

Effective soil subsidence reduction of pealtlands by pressurized drainage in polder Spengen, the Neterlands

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Location: polder Spengen, the Netherlands







Location: Topography

Topografische kaart Nederland (november 2015)





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Location: Soil map





Location: Heightmap

Hoogtekaart (Actueel Hoogtebestand Nederland 3)







Goals of the pilot project

1. Apply new technique in practice

2. To quantify and qualify the effects of subsurface drainage (combined with pressurized drainage) on a broad range of environmental and agricultural aspects, such as:

- Groundwatertable
- Soil Subsidence
- Water quantity (inlet)
- Water quality
- Grass quality
- Bearing capacity field
- Meadow birds



Method: Pressurized submerged drainage (infiltration)

Pressure water reservoir, Even more constant groundwatertable



WATER INFILTREREN

- Dry period
- High water pressure
- Increase infiltration



WATER DRAINEREN

- Wet period
- Low water pressure
- Increase drainage



Method: Full automatic system

Groundwater observation well



Datacable

B061



Waterreservoir

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PLC/Computer











Groundwatertable farmer van Herk (july 2016 - april 2018)





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Groundwatertable farmer S. Scherpenzeel (period may 2018 - september 2018)









Groundwatertable farmer J. Scherpenzeel (period july 2016 - april 2018)





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Method: Soil movement



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Conclusions

- Pressurized drainage successfully influenced groundwatertables during (extreme dry) summer 2018
- Groundwatertable remains between 30 and 50 cm below surface
- Soil conductivity limits "artificial" groundwater rise
- Prelimenary results look promising in reducing soil subsidence rate
- Widespread application limited by high costs technique, mainly because of power source and automatisation



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Thank you for your attention

Questions?