



A **woonerf** (pronounced *VONE-erf*) is a Dutch street design concept that translates to "living street" or "living yard". It treats roads as shared public spaces rather than just channels for cars, prioritizing pedestrians, cyclists, and community activity. [Wikipedia +3](#)



Key Features

- **No Separation:** Streets have no raised curbs, lane markings, or traditional sidewalks.
- **Traffic Calming:** Instead of speed bumps, designs use physical barriers, landscaping, and textured paving to force drivers to move at a walking pace.
- **Shared Space:** Motor vehicles, pedestrians, and children playing all share the same space equally.
- **Prioritized Play:** The street design allows people to interact socially, sit, and play without constant fear of fast-moving traffic. [Planetizen +5](#)



