

Heerhugowaard South Tuinen van Luna >>>



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project
urban plan

location
Heerhugowaard

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client
Municipality of Heerhugowaard
Bouwfonds Ontwikkeling

size
30 ha.
ca. 450 dwellings

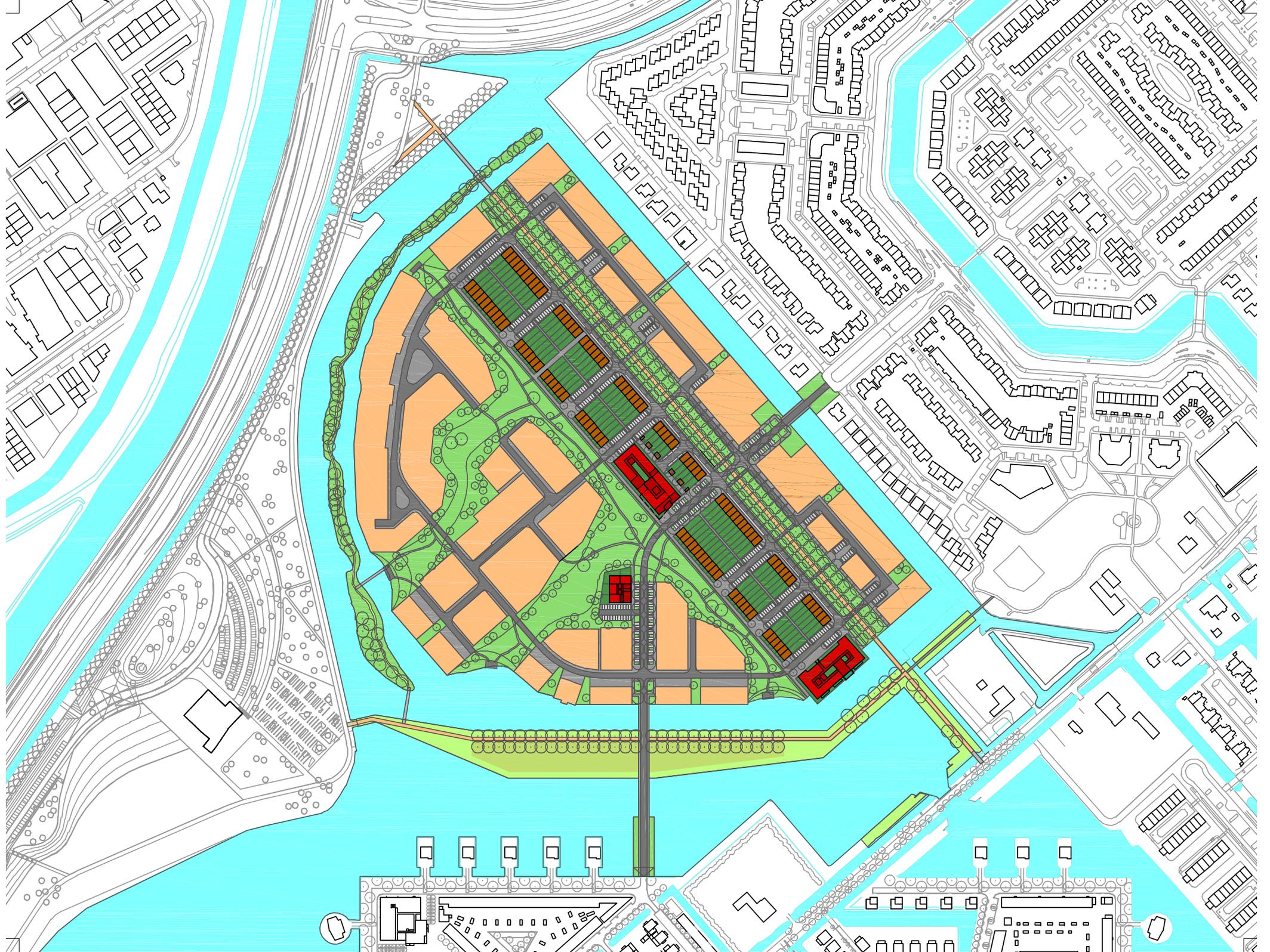
year of design
2006 - 2011



overview HHW South, Westpoort and Broekhorn

Living near a recreation zone

'Tuinen van Luna' (Gardens of Luna) (1) is the last residential neighbourhood to be completed in the Heerhugowaard South recreational zone. It is hemmed in by the recreational lake (2), Druiplanden (3), the residential neighbourhood Butterhuizen (4) and the N242 main road (5). The idea behind the Tuinen van Luna is that residents should be able to make optimal use of the recreational zone, while the new development would also add valuable new elements to the recreational zone.



Landscape

The Tuinen van Luna form an important link between the Geestmerambacht and Heerhugowaard South recreational zones. In order to intensify these links, natural islands have been designed to the west of this area. The Heerhugo footpath, which largely hugs the edge of the Heerhugowaard polder, will run over these islands.

The existing ditch will be widened to accentuate the shape of the original lake. A peninsula will be created on the southern side, to add to the existing recreational features for the residents such as the beach and the woods. The planned cycle path will allow visitors and residents to 'take a spin round the lake'. The lake will also be enlarged to create

more space between the Tuinen van Luna and zone 2 of the Stad van de Zon (City of the Sun), a housing development laid out on a rectangular artificial island in the lake and hence known as 'the Carré' in Dutch.

Residential areas

Nearly all the dwelling units in the Tuinen van Luna benefit from the nearby recreational facilities, since they are situated in green meadows offering extensive vistas over the lake. To make this possible, the dwellings are realized in a number of elevated groups distinguished by special features and form. The dwelling groups are separated by a continuous play and rambling zone situated at a slightly lower level.

The dwellings near the lake are somewhat more scattered, and have direct access to the play areas via their back gardens.

A strip perpendicular to the principal axis of the polder is a major feature in the middle of the development, creating long lines of sight through the neighbourhood. It contains among other things two apartment blocks serving as landmarks and a number of dwellings facing the meadows and served by a lane that provides a car-free transition between the homes and the meadows.



