

Rivers, Streams & Waterways: Opportunities + Challenges

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« OPPORTUNITIES

Waterfronts have social and economic values and they create identities for cities. With a well **integrated river-oriented development strategy** and **alignment of investment** on water-related infrastructure, many of the urban stresses can be resolved to create a more livable outcome.



- Restored Flow Regime
- Improved Water Quality
- Integrated Flood Control
- Ecological Enhancement

- Enhanced Livability
- Drives Economic
- More residents living, working and playing near water

- Recreation
- Healthy Places
- Social Parity
- Public Accessibility

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River of Life

Kuala Lumpur



Three components



Entry Point Project (EPP) in the Greater Kuala Lumpur/Klang Valley National Key Economic Area under the Economic Transformation Programme.

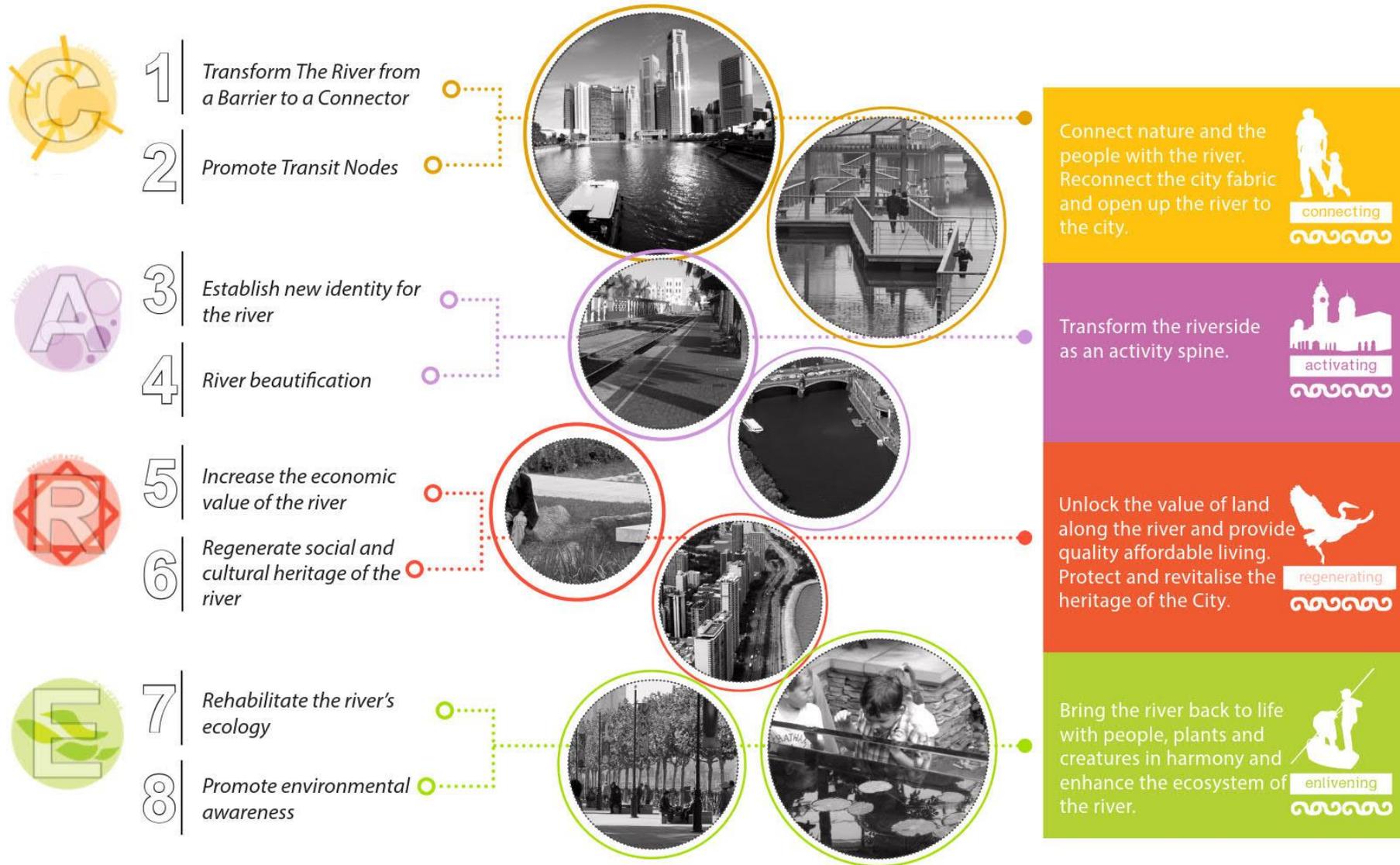
The goal is to transform the rivers into a vibrant and thriving waterfront by 2020.

