Aging population (baby boomers)
Vacancy green
Monuments
Public spaces + major pedestrian flows
HISTORICAL MINES AND COLONIES
THE NETHERLANDS, PARKSTAD, HEERLEN

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AVERAGE DUTCH INCOME PER YEAR
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REGIONAL/LARGER SCALE ANALYSIS
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Decentralisation policy tries to bring jobs to the south of Limburg as compensation for the lost mining jobs. With a decreasing population the region is looking for other attractive functions, like big box shopping clusters. Another strategy adopted is creating a park city region: "going from black to green".

The prime minister announces the closure of the mines. All the mines are closed and most of their buildings get demolished. Industrialisation and modernisation of mining.