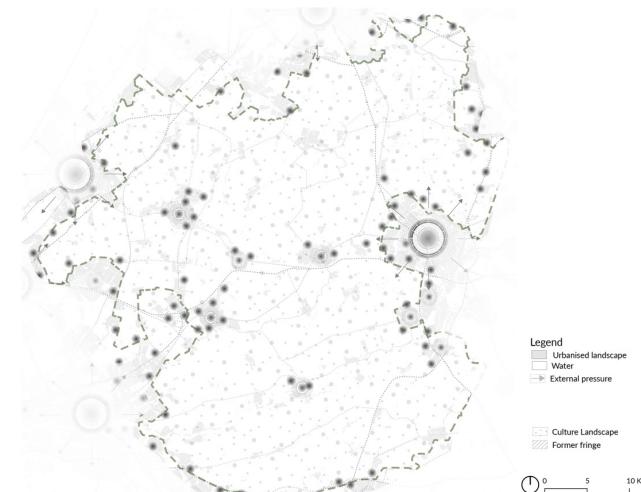
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Meso scale foundations



Proposed development sites at natural inclusive locations of height and soil.

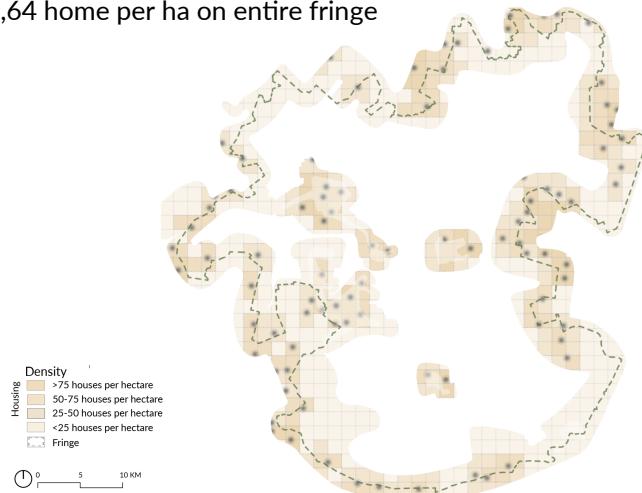


Network inclusive aspect of proposed developments.

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Regional Dissection – Regional Operationalisation

- 468.929 homes in fringe
- 7706 ha housing
- Average 93 ha per development
- 3,64 home per ha on entire fringe



Fringe density map of developments

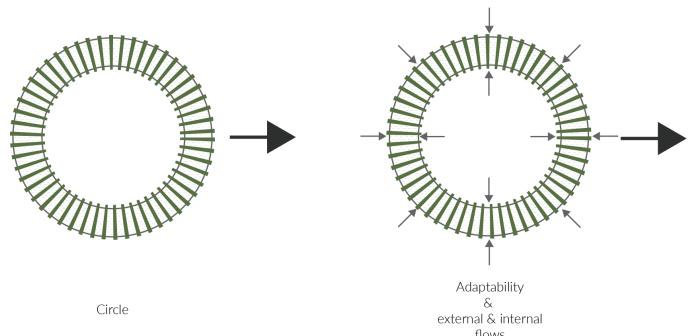


Fringe agroecology density map.

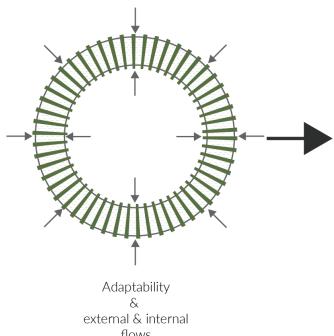
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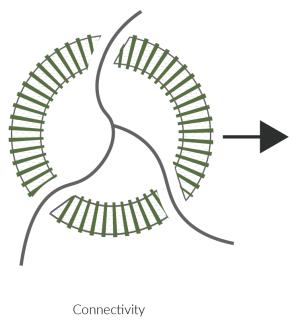
Morphology concept & options



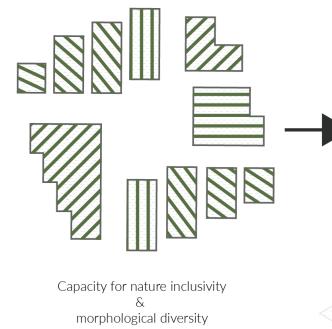
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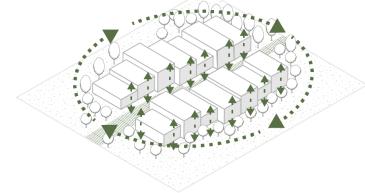
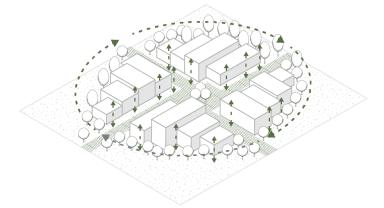
Adaptability
&
external & internal
flows



Connectivity



Capacity for nature inclusivity
&
morphological diversity

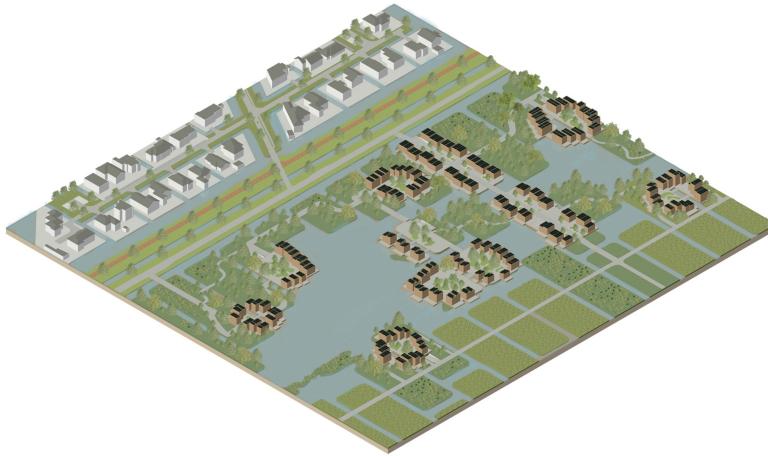


From morphological theoretical concept, to operationalisation.

Design Strategy

Regional Dissection – Ecocentric Developments

Developments



Isometric model of a nature inclusive development along the fringe.



Isometric model of a village inclusive development along the fringe.

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Regional Dissection – Ecocentric Developments

Nature inclusive development



An example of a nature inclusive housing cluster.

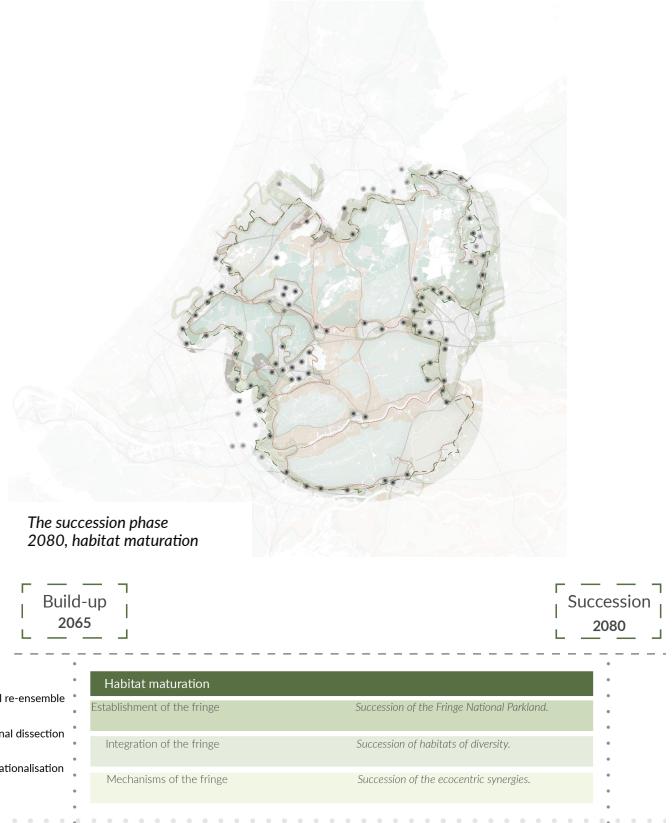
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Succession phase +- 2080

