

Land consolidation as a tool in the green transition

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Short introduction to:

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Danish Green transition agreements:

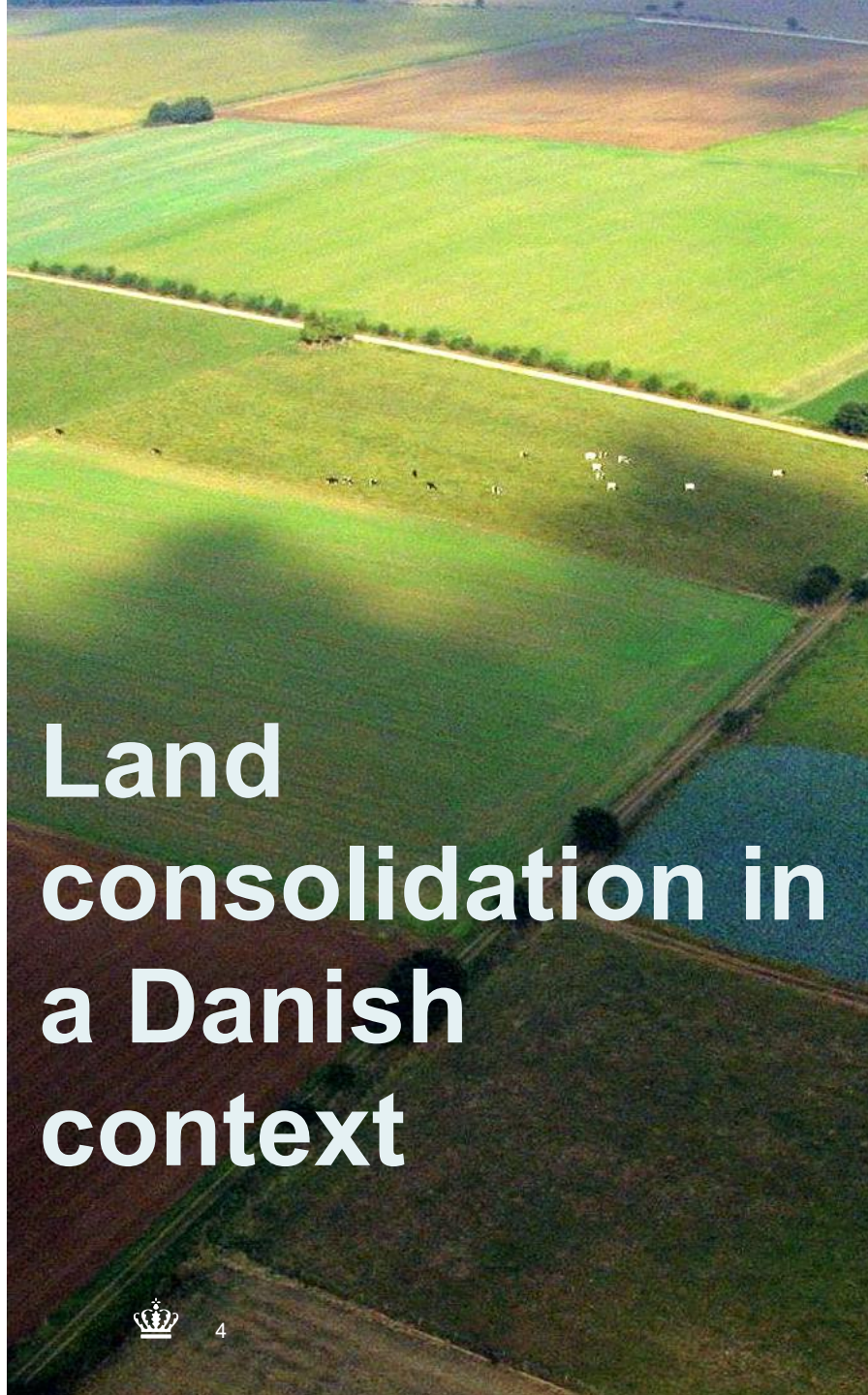
1. The agreement on the green transition of Danish agriculture (2021)
2. The Agreement on a Green Denmark (2024)
3. Implementation of a Greener Denmark (2024)

