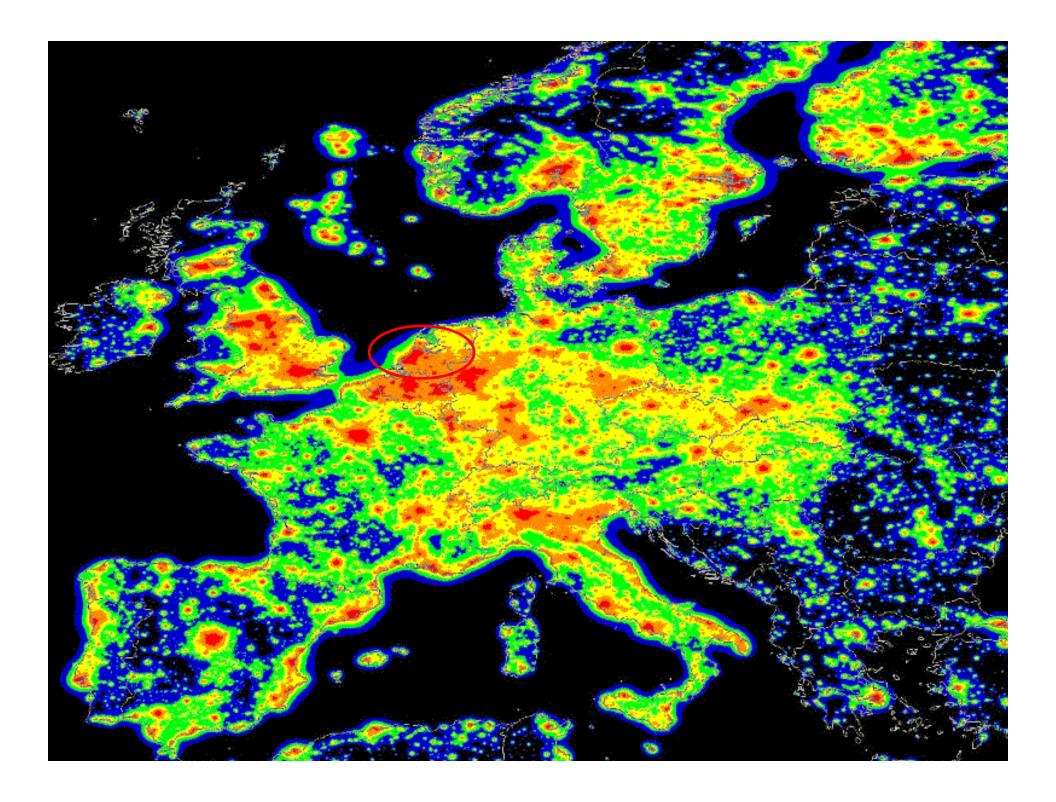




Amsterdam, Ecosystem Services, and Evolving Strategies

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Storyline

- Profiling Amsterdam
- Evolving green space strategies
- How might ES-thinking modify existing strategies?

