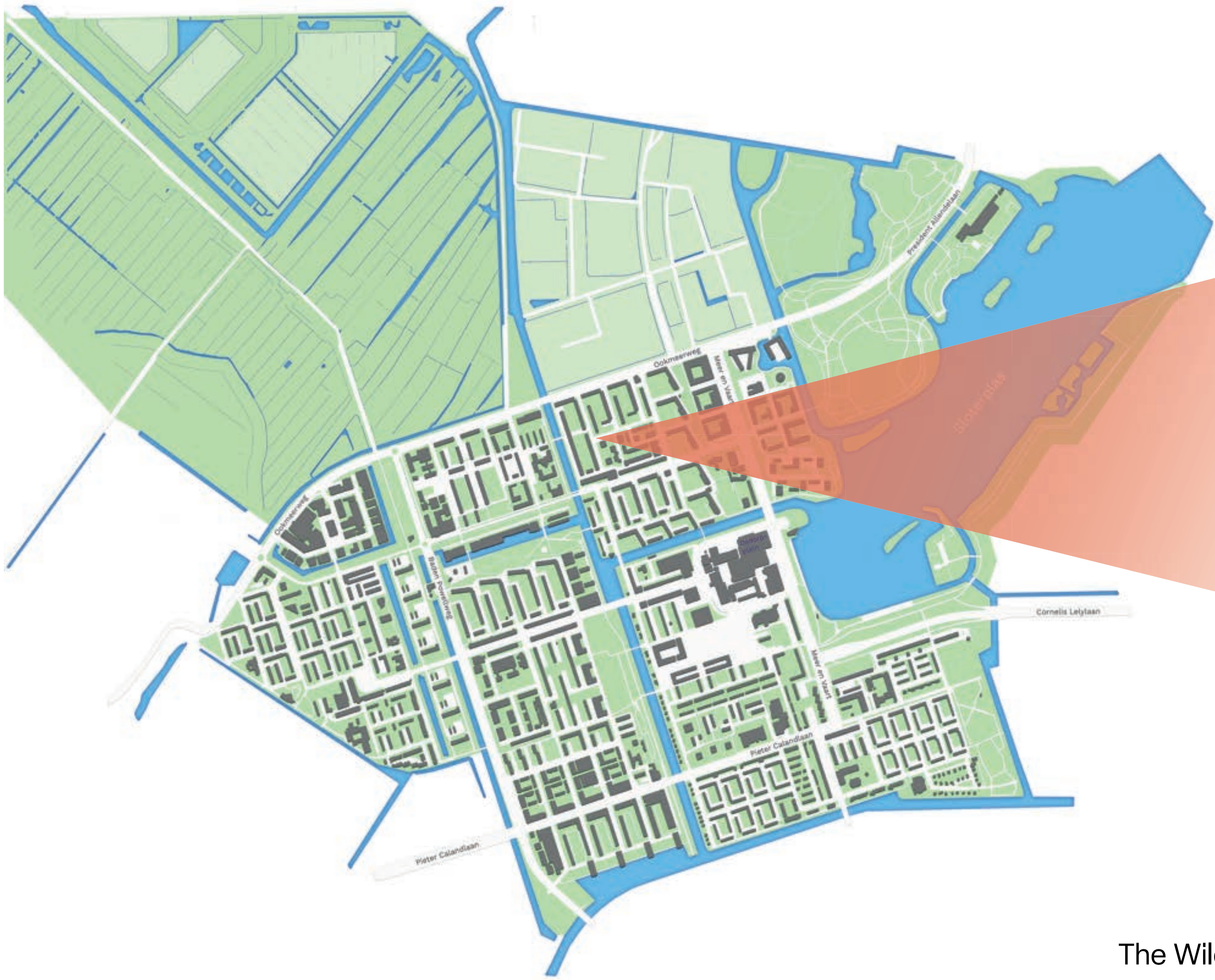


# Wildemanbuurt

## map/location



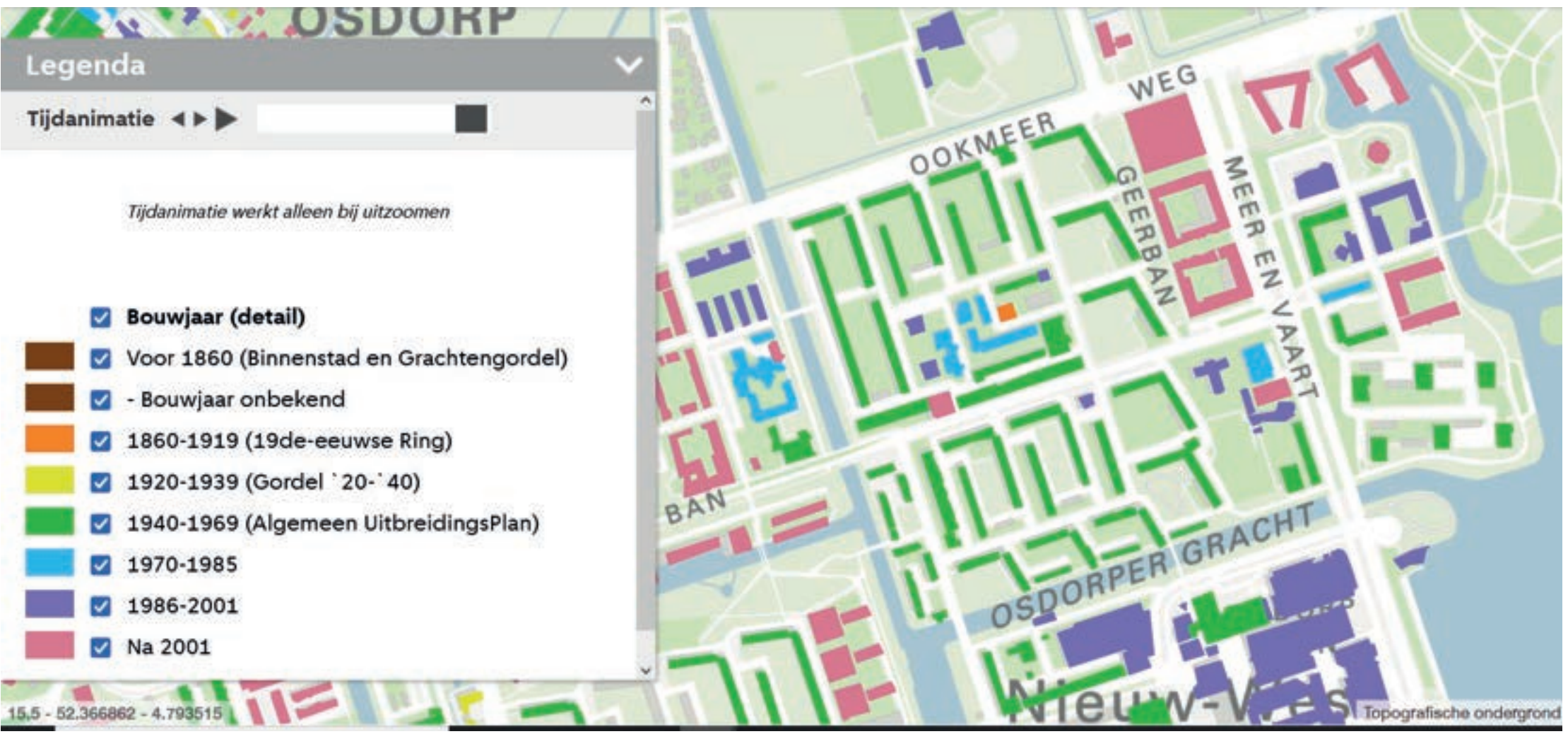
Area	365.000 m²
Built area	60.000 m²
Green area	100.000 m²
Population	5005 ppl
Partners	Lijstje van samenwerkingsverband

The Wildemanbuurt is a neighbourhood in the district of Osdorp in Amsterdam. It is situated in the Nieuw West area, a part of Amsterdam that was built in the post-war period and which is considered to be a prime example of urban design following CIAM principles. It has large apartment buildings with a lot of green space and air in between them. While this initially made the area popular with people fleeing the more hectic city centre, the flaws of these urban design ideas quickly became apparent. Mainly, the neighbourhood isn't built at a human scale, and this has its effects on the community there.

