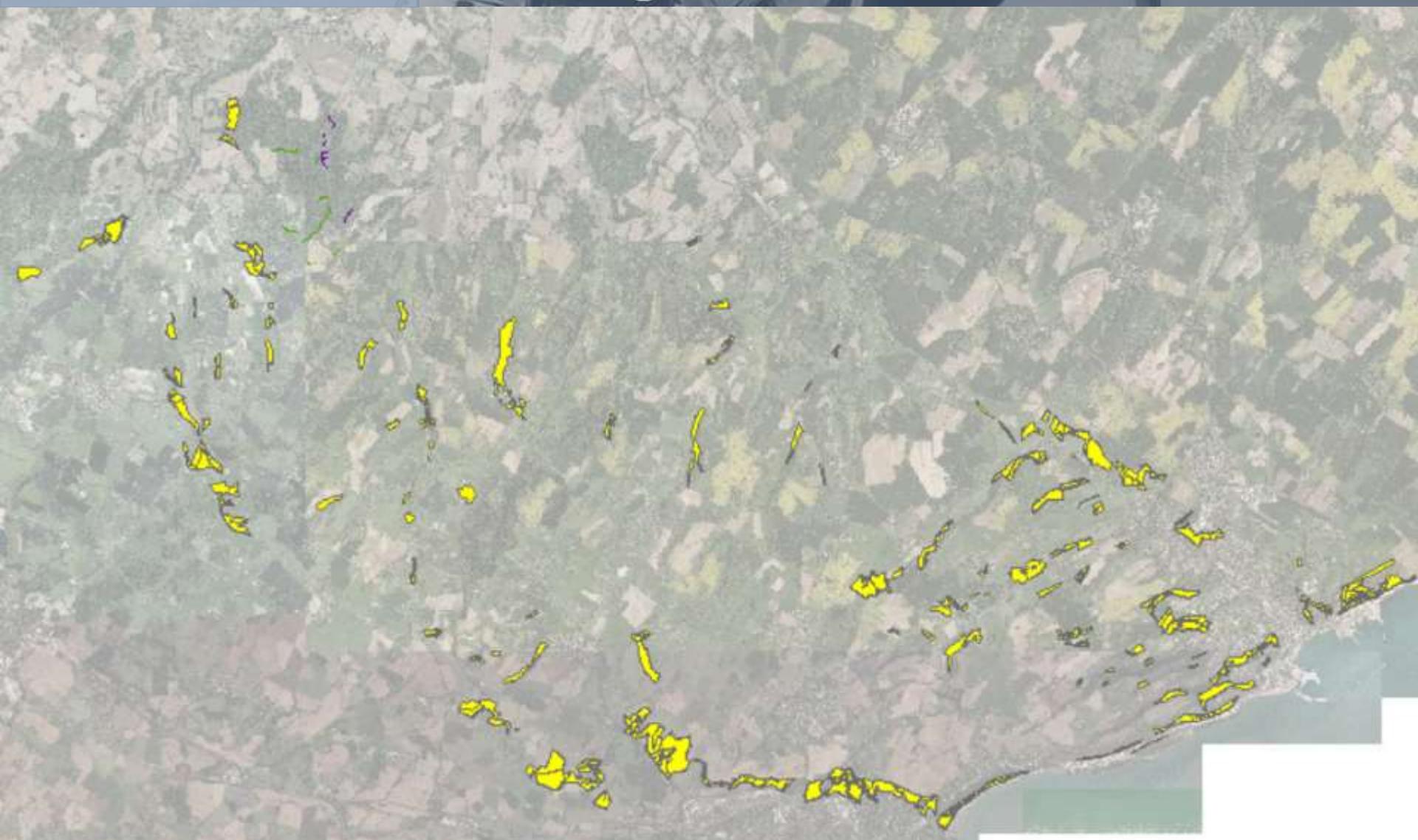


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Setting the scene..... 30 years of AE schemes



