

Background

Limburg was shocked when in 1993 and 1995, the Meuse catastrophically broke its banks twice. Such high water levels had not been seen since 1926, and the economic damage was immense. In 1996, temporary measures were taken to improve the short-term safety of the area: emergency dykes were constructed at various locations, and the Oude Maasarm between Ooijen and Wanssum, which always used to flood at times of high water, was closed off.

These temporary measures will not provide adequate long-term protection of the area, which is why the Ooijen-Wanssum Area Development project is now being carried out.



Visit the area – Come and watch!

Experience this extraordinary area while works are being carried out. On www.ooijen-wanssum.nl, you will find bicycle, car, and walking routes and you can follow the progress of the works. The website shows which vantage points give you a good view of the operation while keeping safe. There is also a free bicycle map that can be picked up at various local cafés and restaurants.

Ooijen-Wanssum Area Development organizes guided tours and can arrange group excursions by appointment.



OOIJEN-WANSSUM AREA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT TAKES CARE OF:

- flood protection against water levels that occur once every 250 years
- water level reduction of 35 cm (at times of high water)
- development of countryside and landscape
- increasing the quality of living in Wanssum
- scope for economic development



The future

Over the next few years, a wetland nature reserve stretching over no fewer than 540 hectares will be created here. The unique natural values with a special place for seepage water and groundwater will attract countless new species of plants and a wide variety of wildlife. The future nature reserve will be accessible through nine steep-edge gates and 32 access gates, and numerous new cycle and walking paths will be created. We look forward to seeing you again in the future!

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Until the end of 2020, numerous measures will be taken towards improving water safety from Broekhuizen to Geijsteren.

Gebiedsontwikkeling Ooijen-Wanssum (Ooijen-Wanssum Area Development project) combines the safety objective with the development of 340 hectares of new nature and the creation of expansion opportunities for businesses. The quality of living for the area's residents will also improve over the coming years.

Projectbureau Ooijen-Wanssum (Ooijen-Wanssum Project Office) and the Mooder Maas Consortium cordially invite you to visit this magnificent project while work is being carried out. In this brochure, you can find everything you need to know about the area development and your visit to this appealing area. We hope you enjoy reading it!



What is going to happen?

OUDE MAASARM 1

The Oude Maasarm (an old distributary of the Meuse) between Ooijen and Wanssum will be recreated. In order to get the Oude Maasarm flowing again, the emergency dykes built in 1996 will be removed and old channels further lowered. The Oude Maasarm will be converted into a nature reserve.

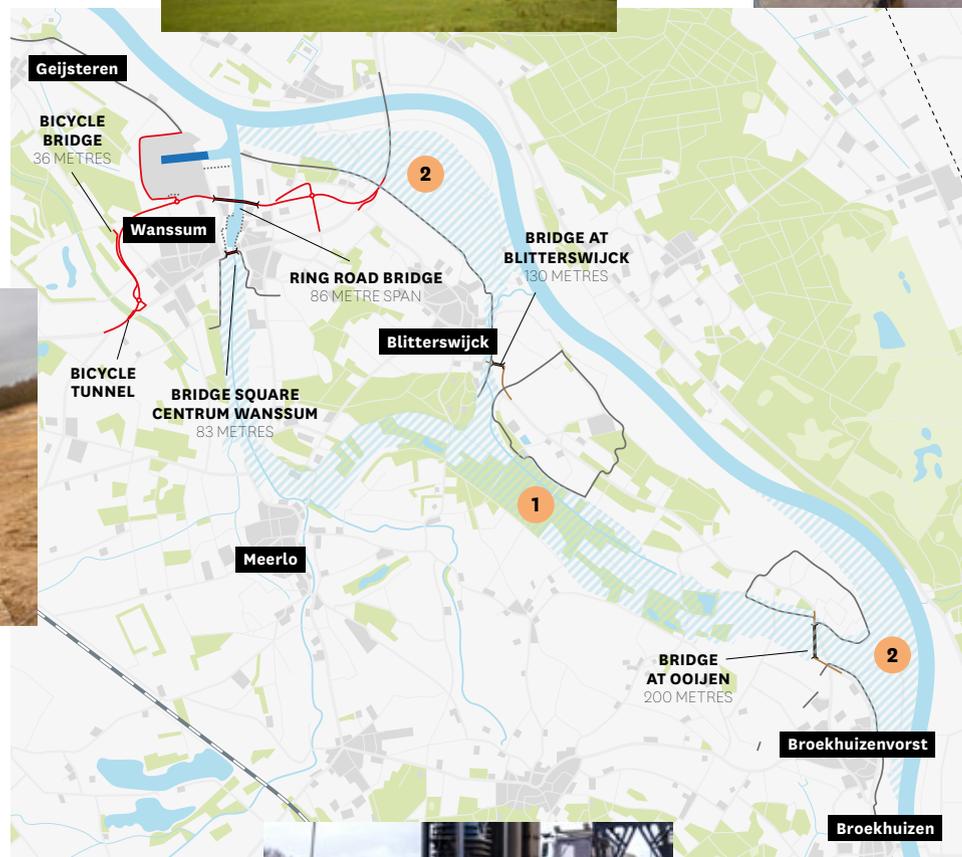
Four large bridges will be built across the Oude Maasarm: two in the centre of Wanssum, one at Blitterswijck, and one at Ooijen.



FLOOD CHANNELS 2

Two large flood channels will be constructed at Wanssum and at Ooijen. These are a kind of 'rush-hour lanes' in the Meuse that will flow at times of higher water levels and ensure that the water from the Meuse is drained away more quickly. The flood channels will also be converted into a freely accessible nature reserve.

The flood channel at Wanssum will cover an area the size of about 170 football pitches, and the one at Ooijen about 130 football pitches.



DYKES

To provide protection against flooding, 20 kilometres of flood defences will be built in the area. Two new types of dyke have been developed to merge with this extraordinary landscape: the steep-edge dyke and the high-ground dyke. These will be used alongside the traditional dyke and the hard barrier.

At a number of places, such as along Veerweg in Broekhuizen, custom protection will be created.

BYPASS

The existing N270 trunk road will be diverted around the heart of Wanssum. From the direction of Venray, a new four-kilometre-long road will bend northwards and cross a 9-metre-high bridge over the industrial port to the east of the village before reconnecting with the existing road at Koninginnebrug bridge.

Both a tunnel and a bicycle bridge will be constructed to ensure safe crossings for cyclists.