

An aerial photograph of Rotterdam, Netherlands, taken at sunset. The city is built on reclaimed land, with a complex network of canals and bridges. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. The city lights are beginning to glow, and the water reflects the colors of the sky. The text 'Highlights Flood management in Rotterdam' is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Highlights Flood management in Rotterdam

Fourfold flood protection: sea, rivers, precipitation and groundwater

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Dutch Delta

The Netherlands is a delta of 4 rivers: Rhine, Meuse, Schelde and Eems

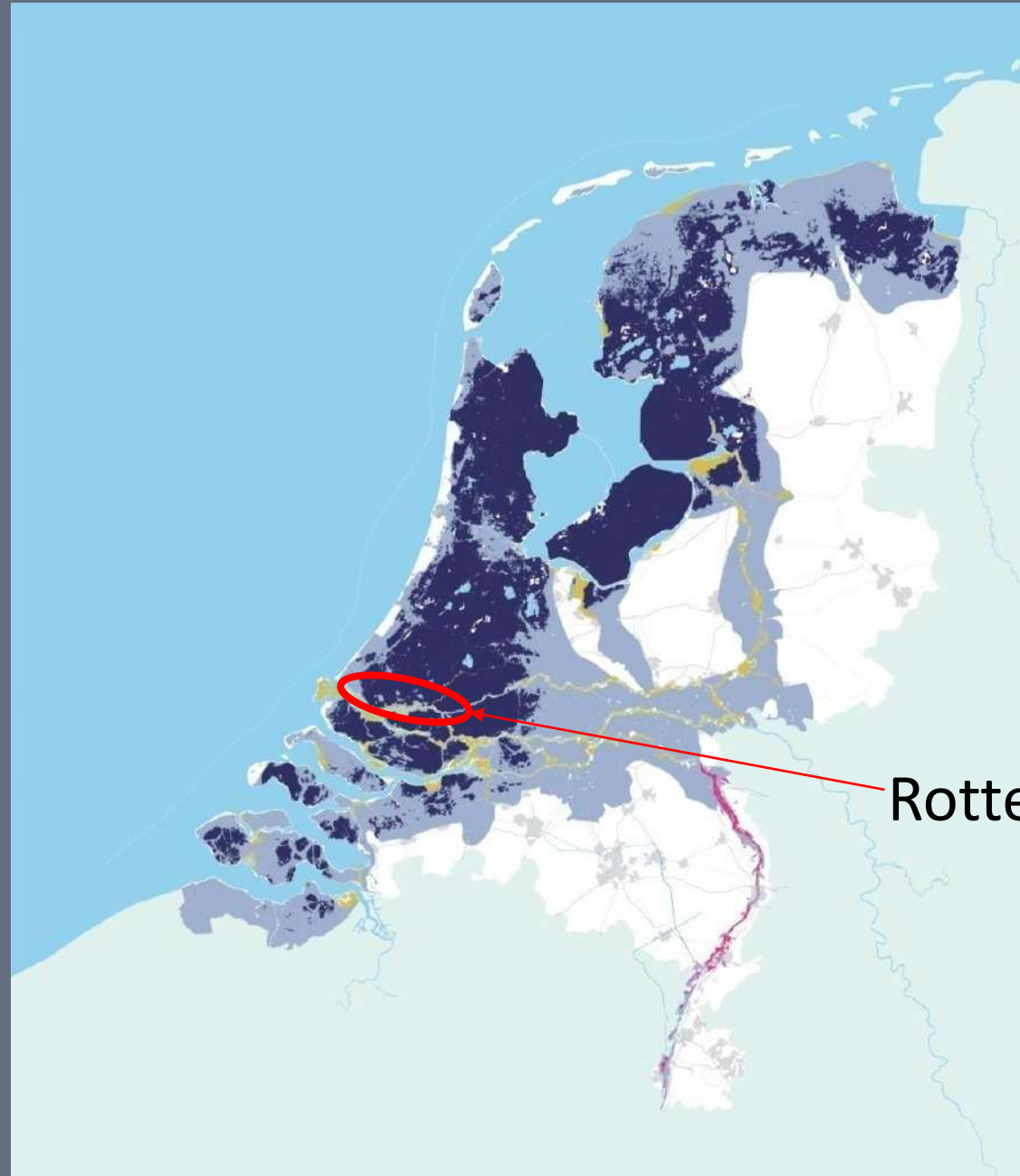
Prone to flooding: 59%

■ Below sea level: 26%

■ Above sea level: 29%

■ Outside dikes: 3%

More than 22.000 km of dikes
Coastline of 880 km



Rotterdam

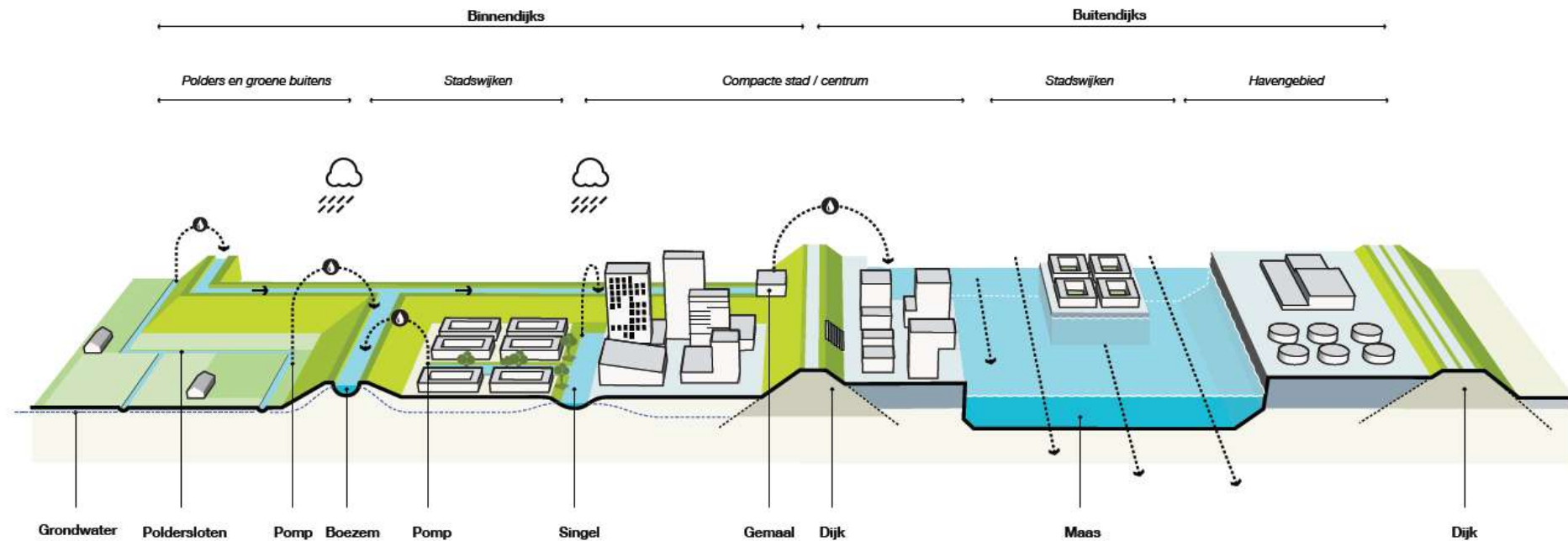
Height map:
above (brown)
and below (blue)
sea level



Flood management: sea & river

Rotterdam: polder area and raised grounds

> 1000 pumping stations: rain and sewage water
has to be pumped out





Storm surge barrier *Maeslantkering*

Regular flooding of quay's



De Esch, Nautilus (datum onbekend)



Noordereiland 04/2019 (Roel Dijkstra)



Bolwerk 04/2019 (Hendrik Munnik)