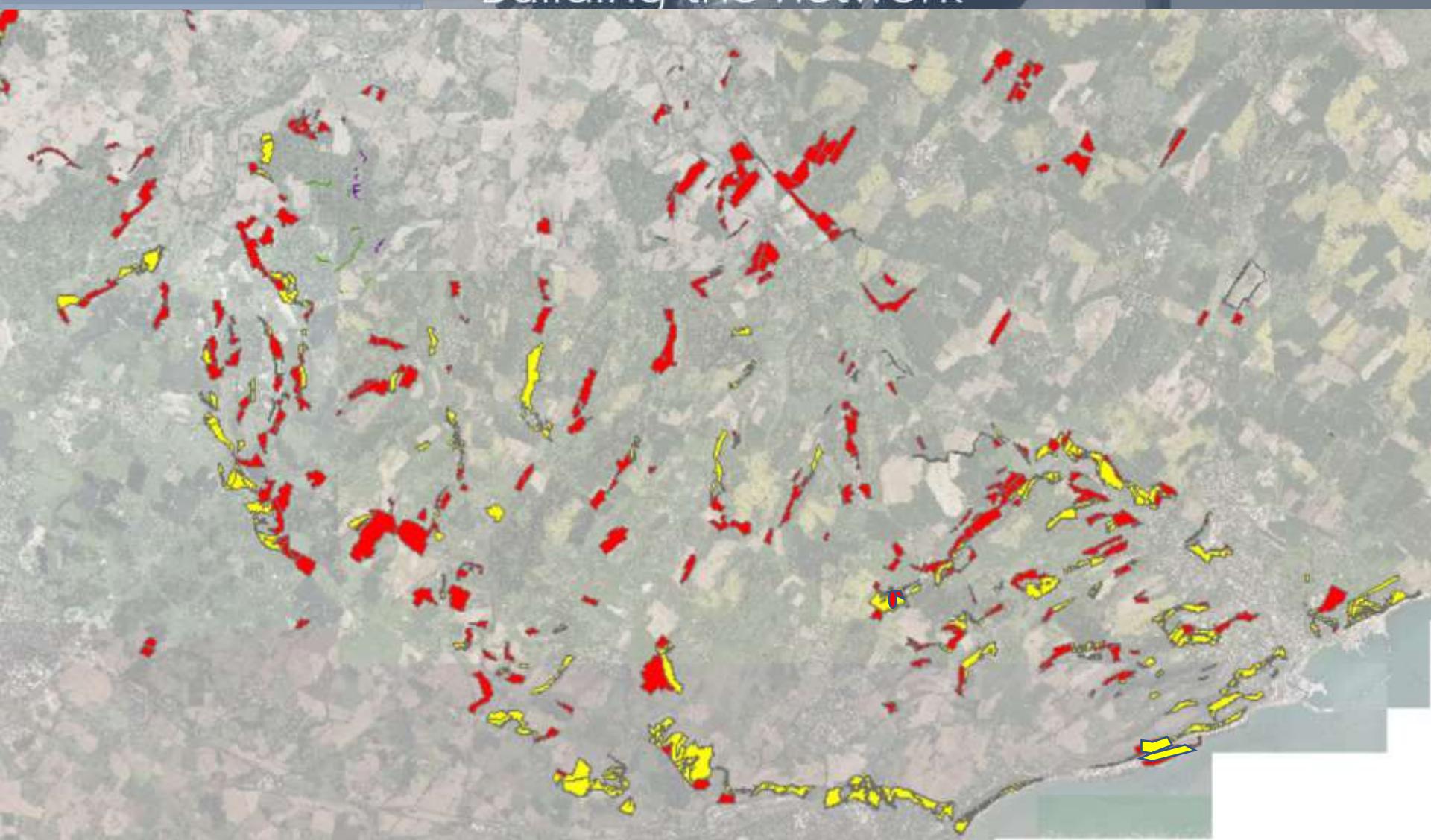
1994 – 1997
Habitat Scheme
(20 year schemes)

