

# **River restoration**

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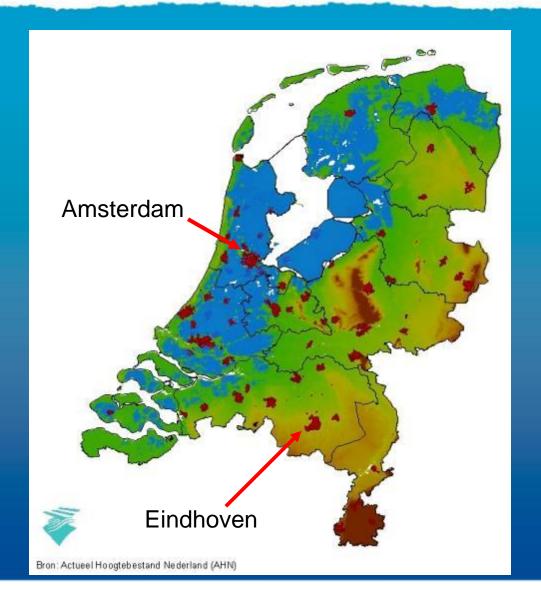


# 10 year hydrologist at water board De Dommel Experience in several stream restoration projects



# The Netherlands The low countries...





Flood-prone

Above sea-level

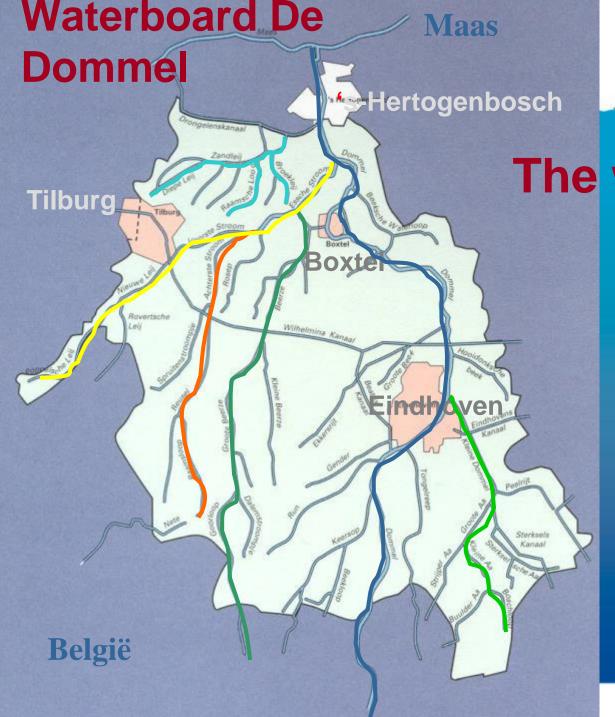
## 27 Waterboards in the Netherlands





Water boards: 750 years of water governance

10.000 employees
€ 2 billion/yr
self finance
self governance





# The whole basin

154.000 hectares

**Dommel 85 km** 

Beerze

Reusel

Leijen en Stromen

Zandleij

Kleine Dommel

## Why stream restoration projects?





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#### Questions about stream restoration:

#### What are desirable stream velocities?

What should the design of the profiles be?

Inundations frequencies of the banks?

What kind of nature do we want alongside the stream?

**Woods? Reed? Grassland?** 

Meandering or not, just some bends?

How often (or how few) do I have to carry out maintenance works?

## Why a HOW?



- Compilation of more than 15 years experience
- Uniformation of principles/criteria for stream restoration in the South of the Netherlands
- Translation of abstract WFD goals in pratical verifiable goals

## 7 important notes prior to starting a project



- 1. Restoration is not looking back to what is was but looking forward to what we want.
- Water and streams move but not always and everywhere (at least not in the Netherlands)
- 3. Search for local and sustainable solutions
- 4. Keep what is valuable and native
- 5. Start with removal of the cause and when not possible mitigation of the effects
- 6. Specify why this is the location for stream restoration
- 7. Start with developing a Vision about the project in consultation with all stakeholders