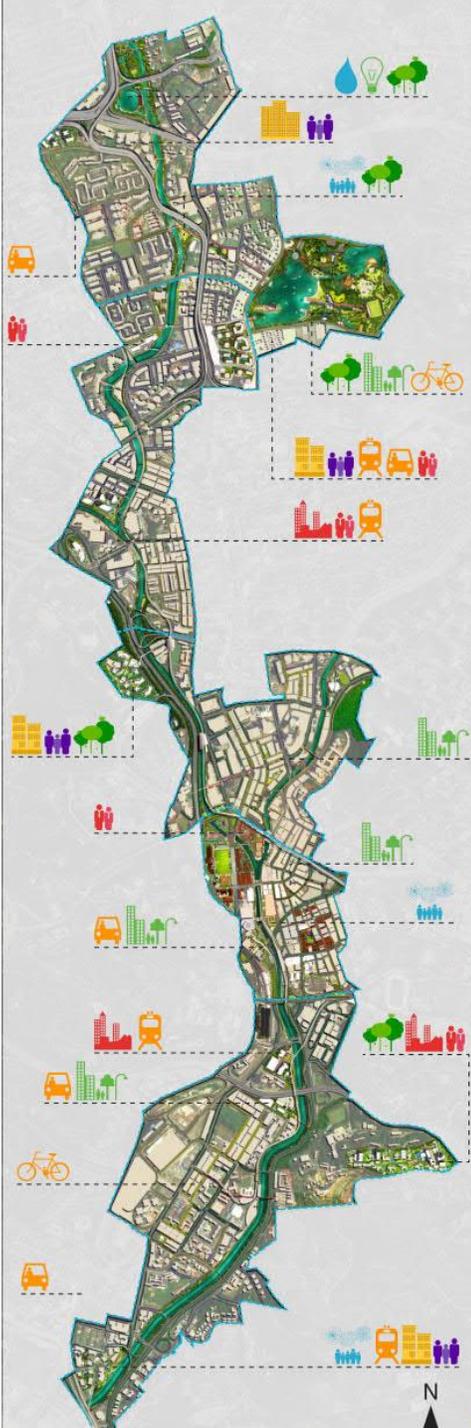


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● Masjid Jamek

● Bangunan Sultan Abdul Samad

Jalan Raja



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JALAN KINABALU

MERDEKA
SQUARE

JALAN RAJA

LEBOH PASAR BESAR

JALAN TUN PERAK

MASJID JAMEK LRT
STATION

LEBOH AMPANG

JALANTUN HS LEE

JALAN HANG LEKIU

LEBOH PUDU

JALAN GEREJA

JALAN TUN PERAK

Masjid Jamek - Before



Masjid Jamek - After

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Masjid Jamek

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Opening to public transit

Opening to the river



“This new bridge enables me to travel from Merdeka Square to the Masjid Jamek in just 5 minutes”

Bangunan Sultan Abdul Samad

Pedestrian Waterfront | Accessible History

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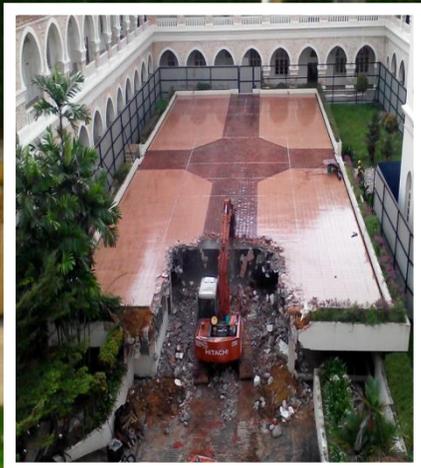


“It’s such a nice walk along the river with the preserved Heritage trees”

PRESERVING THE COLONIAL HERITAGE

Sunken Garden

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Urban Intervention

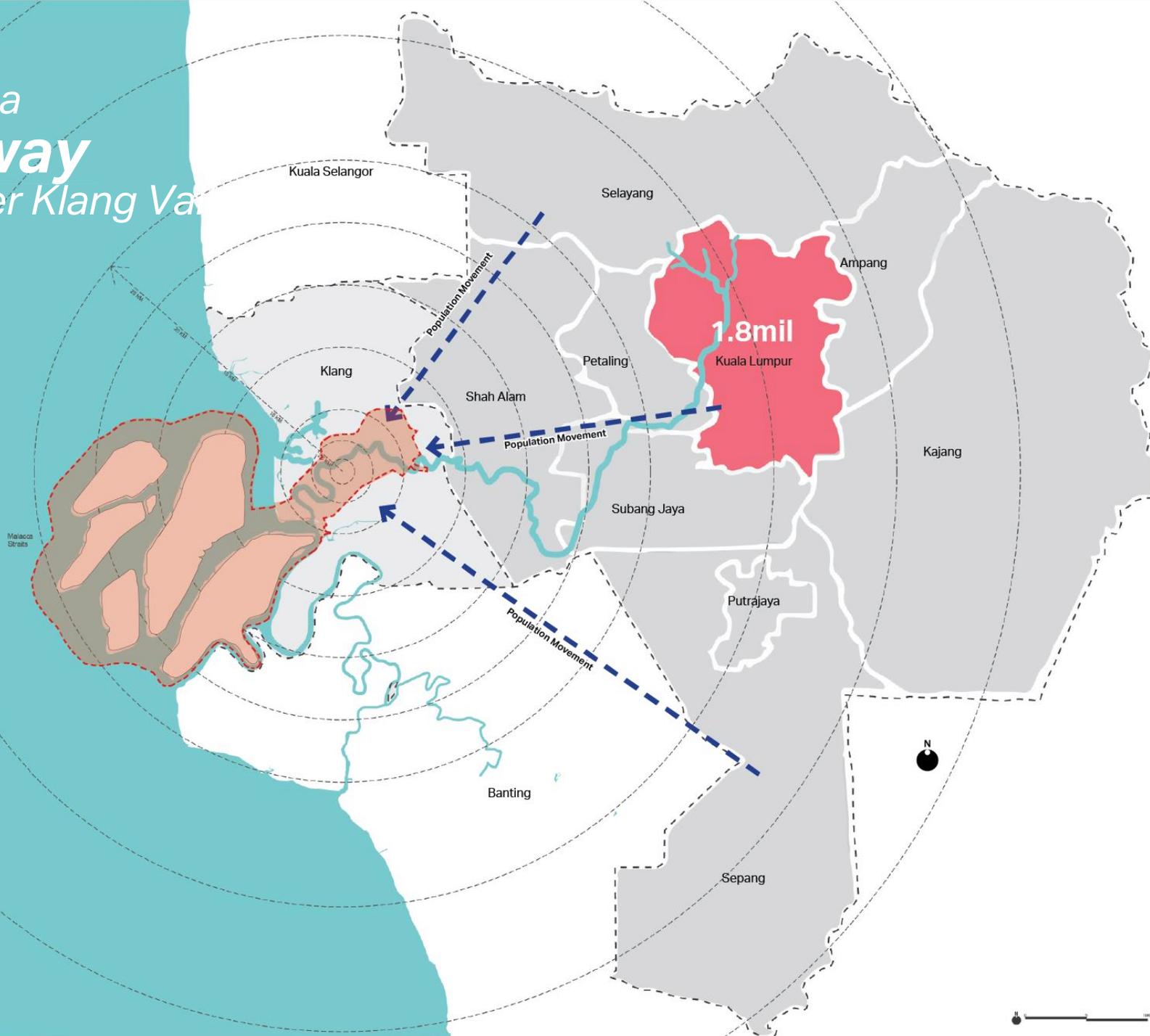
Navigating the urban environment through the Guiding Gallery and Guiding Lights



