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### **Lessons learned**

from being a partner in the Interreg project Nature Smart Cities

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#### CROMVLIETPARK DEN HAAG

"Zowel stedelijke waterbuffer als kloppend hart voor de buurt"

Oppervlakte ca 25.000 m<sup>2</sup> Ontwerp 2017 - 2020 Realisatie 2020 - 2021

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Gemeente Den Haag, Buro Sant en Co, Dunea, HH Delfland, Metropoolregio Den Haag, Green Village TU Delft, Interreg Natuug Smart Cities. Climate KIC







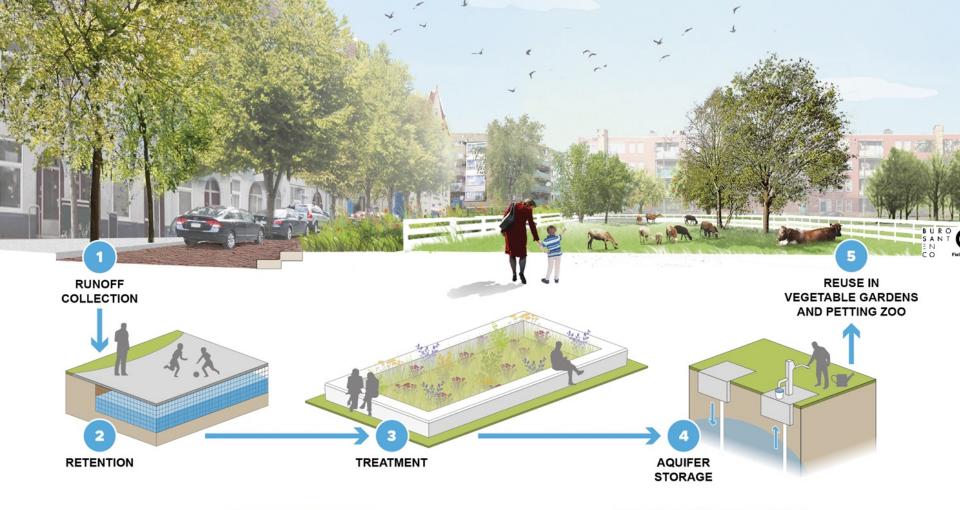








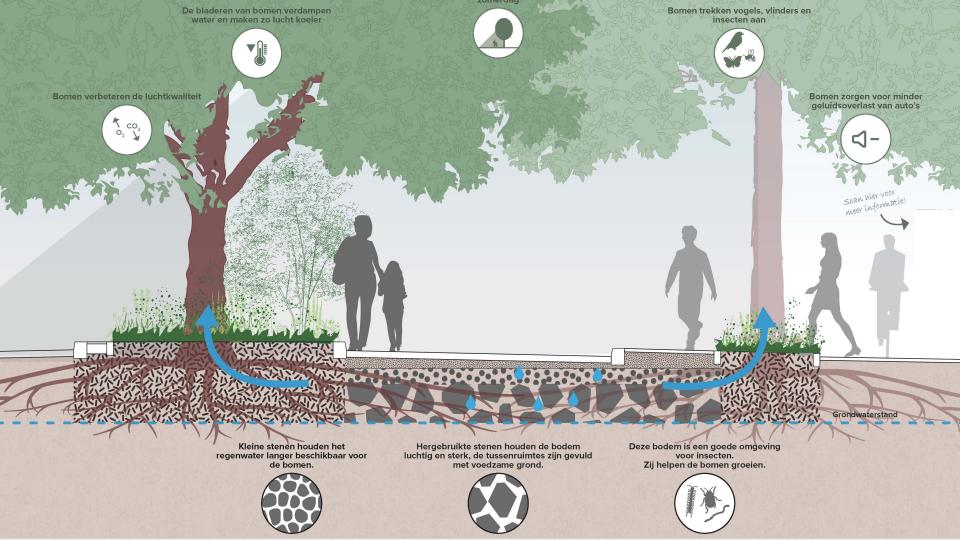




In the new CROMVLIET PARK we reuse urban water with the URBAN WATERBUFFER.







# **Highlights**

- Wijkpark Cromvliet was nominated for the award 'het
  Zonnetje 2021' a trophy for climate adaptation
  showcases from the National Delta Programme
- Climate-proof label 'Klimaatkrachtig Keurmerk' awarded to Wijkpark Cromvliet by the Delfland Water Board
- Nomination 'Steenbreektrofee 2022' trophy for sustainable green showcases in public spaces from the Dutch foundation 'Steenbreek'
- Nomination 1, 2, Tree Award 2022 for innovative green projects from the Green Expo in Ghent, Belgium







## **New partnerships**

- New, interdisciplinary collaborations with colleagues from different departments within the municipality
- A great network of international partner cities, academic and business partners
- Good conversations and partnerships with citizens and local businesses





























## Speeding up climate adaptation

- Nature Smart Cities helped us in speeding up & scaling up the topics of climate adaptation and ecosystem thinking.
- Both in policy development and in project development/implementation.













## Dare to dream

- Use the momentum to develop and realize innovative pilot projects
- Connect the additional subsidy budget with regular budgets from maintenance and re-placement projects
- Keep up a list of regular maintenance and re-placement projects that can be upgraded with subsidies
- Challenge: Create internal support and find colleagues to collaborate in EU projects.





# Co-design a positive narrative

- Make use of the knowledge from colleagues & partners working in the neighbourhood
- Co-design the project with inhabitants and other local stakeholders
- Create strategic public-private partnerships with innovative businesses and academic partners
- Challenge: Continuous communicating at all levels throughout the EU project









## Collaborate multi-departmental

- Knowledge and experience from colleagues from different departments required
- Performing at EU level demands thorough administrative support
- Be aware of the need for communication experts throughout the project
- Challenges: EU projects demand coordination, continuity & flexibility







## Set a good example

- Make new policy topics, tangible by creating showcases in real-life.
- Tell a complex story in a simple, understandable way & visualize it.
- Collaborate with designers that illustrate innovations.
- Share and tell the world. Make it everybody's story!
- Challenges: Create visibility outside the EU project team and consortium.







# Let's make our cities more liveable and climate-proof!

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