Bolwerk 09/12/2011



Noordereiland 19/11/2020



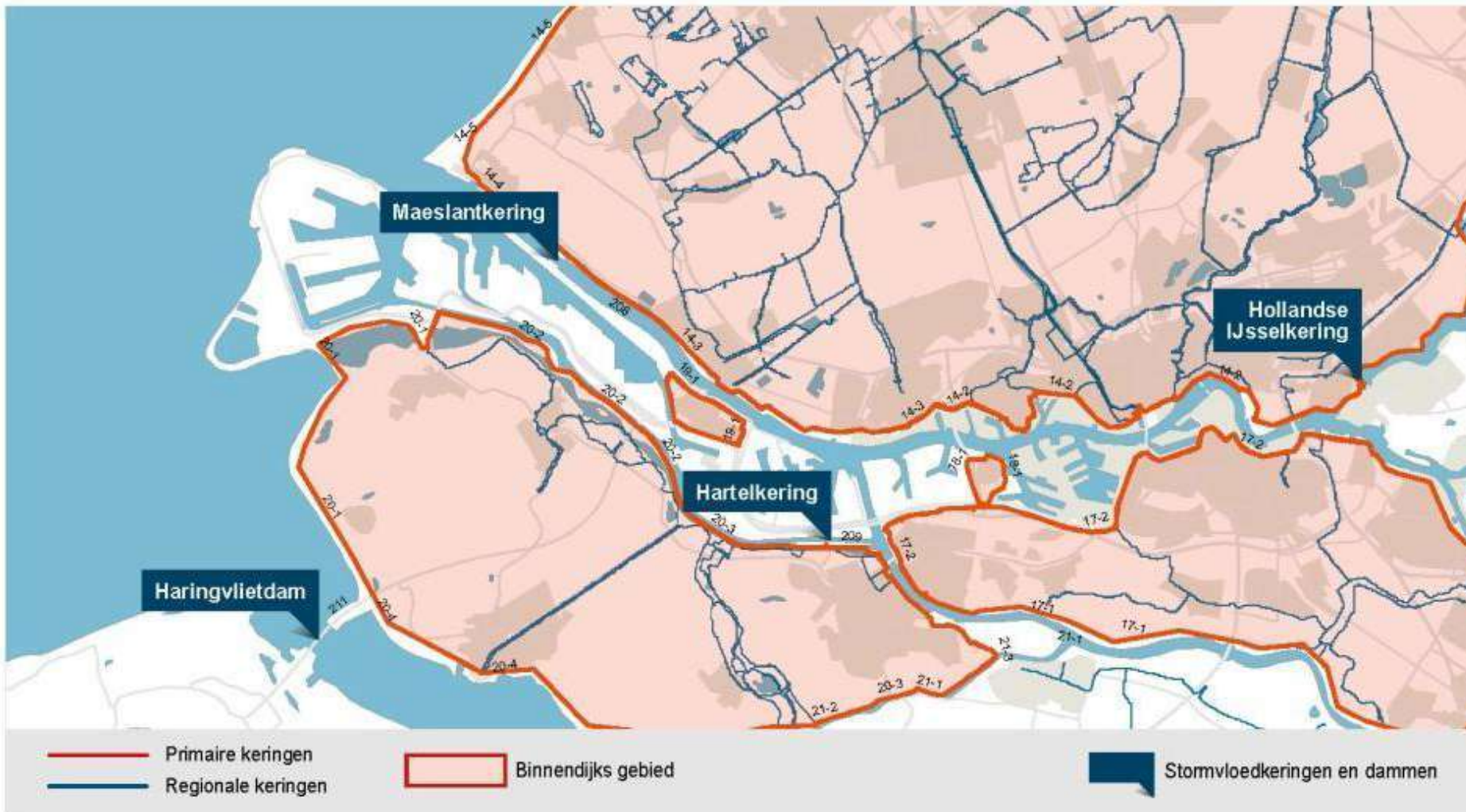
Noordereiland 06/12/2013



Noordereiland 20/10/2021



Noordereiland 09/12/2011



Primary (red) and secondary (blue) dikes and dams and barriers



Arnoud Verhey

**Eiland van
Brienenoord:
extension of
an existing
tidal parc
(2020)**