Program

Land consolidation in a Danish context

Questions





Land consolidation in a Danish context

Commission:

Chair:

Judge

Appointed representatives:

- 1) Financial sector
- 2) The national association of municipalities
- 3) Danish Agriculture & Food Council

Participation by chair and 1 is mandatory

Participation by one of 2 or 3 is mandatory

Land Consolidation:

Principle of voluntary participation

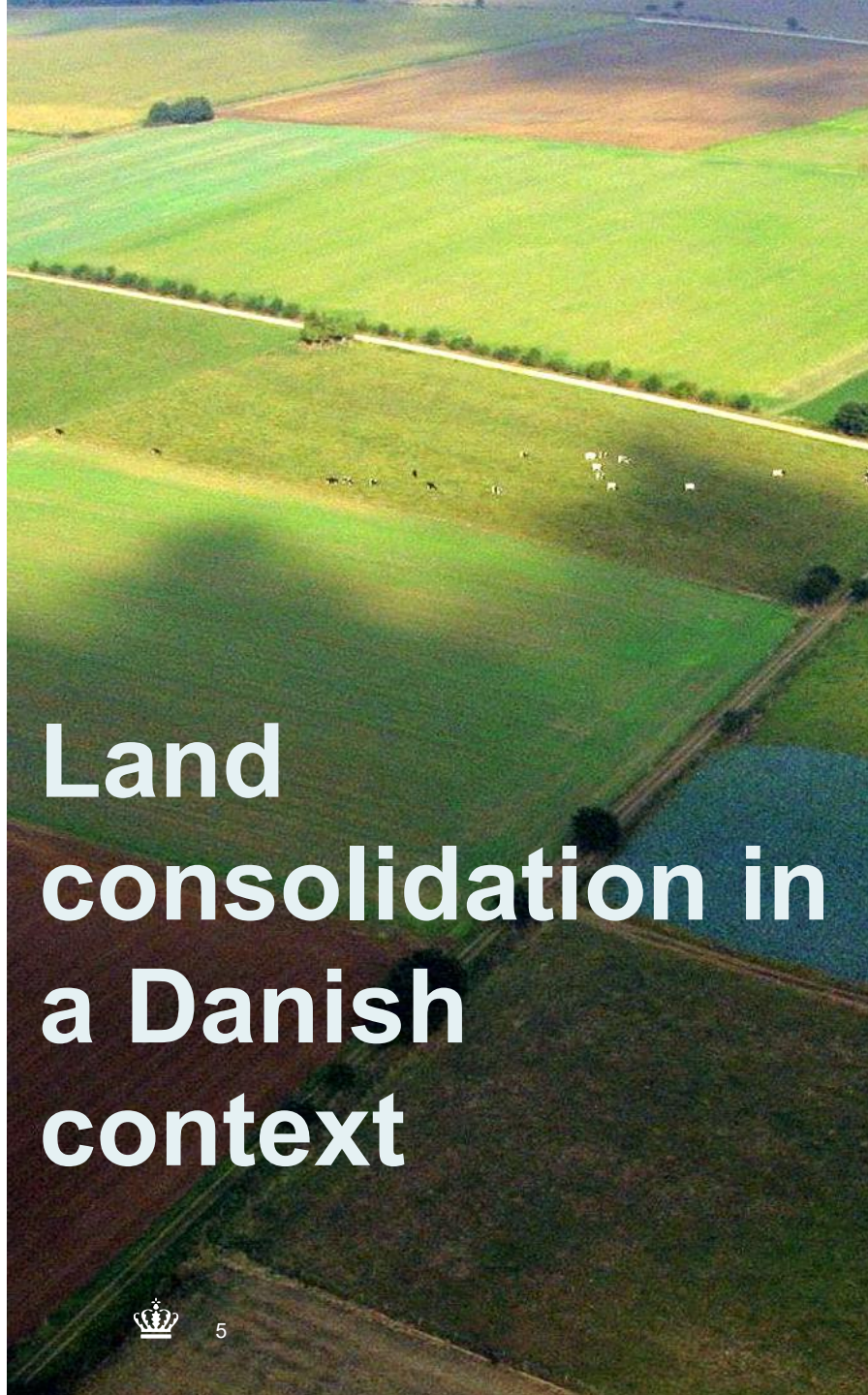
(forced participation is possible under certain circumstances – but unused)