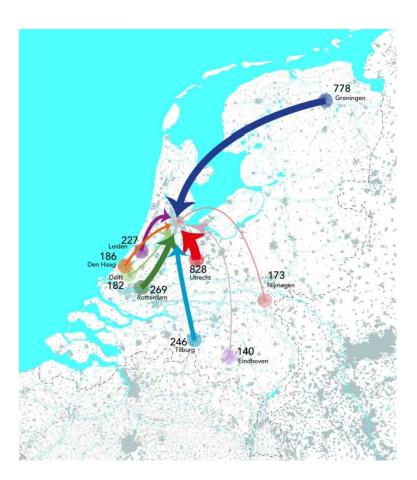


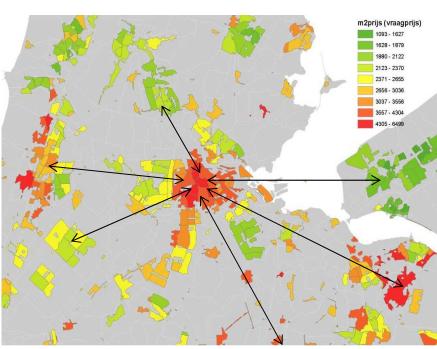


50% non Dutch origin, 178 nationalities



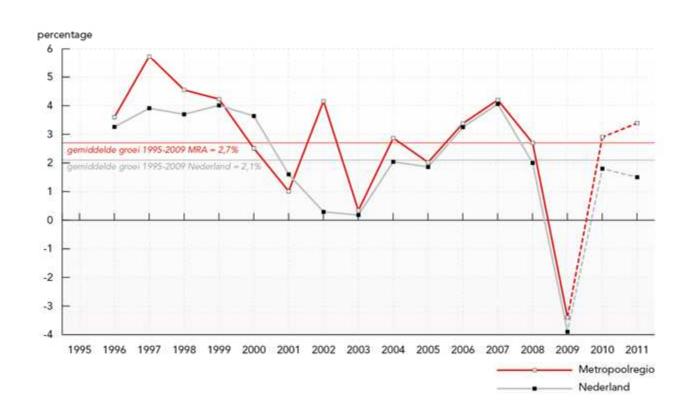


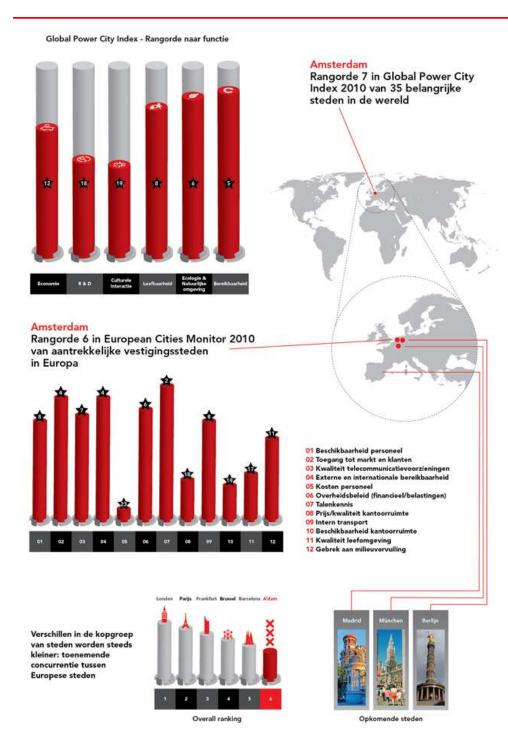




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Economic resilience after 2008





Good Grades

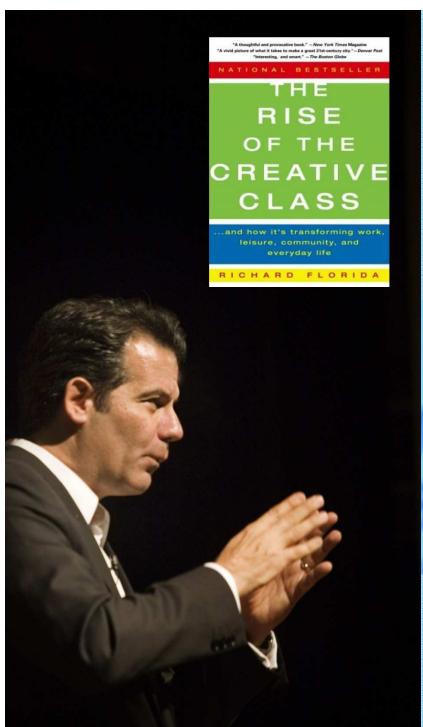
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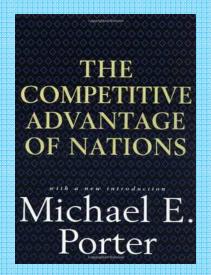
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Mature Services Economy