**Nature based solutions
restoring green river banks**



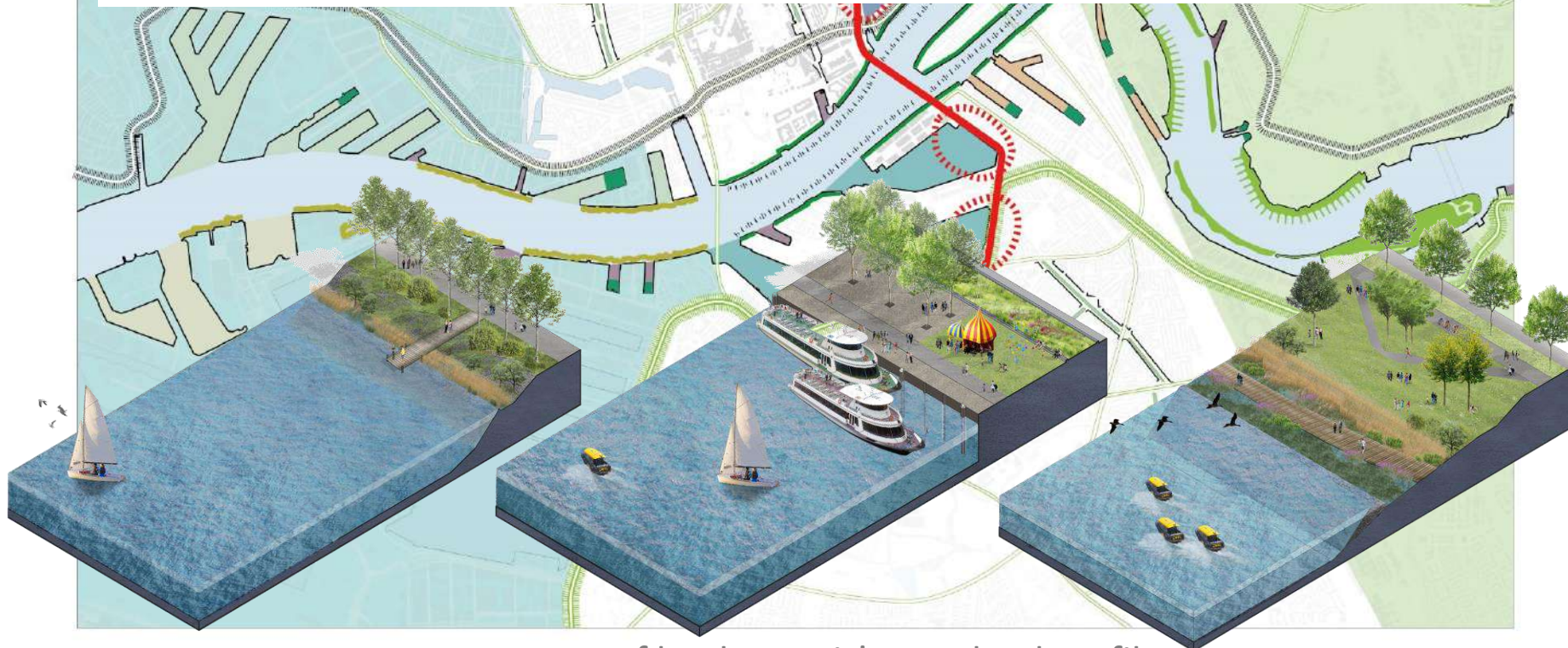


Harbour landscape

Highly urbanised landscape

Riverlandscape

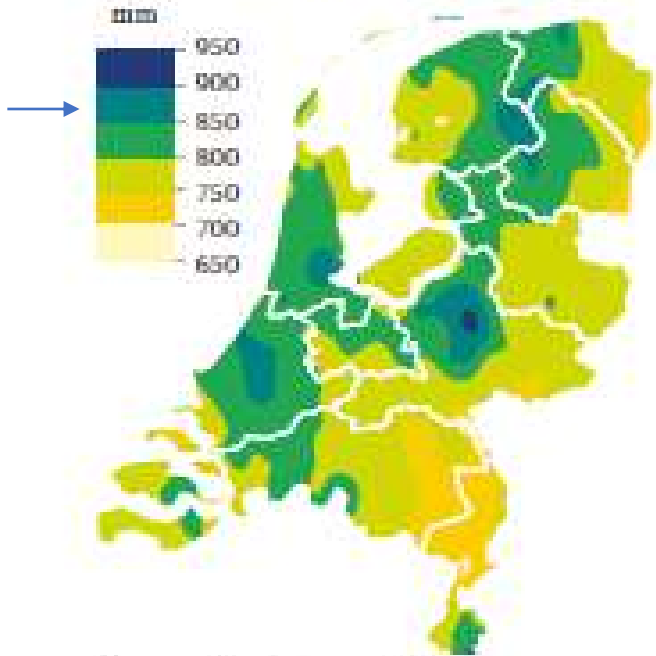
**Every type of
landscape
has its own
type of bank**



Every type of landscape it's own bankprofile

Flood management: urban drainage

Average yearly precipitation (1971-2000)



