

Abstract

New functions to old values; redesigning the Tongelreepvalley

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Within the Steenbergsche Vliet plan, there are a number of different projects, some of which have been completed, which have totally transformed the use of the land. The most innovative are briefly summarised below.

An area of agricultural land used for traditional food production has been returned to nature with water storage and an increased water table level which benefits the surrounding area. An additional benefit is that the risk of economic damage to agricultural land caused by flooding has been removed. Relevant data is included in the presentation. A fortress, which was built by the Dutch in 1628 to protect the Netherlands against its enemies, is currently being restored to improve the cultural, historical, archaeological and ecological values. The fortress moats will provide an overflow capacity, if high water on the Steenbergsche Vliet occurs.

An outline of the consultation process, the participation of partners, the research and studies undertaken and the realisation of the project will be presented at the conference. There will also be a short film which gives an impression of what the fortress will look like when the project is complete.