

CHAPTER 9: HOUSING AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT

9.1 General

Bangkok has approximately 5.6 million population with some 1.3 million households in 1993, according to the BMA registration date. However, the actual population is estimated at approximately 8 million in 1995. The number of households has increased at a 4.4% p.a. during the period from 1980 to 1990. The average household size is 3.8 persons/household with a decreasing trend, thus nuclear families seem to be recently increasing.

Bangkok families live in several types of houses such as detached houses, townhouses, apartments and flats, condominiums, row houses, so on. As seen in Table 9.1, 44% of all the families reside in detached houses, and 33%, in either row houses or brick row houses.

Recently, the housing market has been very active, providing with neat townhouses targeting at the middle income families in suburban areas. On the other hand, shanty houses still remain in several areas along Khlongs and the old city.

Table 9.1 Number of Houses by Type in Bangkok

Person	Detached House	Townhouse	Apartment/Flat	Condominium	Row House	Brick Row House	Others	Total
1	28,849	9,402	20,137	1,223	14,948	17,161	5,021	96,741
2	69,710	20,718	32,344	1,295	41,566	30,687	11,655	207,975
3	104,006	26,540	29,164	965	42,306	39,073	9,545	251,599
4	129,027	28,199	24,316	492	36,894	47,618	5,916	272,462
5	100,295	18,974	12,799	254	22,906	43,408	3,306	201,942
6	64,277	10,383	6,268	89	12,030	31,882	1,251	126,180
7	38,372	5,206	2,839	37	6,359	19,146	577	72,536
8	23,332	2,348	1,074	8	3,766	12,024	317	42,869
9	13,523	1,479	732	14	2,136	7,108	136	25,128
10 & Over	20,928	1,413	629	13	2,769	9,028	340	35,120
Total	592,319	124,662	130,302	4,390	185,680	257,135	38,064	1,332,552
Average	4.51	3.88	3.17	2.52	3.67	4.59	3.04	4.17

Source: Population and Housing Census, NSO, 1990

9.2 Salient features of Housing in Bangkok

(1) Size of Houses

Although any sufficient data analyzing size of house is not available, the number of bed rooms may represent present features. According to the Population and Housing Census 1990, as shown in Table 9.2, the average size of house per Bangkok family was 2 bed rooms plus 0.3 rooms for the other use. The average family member per unit was 4.51 persons/house for detached house and townhouse accommodate and 3.88 person/house, while 3.17 person/house and 2.52 person/house for apartment/flat and condominium respectively. Thus, apartment, flat and condominium are utilized by small households and the detached house and townhouse, by bigger households.

Table 9.2 Size of Houses in Bangkok 1990

Bed Room/ Other Room	Detached House	Townhouse	Apartment, Flat	Condo- minium	Row House	Brick Row House	Others	Total
No. of Bed Room								
None	14,202	1,125	8,580	8	14,698	3,564	4,988	47,165
1	139,519	12,402	91,922	3,089	113,933	53,101	28,654	442,620
2	182,792	67,042	26,027	907	41,289	95,979	2,759	416,795
3	157,453	33,364	3,137	283	11,108	67,648	918	273,911
4 and Over	97,594	11,029	517	103	4,509	36,342	718	150,812
Unkown	744	57	116		140	494	24	1,575
Total	592,304	125,019	130,299	4,390	185,677	257,128	38,061	1,332,878
Average	2.31	2.33	1.19	1.40	1.33	2.31	1.05	2.03
No. of Other Room Used for Sleeping								
None	442,184	99,978	89,681	2,930	140,096	204,444	30,047	1,009,360
1	122,846	20,374	38,298	1,271	41,569	43,874	7,460	275,692
2	18,834	3,063	1,692	146	3,062	6,383	474	33,654
3	4,937	686	451		490	1,376	39	7,979
4 & Over	3,155	499	85	46	328	777	38	4,928
Unknown	359	63	90		127	277	12	928
Total	592,315	124,663	130,297	4,393	185,672	257,131	38,070	1,332,541
Average	0.32	0.25	0.33	0.40	0.27	0.25	0.23	0.29

Source: Population and Housing Census, NSO, 1990

(2) Tenure of Houses

46% of households in Bangkok were house owners in 1990, as shown in Table 9.3. The ownership is approximately 30% lower than the national average. Bangkok is characterized by a higher population of renters.