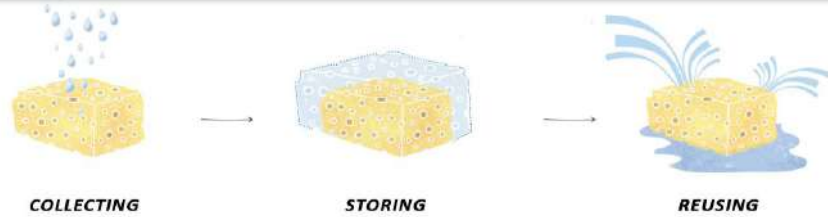
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Precipitation winter	+28%	188 – 240 mm
Precipitation spring	+22%	148 – 180 mm
Precipitation summer	-24%	224 – 170 mm
Precipitation autumn	+12%	245 – 275 mm

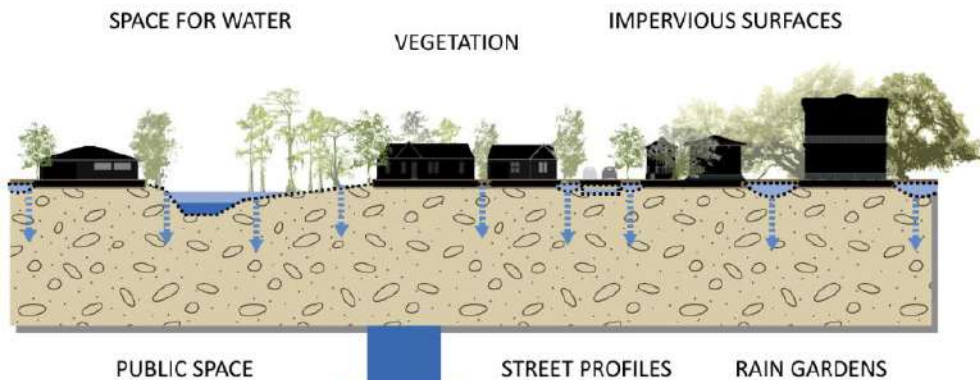
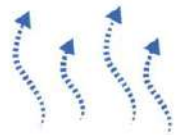
1910 **+27%** 2017



