

THE NEW GARDENER

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WHY?

3 decades of research on citizens and greenspace in urban areas

- 1. Action research
- 2. Study of local greenspace initiatives
- 3. Literature study







1 Action research

- Hop on the bus, joint side walks
- Various groups in terms ages, culture, education
- Disposable camera for youngsters to take pictures
- Pensionados cutting photographs from magazines
- Children putting flags: what you like (green flag), what you not like (red flag)
- Joint design sessions

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Joint site visits in Rotterdam and Amsterdam

Do you ever come here? How often?

What do you do here, how do you use this space?

What do you think of this?

What could be better?







Joint design process new local park

Excursion city officers and citizens about management (incl. maintenance) of greenspace







Use of mosaic pieces to design the park, some ten different groups represented







2 Study greenspace initiatives

Urban Garden 'Kweekland', Arnhem

Tiel Center XL







greenspace company initiative Oosterwolde, natural business area









Success and failure factors for business and citizens' initiatives, according to the initiators

FACTOR

DISCOURSE⁵

Success factors

- agreement with municipal authority on goals and outlines of the initiative
- 2. discourse in tune with the current social climate
- positive dissemination of discourse via the media (to generate support among the local population or municipality)
- 4. influence within the municipal authority via substantive discourse

Failure factor

RESOURCES⁶

Success factors

- 6. work experience relevant to green space
- 7. experience of working with local government
- budget
- fund invéstments via financial arrangements involving multiple foundations or companies
- 10. for larger initiatives: green/revenue model, part of a business that has reserved funds for it
- wherewithal and forcefulness to exert influence within the municipal authority (communicative and networking skills, time and perseverance)

Failure factors

- 12. no training relevant to green space
- 13. no knowledge of biodiversity objectives
- 14. no feedback from municipal authority on local biodiversity objectives
- no feedback from municipal authority on local green space objectives
- 16. inadequate integration of international biodiversity objectives in local government policy
- 17. initiative too difficult (task overload) to realise successfully

36 factors of success and failure of greenspace initiatives

agreement with the municipality on goals and outline of the initiative

work experience greenspace

budget,

...





COALITIONS⁷

Success factors

- 20. public support (residents, media, politicians)
- 21. cooperation with local and regional partners
- support from the municipal authority, which draws on its network to make the initiative a success
- 23. cooperation with the municipal authority to be able to use site
- 24. cooperation to establish the same goals
- 25. cooperation to obtain information and expertise
- 26. pragmatic cooperation
- 27. cooperation to generate support
- relationship with municipal authority based on trust and agreements in principle

Failure factors

- 29. no support for initiative from the municipal executive
- 30. no support for the initiative from the members of the municipal council

RULES OF THE GAME⁸ (formal and in formal)

Success factors

- 31. exemption from the Flora and Fauna Act
- 32. agreements with local government on what is permissible

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Failure factors

- 33. uncertainty about the responsibilities and role of the initiators versus local government
- 34. obstruction by the municipal authority
- 35. too rigid and formal interpretation of the legislation by the municipal authority
- 36. Human Environment and Transport Inspectorate obstructs the realisation of green space ambitions

Member municipal executive board:

"Entrepreneurs want to make progress. The municipality is more tied to rules and regulations. Use the capacity of companies to develop the region!"



Can 'The New Gardener' take a role?



3 Literature study

- production services
- regulation services
- cultural services
- supporting services

Ecosystem Services: (urban) greenspace can deliver numerous ecosystem services





Increasing structuration of activities in local practices

Patchwork of regimes

Niches (novelty)

Fig. 3. Multiple levels as a nested hierarchy [22, p. 1261].



