



# **Cycling Canal and Community Project -**

## **Bangmod Case: Connecting and Reviving Canal Path as Means for People Transportation and Urban Development**

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# 1. Starting point:

**Challenges:** Car dependent city, Air and Noise pollution, Inactive living, Weak culture and community, Waste of beautiful resources and time.

**Opportunities:** Bicycle as a sustainable transportation choice, not on street but on canal side path which if connected to BTS and MRT stations could give people independent, clean, quiet and an active healthy life. Moreover, it could bring back beautiful water culture and community by providing economic opportunity on canal sides.





## 2. Institutional setting:

**Involving community groups, education institutions, government organizations** have move the idea forward and got people to plan for their own future.





### 3. Approach:

**Public survey and participation** were used to share the idea and show possible facility design. **Bicycle trips** were arranged to engage new comers and demonstrated potential transportation choice. **Public arts and events** were launched to draw more attention to the waterway as business front area.





#### 4. Output:

**Local government** organizations have actively **helped to develop**/clean up the area and **promise budget** for the path construction next year.

**Individuals and communities** have started **new businesses** and **biking activities** on the canal sides.



## 5. Lessons:

**Diverse professions teamwork allow diverse output and outcome.**

**Still, culture of working together between community groups and government organizations needed to be built.**





Look for the **beauty of the area** and start thinking and asking with open mind, **form a group** with **similar interest** but **different background**.