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GUIDING GALLERY AND GUIDING LIGHTS AS VISUAL MARKERS THAT CONNECT BACK TO DESTINATIONS ALONG THE RIVERFRONT

Klang as a Gateway to Greater Klang Valley



573km²
Total District Area



744,062
Population (2010)



4th
4th Largest City in Malaysia



16th Busiest
Port in the World



88,000 ACRES SELANGOR MARITIME GATEWAY MASTERPLAN

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- LEGEND**
- STUDY BOUNDARY
 - PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
 - PROPOSED ECRL ALIGNMENT

The overall development covers **88,000 acres of land, including the Klang Islands**. The Selangor Maritime Gateway (SMG) Masterplan aims to unlock all the potentials as the thriving gateway to the biggest population in Malaysia and the region.

ZONE 02
Klang River Mouth

ZONE 03
Eco-City

ZONE 04
North Riverfront

ZONE 05
Grand Bazaar

ZONE 06
Heritage Quarter

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An aerial photograph of Penang, Malaysia, at sunset. The city skyline is visible in the background, with numerous high-rise buildings and a prominent mountain in the distance. The foreground shows a large body of water, likely the Penang Strait, with a long causeway or bridge extending across it. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of orange, pink, and purple, reflecting on the water. The overall scene is serene and captures the beauty of the city at dusk.