Local operationalisation

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Succession Phase

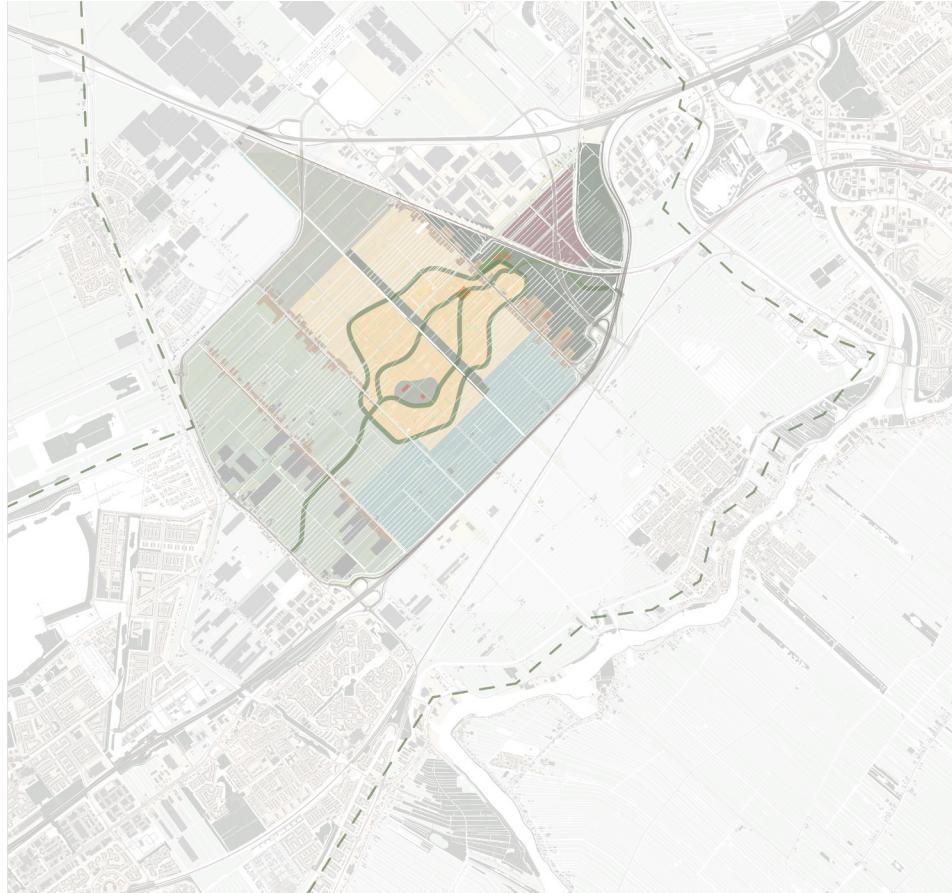


A conceptual diagrammatic transact of a possible Fringe

Design Strategy

Local Operationalisation - Microscale

Microscale

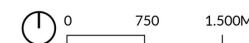


Currently proposed masterplan for the fifth village, see figure 71 for detail ([Gemeente Zuidplas & KuiperCompagnons, 2021], but edited by author).

Kreekrugdorp
Waterputten
Butterplatten
Uitval
Dorpspart
Sportbos
Groene waterparel
Groene Schaleel
Villen 1 bos
Energienetgedeider
Gouwepark
Snelweg

Landuse
Buildings
Agricultural Landscape
Urbanized Landscape
Natural Landscape
Water

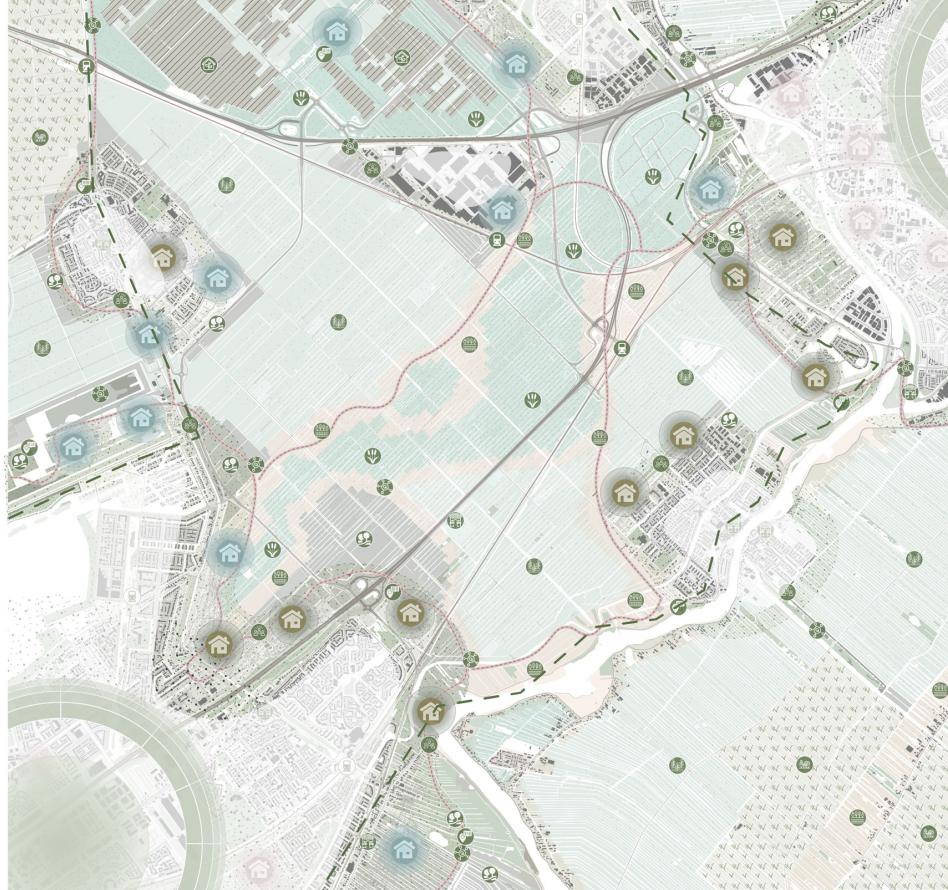
Infrastructure
Rail
Auto
Motorway
Primary road
Secondary road



Design Strategy

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Microscale design proposal



Preliminary design strategy at microscale

Housing

- Greenhouses for (urban) food production
- Wet Nature-Inclusive Housing Developments
- Dry Nature-Inclusive Housing Developments
- Compact Urban-Inclusive Developments

Agriculture

- Wet Agricultural, Paediculture, Aquaculture
- (Wetland) Silvovarable, Silvopasture, Silviculture
- Dry Agricultural Landscape

Nature & recreation sites

- Wet Peat Meadows, for natural development
- Amphibious Delta Forest and Dry Nature
- Urban Parks

Society & economy

- Knowledge hub
- Society hub
- Cultural sites
- Current train stop
- Proposed train stop

Landuse

- Urbanised landscape
- Wet
- Main connections
- Secondary connections
- Train connections
- Proposed recreation connections

Fringe

- Area previously perceived as the Fringe
- New perception to be included in the landscape

Expansion outside Groene hart

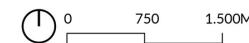
- Culture Landscape
- Wet
- Wet Nature-Inclusive Housing Developments
- Dry Nature-Inclusive Housing Developments
- Compact Urban-Inclusive Developments

Agriculture

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- (Wetland) Silvovarable, Silvopasture, Silviculture
- Dry Agricultural Landscape

Nature

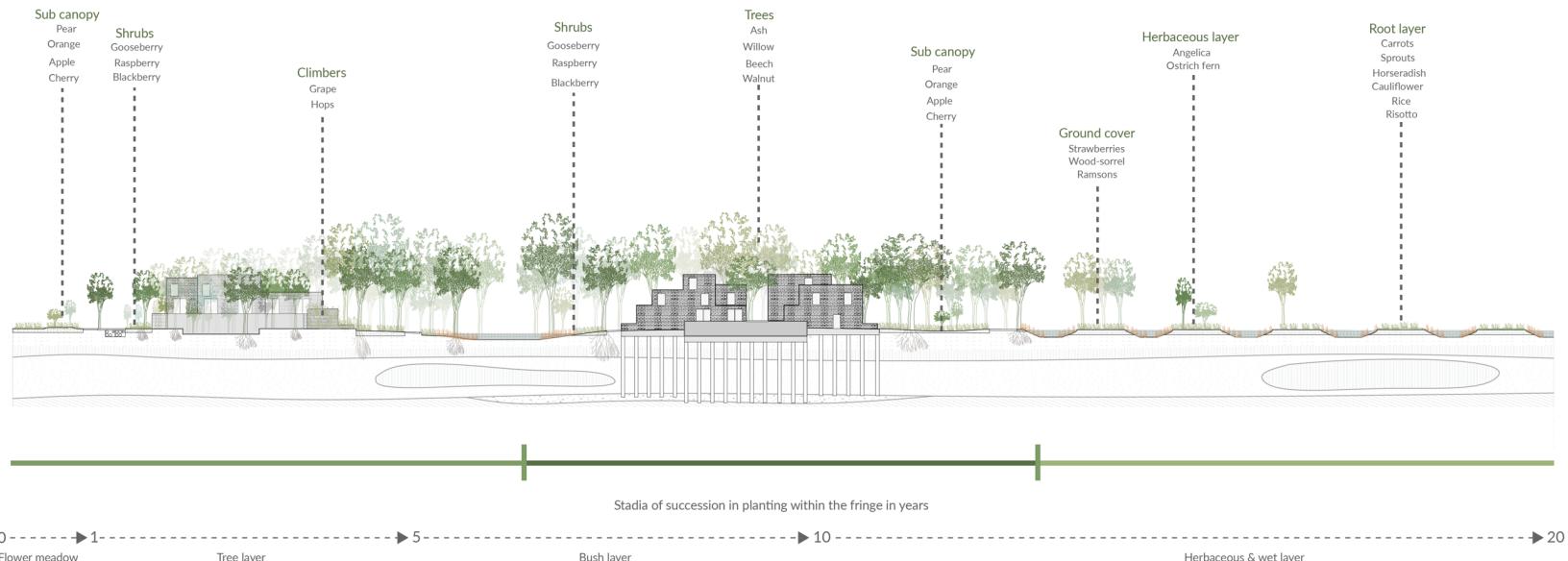
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Local Operationalisation

