



SHORTENED ELECTION PROGRAM WATER NATUURLIJK RIJNLAND 2023-2027



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Water Natuurlijk Rijnland goes for flourishing and clean water. This is a huge task because the quality of our surface water is poor. We are committed to limiting the emissions of harmful substances in the water, which will also reduce the costs of purification. We stimulate residents and entrepreneurs to consciously use water.

Water = Working together



To achieve our goals we work together farmers, gardeners, companies, residents, and other governments.

Together with farmers, gardeners, and companies, we ensure that overuse of water is being reduced and that the emissions of harmful substances are prevented. Together with nature organizations, we work to

improve water consciousness and to restore our nature.

We offer residents tools to set up their environment natural and water -rich. And encourage them to handle water more efficiently and more consciously, for example by purchasing a rain barrel.

We also work together with municipalities and provinces to make urban development more natural and therefore more climate-proof. The (temporary) water storage in neighbourhoods must be improved, so that we also have sufficient water during dry periods. We will ensure that people know what the water authority in their region is doing and that they are consulted in these projects. This is how Water Natuurlijk Rijnland works together with others to restore confidence in democracy.



Water = Biodiversity and Nature



The quantity and quality of nature has decreased in the last century. Restoring nature contributes to the quality of life of people in the immediate vicinity. We ensure that everyone can enjoy nature and we protect vulnerable areas of nature. We stimulate sowing with natural seed mixtures, which contributes to strengthening nature and biodiversity. We stimulate to mow nature-friendly, which is cheaper for the Water

authority, companies and other governments.

Nature-friendly farming is important for farmers. They contribute to restoring nature and ensuring that they incur fewer costs because there are not too many crop protection products in the water. Water Natuurlijk Rijnland ensures that nature will come back.

Water = our guiding principle



Due to climate change, we have to be smarter in dealing with water. Not everything is possible anymore and we will have to give water the space.

We increase the dikes, invest in larger pumping stations and more weirs to be better able to deal with climate change.

We implement a responsible water level with which nature can recover and the emission of CO₂ is limited. We help farmers to change to

wet cultivation such as cranberry, rice or reeds.

We help municipalities to organize neighborhoods in such a way that they are better able to deal with heavy rains and long-term droughts



Water = climate adaptive



Climate change forces us to act now, we must ensure that our water systems are climate-proof and that we are able to drain enough water in the event of a rain deluge so that our residents remain safe within the limits of the water system. At the same time, we must ensure that there is sufficient nature to keep it cool and sufficient storage options so that we also have enough water in long-term dry periods occur.

We focus on the energy transition with local renewable energy generation where it is possible. Water Natuurlijk Rijnland wants to limit the emissions of greenhouse gases by implementing a responsible water level in Rijnland.

Water = Enjoyment



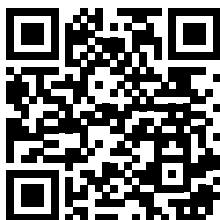
Everyone must be able to enjoy water and nature. After all, water is everywhere, inside and outside the city. We invest in recreation around, on and in the water, but ensure that vulnerable nature is not damaged. We ensure that cultural -historical heritage is preserved around the water.



Achievements Water Natuurlijk Rijnland 2019-2023

- We have focussed on natural banks and nature friendly mowing policies. This saves costs and restores and strengthens nature;
- The agricultural portal Rijnland is our initiative to help farmers to keep water healthy, to adapt climate adaptive agriculture and to help restore nature;
- We have invested in the removal of medicinal residues at the Leiden West wastewater treatment plant and we have plans to do the same at the wastewater treatment plant in Haarlem Waarderpolder;
- Thanks in part to us, the Limes Bubble Barrier has been installed near Katwijk, a bubble screen that prevents the outflow of plastic and waste towards the sea
- We are championing the use of responsible water levels, which prevents soil subsidence and desiccation and will ensure reduced CO2 emissions. This also saves costs for the Rijnland Water Board because we have to pump less water;
- Our policy in the past four years was to strengthen natural processes of the coast and dunes, which allows us to adapt better to sea level rise, in order to guarantee the best flood protection on the coast;
- We have worked hard to expand the Climate-Proof Water Supply so that sufficient water remains available in times of drought to protect vulnerable nature, to maintain the safety of dikes and quays and to prevent soil subsidence;
- We have agreed to Rijnland Circular. This means 100% renewable in 2050, 100% emission-free in 2050, 100% waste-free in 2050, 50% less consumption of primary raw materials in 2030, 49% CO2 reduction in 2030 and 100% circular Rijnland in 2050.

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