Valuation:

3-5 land owners

1 crop consultant with local knowledge appointed by land owners

1 assessor appointed by The Danish Agency for Green Land Use and Aquatic Environment



Land consolidation in a Danish context

- 1) **better commercial utilisation of agricultural properties by improving the structural and reparable conditions** through the land consolidation of agricultural land.
- 2) **contribute to implementation of projects for the preservation and improvement of natural and environmental values in open country**, including the establishment of recreational areas and nature and national parks, the implementation of nature restoration projects, nature management, afforestation, drinking water protection and international obligations in the field of nature and the environment, etc.,
- 3) **contribute to development in rural districts by improving the structural conditions and reparable conditions**, taking into account nature, the environment and landscape values,
- 4) to contribute to land reorganisation to mitigate the agricultural inconveniences caused by non-agricultural activities in agricultural areas,
- 5) to procure replacement areas for affected agricultural properties in connection with the implementation of the project types mentioned in items 2-4 and
- 6) to enable the establishment and preservation of allotment gardens

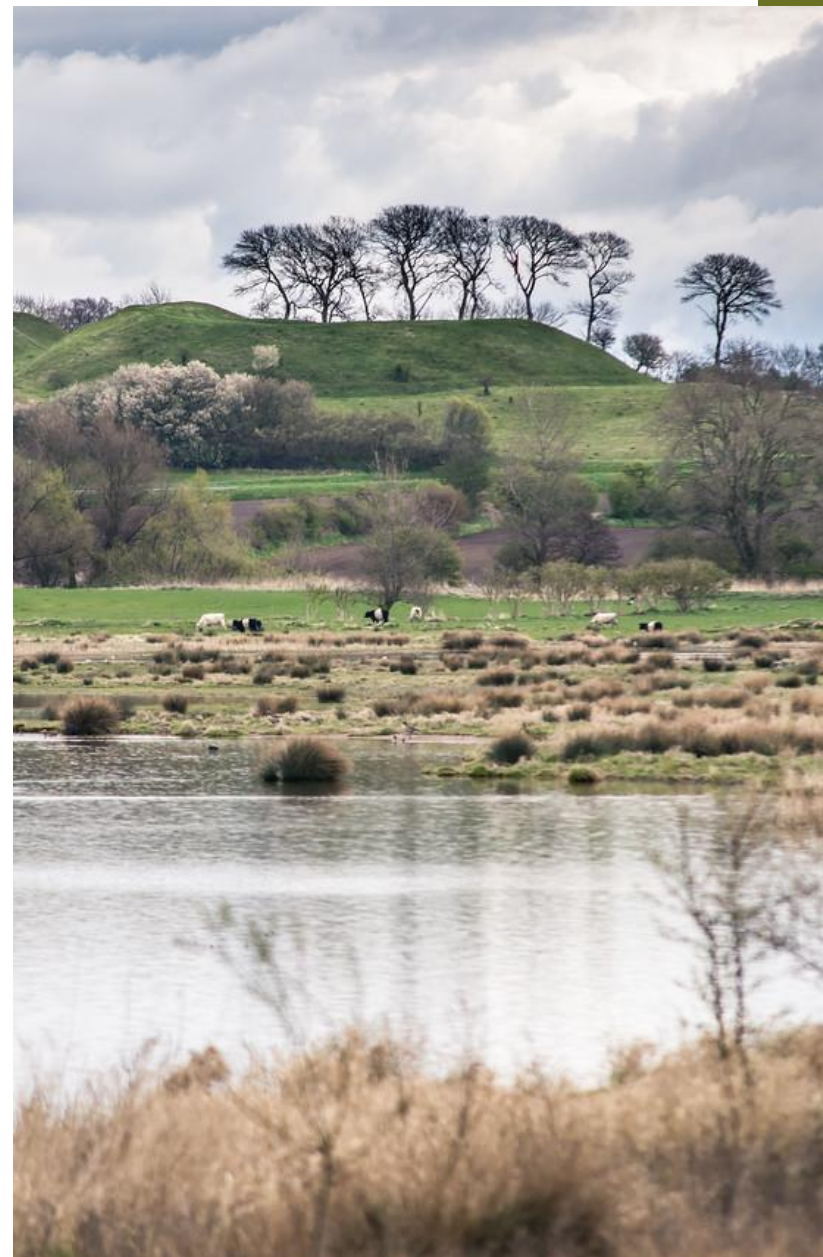
Key elements of the agreement

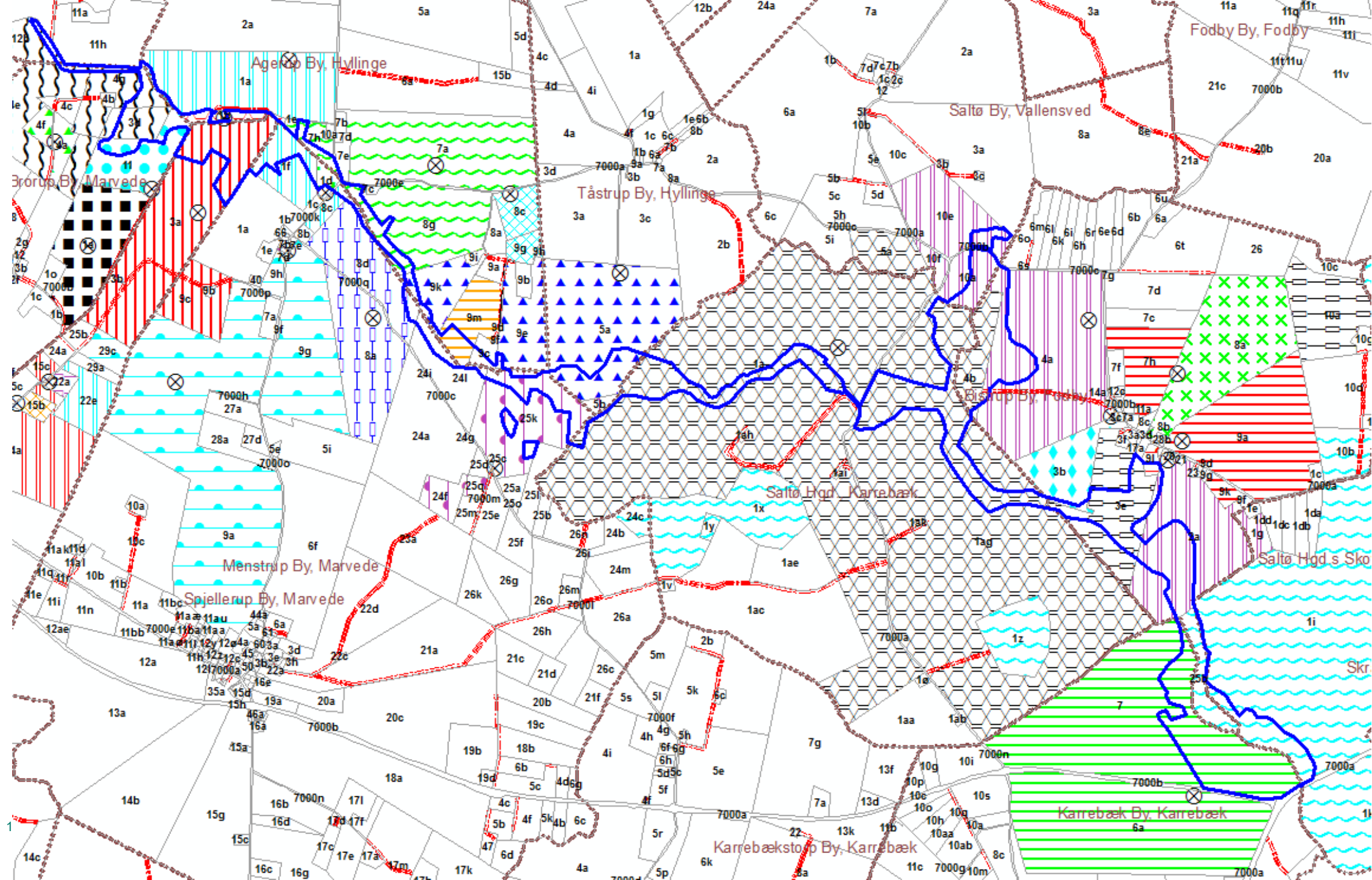
Forests, nature and biodiversity

Afforestation of 250,000 hectares, incl. 100.000 hectares unmanaged forest

Re-wetting of of 140,000 hectares carbon-rich drained peatlands

Much more nature in Denmark:
7 new national nature parks





Key elements of the agreement

Strong local ownership

23 **local tripartite groups** to be established throughout Denmark

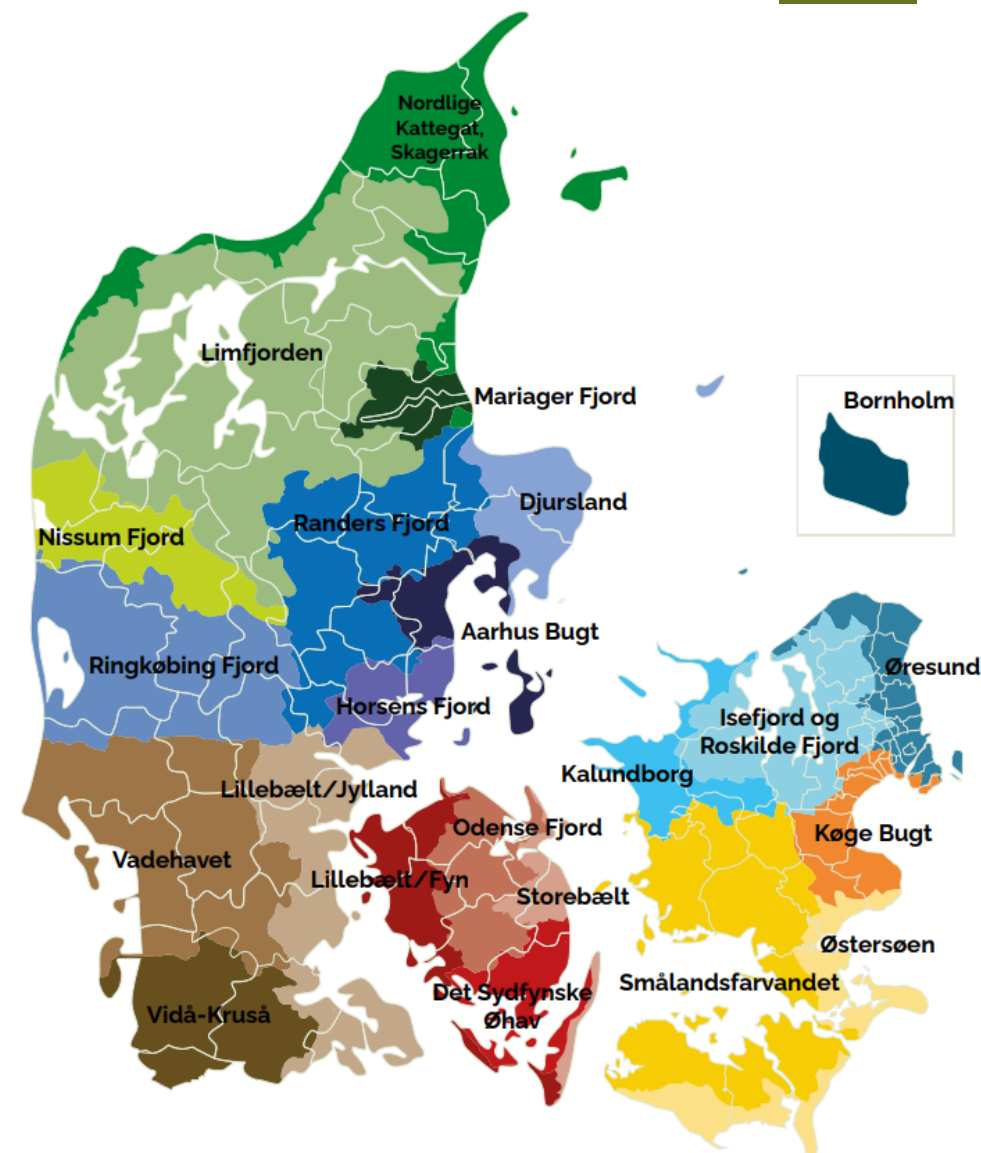
Land consolidation planners are invited to participate in *most* the groups

