NK Tegelwippen — The Netherlands' National Tile-Removal Contest Unsealing Private Gardens, With Self-Reported Counts

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Quality score: 27/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

An annual contest where Dutch municipalities compete to get residents to replace garden paving with greenery. It grew from 1.5m tiles and 81 municipalities in 2021 to about 6m tiles and 203 municipalities in 2025. Counts are self-reported and infiltration is not measured.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	0/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	1/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	1/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-11-17

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