





### Vroendaal Natural Gas Free

1<sup>st</sup> Residents Meeting

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### Goal

Compare the cost effectiveness and sustainability of natural gas free scenario:

- 1. District heating (50 degrees) assuming a heat source will become available close to the neighbourhood
- **2. District heating** (50 degrees) with heat from an aquifer and a large heat pump
- **3. Cold district heating** an aquifer provides low temperature water for households equipped with very efficient household heat pumps
- **4.** Individual heat pumps. Each household has its own heat pump.



# **Option 1: District heating with a local heat source**









\* Note: passive cooling is only possible if house are equipped with suitable heating systems, such as underfloor heating or low temperature radiators

## **Option 4: Individual heat pumps**





Air-water heat pump





### **Total National Cost – Vroendaal**







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### **Total Cost of Ownership – Vroendaal**





#### TCO/WEQ/jaar



### **Total cost of ownership – Vroendaal 1**





#### TCO/WEQ/jaar





### Conclusions



- District heating is significantly more expressive, even is a relatively cheap local heat source would become available in the future.
- Creating a local heat source with an aquifer and neighbourhood heat pump is even less cost effective and requires more energy.
- Cold district heating is also less cost-effective, compared to a solution with individual heat pumps. It does result in a very low energy consumption for the neighbourhood as a whole. However, the high current in the groundwater layers and geography (composition of the ground layers), make seasonal heat and cold storage impossible and make drilling an aquifer difficult and risky.
- Individual heat pumps are the most cost-effective solution for the neighbourhood. Because Vroendaal is mostly in a water win area, most house will need an air-water heat pump or other type of heat pump without a ground source.