Fringe transition

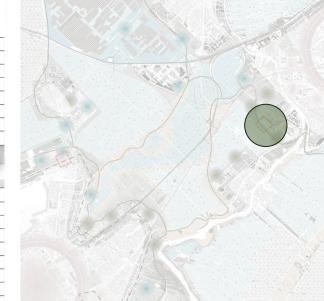
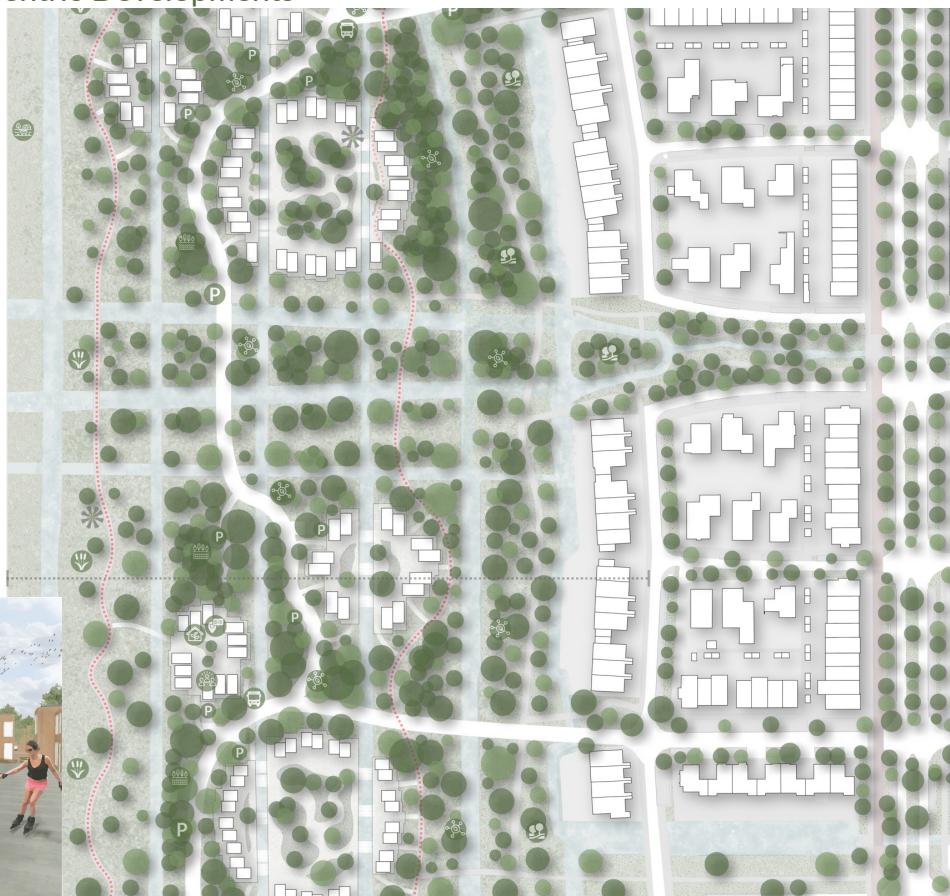


The fringe transition principle in cross-section.

Design Strategy

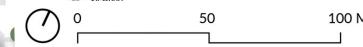
Regional Dissection – Ecocentric Developments

Village inclusive development



Preliminary design strategy at microscale

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- Dry Agricultural Landscape
- Nature & recreation sites
 - Wet Peat Meadows, for natural development
 - Amphibious Delta Forest and Dry Nature
 - Ecological network
- Society & economy
 - Knowledge hub
 - Society sites
 - Culture sites
 - Proposed public transport stop
 - Parking spots, either above or belowground
- Landuse
 - Water
 - Buildings
 - Road
 - Bicycle path
 - Walking trail
 - Parking
 - Green Hart
 - Fringe
 - Trees
 - New development
 - Existing development
 - Existing green
 - ▶ + ↗ Crossection
 - Viewpoint



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Local Operationalisation



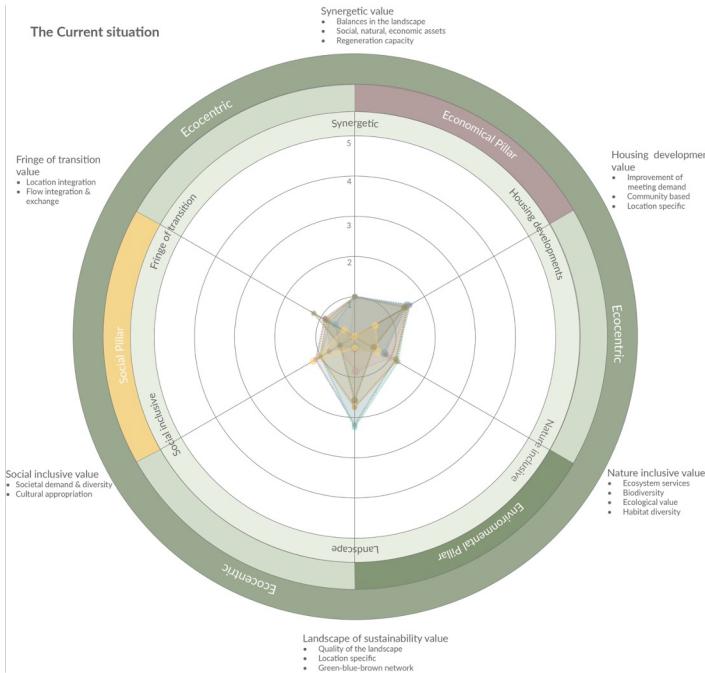
An example of how nature inclusive housing can be included within the landscape.



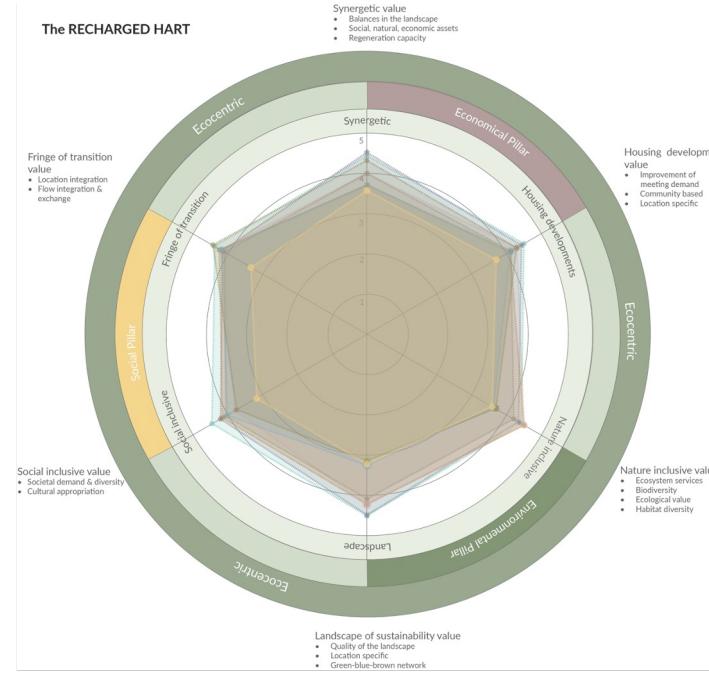
An example of the fringe trail through the village inclusive housing development.