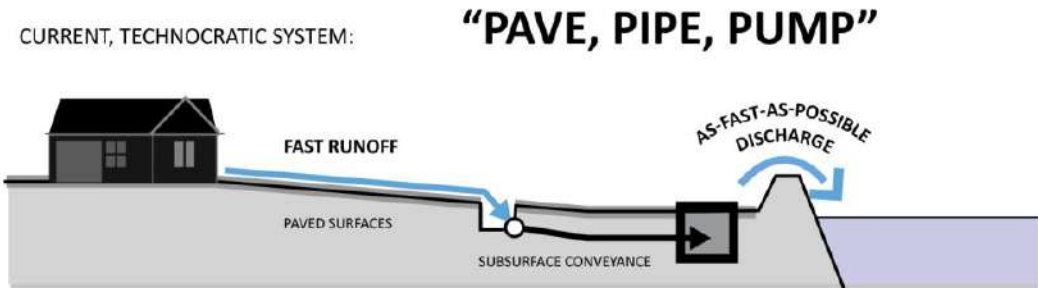
City as a sponge



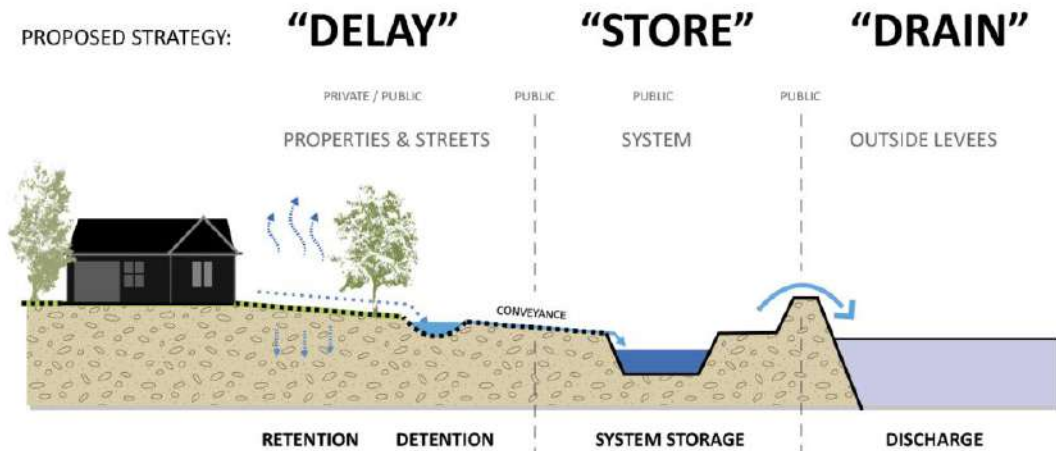
**MORE WATER
EVAPORATES & TRANSPIRES**



MORE WATER INFILTRATES



past



now

‘living with water’ principle

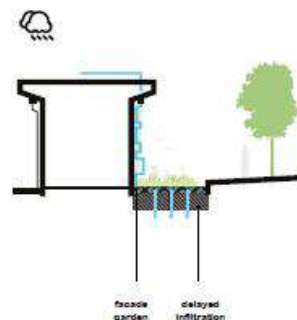
1998 Dutch 4th Water Management memorandum