Most of detached houses and townhouses are owned by dwellers, however, most of dwellers at apartment and flat, condominium, and row house are renters. It is interesting that as per condominiums, half are owner and half, renters.

(3) Location of House Supplied

Looking at the locational characteristics of recent housing development from "NHA Annual report, 1994", a considerable number of housing development was located in the area with a 20 km radius from the center of Bangkok. The housing development momentum has a clear development direction towards the North and the East, namely, Don Muang and Bang Khen Districts in the northern part of Bangkok and Min Buri and Lat Krabang Districts in the eastern part of Bangkok.

(4) Slums

As seen in Table 9.4, a total of 1,223 locations of slums were identified in Bangkok in 1993. Out of them, some 325 slums are located in the CBD zone, while 318 and 580 slums in the urbanized and suburban zones respectively. The CBD zone decreases the number of slums, on the contrary, the urbanized and suburban zones slums are increasing in the numbers.

Approximately 1.3 million people are still dwelling in slums, which shares 22.5% of the population of Bangkok. The number of slum dwellers increased by more than 30% only for 3 years during the period from 1990 and 1993. Thus, the slums are still expanding and moving their locations from the central area to the outer area of Bangkok.

Table 9.3 Tenure of Living Quarters in Bangkok in 1990

	Detached House	Townhouse	Apartment, Frat	Condo-minium	Row House	Brick Row House	Others	Total
Owner	372,148	93,957	8,324	2,196	21,950	117,589	1,255	617,419
Hire Purchaser	12,487	11,640	3,343	0	2,433	13,951	95	43,949
Rent	155,266	14,003	73,022	2,001	109,135	101,559	13,363	468,349
Payment in Kind	8,439	1,246	28,693	60	22,800	8,171	14,422	83,831
Rent Free	15,760	1,617	12,366	77	19,506	6,500	6,704	62,530
No Payment	17,711	452	2,807	58	8,133	4,573	1,461	35,195
Others	2,283	178	541	0	648	680	557	4,887
Unknown	6,165	1,268	902	0	1,481	3,204	110	13,130
Total	590,259	124,361	129,998	4,392	186,086	256,227	37,967	1,329,290
Share								
Owner	63.05%	75.55%	6.40%	50.00%	11.80%	45.89%	3.31%	46.45%
Hire Purchaser	2.12%	9.36%	2.57%	0.00%	1.31%	5.44%	0.25%	3.31%
Rent	26.30%	11.26%	56.17%	45.56%	58.65%	39.64%	35.20%	35.23%
Payment in Kind	1.43%	1.00%	22.07%	1.37%	12.25%	3.19%	37.99%	6.31%
Rent Free	2.67%	1.30%	9.51%	1.75%	10.48%	2.54%	17.66%	4.70%
No Payment	3.00%	0.36%	2.16%	1.32%	4.37%	1.78%	3.85%	2.65%
Others	0.39%	0.14%	0.42%	0.00%	0.35%	0.27%	1.47%	0.37%
Unknown	1.04%	1.02%	0.69%	0.00%	0.80%	1.25%	0.29%	0.99%
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Source: Population and Housing Census, NSO, 1990

Table 9.4 Slums in Bangkok in 1990 and 1993

	No. of Slum			No. of population in Slum		
	1990	1993	93/90	1990	1993	93/90
CBD Zone*	338	325	0.96	374,500	355,333	0.95
Urbanised Zone*	295	318	1.08	351,819	406,744	1.16
Suburban Zone*	315	580	1.84	220,520	494,193	2.24
Total	948	1,223	1.29	946,839	1,256,270	1.33
Population				5,546,937	5,572,712	1.00
Share of Slum in Population of Bangkok				17.07%	22.54%	

Note: * The division of the districts into the zone is same as Table 2.9.