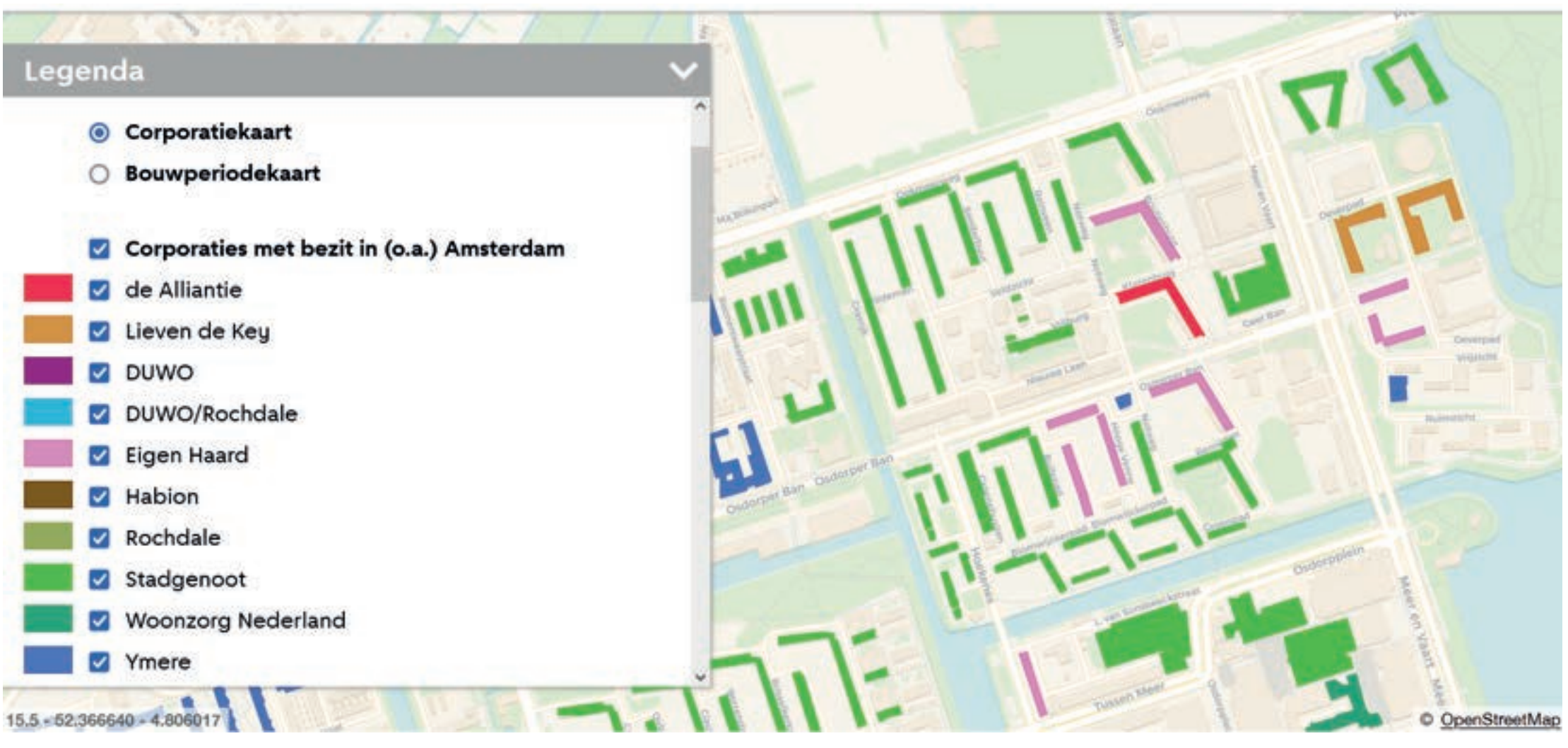
## the site

The neighbourhood houses around 5000 people. There are a lot of elderly people, as well as a lot of children and teenagers in families with a large number of children. These families often live in relatively small houses for how many people there are. The Wildemanbuurt is also quite diverse: it is inhabited by people of 75 nationalities and of even more different cultural backgrounds. The cultural knowledge that people still carry about food and gardening, along with the fact that the Wildemanbuurt has so much green space and is situated at the edge of the city, makes it a uniquely interesting place for urban farming and community projects.

The Wildemanbuurt is also often framed in Dutch media as a problem area full of criminals. Many people live in poverty, and they feel forgotten by the municipal government and social housing corporations, who make plans and promises but often don't end up delivering. As a result, trust in institutions is low in the neighbourhood. That said, there certainly is more to the Wildemanbuurt than crime; it is also a place where people come together and make things work, despite the challenges that they face.



Building year map



Ownership map





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## area qualities



## vision

The vision for the Wildemanbuurt doesn't limit itself to housing and ecological sustainability; it encompasses social and economic sustainability as well and achieves this both through housing and through other programming to make it a better overall living environment.

Our vision is a neighbourhood in which the inhabitants form a close-knit community; they feel ownership over the Wildemanbuurt, they feel agency in the changes happening in the Wildemanbuurt, they work together in making those changes. We want to promote the democratisation of public housing policy, city planning and programme making in the neighbourhood through co-design. Challenges faced by the inhabitants, such as loneliness, health, unemployment, and biodiversity are tackled by citizen-led and citizen-initiated cooperatives.

These cooperatives work from community hubs, such as Station Wildeman and The Beach, where citizens can find each other and find help navigating the institutions that the neighbourhood is beholden to. Through these hubs and other organisations, Wildeman becomes a pedagogic neighbourhood in which people can gain the skills needed to give shape to their neighbourhood.

There are opportunities to transform paved areas and low-biodiversity greenery into urban farming spaces. In particular the courtyards between buildings would be a great place for this, as they could serve as a way to create communities out of people who live close together. Additionally, developments for the energy transition are sorely needed in the neighbourhood: houses are poorly insulated, largely use natural gas for heating and cooking, and there are still many roofs without solar panels.



## future activities timeline