Green City Almere

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I  PLANNING OF ALMERE
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Where and what is Almere?

Europe > The Netherlands > Almere

A ‘new town’ in the heart of the Netherlands
Creating new land
Almere, 1968
Garden City Model
Programmed green as part of the city

Ebenezer Howard
Social Model
Town-country
Multiple cores embedded in green
Green is fundamental part of the city
Self-sufficient city
1977 Structure Plan
Almere a city with multiple cores embedded in green

Teun Koolhaas
Multiple core – city
Anti-city
Strong connection with the environment
Fundaments for green & water

Basis for development of Almere
Development of Almere
Development of Almere

1970

Pumping water
Development of Almere

1975
Development of Almere

First core: Almere Haven
Forests and lakes
Infrastructure
Development of Almere

Second core: Almere City
Expansion lakes and forests
Adding facilities
Infrastructure
Development of Almere

Third Core: Almere Buiten
Public transport
Expansion lakes and forests

1990
Fourth core:
Almere Hout

Expansion cores, facilities and green

Development of Almere

1995
Development of Almere

Expansion cores, facilities, landscape and green

2000
Development of Almere

Fifth core: Almere Poort

Expansion cores, facilities and green
Development of Almere

Expansion cores, facilities and green

2010
Green City Almere 1.0

Fundaments of green

Fundaments green are visible, but…

Green is distanced from the urbanized area;

Green is only partially developed;

Green is not yet integrated with the city.

But also consider that…

Green is very young (35 years);

Opportunities to develop it further.
PART II
ALMERE 2.0
National policy
Northern Randstad
Southern Randstad

Strengthen the Triangle Amsterdam-Utrecht - Almere
+ 220,000 dwellings
+ economic development
+ infrastructure

Task Almere
+ 60,000 dwellings
+ 100,000 extra jobs
→ Almost doubling the existing city
Almere Principles
For an ecologically, socially and economically sustainable future

Qualitative growth & development:
1. Cultivate diversity
2. Connect place and context
3. Combine city and nature;
4. Anticipate change
5. Continue innovation
6. Design healthy systems
7. Empower people to make the city

Closely related to Almere as a Green City
Rehabilitate and reactivate city model

Current situation

Densification

New cores

Green city
Multiple cores
Development of water and green
Structure vision Almere 2.0
For an ecologically, socially and economically sustainable future

Almere 2.0

Adding new city cores
Maintain current quality of city concept
Take on the challenge to activate landscape

1. Ecologic
2. Social
3. Economic
Activating the Green City
Urban estate The Kemphaan

The Kemphaan
Nature education
Multiple programs
City farming and foodmarket
Activating the Green City
People are creating the green city

Beatrixpark Almere
Greening
Urban agriculture
PART III
ALMERE FLORIADE 2022
10 years of ‘Making of’

A world expo

Main stage and side programs

Legacy: a healthy district in the heart of the city
Floriade as a part of Almere Centrum-Weerwater

250 hectares, 2,000 dwellings, “Strategy of opportunities”
“A magical new place”

The Floriade 2022 as a culture-, nature- and recreation park; a recognizable place for events, till the end of days.
Almere Floriade 2022

International network of growing green cities
Growing Green Cities, A Call To Action

- The Floriade 2022 is the start of both national and international debate on Green Cities.
- Our aim is to bring experiences together, in theory and in practice.
- The role of the (local) government and the Dutch horticultural council is to challenge people to participate in the search for the ideal Green City.