Source: Statistical Profile of BMA

(5) Parks and Urban Amenities

Table 9.5 shows that community facilities regarding urban amenity such as library, park and youth center. As per parks, Bangkok has a relatively small area in terms of the per capita are, which accounts for only 0.55 m²/person, including open spaces. This figure is much lower than those of other large cities in the world. In terms of the zonal distribution, the CBD zone has relatively larger area of parks and open space, while the urbanized zone has the smallest. This implies that recent urbanization is not concomitant with sufficient provision on urban amenity facilities.

Table 9.5 Parks and Urban Amenities in Bangkok in 1993

	Libraries	Parks (sq.m)			Total	Youth Center	Park per Person (sq.m/person)
		Public Park	Open Space	Play Ground			
1 Pra Nakhon	1	36,800	158,382	240	195,422	2	2.13
2 Khlong Toei					0		0.00
3 Klong San	1		892		892		0.01
4 Chatuchak		304,000	94,916		398,916		2.17
5 Chom Thong	1				0		0.00
6 Don Muang					0		0.00
7 Dusit			49,860	80	49,940	1	0.28
8 Taling Chan	1			420	420	1	0.00
9 Thon Buri			77,720	280	78,000	1	0.34
10 Bangkok Noi			51,300	160	51,460	2	0.29
11 Bangkok Yai	1		100	40	140	1	0.00
12 Bang Kapi		560,000			560,000		2.41
13 Bang Khun Thian					0	1	0.00
14 Bang Khen	1			320	320	1	0.00
15 Bang Kho Laem					0		0.00
16 Bang Sue			1,200		1,200	1	0.01
17 Bang Phlat					0		0.00
18 Bang Rak			1,056	40	1,096	1	0.01
19 Bung Kum					0		0.00
20 Pathum Wan	2	576,000	3,100	3,600	582,700	3	4.72
21 Prawet	1				0	1	0.00
22 Pom Prap			4,100	120	4,220	1	0.05
23 Phaya Thai	1		680		680		0.00
24 Phra Khanong		800,000	1,300	940	802,240	3	3.99
25 Phasi Charoen	1				0		0.00
26 Min Buri					0	1	0.00
27 Yan Nawa			3,612	300	3,912	1	0.04
28 Ratchthewi			25,571		25,571		0.23
29 Rat Burana		101,280			101,280	1	0.61
30 Lat Krabang		80,000			80,000	1	1.04
31 Lat Phrao	1				0		0.00
32 Sam Phanthawong			1,950		1,950		0.04
33 Sathon					0		0.00
34 Nong Khaem					0	1	0.00
35 Nong Chok		56,800			56,800		0.89
36 Huai Khwang			34,597	560	35,157	1	0.14
37 Din Daeng					0		
38 Suan Luang					0		
Bangkok Total	12	2,514,880	510,335	7,100	3,032,315	26	0.55
By Zone							
CBD Zone*	6	612,800	370,610	4,440	987,850	11	0.52
Urbanised Zone*	2	405,280	138,425	980	544,685	5	0.33
Suburban Zone*	4	1,496,800	1,300	1,680	1,499,780	10	0.74
Total	12	2,514,880	510,335	7,100	3,032,315	26	0.55

Note: * Division of districts into the zone is same as Table 2.9.

Source: Statistical Profile of BMA, 1993

9.3 Current Housing Supply Market in Bangkok

In order to identify the current state of the housing market in Bangkok, the BEIP Team surveyed the real estate/housing information magazines available in the city as of November 1995. The results yielded several implications on suburbanization as well as the land market economy in Bangkok.

(1) Marketable Prices of Housing Units

As seen in Table 9.6, the average price of detached houses was 2.9 million Bath/unit in Bangkok and 1.9 million Bath/unit in vicinity provinces. For townhouses, the average price was 1.5 million Bath/unit in Bangkok and 0.7 million Bath/unit in the vicinities. Housing units located in the CBD zone were the most expensive. The prices tend to decrease in accordance with the distance from the center of Bangkok.

Since the average monthly household income in Bangkok as of 1995 are deemed to be about 21,000 Baht (the BEIP Survey), if it is assumed that the affordable level of house purchase of the average family is more or less 5 times of its annual income, the marketable prices per unit for the average family is computed at 1.26 million. However, the housing supply market does not offer townhouses at such a price in the urbanized area in Bangkok. Inevitably, the average family, if it wants to buy a housing unit, should look for its house in suburban areas or outside Bangkok. This is one of the reasons from the housing market viewpoint why suburbanization is rapidly proceeding without sufficient environmental considerations.

