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project  
structural greenvision

location  
Voorschoten

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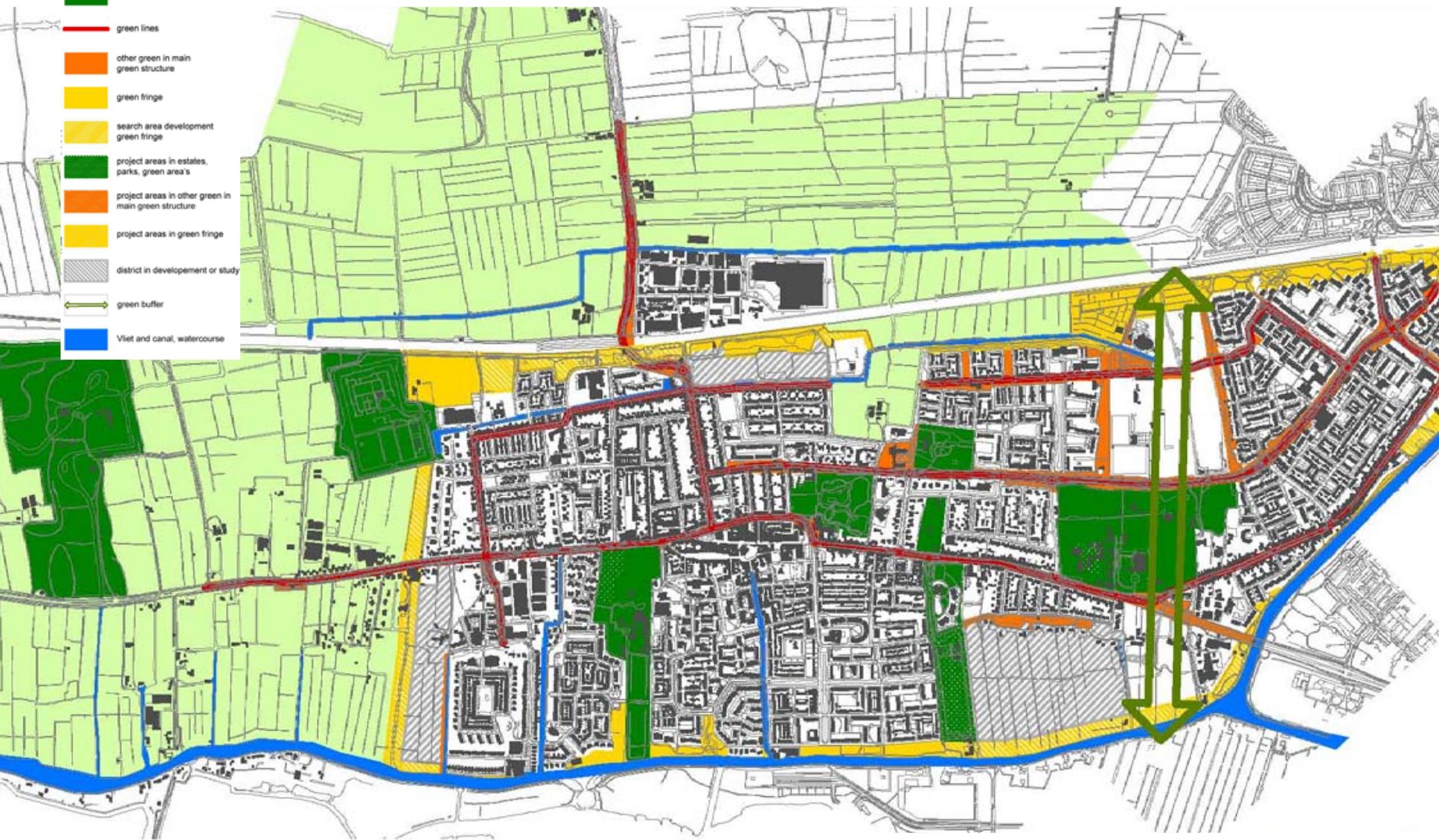
size  
112 ha. public space

year of design  
2008



Voorschoten is a leafy village with a historic centre situated near De Vliet, a centuries-old canal that adds character to the surrounding countryside. The village is built on the longest and easternmost of a series of old beach ridges (left over from the geological past when this area was near the sea) to the south of the river Oude Rijn, and is surrounded by polders. The ribbon development represented by the Veurseweg and the Leidseweg, the historic route from The Hague to Leiden, forms the backbone of the village. A number of country estates and villas grew up along this route in the course of the 19th century. The route also gives access to a series of green spaces, sports grounds and residential neighbourhoods, which are surrounded by farmland.

- outskirts
- estates, parks, green areas
- green lines
- other green in main green structure
- green fringe
- search area development green fringe
- project areas in estates, parks, green area's
- project areas in other green in main green structure
- project areas in green fringe
- district in development or study
- green buffer
- Vliet and canal, watercourse



main green structure



### **An overall vision for public green space**

The municipality of Voorschoten has asked HOSPER and the DG Group to formulate a vision for the green structure of the village that will set a framework for future developments. Particular stress is laid on transformation of former country estates and villas into parks serving the village as a whole, and improvement of the access routes from the centre to the amenities situated along the canal De Vliet to the southeast of the village.

