

Forts of the Dutch forestry Commission

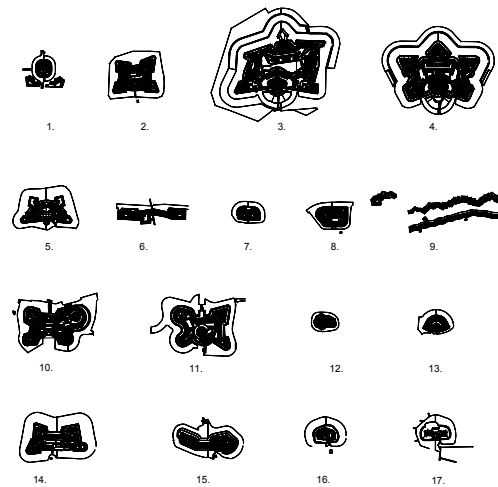
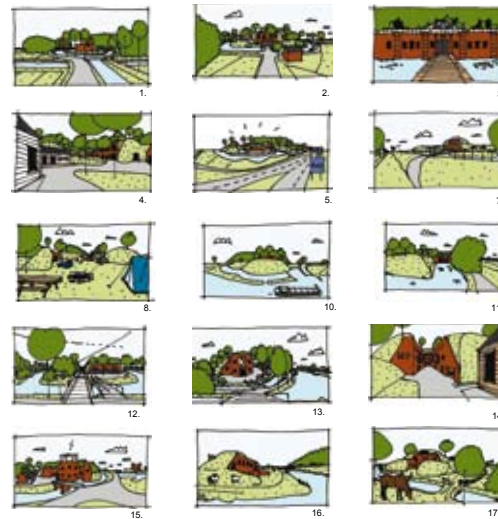
An inventory of the unique qualities

In the coming years large investment budgets have been reserved for the development of the forts for the New Dutch Water line to improve public accessibility and usage. The forestry Commission is owner and manager of over fifteen of these forts and required a spatial inventory of all its forts. The nature of the study is analytical and strategic rather than design orientated.

REDscape was asked to examine the spatial qualities of the various forts belonging to the Dutch Forestry Commission which form part of the new Dutch Water Line. (See <http://www.hollandsewaterlinie.nl>).

Building on the starting points of Panorama Krayenhoff, the focus of the study is aimed at the individual spatial qualities of the forts in relation to the new Dutch Water Line. What gives the fort its identity and how can this contribute to the allocation of new functions and uses? Which qualities require be retained or improved?

The relationship of the surrounding landscape to the forts also plays an important role in the future design of the forts. The study was used to demonstrate the potential to integrate new developments in the landscape such as water management, new dikes and restructuring of agricultural areas with the development of the forts.



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