(2) Price Ranges of Current Housing Market

The following findings are identified through this analysis:

- Detached houses are most expensive, followed by townhouses, condominiums;
- 2-3 million Baht is the most popular pricing range for detached houses in Bangkok;
- 1-2 million Bath is the most popular pricing range for the townhouses in Bangkok,
- Less than 500 thousand Bath is the most popular pricing range for the condominiums in Bangkok.

9.4 Policy Directions and Planning Issues

Based on the analyses made in the preceding sections, the following planning issues and policies are identified:

(1) Provision of Adequate Public Utilities and Amenities in Residential Areas

A urban sprawl type of residential development is observed in the suburban area of Bangkok. This eventually causes a large burden on the public sector to provide with adequate urban infrastructures, utilities and amenities. To prevent from the urban sprawl, a development guideline to meet the land use plan should be formulated.

(2) Enhancement of Low and Middle Income Housing Provision

NHA is the responsible agency to provide the low income houses. More efforts are necessary to provide affordable housing units for them. To this end, the subcenter or new town development may be a key to launch a large scale of project. In order to facilitate the land acquisition process, a more diversified system needs to be explored, instead of the current land purchase system, such as application of Land Readjustment System, Joint Development with the private sector and/or Land Trust System.

Tabel 9.6 Housing Prices at Current Housing Supply Market in Bangkok

	CBD		Bangkok		BMR		Sub-total	Other Areas	Total
	Urbanized	Suburban	Sub-Total	Urban	Patom	Nontabun			
House for sale									
Less than 500 Thousand Baht	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
500 Thousand - 1 Million Baht	2	4	10	16	2	0	3	6	7
1 - 2 Million Baht	1	28	50	79	6	10	16	35	9
2 - 3 Million Baht	3	46	44	93	3	16	7	27	5
3 - 5 Million Baht	8	51	29	88	1	15	7	24	2
More than 5 Million Baht	11	47	36	94	1	7	1	9	1
Total	25	176	169	370	12	50	34	101	498
Average Price	3,721	2,913	2,737	2,887	2,063	2,181	1,376	1,500	1,902
Townhouse for sale									
Less than 500 Thousand Baht	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	4
500 Thousand - 1 Million Baht	0	29	89	118	30	46	4	13	11
1 - 2 Million Baht	8	137	140	285	10	64	3	22	14
2 - 3 Million Baht	8	53	33	94	2	14	0	3	4
3 - 5 Million Baht	7	27	12	46	1	1	0	1	1
More than 5 Million Baht	1	8	1	10	0	0	0	0	1
Total	24	254	216	554	45	126	8	39	31
Average Price	1,647	1,653	1,330	1,492	956	1,316	969	1,289	1,234
Condominium for sale									
Less than 500 Thousand Baht	3	67	60	130	6	26	0	23	10
500 Thousand - 1 Million Baht	14	61	21	96	1	17	0	6	8
1 - 2 Million Baht	7	16	4	27	1	2	0	1	1
2 - 3 Million Baht	2	6	0	8	0	2	0	1	1
3 - 5 Million Baht	1	4	3	8	0	0	0	0	1
More than 5 Million Baht	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Total	27	155	89	271	8	47	0	31	20
Average Price	991	703	497	664	469	580	460	250	625
Flat for sale									
Less than 500 Thousand Baht	1	8	4	13	0	0	0	2	0
500 Thousand - 1 Million Baht	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
1 - 2 Million Baht	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 - 3 Million Baht	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 - 5 Million Baht	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
More than 5 Million Baht	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2	10	4	16	0	0	0	2	0
Average Price	500	350	250	344	-	-	250	-	333
Apartment for sale									
Less than 500 Thousand Baht	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
500 Thousand - 1 Million Baht	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
1 - 2 Million Baht	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 - 3 Million Baht	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
3 - 5 Million Baht	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
More than 5 Million Baht	1	5	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	6	1	8	0	0	0	0	3
Average Price	7,500	6,667	750	6,031	-	-	7,500	-	7,500
Total	1,647	1,653	1,330	1,492	956	1,316	969	1,289	1,234

Source: The Study Team compiles based on "Akan-Tidin (Building-Land) (in Thai), 24-30 Nov. 1995, Public-Vatthachak

(3) One-More-Step Solution of Slum Problems

The resolution of housing issues, especially slum-problems, will be more vital for the upgrading of people's quality of living as well as the implementation of urban environment. A key for solution of the slum-problems is thought to be the implementation of an integrated policy mix, including, employment, social welfare, housing and urban planning policies.