Penang: Challenges + Opportunities

All over the world – rivers + waterfronts are transforming



Marina Bay and Greater Southern Waterfront, Singapore



LA River Gateway Master Plan, USA



ABC Waters, Singapore



Red Hook Master Plan, Brooklyn, New York, USA

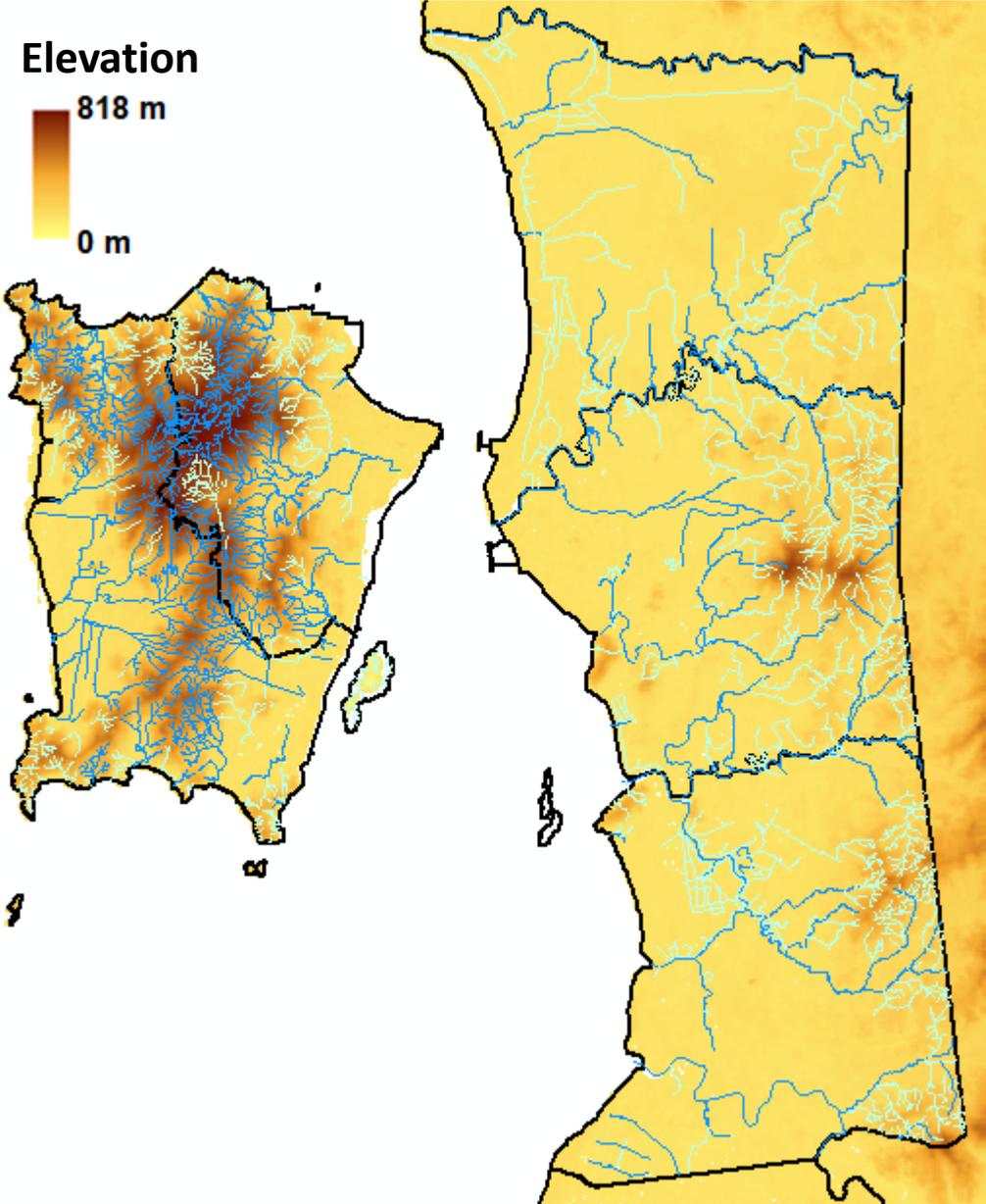


San Antonio River Floodplains, Texas, USA

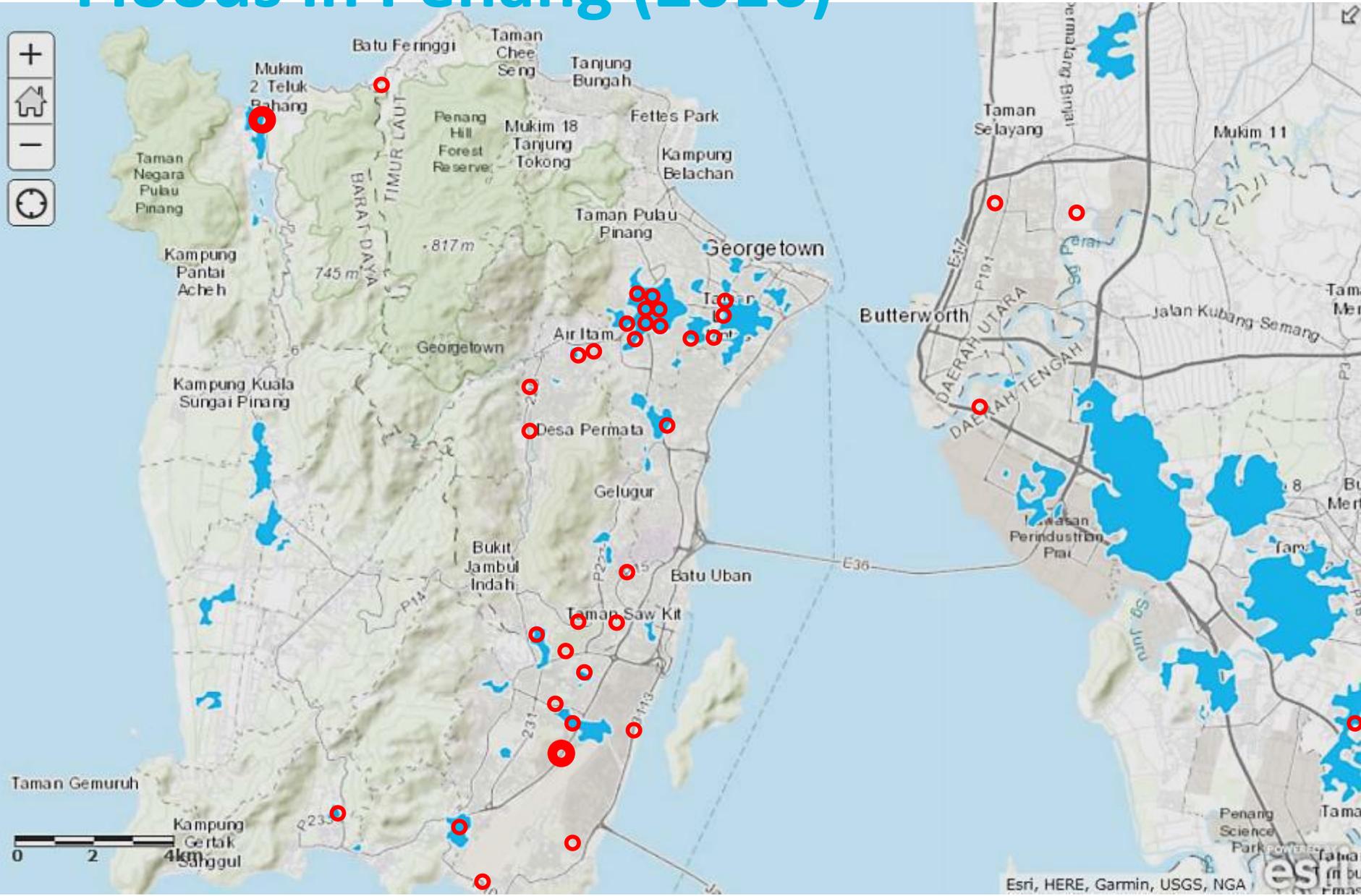


Lea Valley, London, UK

Topography and hydrology of Penang

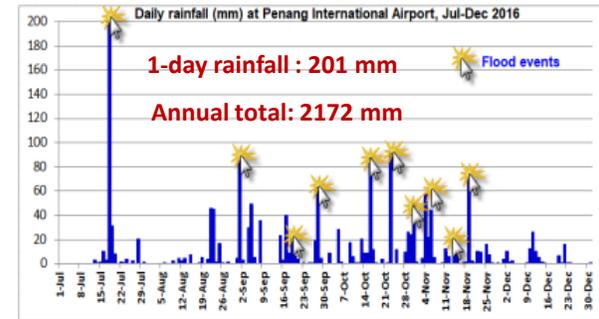


Floods in Penang (2016)