Groups include municipalities, agricultural and nature organizations, and the Danish Society for Nature Conservation

Incl. municipalities and The Danish Nature Agency

Local conversion plans by the end of 2025

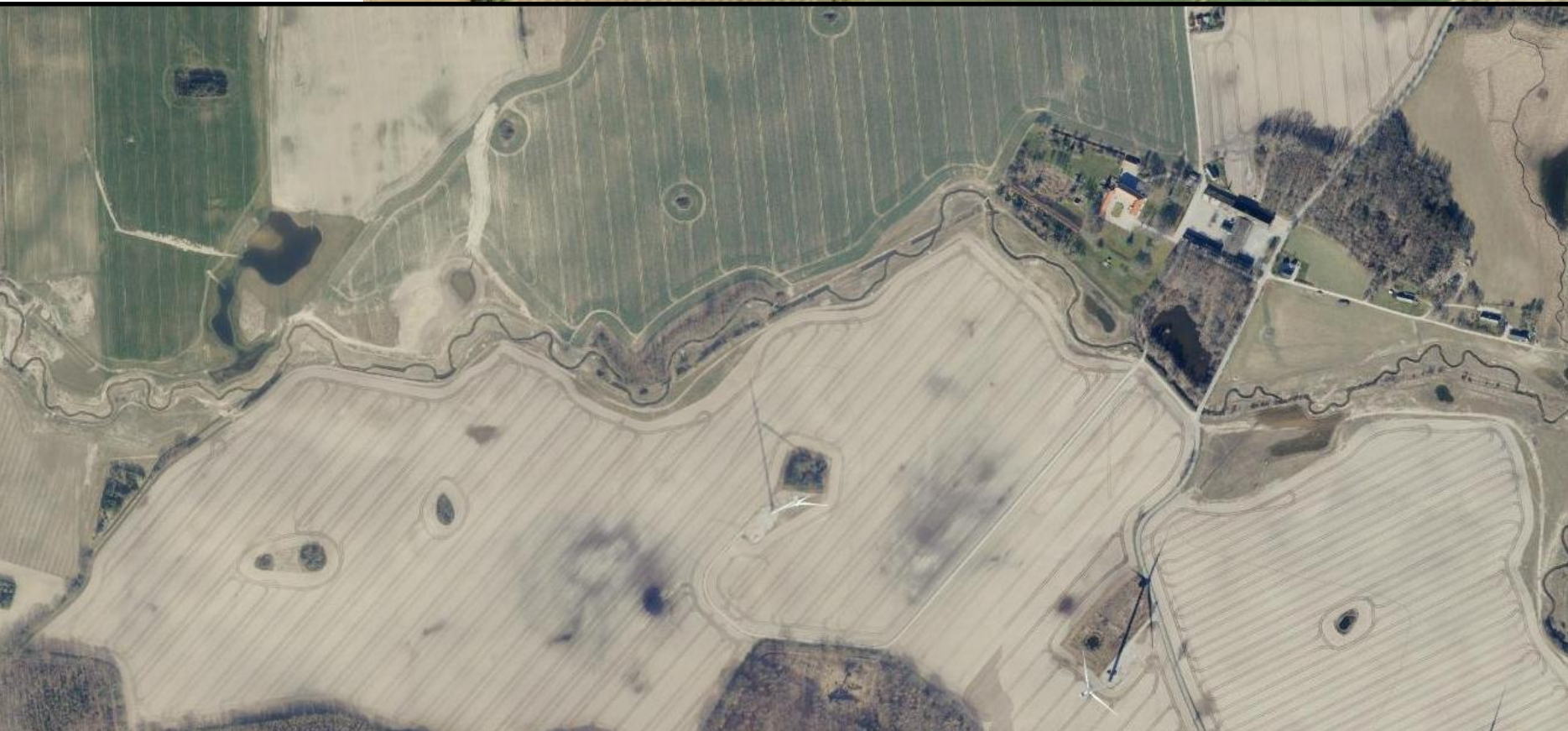
To implement plans a key tool will be **land consolidation** and **land banking**