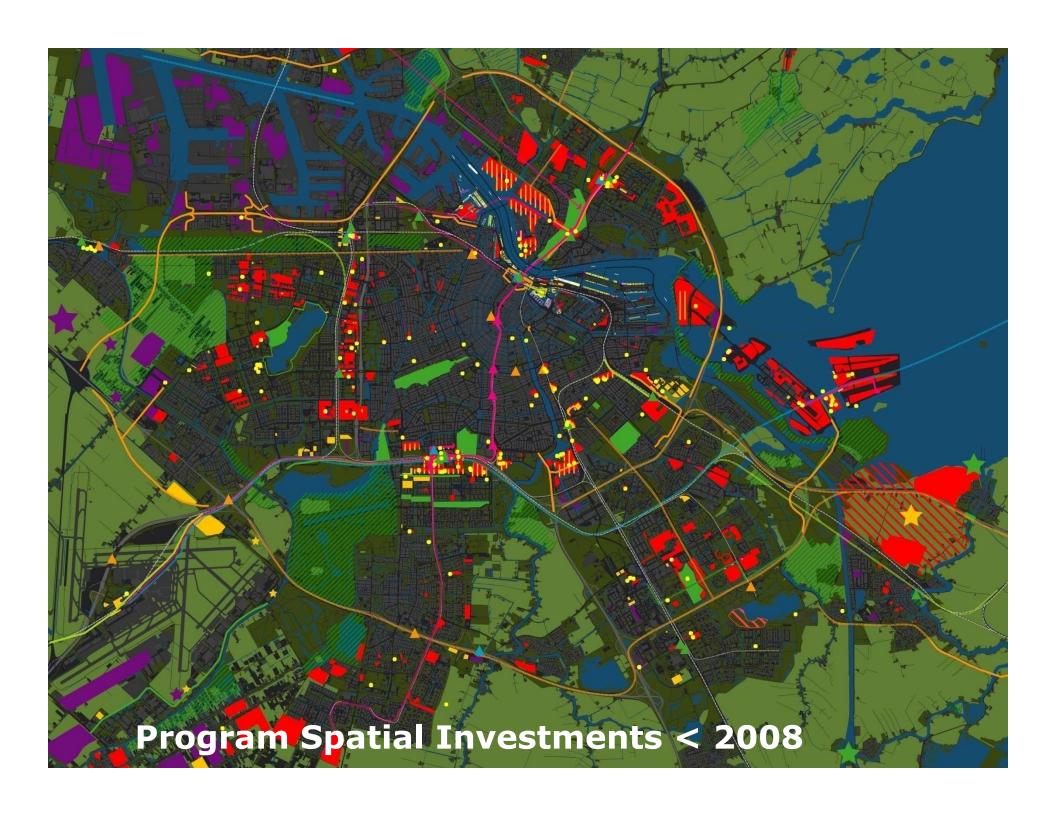
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- Trade and Logistics
- ICT and Science
- Flowers and Food
- Tourism and Congresses
- Life Sciences
- Creative Industries











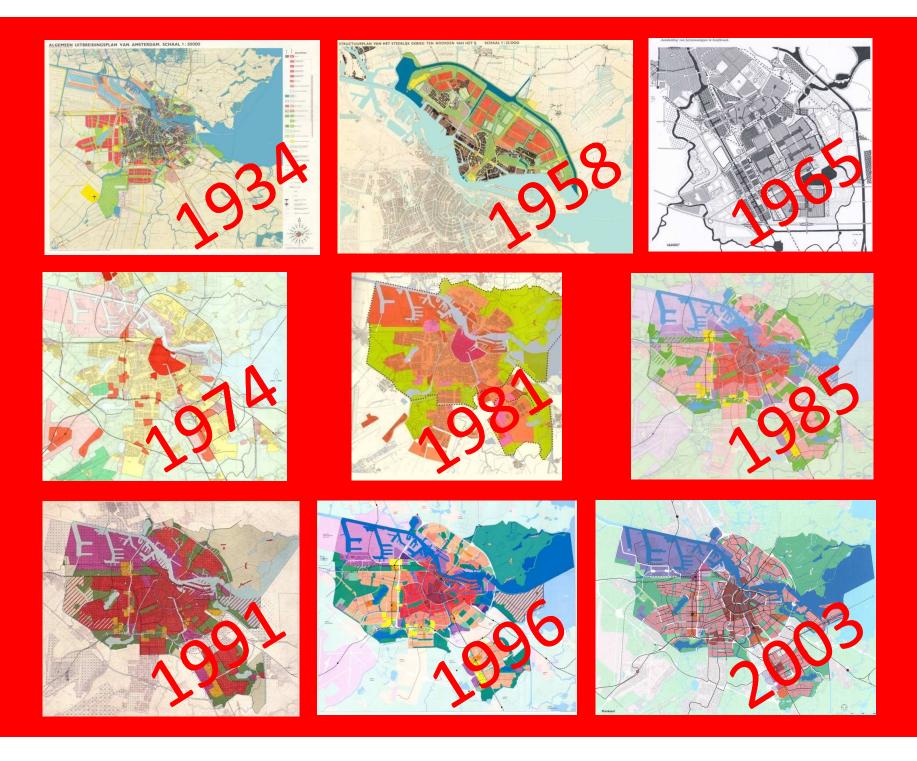
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Green spaces became part of Regional Strategy

