

The site of Kop van IJssel plays a key role in the future development of Amersfoort. As the city grows, urban expansion has gradually extended from the historical centre, aiming to repair and revitalise fragmented areas that no longer meet contemporary needs. This evolution is closely tied to Amersfoort's strategic position as "in between" points along trade and commercial routes to Amsterdam, Utrecht, and the eastern Netherlands. Situated on the IJssel River, Kop van IJssel marks the threshold between Amersfoort's rural edges and historical centre. Once the city's productive and industrial district, the area today holds transitional potential. The In Between project embraces this condition, positioned between multiple systems. Instead of rewriting the context, it builds on what exists, forging new connections among them. Two key systems are the major natural infrastructures: the IJssel River and the green corridor south of the site. These landscapes, once used for farming and industrial transport, are now, like in many European cities, redefined as leisure infrastructures. This shift brings renewed public interest, investment, and rising land value. Acting as an urban hourglass, the project reconnects these systems by engaging the space between the former NeNaFa and Van der Meiden factories. It aims to create a socially inclusive, ecologically aware, and spatially efficient neighbourhood, respecting existing biological presences and uniting them through a comprehensive landscape strategy based on sustainable, circular principles.

