


Case studies

Title of case study: Manhood Peninsula Partnership							
Keywords: Coordination; communication; inter-sectoral; partnership							
Audience: Local level of various professional and community organisations							
Messages in the ESPACE strategy to which the case study applies:	1.	2.	3.	4.X	5.	6.	7.
	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.X	13.X	14.
Sentences linking the case study to relevant strategy messages: 4, 12. & 13 The Manhood Peninsula Partnership is an excellent local level example of cooperation between all organisations involved in managing the peninsula, now and in the future. It includes both politicians and technicians within spatial planning and other organisations, as well as community groups. By working together in ‘association’, they are more effective.							
Elements of ‘Guidance’ to which the case study applies:				‘Tool’ to which the case study applies: Stakeholder Engagement Framework			
Photo/diagram/map: Members of the Manhood Peninsula Partnership launching the Adaptation Action Plan.				 <p>Overview: After raising public awareness of the issue that rising sea levels and changing weather patterns would significantly impact the vulnerable Manhood Peninsula, two residents raised money to organise an international planning workshop, with leading coastal, planning and environmental experts from the Netherlands and UK. Recommendations for improved cooperation and communication between responsible bodies and the local communities, and support from local residents and agencies led to the formation of the Manhood Peninsula Partnership.</p>			

Description:

In March 2001, planning, water and coastal management, infrastructure and environmental specialists from the Netherlands and the UK studied the Manhood Peninsula and its future options during an intensive five-day workshop entitled “Going Dutch on the Manhood Peninsula”. The workshop participants examined conflicting problems associated with land-use functions including water management; coastal defence; pressure for development; environmental and infrastructure issues; agriculture, industry and leisure/ tourism; maintaining sustainable communities and increasing community awareness and participation. They also looked at the additional problems likely to arise from climate change and put forward various sustainable options for the area’s long-term future.

The Going Dutch workshop brought together a large number of interested parties from statutory agencies and local authorities to local non-statutory interest groups and the general public. A follow-up meeting was organised on 24th July 2001 jointly by West Sussex County Council, Chichester District Council and the workshop’s organisers. It included many of the relevant agencies involved in the area as well as local community and regional government representatives. At the meeting it was agreed that the work would be taken forward by a project steering group. The Manhood Peninsula Partnership has been formed to continue to bring these parties together to help progress the initial ideas from the workshop and to discuss the problems and issues of the Peninsula.

Aims

1. To improve and promote inter-sectoral integration, co-ordination, communication and understanding between those involved in the Manhood Peninsula.
2. To provide opportunities for wider community participation and interaction.
3. To develop and implement, or assist with implementing, guidelines, strategies and action plans.
4. To ensure the sustainable development of the Peninsula for the benefit of future generations and to consider long-term issues such as climate change.
5. To explore and research different options and the need to learn from other areas.

Since initiating the project ‘A Climate for Change on the Manhood Peninsula’ requests for membership continue.

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Further information:

1. Stakeholder Engagement Framework (WSCC 2007)
2. Manhood Peninsula Adaptation Action Plan (WSCC/MPP 2006)