Evaluation

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Evaluation of the current situation



Evaluation of the future situation

Conclusion

Discussion & conclusion

Conclusion

Discussion



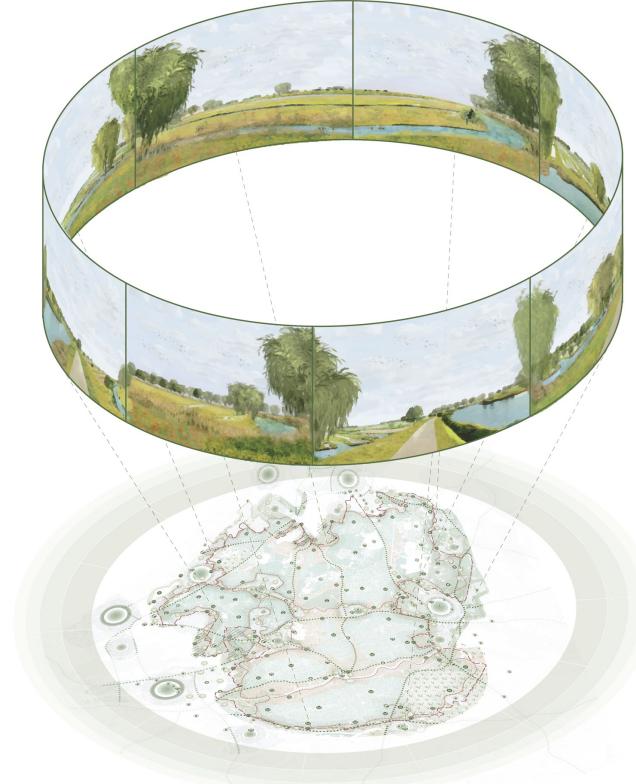
Panorama towards the fringe

Conclusion

The Conclusion

The Research Question

How can we **create a synergy** between social, economic, and environmental interests in depleted landscapes like the **fringe of the 'Groene Hart'** through the **implementation of the ecocentric paradigm** in terrestrial development to allow for an alleviation of the **housing scarcity**?



The ecocentric regionalism of Recharged 'Hart'

Questions & Comments

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Conceptual Definitions

Residual Identity

The identity of a place that remains in that place or is perceived to be the identity of the place after it has transformed over time.

Altered Nature

A human-initiated environmental alteration aimed at adapting the ecosystem to serve humans, beyond the state of co-existence, to a state of dependency.

Appendix

Theoretical Definitions

Critical Zone

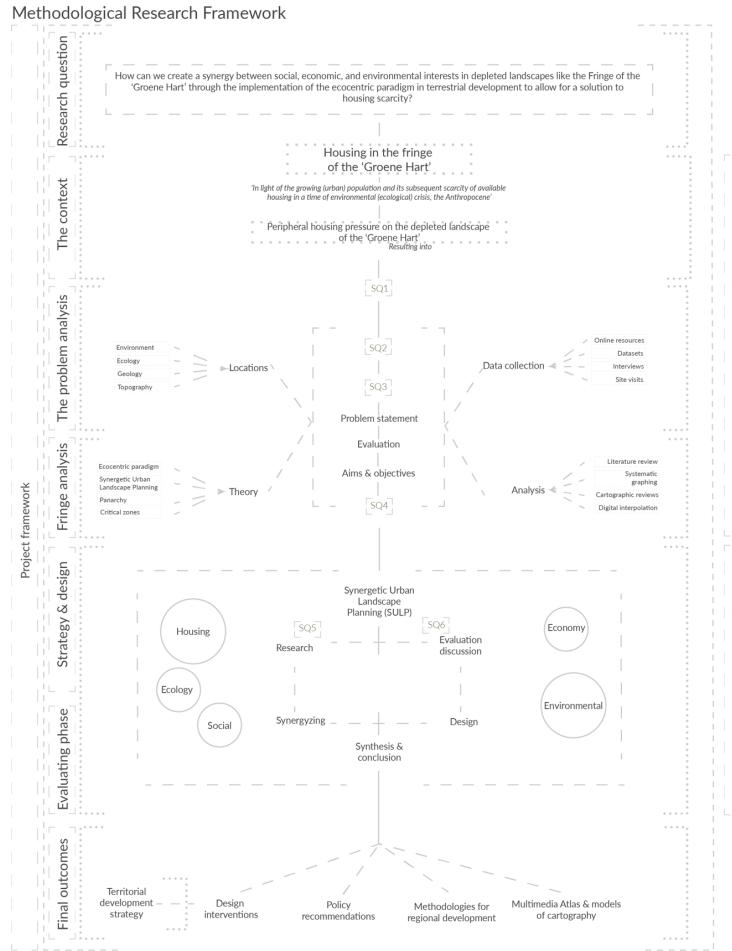
The layers that sustain life, which offers a framework for analysis of natural non-human agencies (Latour et al., 2020).

Panarchy

A framework to comprehend and order the complexity within human urban-rural spheres (Gunderson & Holling, 2002).

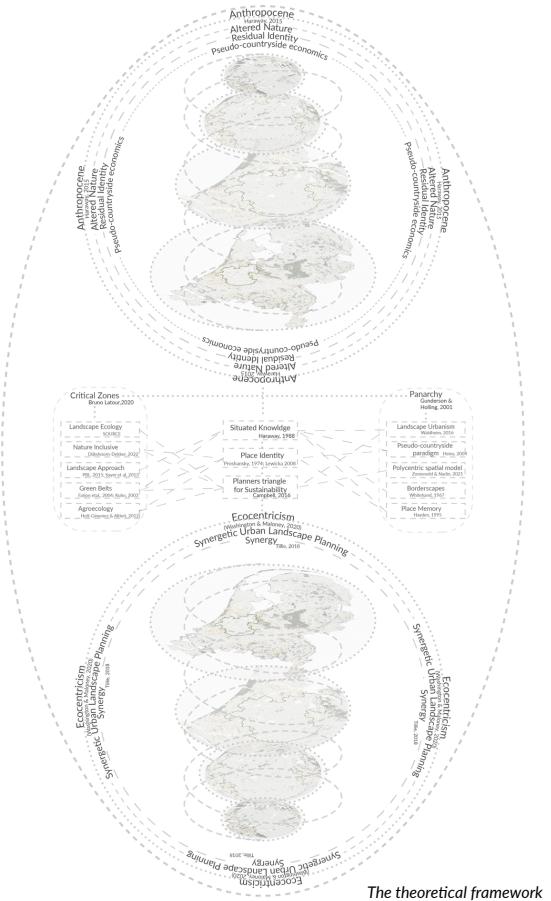
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The Methodological Framework