Before



After



Status

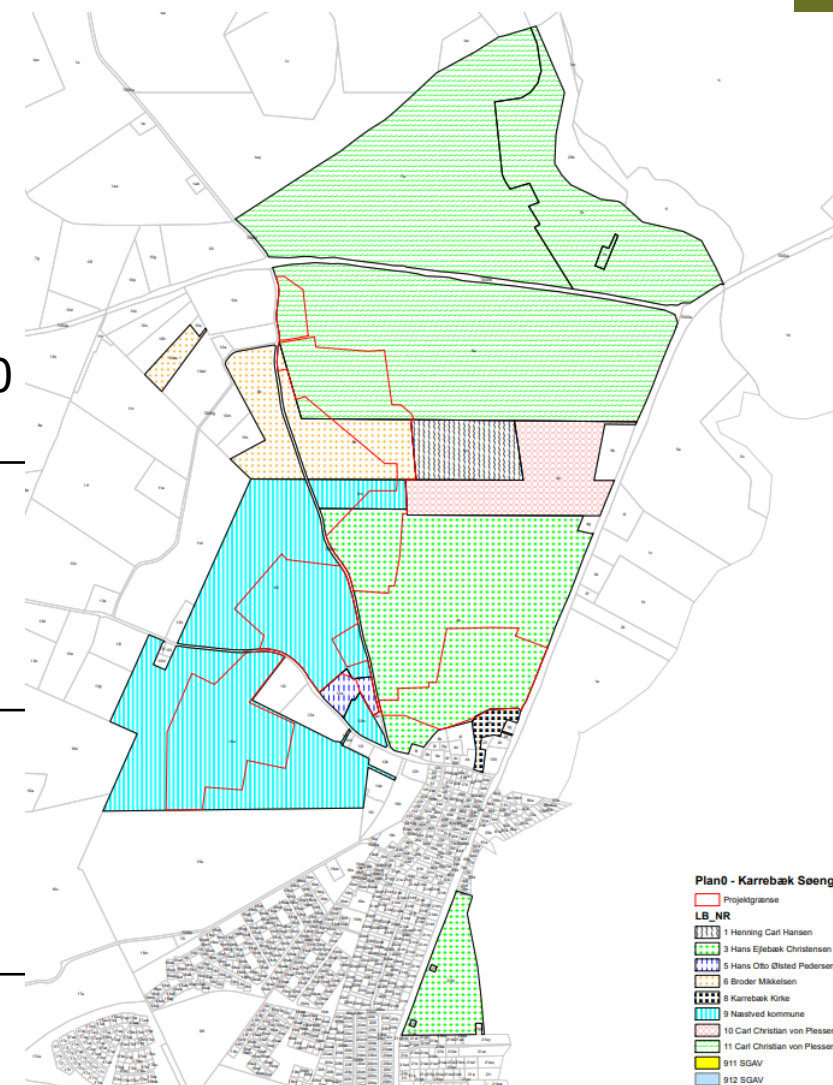
2024 30 land consolidations, 700 participating properties, 5.700 ha

2025 (January – now) 34 land consolidations, 700, properties, 5300

2022 & 2023 2.800 hectares ready for conversion to wetlands

2024 2.830 hectares

Currently 40 planners, 50 from 1st of January 2026



Questions

