

## Breaking the trend

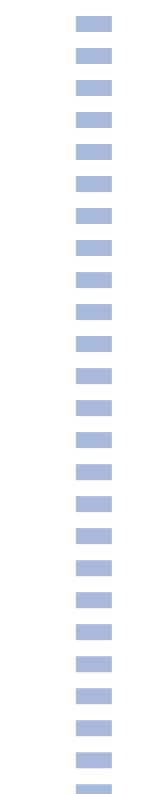
The land behind the river embankments is

was extremely high and the dikes just managed to hold their own. Extremely high river bec2()ming m2()re heavily used and populateddischarges will occur m(o)2()re f()requently in the M2() re h2() mes a() re being built and afflue(d)2/h() \(\mu(\pi)\) \(

find a way f(o)2()r rivers to cope with g()reater volumes of(o) water in a safe manner.

In 2006 the Cabinet d() rew up the Spatial Planning Key Decisi(o)2()n R(o)2()om f(o)2()r the Riv (SPKD) (Planologische Kernbeslissi(o)ng Ruimte vo@)r de Rivier)which has three objectives:

- ~ in 2015 the Rhine branches will safely cope with an outlet capacity of(o) 16,000 cubic(o) metres of(o) water per sec2()nd;
- ~ the measures implemented to achieve the above will also improve the quality of(o) the environment of(o) the(o) river basin;
- ~ the extra s2(j)2(e)2(c)e the rivers will need throughout the c2()ming decades



Once Parliament has approved the SPKD Room for the River, implementation of the measures can begin. Several steps must still