#### What is HOW?

Waterschap De Dommel

Step 1: Problem Definition

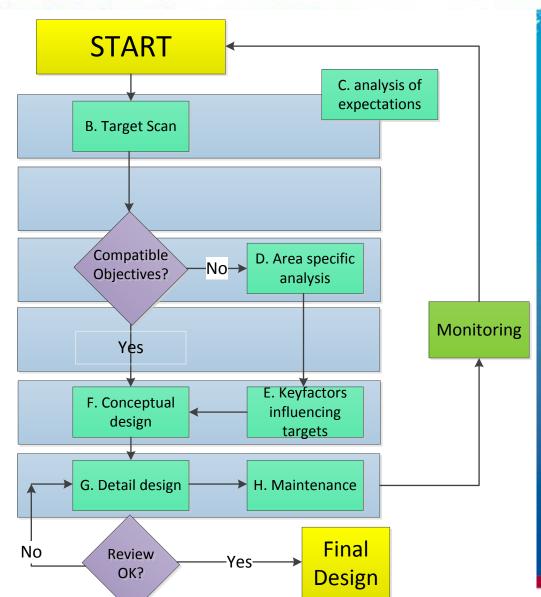
Step 2: Planning area Development scale

Step 3: Analysis of qualities, opportunities and bottlenecks

Step 4: Vision and Programme of requirements

> Step 5: Design

Step 6: Review and Update design

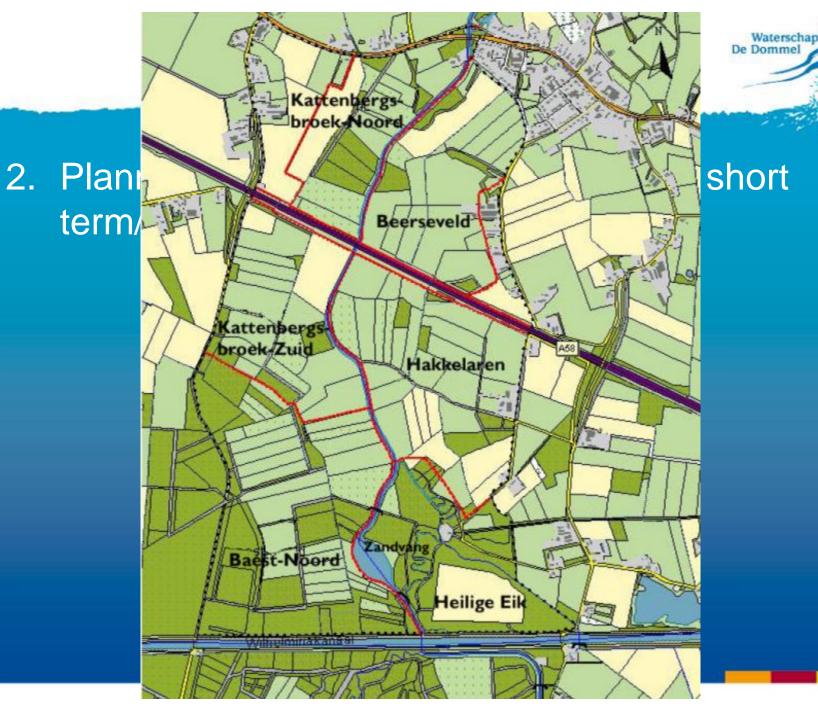


## **Different steps**



#### 1. Problem definition

- Defining the goals with the use of the target scan
- Different goals in one project p.e.
  - WFD/ecological targets
  - Natural floods
  - Better flood protection
  - Improving groundwaterlevels for nature
- Goals can sometimes be opposits





3. Analysis of qualities, opportunities, bottlenecks



Instrument D
Area specific analysis

Important analysis



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#### Afvoersituatie

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#### bovenloop laaglandbeek (R4)

#### **GEP** natuur

#### Typering

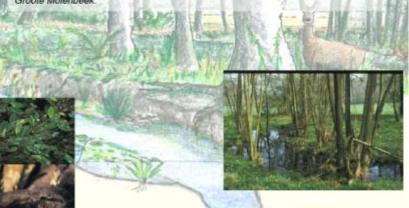
Kronkelende bovenlopen van laaglandbeken waar op meerdere plaatsen een beekbegeleidende begroeiing voorkomt tot in het talud van de beekoever. De oevers zijn gevarieerd met overhangende, steile en flauwe taluds en in de bochten is het dwarsprofiel asymmetrisch. De bodem bestaat uit grof zand. Het heldere water stroomt rustig, met af en toe een stroomversnelling.

