

The project: Vecht PES case study

- Phase I (2011): Very pragmatic, interview based approach to elicit central ES
 - Results consulted with water managers and other central stakeholders
- Main Outcomes:
 - ES seems to be a good approach for integrating perspectives
 - Promising for further cooperation
 - Now go for a specific PES scheme >>
- **Phase II of the project in the Vecht basin (2012 – 2013): *Developing a proposal for a regional scheme on payments for ecosystem services***

Case Study: *Developing a proposal for a regional scheme on payments for ecosystem services in the transboundary Vecht region*



Wetland restoration measure

Deichrückverlegung und
Auenentwicklung an der Vechte bei Laar

Realignment of flood
protection bank

Lowering of soil level
through didgging. Creation
of soft / hard wood
wetland

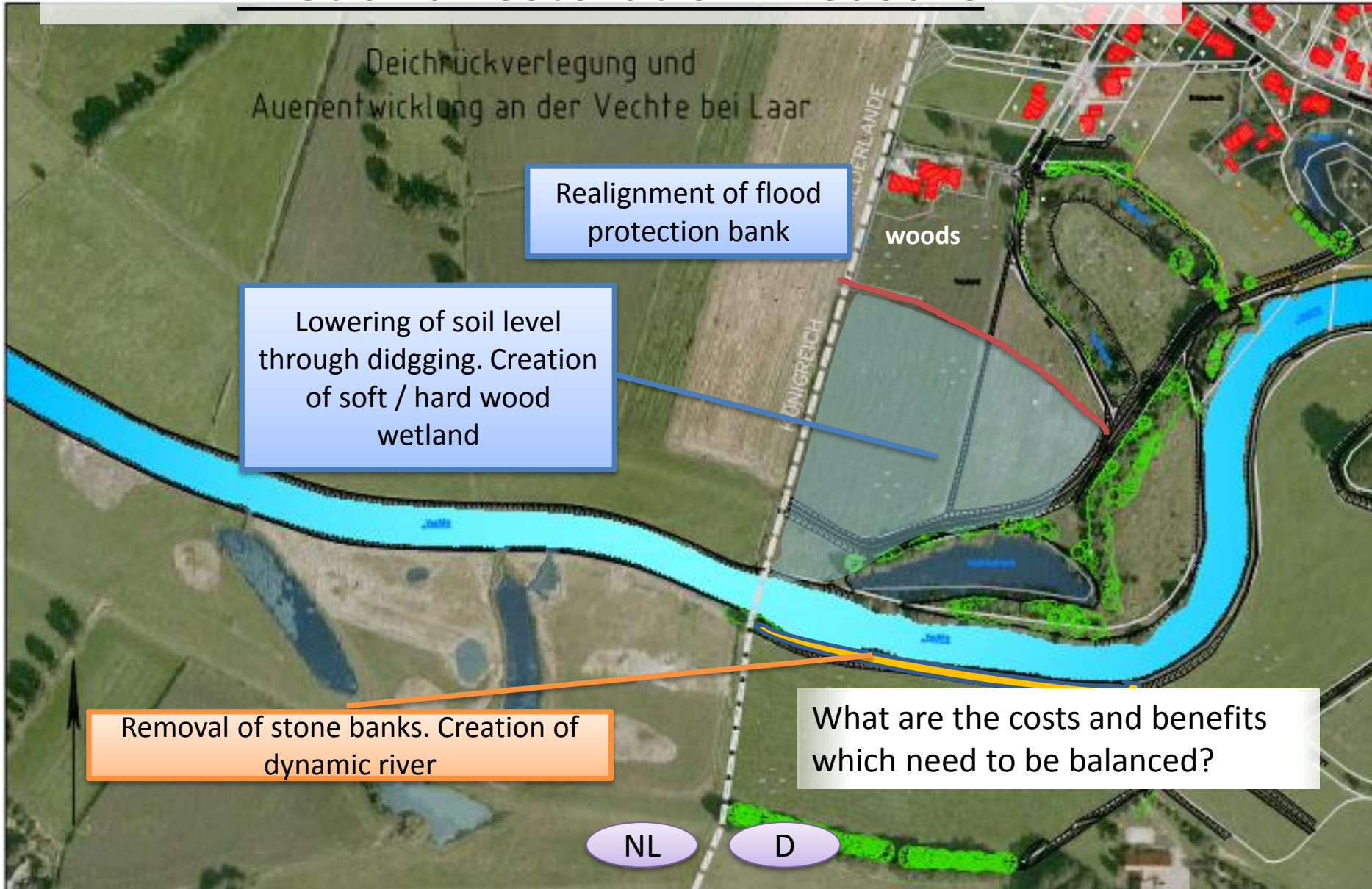
woods

Removal of stone banks. Creation of
dynamic river

What are the costs and benefits
which need to be balanced?

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PES Approach: Emphasizing the benefits of a ecological sound Vecht valley

A change of perspective: from „ecosystems are victims to anthropogenic activities“

Agriculture

Recreation

Regional pressures

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economic activities

Water management



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... towards the acknowledgement of the Vecht valley as a source for specific (also competing) benefits