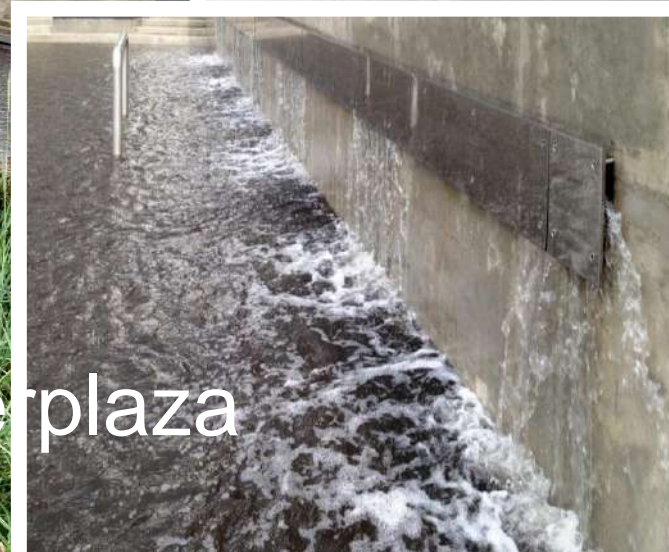


GREENING HOFBOGEN

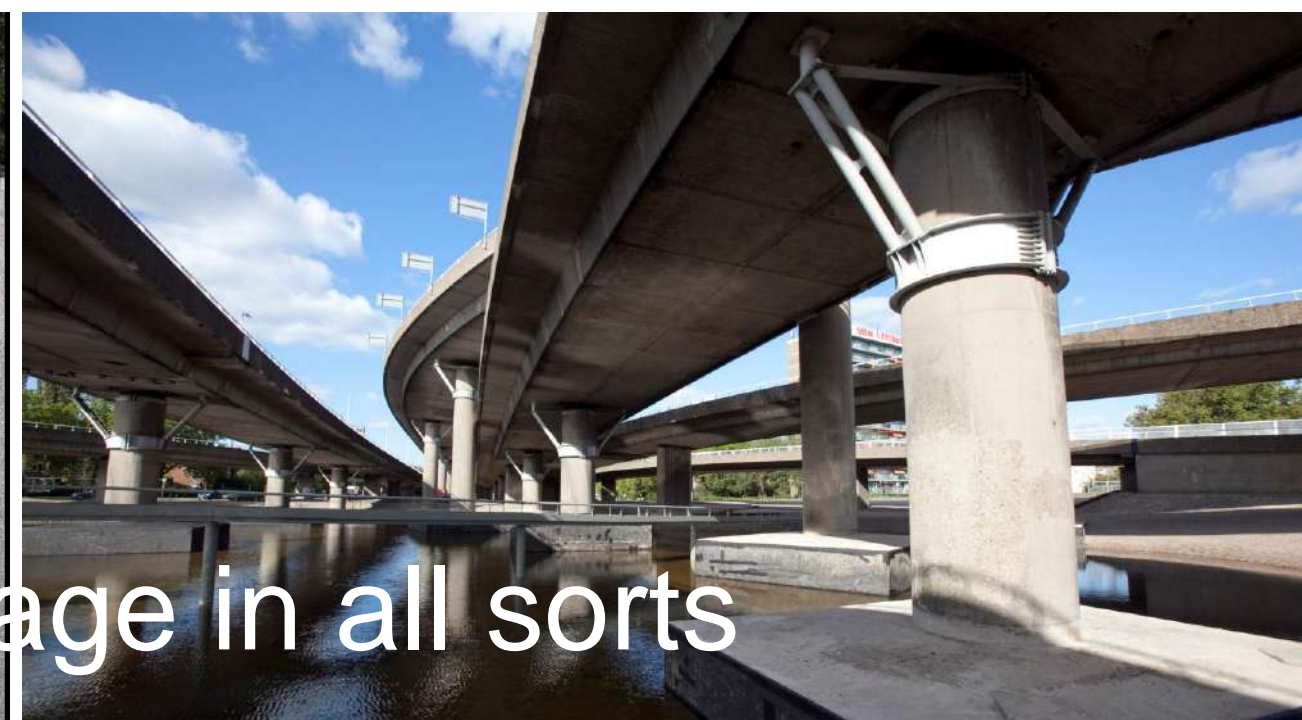
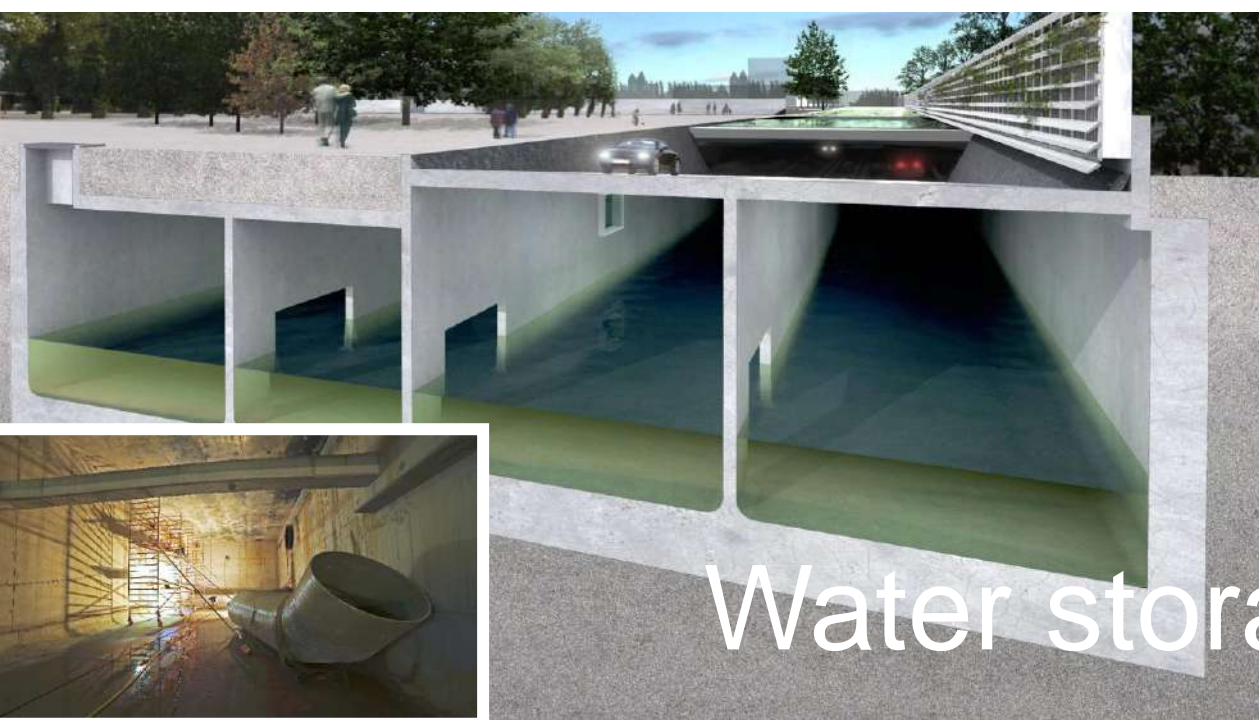
Greening Hofbogen aims at climate proofing the monumental structure of the 'Hofpleinlijn'. While waiting for a long term vision, the Hofbogen are approached from a bottom up perspective, starting at street level. Analyses show, that there is a potential for a substantial greening of the facades and sidewalks. Rain water from the roof is used for irrigation purposes and local infiltration. Moreover, Greening the Hofbogen is about placemaking. Illustrative in this is the Post-Office (SCHOP) project. The intervention on their 'Hofboog' facade addresses issues like restoring urban ecosystems, edible growth, rainwater reuse and public urban furniture.