#### Flora & Fauna

Meerdere waterplanten komen voor en als het water zacht, ijzer- en sulfaathoudend is, zijn kenmerkende waterplanten aanwezig zoals vlottende bies en duizendknoopfonteinkruid. Meest voorkomende vissen zijn bermpje, stekelbaarzen en blankvoorn. In en rondom de beek komen echte 'specialisten' voor, zoals bronlibel, bosbeekjuffer en steenvlieg.

#### Voorbeelden

Noord-Brabant Esperioop, Rosep Limburg: Haelensche Beek bij Exaten, Molenbeek van Lottum, bovenloop van Groote Molenbeek.



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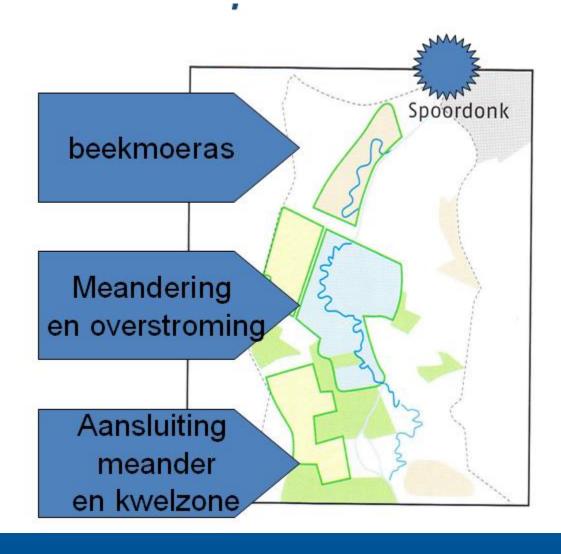
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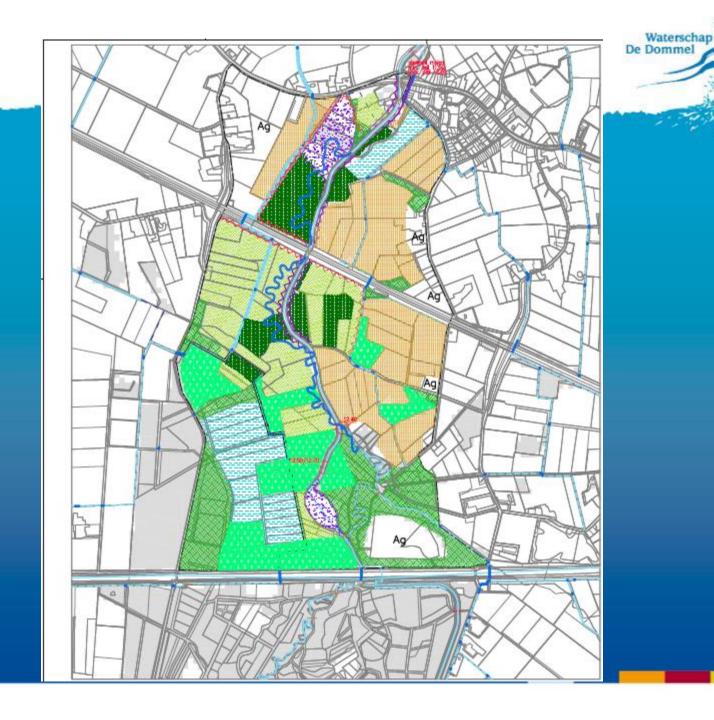
#### De hydromortologische kenmerken in getallen:

