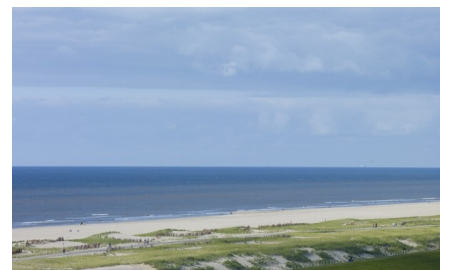
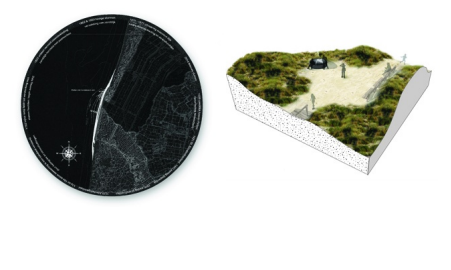
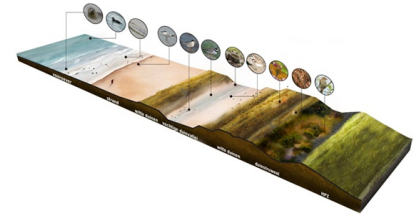


THE NEW HONDSBOSSCHE DUNES

2014-2016 present, Noord Holland, The Netherlands





The principle of 'building with nature' will be fully exploited to strengthen the Dutch coastline, defending a new chapter in the history of the country. Opting for a sandy and dynamic solution instead of fixed or hardscape approach creates opportunities to simultaneously strengthen the region, enhance and embrace the qualities of the natural environment and bolster recreational activities.

West 8's design draws on the strength of the Dutch coast, specifically in this area of North Holland. The tranquility, nature and clear access to the beach are defining features of this place. Here, the historic and ongoing defense of the land against the sea is clearly legible. This intervention begins a new chapter in the narrative of the landscape. By connecting the Schoorl dunes and Pettemer, one of the longest uninterrupted dunescapes in the Netherlands will be created. A place with varied topography, overgrown with native vegetation, complete with young drifting dunes, dune valleys and a beach that varies in width. This robust new landscape is designed in a manner consistent with the existing dunes and will feature extra high dunes and extended peninsulas along the beaches near Petten and Camperduin.

The proposed solution meets the dual goals of Safety and Environmental Quality. The technical solution is optimized, the use of sand is very efficient, manageable, safety requirements are met and dune erosion is minimized. The design unites a technical solution with a romantic narrative.

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