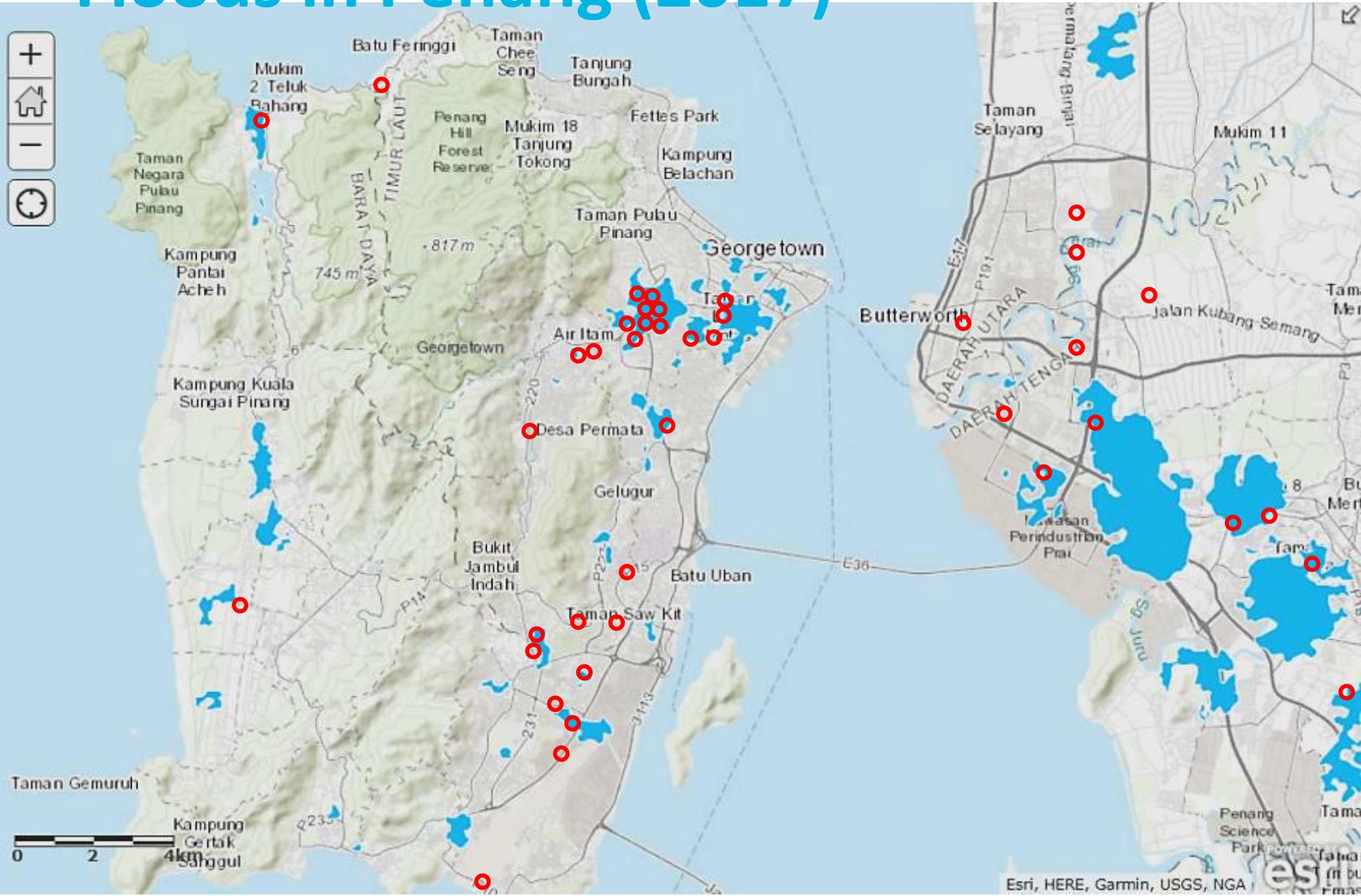


■ 2008 flooded area extent

● Reported flood event in 2016



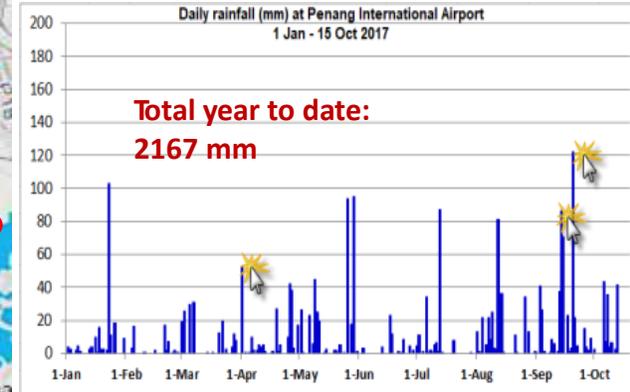
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Map credit: Penang Forum

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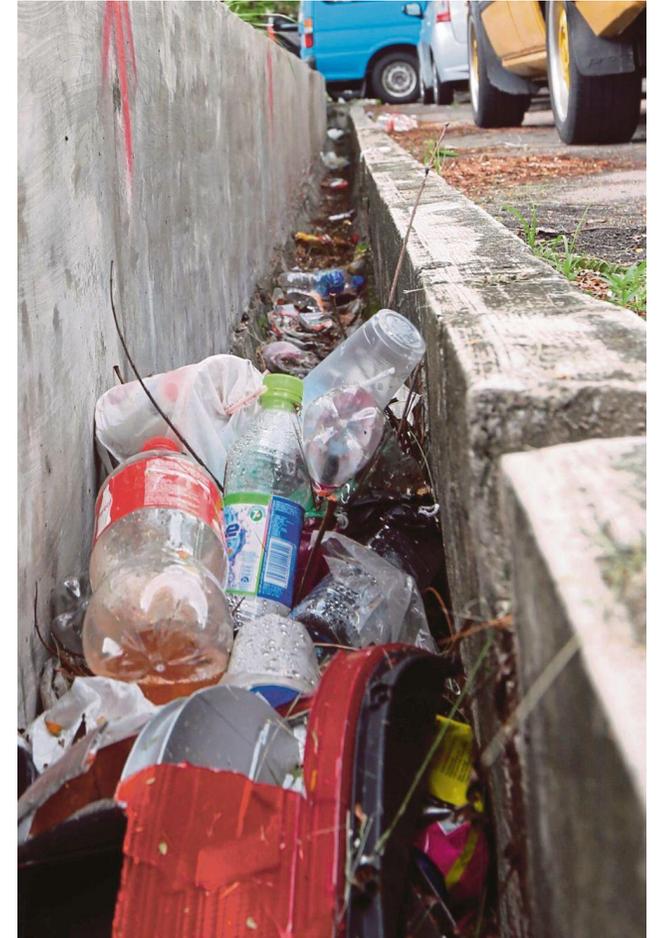
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Images credit: Malay Mail, The Star, The Straits Times

Clogged drains are an issue



Case Study: Taichung LiuChuan River, Taiwan



Past

A picturesque shade corridor degraded down to an unapproachable urban drainage way