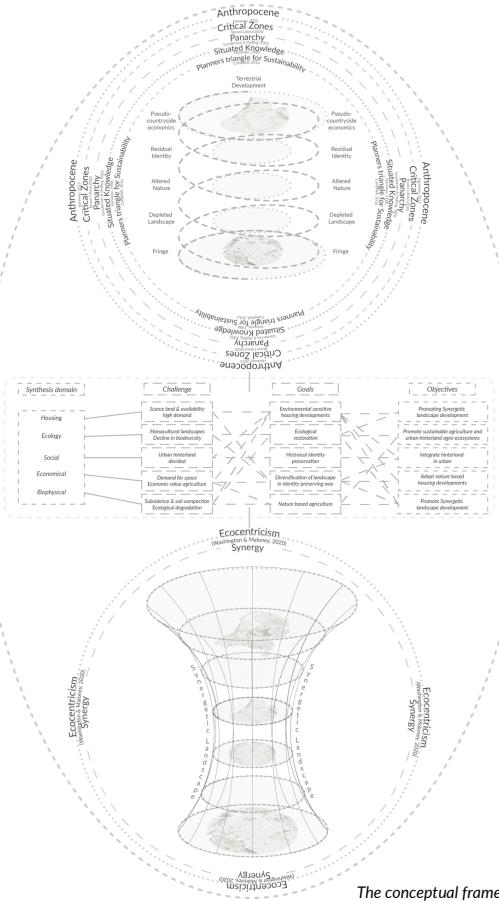


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The Research Frameworks



The theoretical framework



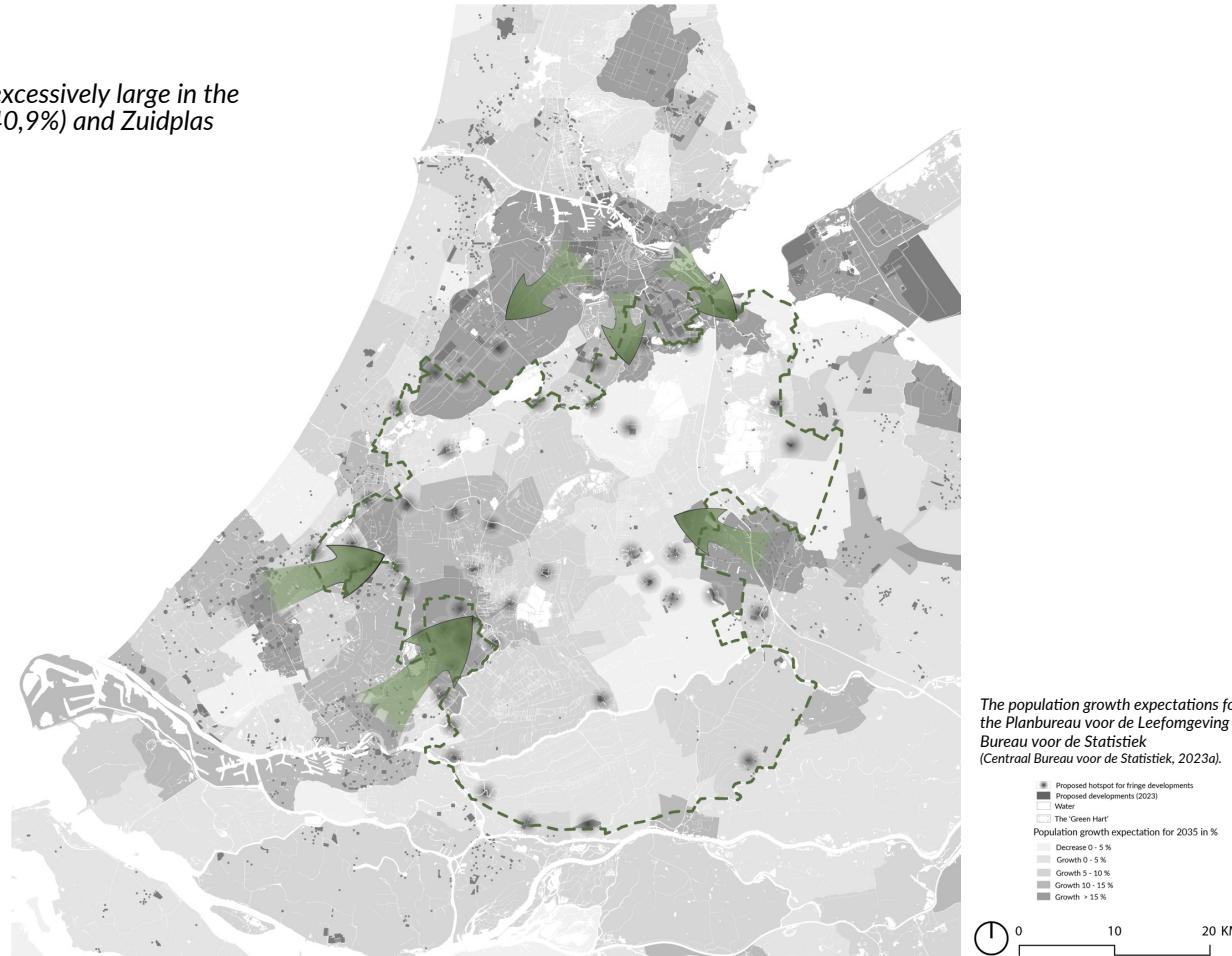
The conceptual framework

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A Suburban Future

'The population growth will be excessively large in the municipality of Ouder-Amstel (40,9%) and Zuidplas (40,6%) in the 'Groene Hart.'

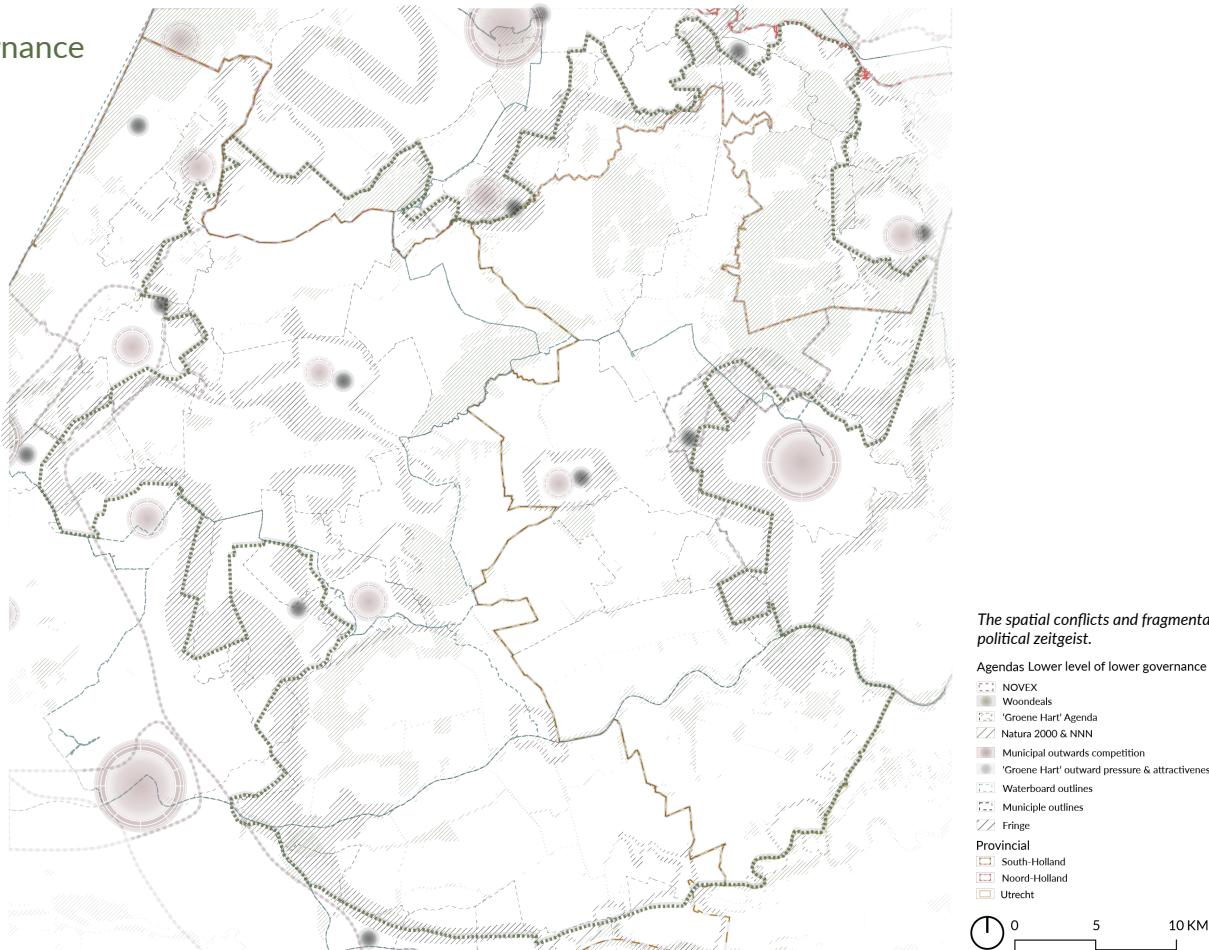
(CBS, 2023a)



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The Spatial Puzzle of Governance

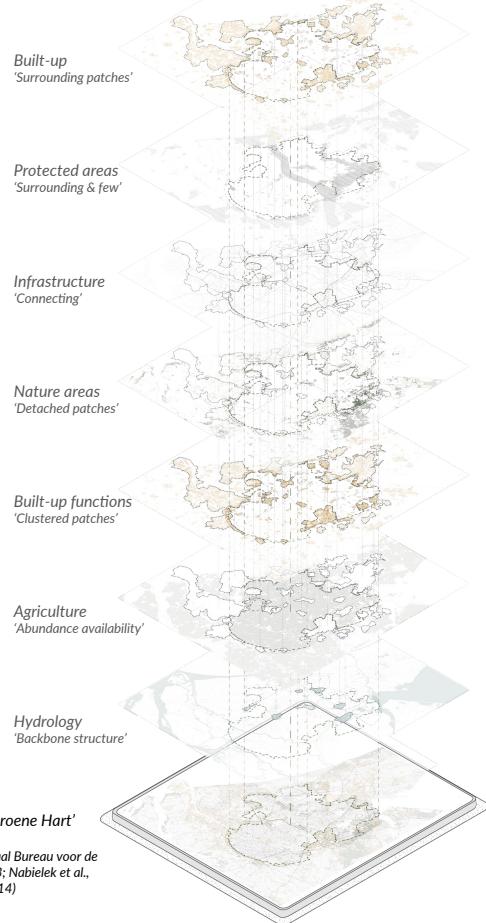
'A region of fragmented internal competitiveness'



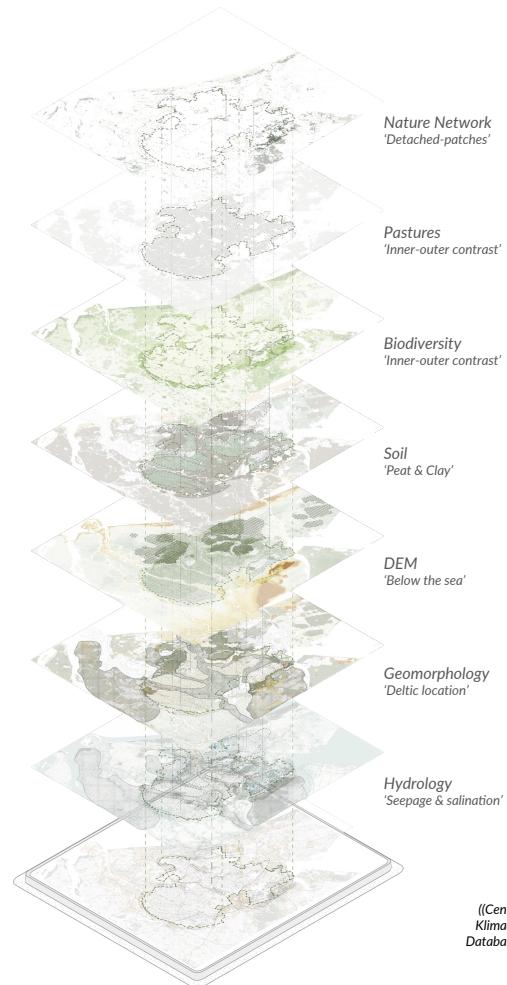
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The Panarchy & Critical Zones of the 'Groene Hart'