Year	2014-ongoing
Client	City of Rotterdam
Design	DE URBANISTEN
Status	Post-Office (SCHOP)
Collaborators	Study and test-site Post-Office 7 seasons Hofbogen BV
Costs test site	700 euro (material costs)
DE URBANISTEN	Research by design, support of test-site





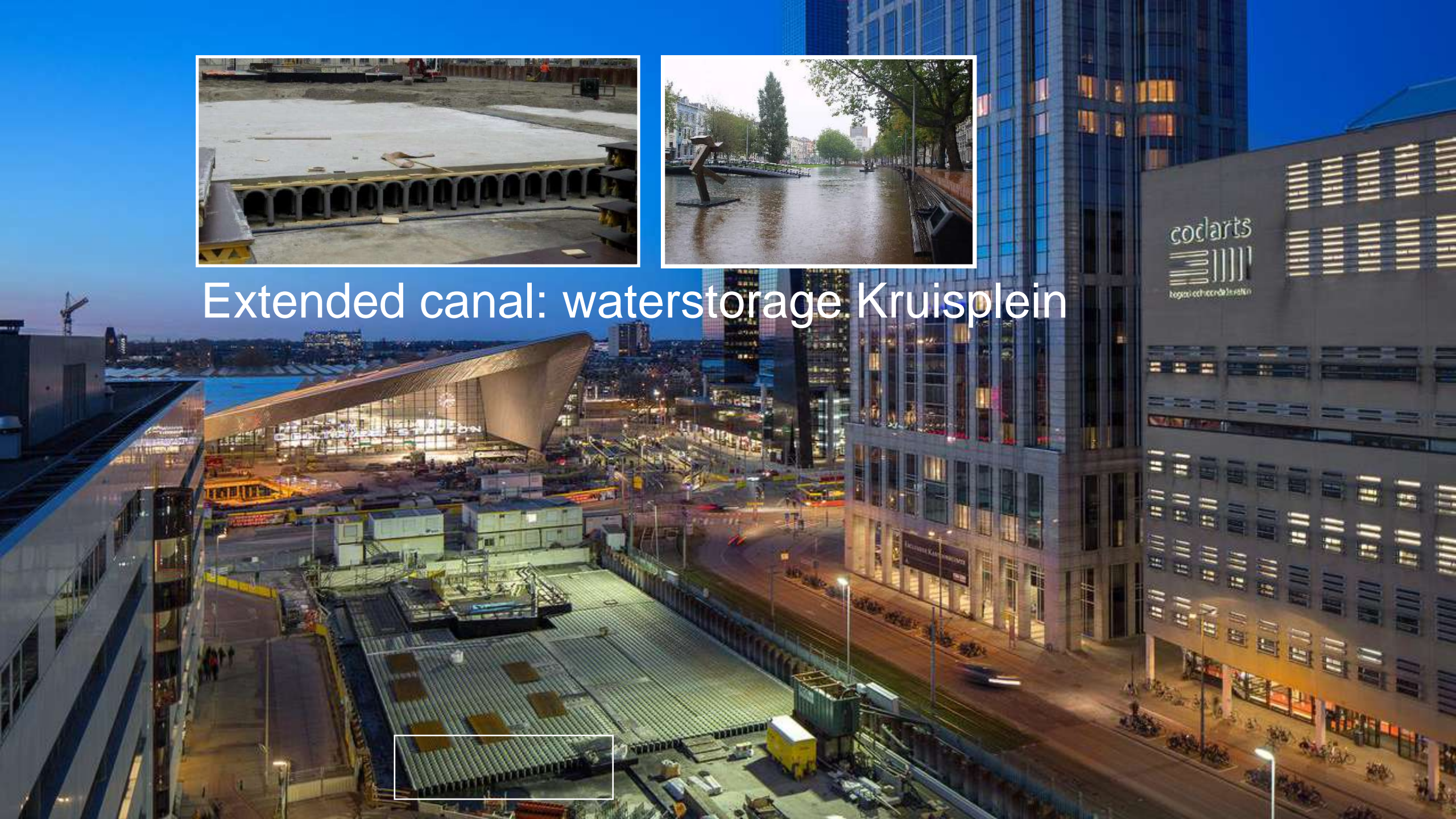
Multifunctional public space: water plaza



Water storage in all sorts



Extended canal: waterstorage Kruisplein



Rooftop Landscape Program

Rotterdam: 18.500.000m² of flat rooftops



Rooftop typology

- Greening & biodiversity
- Water retention
- Renewable energy
- Social interaction
- Mobility
- Living
- Technical



Greening on all levels



Roofpark Delfshaven

Thank you
for your attention