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project
urban plan, public space design and
visual quality plan architecture

location
Nieuwveen

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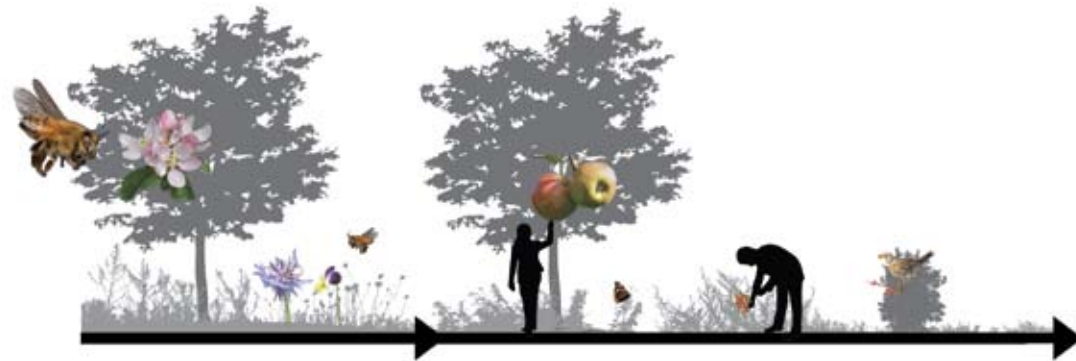
client
municipality of Nieuwkoop

size
22.2 ha

year of design
2012 - 2013



model



Arcadian living in the countryside

De Verwondering is the name of a new residential landscape in the green heart - a green central area in the centre of the Netherlands - situated between the village Nieuwveen and the nearby golf course. The Arcadian residential landscape accommodates approximately 170 dwellings and is characterized by a spacious layout and a low density. Bringing the ideal of living in a rural area within reach of many people. The attention to landscape, sustainability, nature and ecology has contributed to a particular environment with a strong identity.



northern island



park island

3 islands



southern island

Ecology and edible landscape

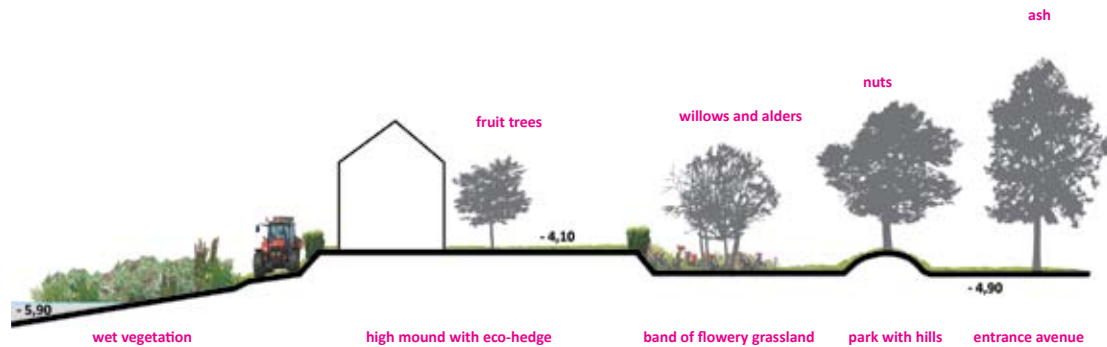
The experience of living in the landscape is created by nature which is widely available. The landscape is palpable through the trees, hedges and herbs and the animals which they attract. Fruit trees mark the seasons and contribute to the community spirit and residential initiatives. The central park is the playground and meeting place for residents of both De Verwondering and the existing part of Nieuwveen.

Three islands

The plan consists of three islands. The islands are surrounded by water, which is naturally filtered through the plantation along the banks. From the provincial road, a new access route has been laid out which, with the aid of bridges, strings the different islands together. The residential islands each have a different design and signature.

The Park Island, which is the first island to be developed, consists of a beautiful park surrounded by mounds, which are inhabited. The mounds make it possible for the backyards of the houses to border on the public green, without putting the privacy at stake. Because of the open structure of the Park Island visual quality rules for the architecture have been set up to ensure consistency. The Park Island is provided with a scenic edge, in the form of an edge of broad reeds.

The Northern Island is a neighbourhood, surrounded by a garland of fruit trees, where residents can build their personal dream villa in a green setting. A looped leafy avenue forms the access road. The Southern Island is made up of landscape rooms surrounded by bushes. It forms the cornerstone in the development and because of its interior offers flexibility regarding future use.



ecological profile public space park island



implementation photos