'An identity of contrasts and connectivity'



The spatial structural layers within the 'Groene Hart' within the Panarchy
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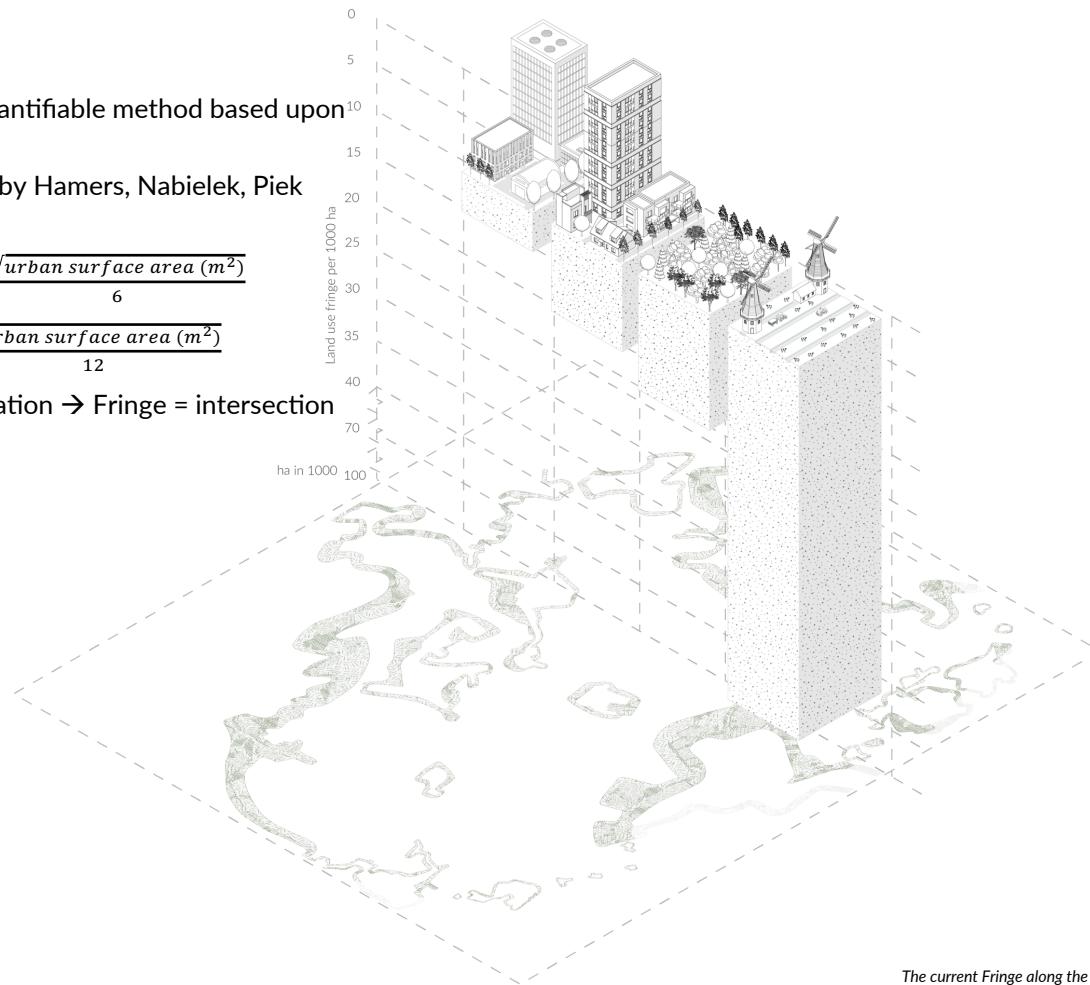


The layers comprising the Critical Zone the Geomorphology of the 'Groene Hart'
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Appendix

Fringe

- Fringe defined by quantifiable method based upon size of urban area.
- Based upon method by Hamers, Nabielek, Piek and Sorel (2009)
- Outline fringe (m) = $\frac{\sqrt{\text{urban surface area (m}^2)}}{6}$
- Inline fringe (m) = $\frac{\sqrt{\text{urban surface area (m}^2)}}{12}$
- QGIS digital interpolation → Fringe = intersection of the two



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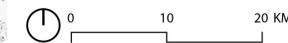
Prospected & developed housing developments

Since 1995



The continual housing development along the fringes of the 'Groene Hart'

- Agricultural Landscape
- Urbanized landscape
- Natural Landscape
- Water
- Groene Hart outline
- Fringe
- Development in soil usage 1995-2015
- Built-up area
- Business park
- Proposed future developments
- NOVER
- Fast Tracked developments



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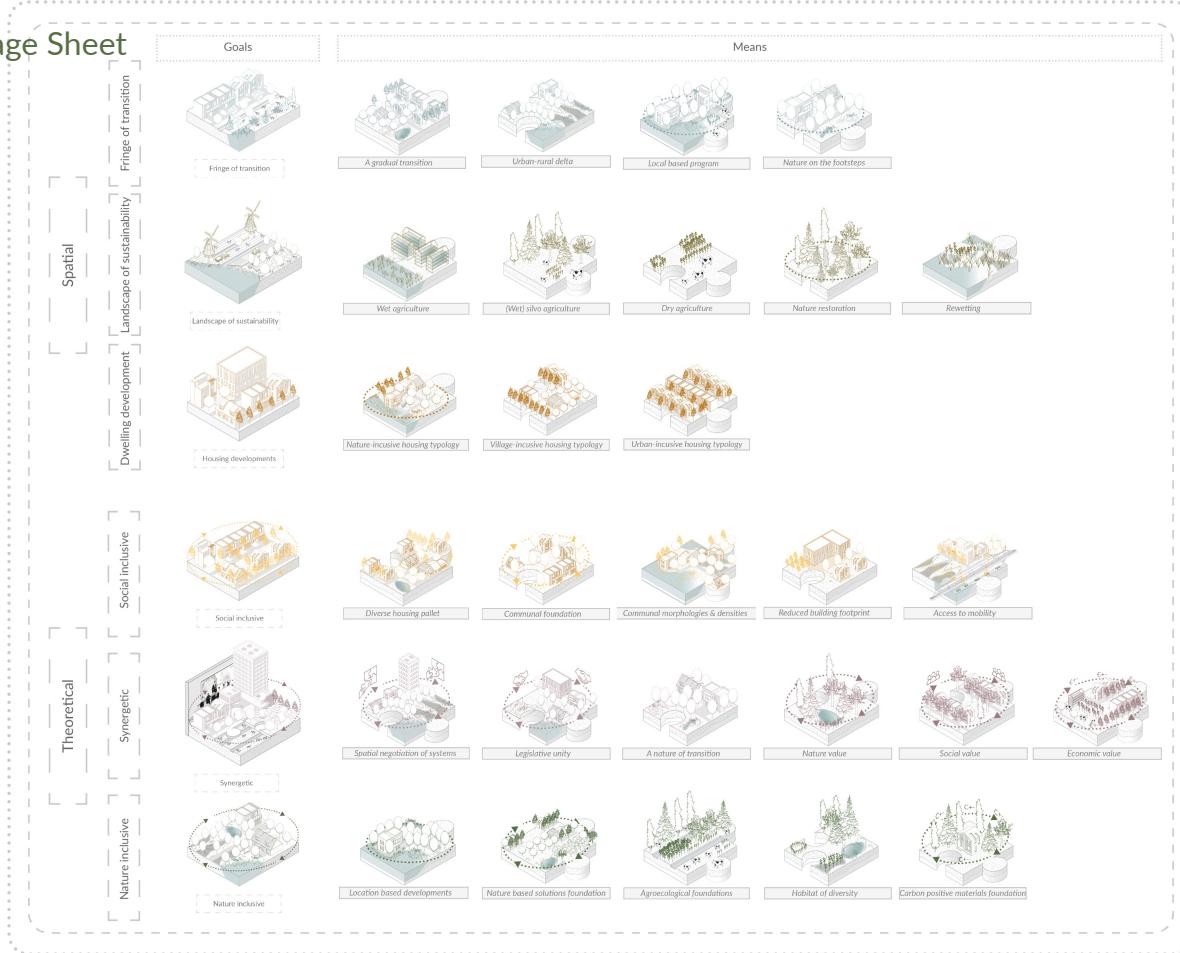
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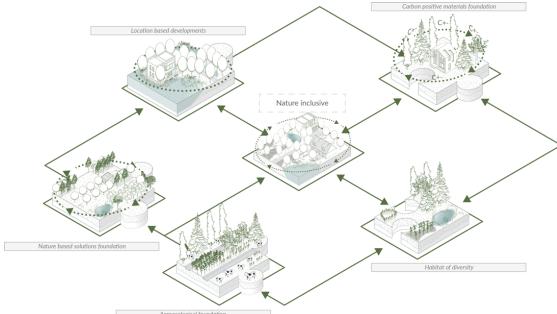
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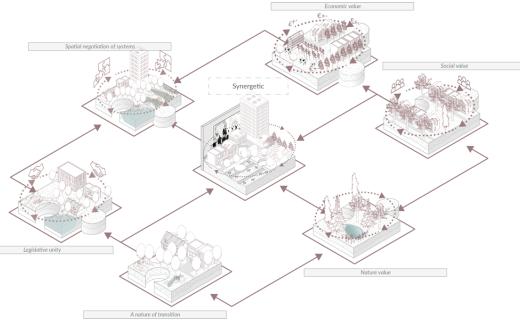