### **A green zone with a golden lining**

The main structure of this development is based on historical and geological analysis of the substrate, with green lines (tree-shaded avenues) defining the spatial matrix. These lines connect parks and other green spaces, the former villas and country estates. The village is surrounded by a green belt,

which harmonises with the surrounding landscape - De Vliet, the polder areas and the parklands. Development of the green belt around Voorschoten as an integrated recreational route reinforces the visual relationship with the surrounding countryside and De Vliet, thus creating Voorschoten's 'golden lining'.

### **Green in the individual neighbourhoods**

To reinforce the impact of the green vision for Voorschoten, the green structure for the individual neighbourhoods has also been determined. This neighbourhood green structure is based on the historical development of the neighbourhoods, the dwelling typologies (structural features associated with a particular architectural style) and the quality and quantity of the green spaces present.



development of the landscape



former estates

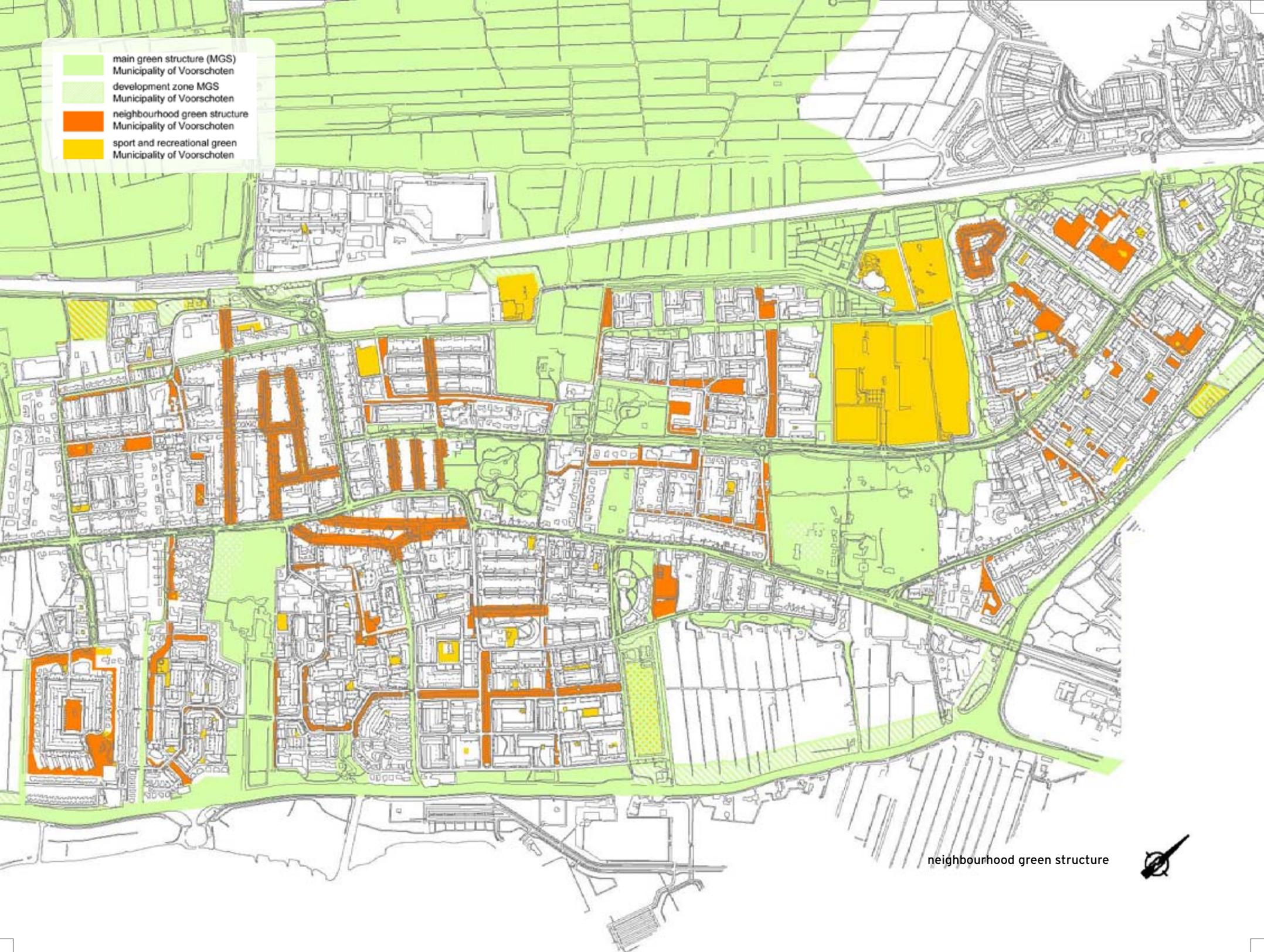


polderlandscape (outskirts)



neighbourhood green structure

- main green structure (MGS)  
Municipality of Voorschoten
- development zone MGS  
Municipality of Voorschoten
- neighbourhood green structure  
Municipality of Voorschoten
- sport and recreational green  
Municipality of Voorschoten



neighbourhood green structure