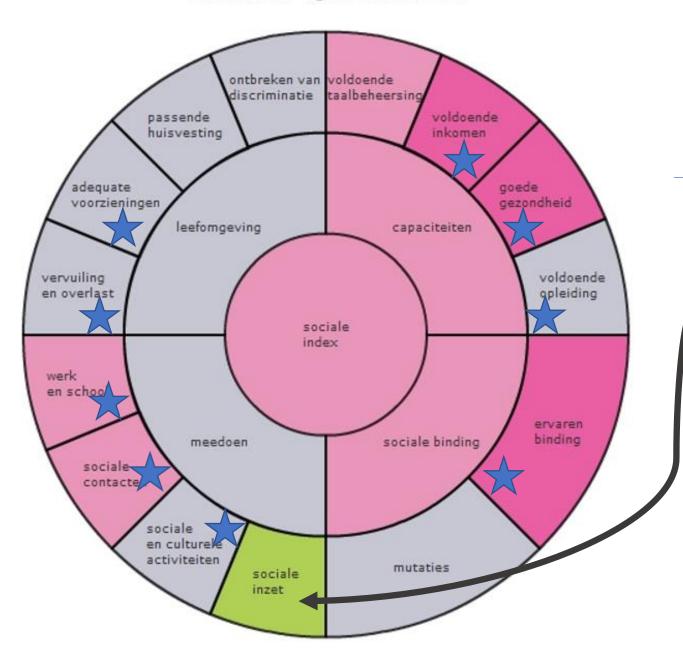
Transition studies

Regime change and systemic change

- Innovations bump into 'regimes'
- Green management department pays, benefits to others.
- Residents lack know how and time



New social constructs are needed.



socially and economically low status neighbourhoods

an example from Rotterdam:

Positive score 'social effort'

Numerous challenges where greenspace management can help somewhat or even a lot







social capital

Use the social capital which is present within the existing structures of the city at the fullest.

Mobilize within these structures the creativity and innovative capacity of citizens and companies.

(free translation after Haier, 2011)





WHY: conclusions from the research

- 1. Local greenspace initiatives lead to greater variety.
- 2. Potential of greater meaning of greenspace for society.
- 3. Many challenges where The New Gardener as company may help.
- 4. Greenspace Management Department pays, benefits to others.
- 5. Low status neighbourhoods need attention.







HOW?

Topsector research project by Wageningen Research financed by TKI A&F and T&U together with VHG & garden and landscape contractors





















Project activities

Demonstration projects by companies,

- followed and supported by Wageningen Research
- commissioned by Municipality, WaterBoard, Housing Corporation, Care organization?

Knowledge exchange

- Masterclasses
- Learning Community
- Development of E-learning materials

Joint coordination and strategic actions





Demonstr ation projects (*new companies still have to choose themes)	A-Garden*	VDBH West*	De Eijk Duurzaam Werk	Dolmans Landscaping *	Terrein & Groenvoorziening	* Eshuis Quality Gardens	Binder/ De Enk Groen en Golf	NLG Buitenkansen	Weverling Groenproviders*	Commisioners
1 Climate adaptation	Х		X			X	X	X		Municipality
2 Employment residents			X			X	X	Х		Municipality, Salvation Army
3 Social cohesion			X			X		X		Housing Corporation, Municipality
4 Healthy food								X		
5 Healthy exercise and wellbeing			X							Salvation Army, Housing Corporation
6 Care for elder & their garden										Care organization? Municipal health service?
7 Greentech of							X			

film from the theme 'cooperation with schools'

By collaborating with green educational institutions you can help students enter a green career



OUTPUT

- New kinds of greenspaces (pictures, descriptions, meanings)
- E-learning material
 - texts about knowledge and skills,
 - films from the demonstrations
 - tailormade tools per challenge
- 'New' gardeners
- An informed network
- Dissemination of insights to schools, universities and vocational training

film from the theme: 'involving residents' (relating to social cohesion)

The value of neighbourhood green for social contacts within a neighbourhood

Overzicht leerdoelen in dit thema Groen: Leerdoelen voor zowel MBO en HBO Goud/bruin: leerdoelen MBO De deelnemer leert waarom groen in de buurt belangrijk is voor bewoners De deelnemer leert wat de meerwaarde is van een nieuwe rol van de hoven. De deelnemer leert wat de meerwaarde is van een nieuwe rol van de nodig zij De deelnemer leert welke houding, vaardigheden en communicatie nodig zij De deelnemer leert welke houding, vaardigheden en communicatie nodig zij etrekken oj petrokken te nouaen De deelnemer leert welke houding en taken belangrijk zijn tijdens het st De deelnemer leert welke houding en taken belangrijk zijn tijdens het st De houmnore in hot arnon pewoners in net groen. De deelnemer kan de risico's benoemen van voorkomende onderhoudsw Ue deeinemer kan de risico's benoemen van voorkomende ondernoudswerk groen voor hem-/haarzelf en voor bewoners, aan de hand van praktische v. betrekken of betrokken te houden organ voor nem-/naarzeij en voor bewoners, aan de hand van praktische vi De deelnemer kent de principes van een Last Minute Risico Analyse (Liv De deelnemer kent de principes van een Last Minute Risico Analyse (Liv De deelnemer kent de principes van een Last Minute Risico Analyse (Liv De deelnemer kent de principes van een Last Minute Risico Analyse (Liv ve deeinemer kent de principes van een Last Minute kisico Analyse (LN speeltoestellen (<u>mpt</u> toestellen, keuringen, logboeken) en de wetten en speeltoestellen (<u>mpt</u> toestellen, keuringen, logboeken) en de wetten en samenwerkt met bewoners. De deelnemer leert welke andere spelers betrokken zijn bij een project met TVETZICHT LEET doelen HBC: De deelnemer leett waarom groen in te buurt belangrijk is voor bewone. 1.2. Wat is de meerwaarde van een nieuwe rol van de hovenier voor bewol