 Growing awareness green spaces – ES – play a vital role in enabling health and productivity

1990 – 2008: economic boom → urban
 growth → investment in green spaces

 2000s: integral part of economic strategy (creative capital theory)

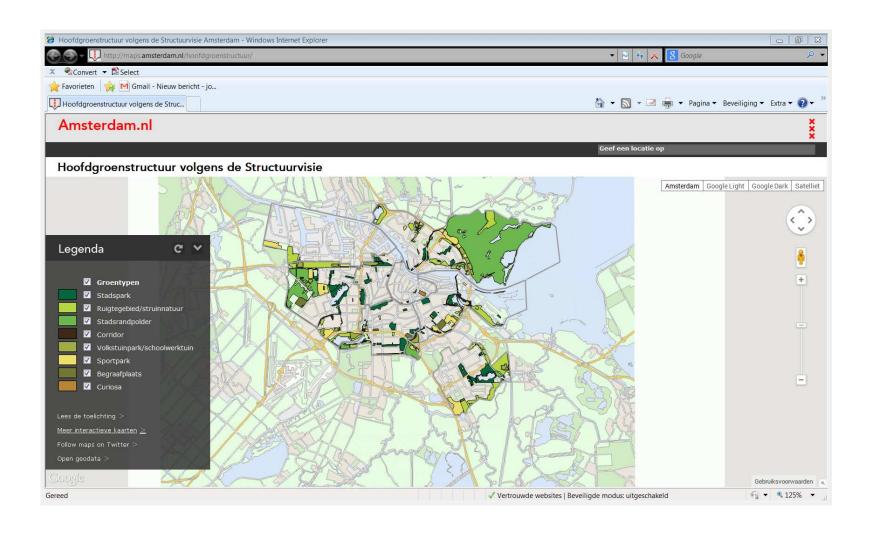




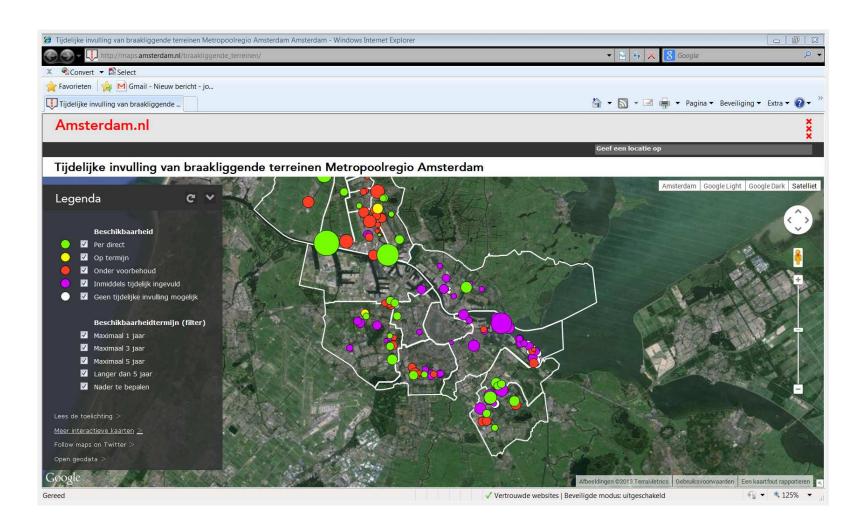
Maturing green space strategies (1990s)

- Planning framework
- Management and investment
- Encouraging city greening
- Outreach and encouraging crossovers (e.g. urban agriculture)
- Monitoring