Stroomsnelheid	0,1-0,6 m/sec 0,1-0,75 m	
Waterdiepte (bij gem. peil)		
Opgaande begeleidende begroeiing (bedekking bij beschaduwing)	50-90%	
Verhang (beddingbodem, m/km)	< 1/km	
Peilregime natuurlijk, ongestuwd (of indien toch gestuwd: vispassage)	w>z	
Breedte (bij gem. peil)	1-3 m	
Tracévorm/sinuositeit, lengte beek/dal	>1	

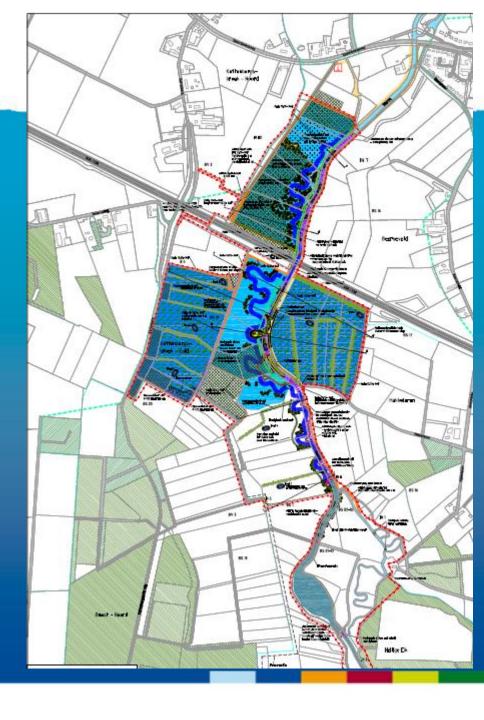








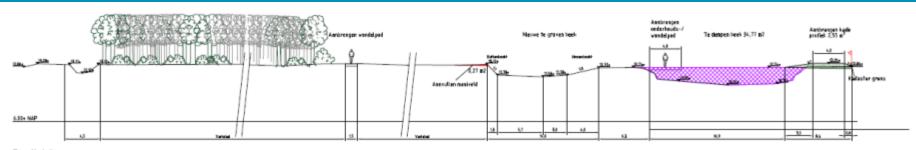
# 5. Preliminary design











Profiel 1

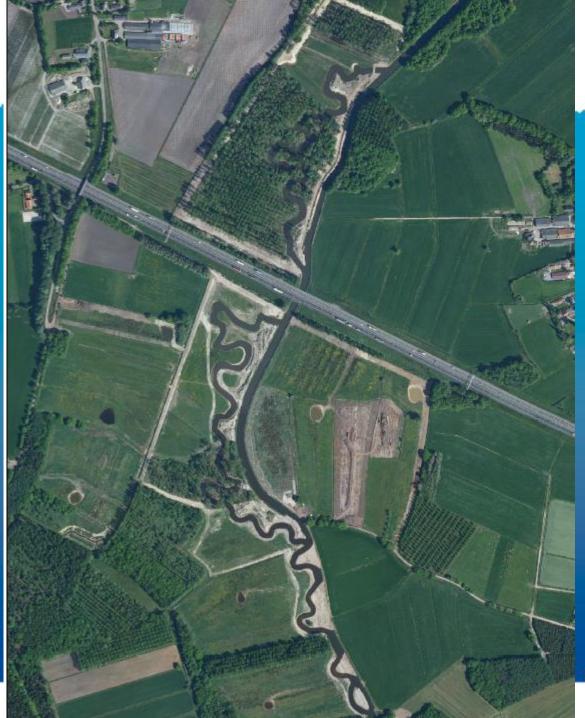
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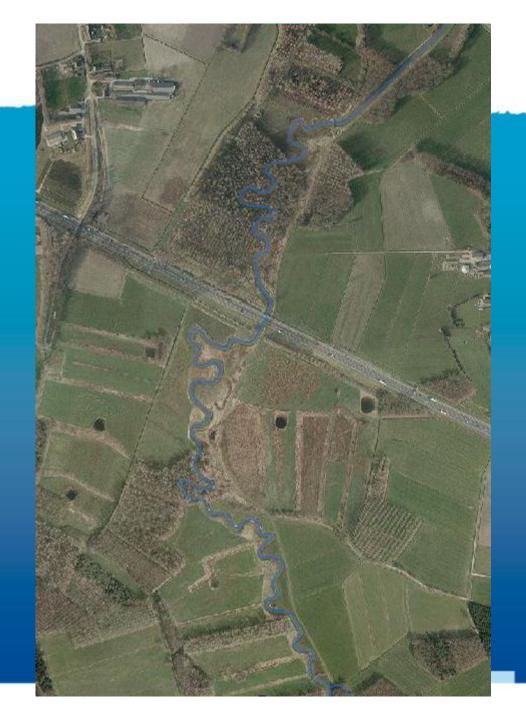
6. Review and update design