A Picturesque Past



Use to nickname as the scenic creek of little Kyoto

Rise of the Illegal Housing



Polluted due to the population surge and free discharge of sewage

Renovation and Decline



Demolishment of the illegal housing drove away human activities

Present

Cementation of the Canal



The goal was to bring the reminiscent scenery back to Liuchuan

Yanagawa River: Taichung City Taiwan



Goals to enhance livability

Flood Prevention

Increase Channel Cross-Section
Restore the Watercourse

Water Quality Improvement

Establish Water Quality Level
Reduce Pollution Level

Landscape Enhancement

Enrich Planting
Create Habitats

Environmental Education

Demonstration with Ecological
River Engineering Methods

Integrated Community

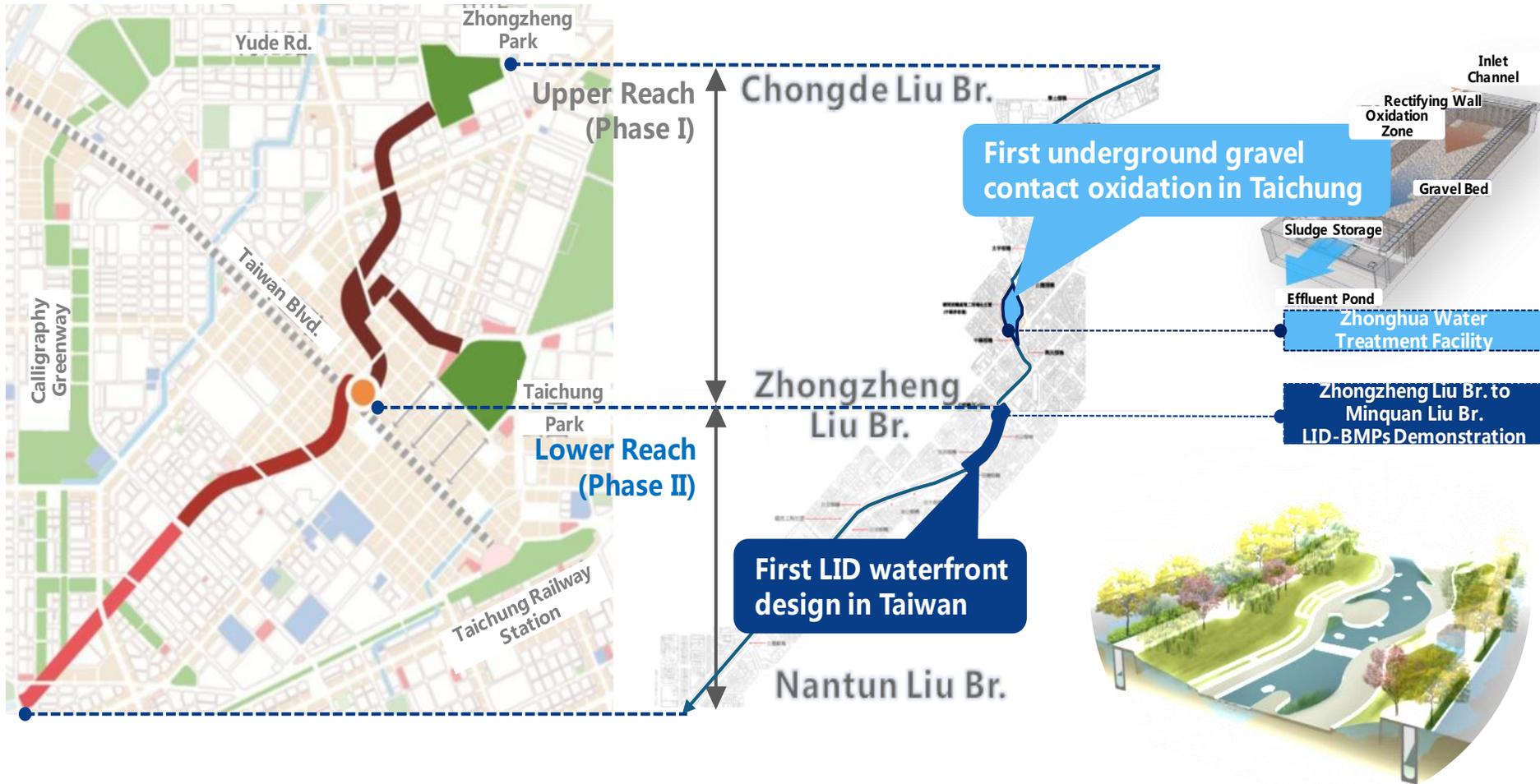
Social Hubs for Cross-Field Exchange
Community Interaction Areas