Set aside scheme



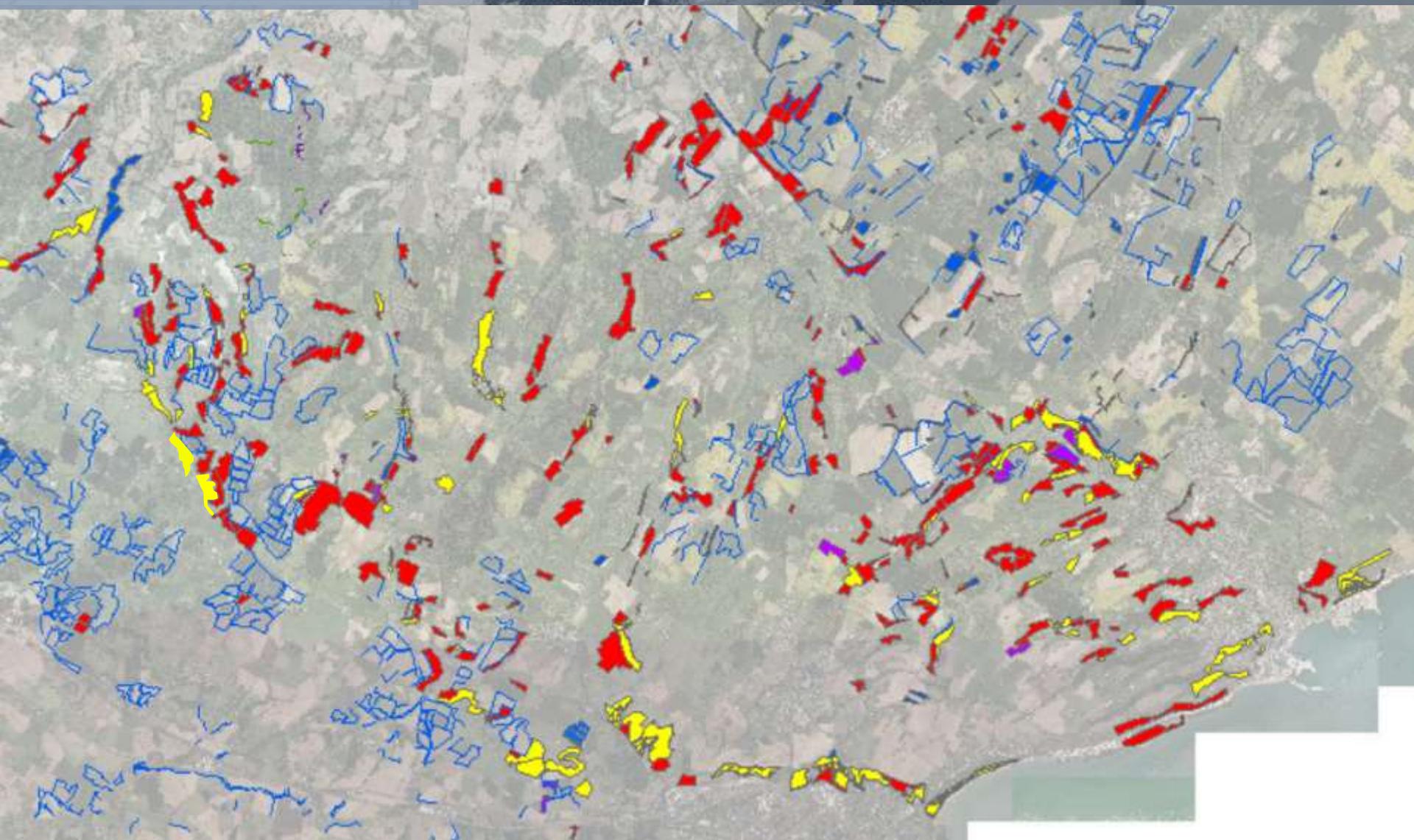
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Working with farms on a 1-1 basis

Long term continuity

Annual intake of new farms/sites – opportunity driven

Focusing on species diverse/wildflower-rich grassland habitat creation

'Landscape' groups of 25 -35 farms

Arable reversion/grassland restoration through natural colonisation



Arable reversion/grassland restoration through green hay spreading







Arable reversion/grassland restoration through native provenance wildflower seeding



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Management

Flexibility and compromise

A mix of grazing, hay cutting/aftermath grazing and non intervention depending on farm's situation