Check on targets and programme of requirements



























## **Problems in different projects**



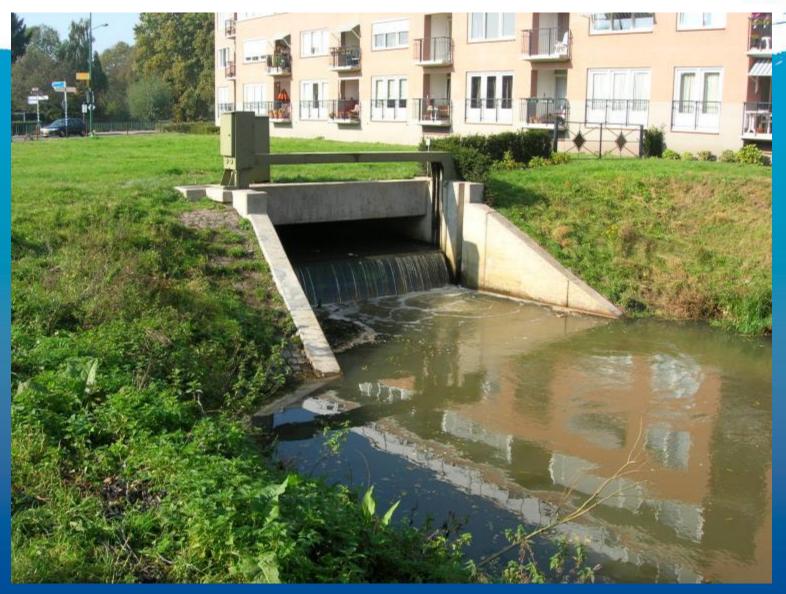
### 1. Before realisation

- no space available
- landowners wont work with us
- procedures in court
- permits with province, municipalities,
   Ministry























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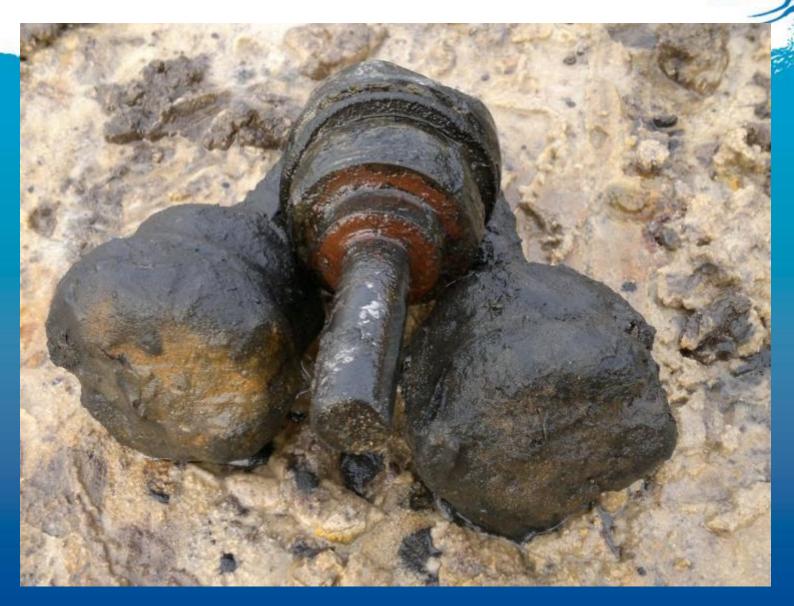
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- explosives











## 3. after realisation

- Erosion
- Profile changes



