

Room for the River — Netherlands National Flood-Conveyance Programme

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Quality score: 47/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Between 2006 and 2019, Dutch authorities completed 34 flood-conveyance projects (€2.3bn) along the IJssel, Waal, Nederrijn and Lek — lowering dikes, widening floodplains and depoldering land, including the 4,450 ha Noordwaard polder — protecting roughly 4 million people.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-08

[Rijkswaterstaat / Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management](#) — accessed 2026-08-08

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