Enhance City Brand

A Cultural and Aquatic City Built Upon
Symbiosis Relationship with the River

Project Objectives

Gradually improve Liuchuan in different sections and phases



Design Concept

STEP1 Safe

Flood Prevention

Urban Drainage



Channel Widening



Subsurface Culvert

STEP2 Clean

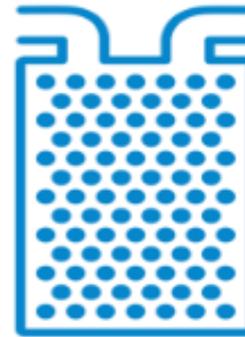
Pollution Reduction

Water Clarification



Sewage Interception

Gravel Contact Oxidation



STEP3 Eco-Friendly

Landscape

Ecology

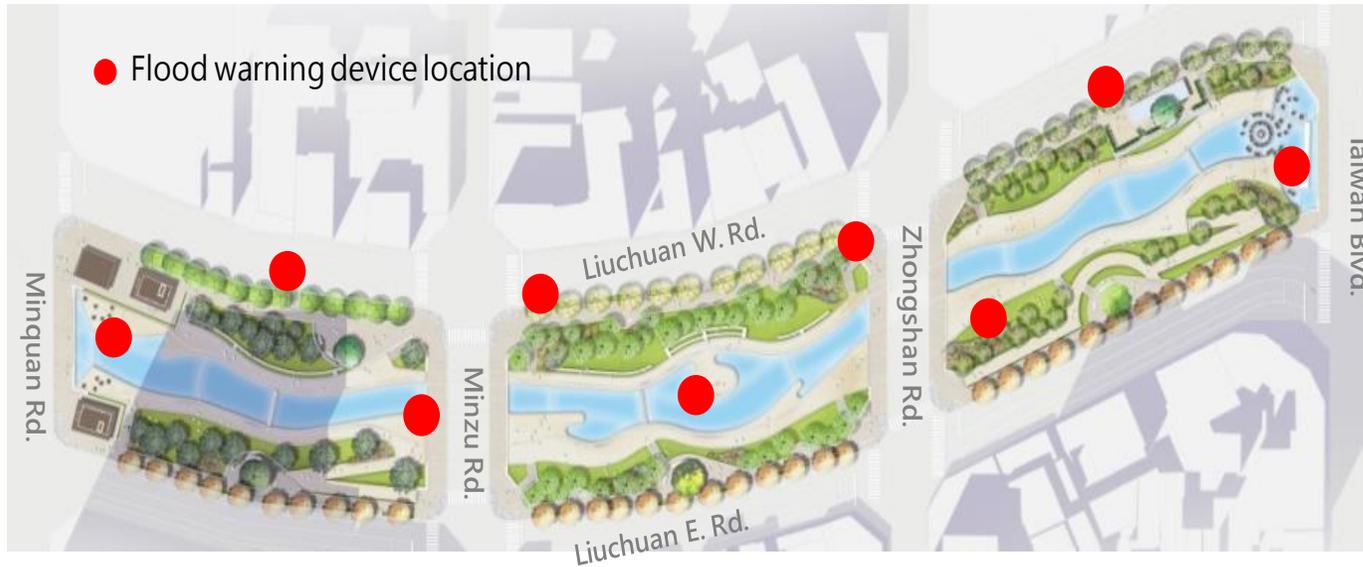


Ecological Engineering Method

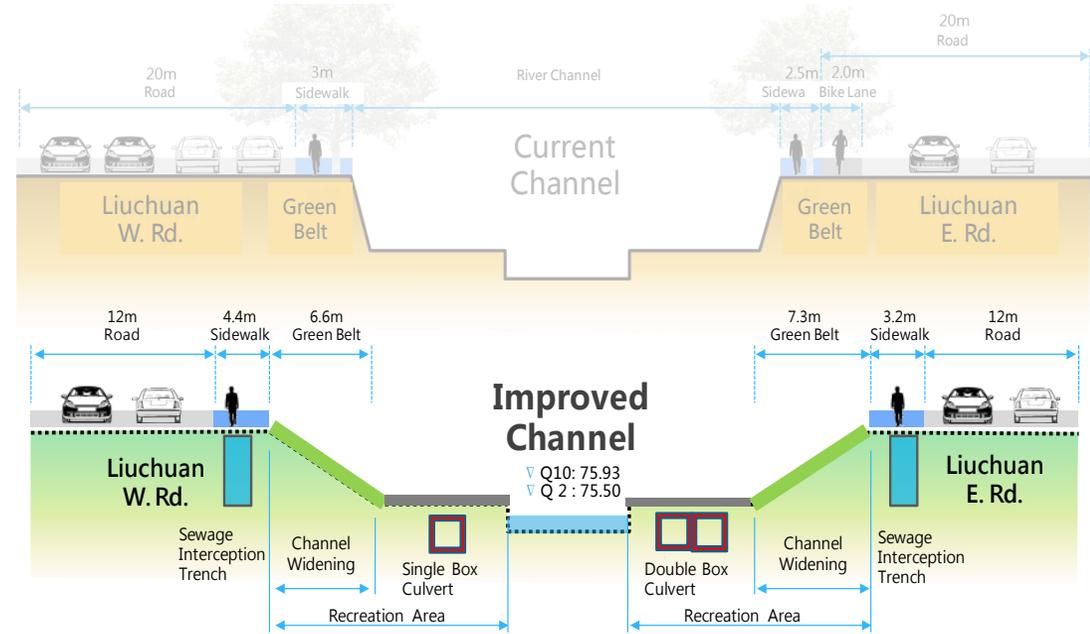
Micro Habitat



Flood Prevention & Drainage



Flood warning



Safe waterfront

Water Cleaning



Water Collecting Devices and Area provided (Unit: m²)

Devices Area	Infiltration Trench	Permeable Paving	Rain Garden	Vegetated Swale	Dry Well	Vegetated Filter Strip
Device Area	224	626	250	201	0.32	2,647
Collection Area	1,122	626	705	716	70.32	2,647

