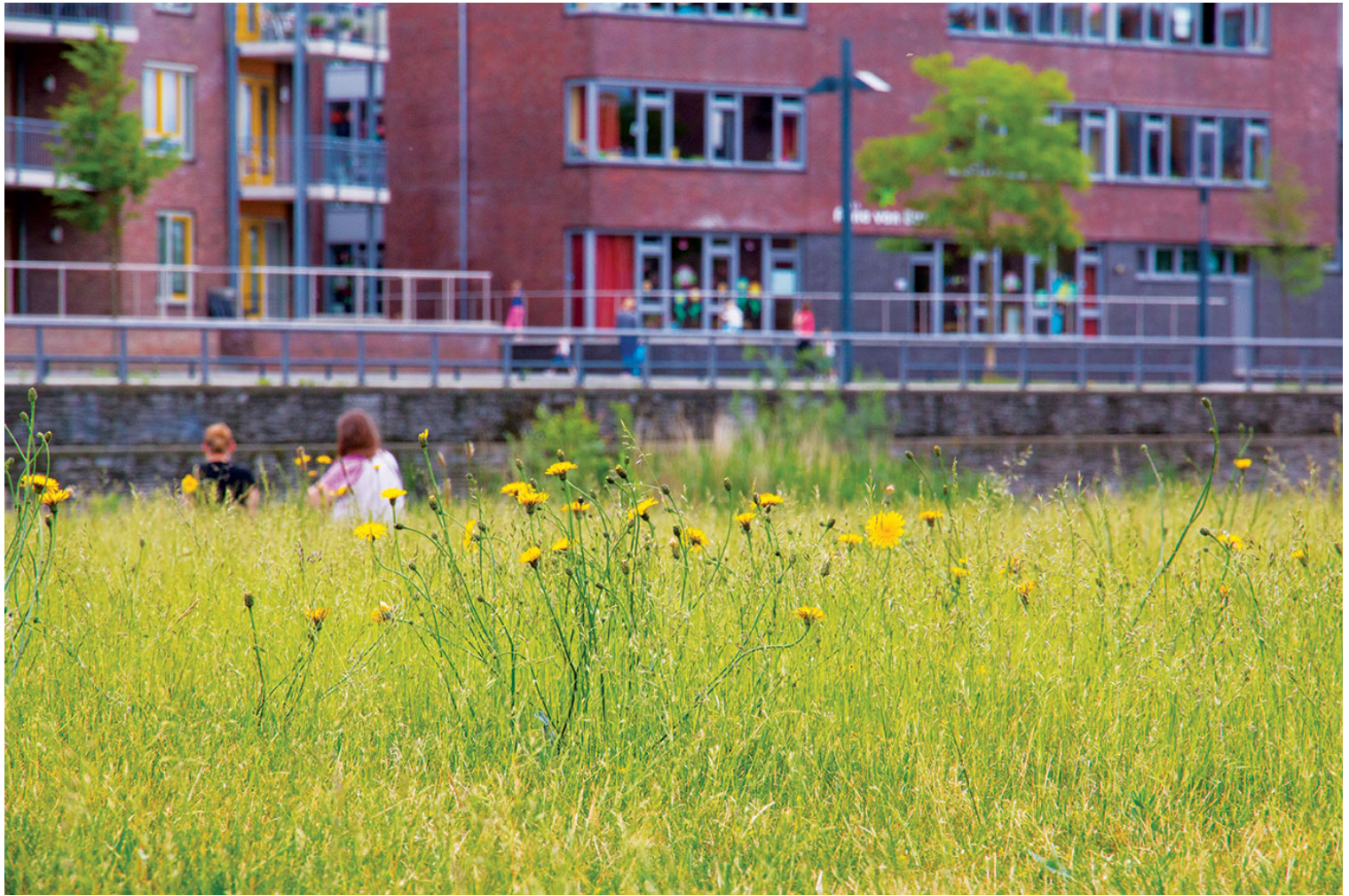


A little bit of wilderness: extensively managed green areas



In abandoned gardens, around dilapidated houses and in other unused areas, flora and fauna can develop uninhibited. This is not only important for the development of nature, but they often also are particularly attractive play and meeting areas for children and youths, as well as for nature-loving adults. These areas are an important instrument for the prevention of vandalism. They are the only places where young people can be free to enjoy themselves. Wilderness of this quality is disappearing due to the compulsive need for order. People need to change the way they think; wilderness cannot be planned. We should conserve the few areas that still exist in cities and perhaps consciously forget certain quiet parts of parks so that they can offer space to species that need a quiet environment.