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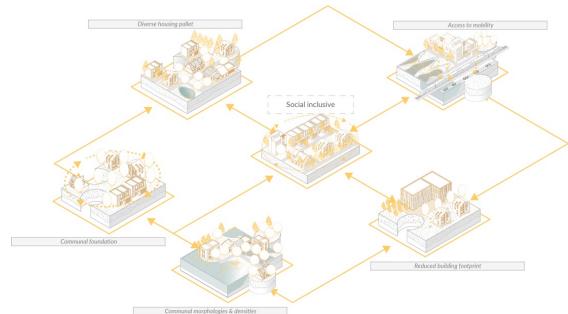
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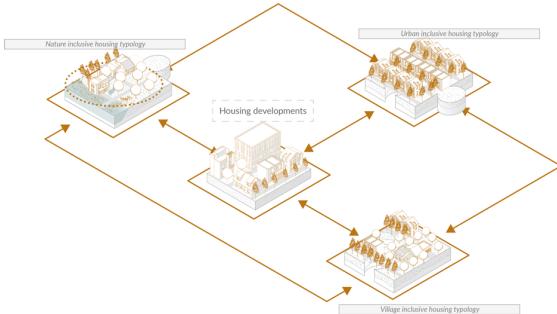
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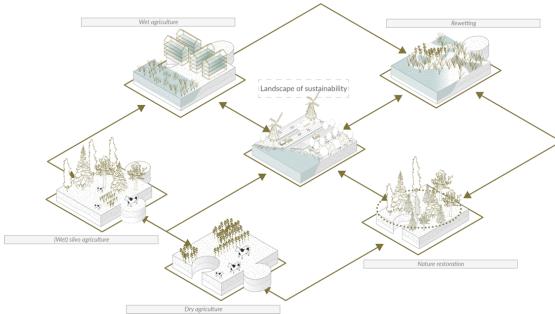
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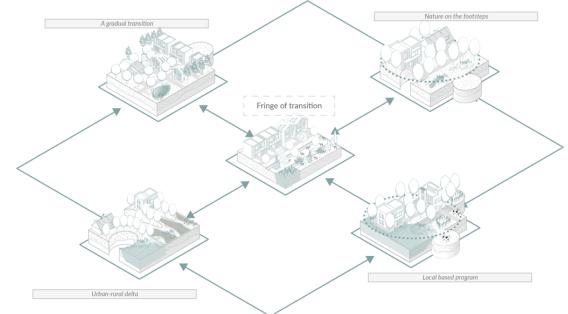
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Housing developments



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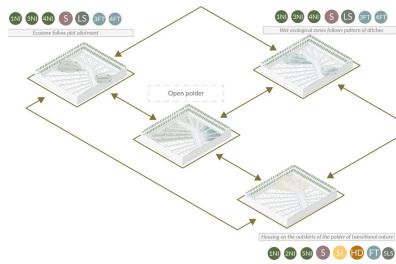


Fringe of transition

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Regional Dissection

Meso Scale regional principal matrixes



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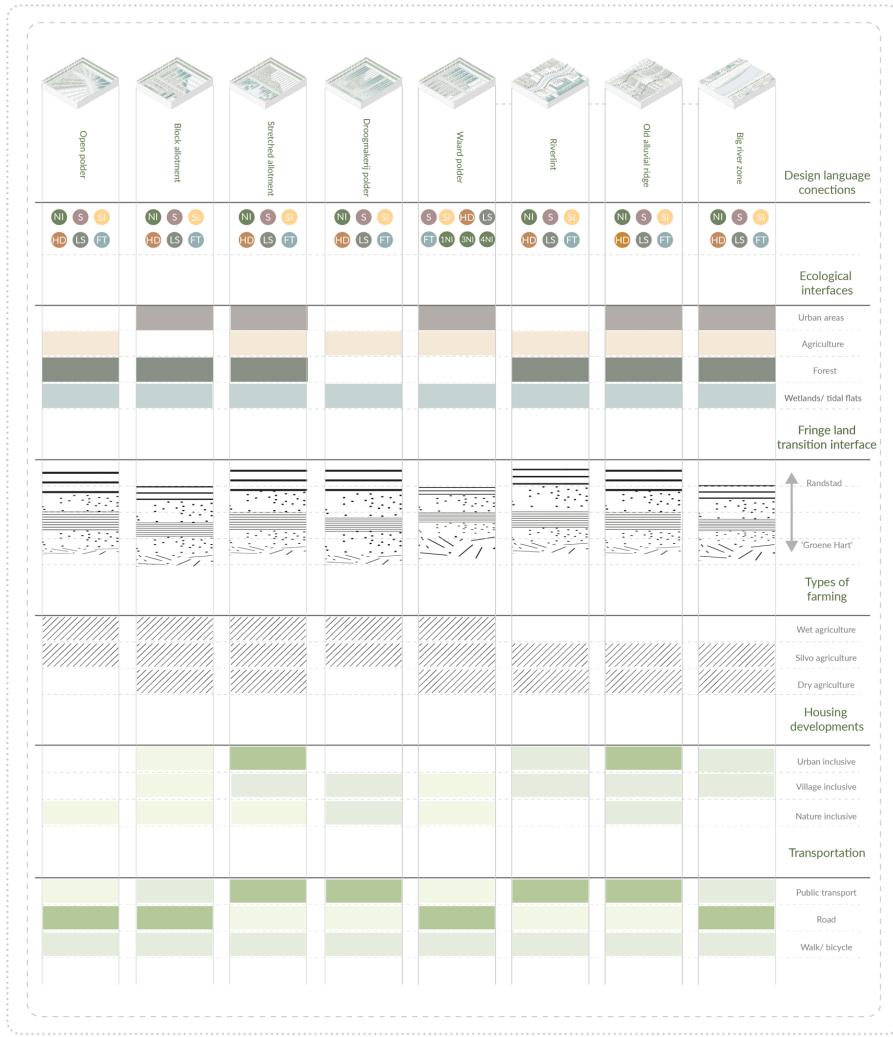
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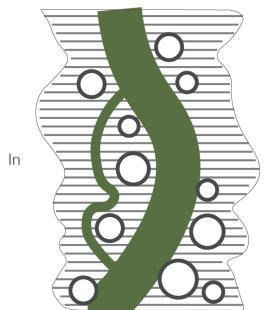


Regional dissection functions & interfaces matrix.

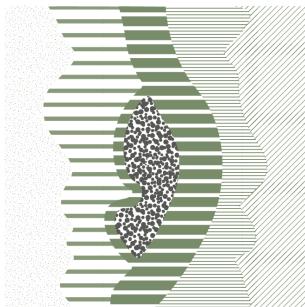
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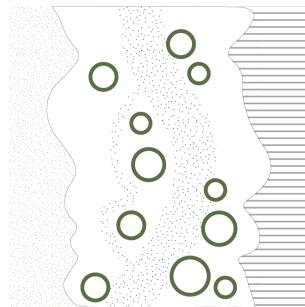
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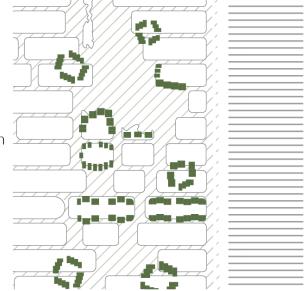
Fringe concept of navigating external pressures by separating density and movement.



Natural line of transition by going from enclosed to an opening up character



With the housing density being scattered across multiple small development clusters, within the core of the fringe.



Adapting the principles to fit the location.