■ Increase Infiltration Area

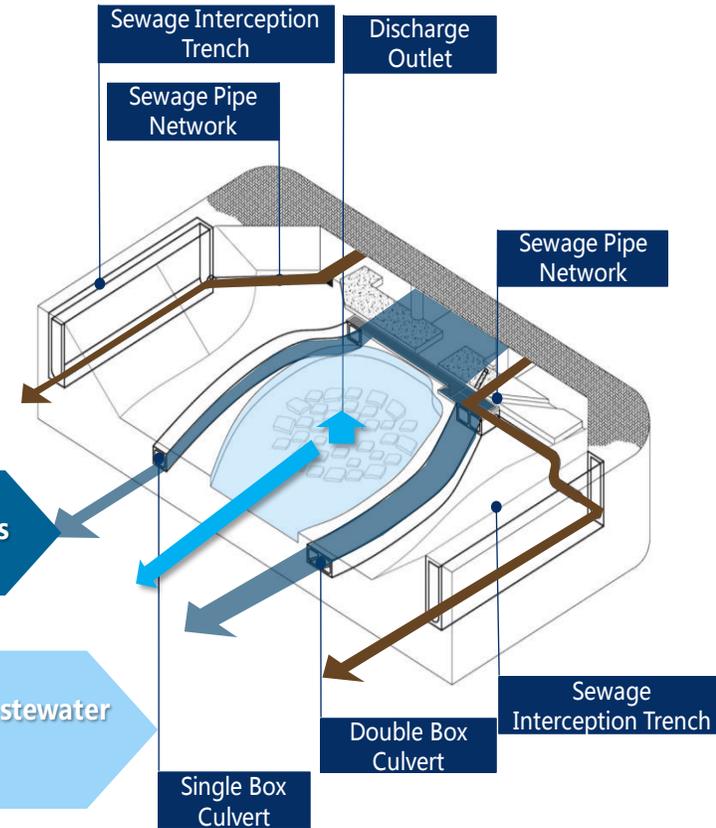
■ Reduce Surface Runoff

■ Decrease Non-Point Source Pollution

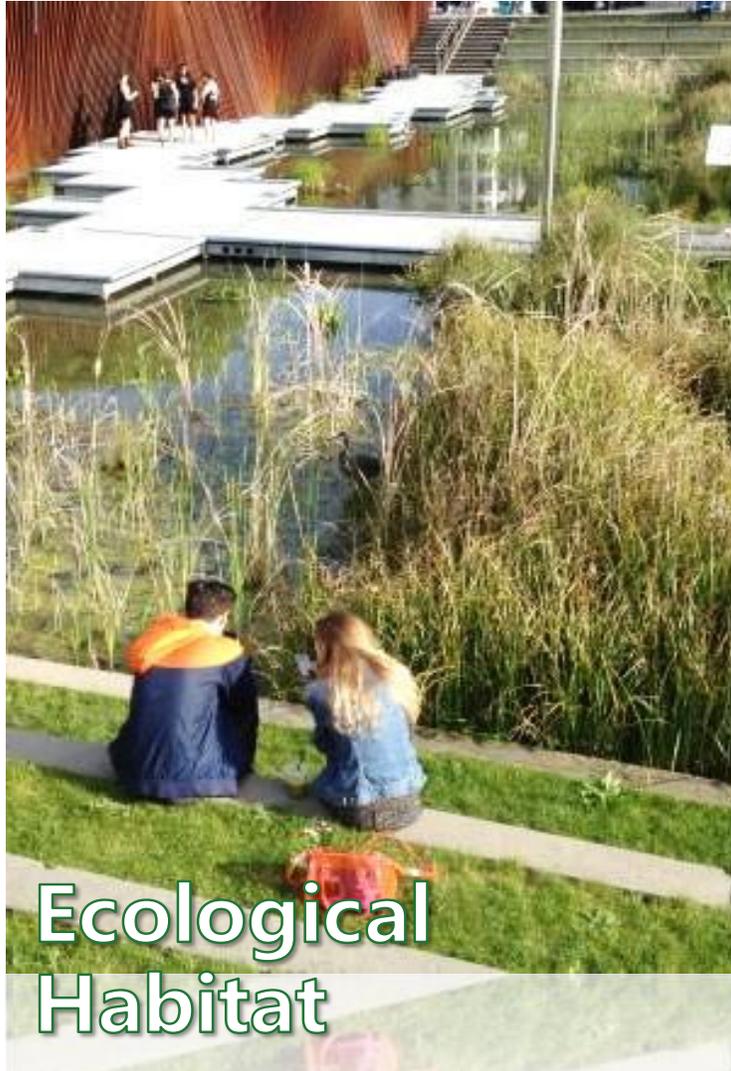
1. Sewage Via Sewage Pipe Network to Futien Water Reclamation Center

2. Regional Drainage Via Box Culverts to Lower Reach of Minguan Liu Br.

3. Water Source Via Zhonghua Wastewater Treatment Facility to Zone A Discharge Point



Eco-friendly Approach



Taichung Liu Chuan River, Taiwan



Low-Impact Development, Urban Drainage Improvement

Liu Chuan is the first river improvement project in Taiwan using Low Impact Development(LID) method to improve water environment. Three goals including flood prevention, water quality improvement, landscape enhancement were set by Water Resources Bureau of Taichung City Government to pursue save water environment, clean and odorless water quality and sustainable ecological and landscape environment. The improvement approaches are as follows:

1. **Safety:** the concrete revetments were moved outward for 8 meters on each side of the channel with mild sides slope to increase cross section area for flood conveyance.
2. **Water quality:** The polluted water in the channel was improved by installing sewage interceptor and on-site treatment plant. LID methods were installed to improve overland runoff quality.
3. **Landscape:** Green belt river corridor was established by planting of seasonal plants to create seasonal landscape. Ecological habitants were also created by using natural materials.

Taichung Liu Chuan River, Taiwan



Old Trees Protection, Ecological Conservation

In addition to provide public nostalgia and leisure environment. old trees along the channel banks were preserved to become old tree plazas. Native trees and aquatic plants were planted to enrich riparian ecological habitat and improve ecological diversity. Different scenery in different season were created by planting seasonal plants.

Environmental Education Platform, Water Quality Improvement

Through volunteer and information boards, tourists could be really understand the improvement scheme and the benefits of the improvement project including sewage interception, on-site treatment and runoff treatment by the LID methods.

Landscape corridor, Blue Belt, Sponge City

The reach of LiouChuan was widen 8m on each side of the channel through revision of city plan, in addition, the utilization of LID has increased the pervious area, reduced ecological impacts. The conservation of old trees along channel banks has further enhanced the ecological and landscape values. The native species have come back to LiouChuan since the completion of the improvement work. The construction of sewage interceptors and on-site wastewater treatment facility has resulted in clean water to the channel and improved space utilization in the vicinity to achieve the goal of close to water environment.

Taichung LiuChuan Canal River Improvement Project, Taiwan

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Connecting to collaborate

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**Stakeholders
Financing
Legislation
Authority**

**Consultants
Contractors
Operators
End Users**

Segitiga Bersejarah
Historic Triangle

Thank you

Laluan
Pekan
Cina
China
Town
Walk

