

Project 'Hondsrugkanaal'

Lock flight and quays in the Oosterbos

The partnership Roelofs - J.C. Krans - Hoornstra welcomes you on the construction site of the new lock flight for the 'Hondsrugkanaal'!

The start of the tendering phase, the 21st of March, was also the start for this partnership. At this date, five parties were invited to participate in the tendering procedure for the engineering and construction of the "Hondsrugkanaal".

The province of Drenthe has assessed the five plans, as written by the five parties, scoring both on price and quality. This scoring led to the awarding of the project to the partnership of Roelofs - Krans - Hoornstra.

The E&C project 'Hondsrugkanaal' consists of the following:

- Digging a canal of approximately 3 kilometers;
- Building a lock flight with an operators room and wildlife corridor near the lock;
- Building three bridges across the canal (located at the Vastenow and N862/'STER' location);
- Reconstructing the roads N862 and Vastenow;
- Building quays (=kades) in the 'Oosterbos' to protect the peat moor (=hoogveen);
- Reconstructing the sewage located under the Vastenow;
- Engineering and constructing cycle paths alongside the 'Hondsrugkanaal';
- Making the 'Hondsrugkanaal' attractive for recreation by creating:
 - A recreational area with a small playground near the lock;
 - An observation deck on top of the operators room;
 - An interactive website with information about the lock;
 - A Wi-Fi point near the lock.



At this moment the project is at the preparation phase. The construction of temporary roads and bridges will start in the beginning of November, 2011 after which the excavation activities can start. To reduce traffic nuisance to a minimum, the excavated material will be transported over the route of the canal instead of over public roads. The project will be completed before the 1st of May, 2013 after which tourists and boaters will be able to use the canal for recreational purposes!