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Regional Dissection – Ecocentric Developments

Nature inclusive development



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Nature village development

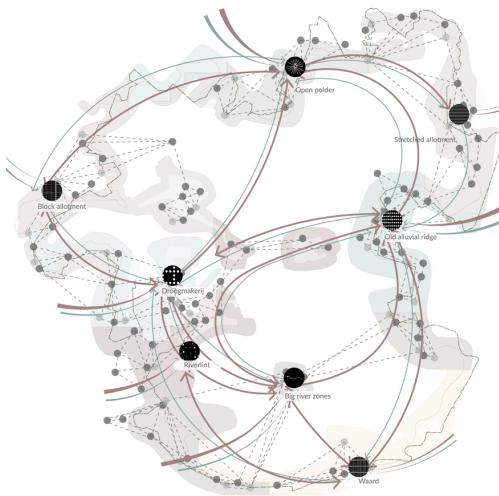


An example of a village inclusive housing cluster inner space.

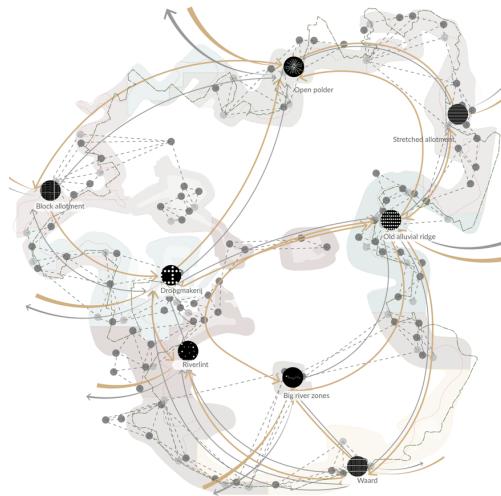
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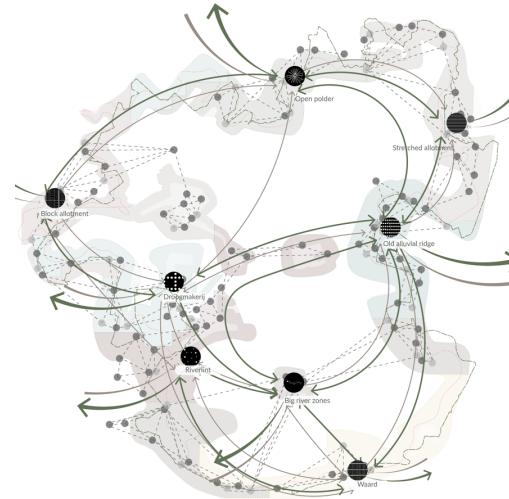
Regional flows of the fringe



The economic flows



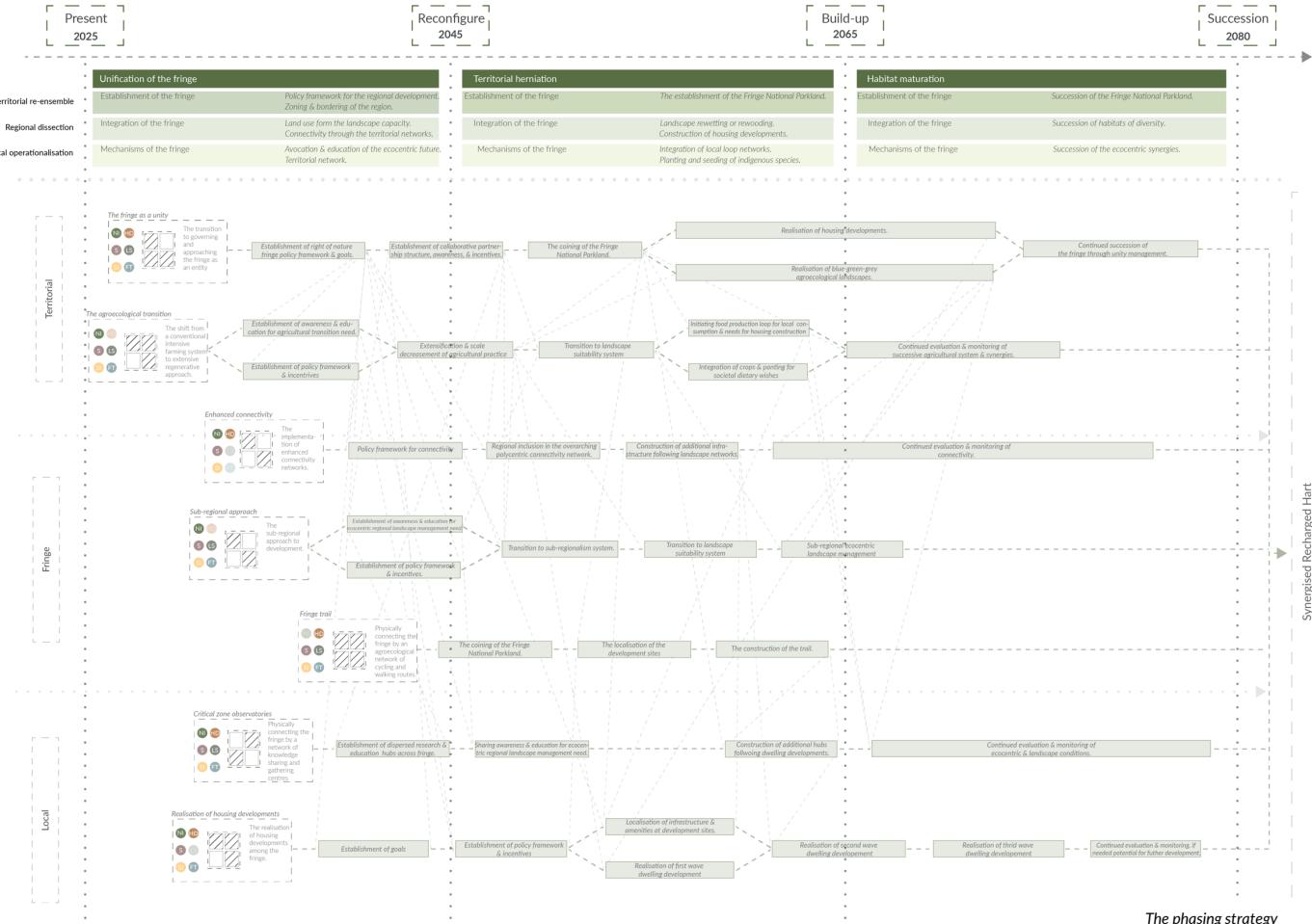
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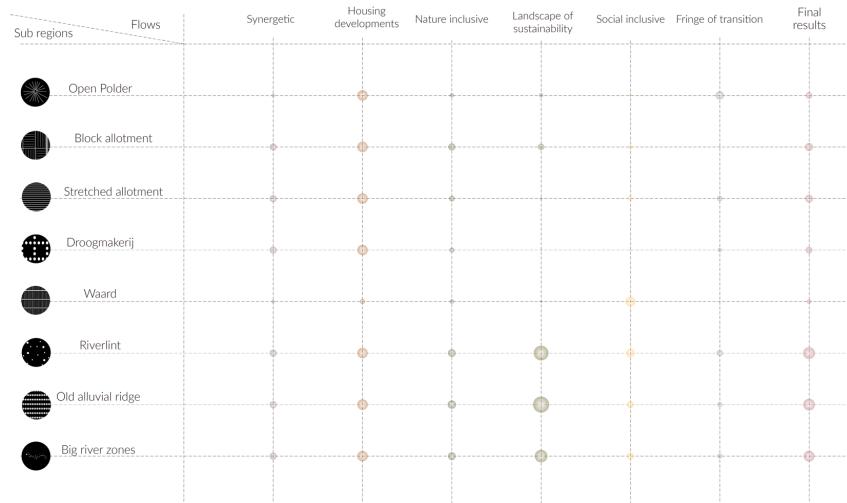
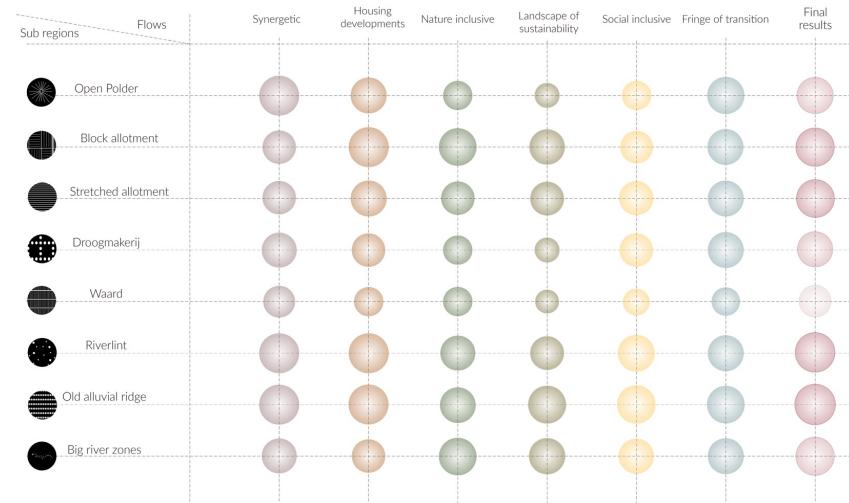
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Phasing



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Evaluation

*Evaluation of the current situation.**Evaluation of the future situation.*