

Abstract for the poster exhibition

Steenbergsche Vliet

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This project consists of three components alongside the Steenbergsche Vliet. The projects have been developed in consultation with the Municipality of Steenberg, the Vereniging Natuurmonumenten (Society for the Preservation of Nature in the Netherlands), the ZLTO agricultural organisation and the Brabantse Delta water board.

Benedensas polder

A former 10-hectare agricultural area close to the Benedensas lock complex will be converted into a wet marshland nature area.

The polder will become part of the water system of the Steenbergsche Vliet by excavating a system of creeks directly linked to the Steenbergsche Vliet, and by levelling out the summer dyke. The creeks with vary shallow gradients will create a semi-natural landscape of open water, wide reed beds and marshy zones, mudflats and dry areas. The look of the landscape will constantly change through fluctuations in water level, making the area particularly attractive for recreational use. The area can be visited by a walking route and a stopping point.

Fort Henricus

Fort Henricus with its defensive works and the defensive line to the fortified town of Steenberg will as far as possible be restored in the style of the situation in 1628. The fort will again become a land fort, rising out of the landscape and surrounded by water. By relocating the outer dyke, the fort will regain its defensive function beyond the dyke.

Between the restored inner and outer moat, an attractive walking route around the fort will be created, that links in with the routes from Steenberg. The fort itself, accessible via a small bridge, consists of five higher points and a courtyard where a whole range of activities can be organised.

The gardens at Vlietdijk 28

The 2.5-hectare plot of land at Vlietdijk 28 will be converted into part of the creek system. The garden is positioned fairly high and by excavating a number of shorter creeks, a varied picture of the garden will be established, based on the landscape style. As viewed from the house, several levels will be created with mudflats, reed zones, and open water succeeding one another. The existing ponds are filled with rainwater and groundwater.