E-learning themes

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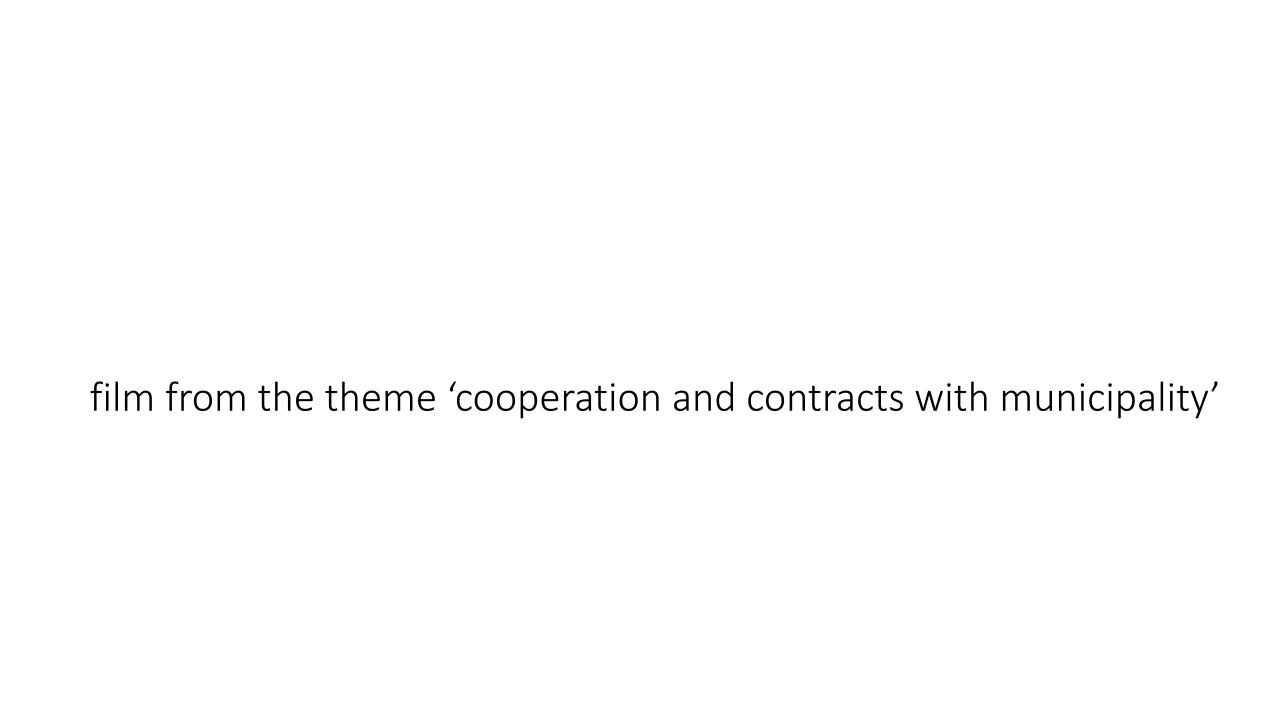
- Role of The New Gardener
- Cooperation and Contracts*
- Involving local residents*
- Cooperation with schools*
 and some more to come

Different content between higher and practical education

From traditional towards integral management of greenspace







From traditional to more integral greenspace management

RELEVANCE BEYOND DUTCH CITIES?

- 1. Relevance to your home countries?
- 2. Interesting for international cooperation and an EU project?

Thank you for your attention!

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