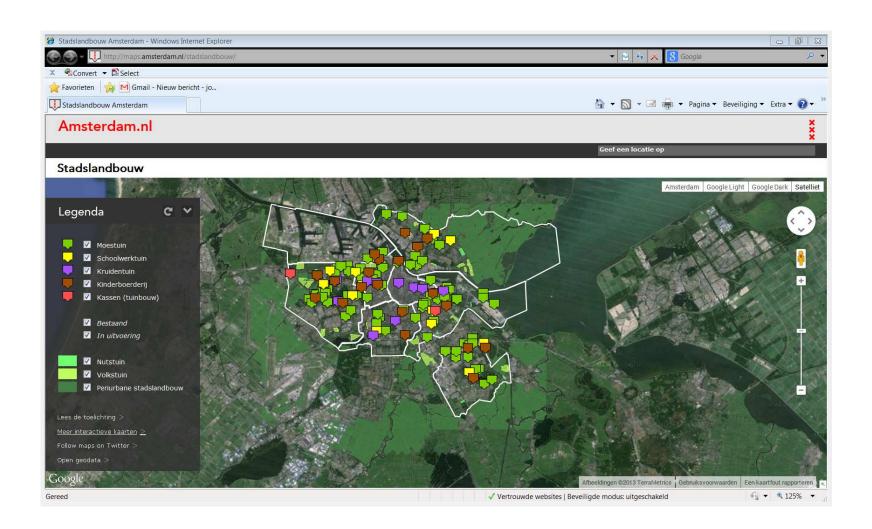




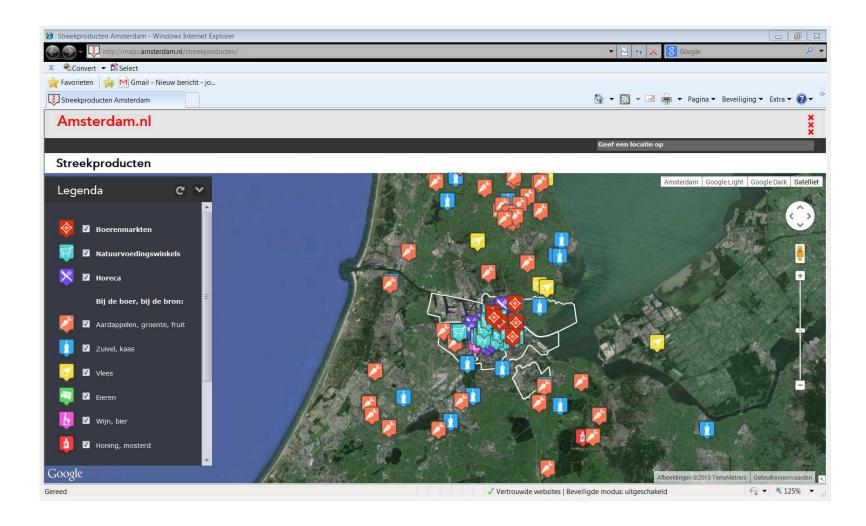




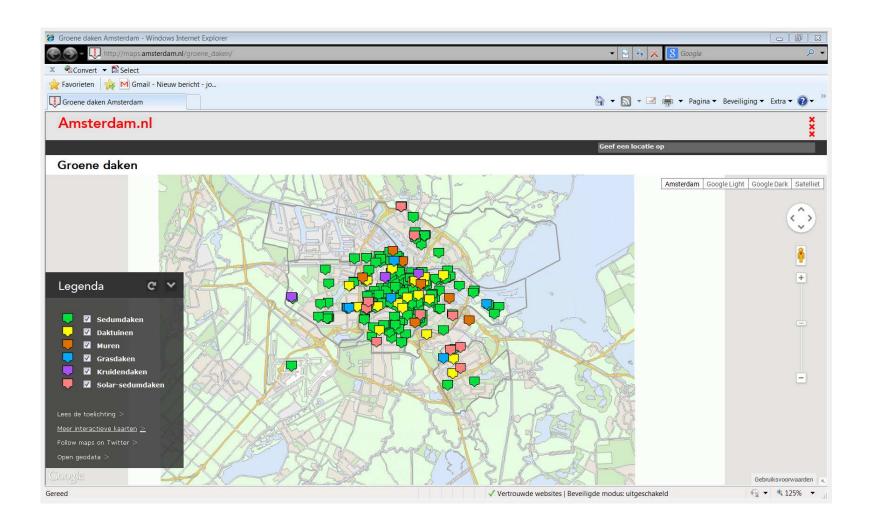




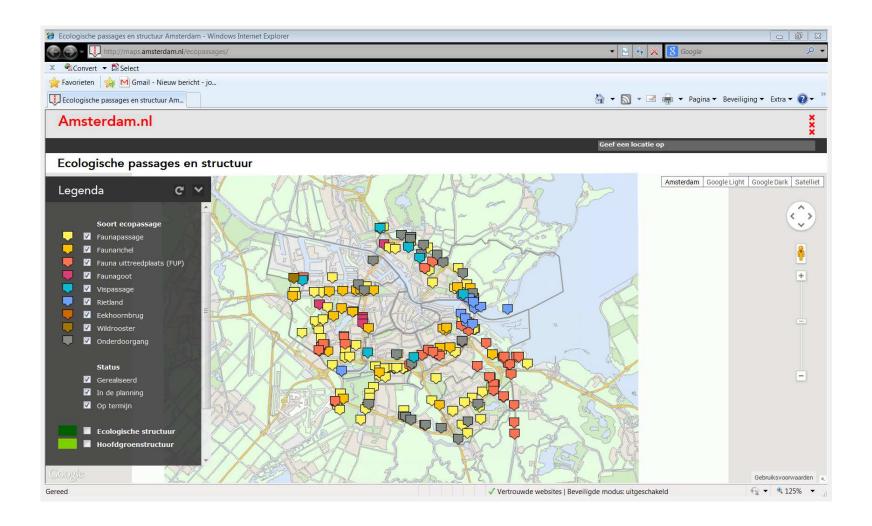


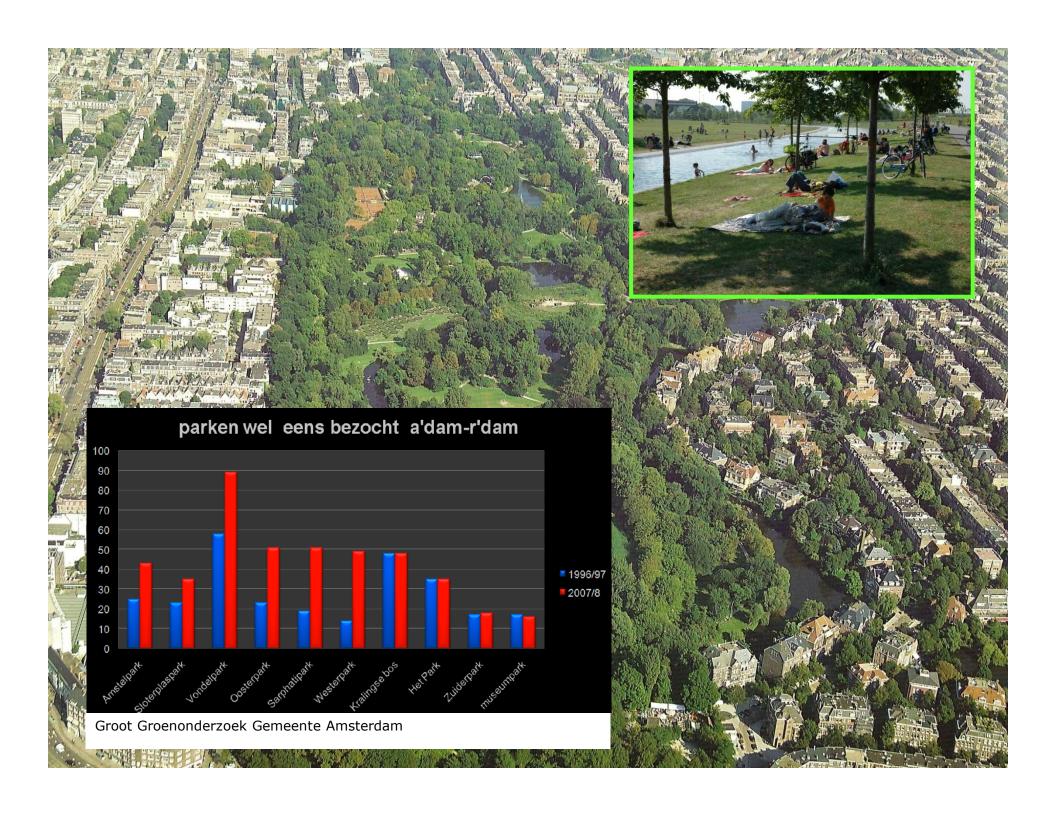










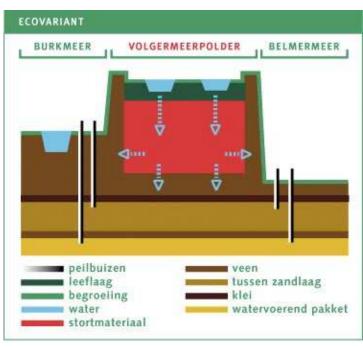


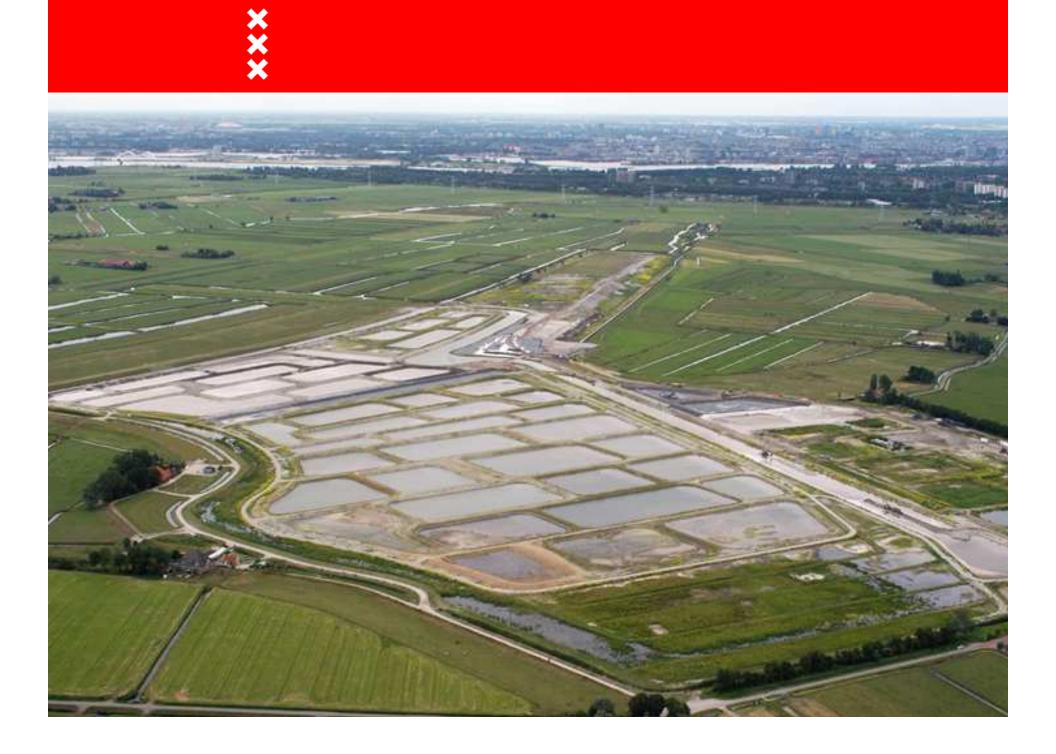




Volgermeerpolder, Amsterdam









Evolving Insights and Strategies

19th century

Health ('lungs'), Beautification

Pleasant walk, social

education

20th century

Social provisioning

local focus

Recreation, sports,

playgrounds, leisure,

nature education

21th century

Green

infrastructure – local and global

focus

Ecosystem services,

e.g. public health, water management, food production



How might ES-thinking modify existing strategies?

- ES-thinking points to two fundamental insights
 - -Economic value of green space
 - —City metabolism in relation to biosphere functioning

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Johan, 10/9/2013





Economic downturn: focus on economic value

Municipal income streams

- 1/3 transfer national government
- 2/3 local taxes, land lease (housing market), participations

Current Actions

- Exploring financial opportunities (public, private) e.g. volonteers, Paying for ES
- TEEB City (NL)
 - Including external economic benefits into financial accounting
 - Accounting tool > smartphone app
- Green Finance Lab Amsterdam
 - Value capture finance
 - Health, Water, Housing, Tourism
 - Discussed with private sector
 - Pilots



- Amsterdam 1990 2010: metropolitan strategy typical for the period
- Now: growing sensitivity to global risks in the New Normal (Anthropocene)
- Including climate change, energy, raw materials, etc.
- And Complexity and Turbulence
- Shared Value



Take away message

- Look for the Leverage Points
- Including External Benefits in Economic Accounting is Key
- Especially interesting in Public Health and Water Management