CHAPTER 10: NOISE AND VIBRATION

There exists areas where the noise level sometimes exceeds 80 dB (LAeq) in Bangkok. Such a high noise level may imply that noise problems should be treated as a matter of the health problem, as well as a matter of urban amenities.

10.1 General

(1) Noise

Noise has two facets in the nature. One is an emotional side, such as unpleasant, uncomfortable feeling, disturbance against sleeping, and so on. Another is the irreversible effect on human hearing ability.

The former is closely related to the amenity of the city. From this point of view, the guideline level is much lower than the level of the latter facet, and may change in accordance with situations such as day time or night time, residential area or shopping area and so on.

The latter is related to human health, i.e. the hearing ability. In this point, for example, Environmental Protection Agency of U.S.A has set 70 dB (LAeq) for protection from worsening inhabitant's hearing ability. International Labor Organization (ILO) has adopted a guideline that 85 dB (LAeq, 8h) is the limit level, i.e., the exceeding of this level at working places is apt to cause some hearing disability in the long run for the factory worker.

It was identified from the survey conducted by the Study Team that the daytime noise level at Patthanakan junction exceeds 80 dB (LAeq) and reaches the level of 85 dB (LAeq). This situation is likely caused by the heavy traffic and the covering effects of flying-over road. It can generally be said that this noise level can be construed as an issue on public health.

People's great concern about air pollution has been focused on TSP so far, but the noise problem is considered to be another significant issue of urban environment soon or later. It is the case that awareness of pollution problem by inhabitants sometimes delays after its actual occurrence.

(2) Vibration

Main characteristic of vibration problems is emotional and local, similar to noise problems. On the contrary, according to the survey result by the Study Team in December 1995, vibration problems do not seem so severe as noise problems.

10.2 Assessment on Present Conditions

(1) Roadside Noise Level in the Central Area of Bangkok

Regarding noise levels in Bangkok, published data is very little. Available information is only graph, so it is difficult to find out clear figures of noise data. According to "Pollution Situation in Thailand 1994", it is reported that roadside 24 hours noise level (LAeq, 24) are between 70 to 85 dB(A). It can be observed that the similar situation is prevailing at major roadsides in Bangkok.

(2) Noise Survey Results of the JICA Study Team

The noise level survey was carried out in December 1995 at 5 survey points for road traffic noise, 5 survey points for industrial noise and 2 survey points for railway noise, as shown in Fig. 10.1. The results are summarized in Tables 10.1. to 10.3.

Table 10.1 Roadside Noise Level (LAeq, dB)

Location	Road	Morning	Noon	Evening	Night
Din Daeng	Viphawadi Rangsit Road	80	79	80	79
Lumphini Park	Rama 4 Road	83	81	80	81
Benjasiri Park	Sukhumvit Road	73	65	76	76
Ramkhamhaeng-Patthanakan Crossing	Patthanakan Road	78	84	83	82
Near Kasem Phihaya School	Sukhumvit Soi 71	79	79	82	80

Note: Morning:05:00-09:00, Noon:10:00-14:00, Evening:15:00-20:00,
Night:20:00-9:00

Source: JICA Study Team

Table 10.2 Factory Related Noise Level (LAeq, dB)

Location	District	Morning	Noon	Evening	Night
Ceramic	Phra Khanong	65	64	63	64
Metal (1)	Phra Pradaeng	61	66	65	65
Metal (2)	Phra Pradaeng	70	75	76	76
Utility	Muang	77	77	79	79
Fuel	Phra Khanong	61	71	63	61

Note: Morning:05:00-09:00, Noon:10:00-14:00, Evening:15:00-20:00,
Night:20:00-24:00

Source: JICA Study Team

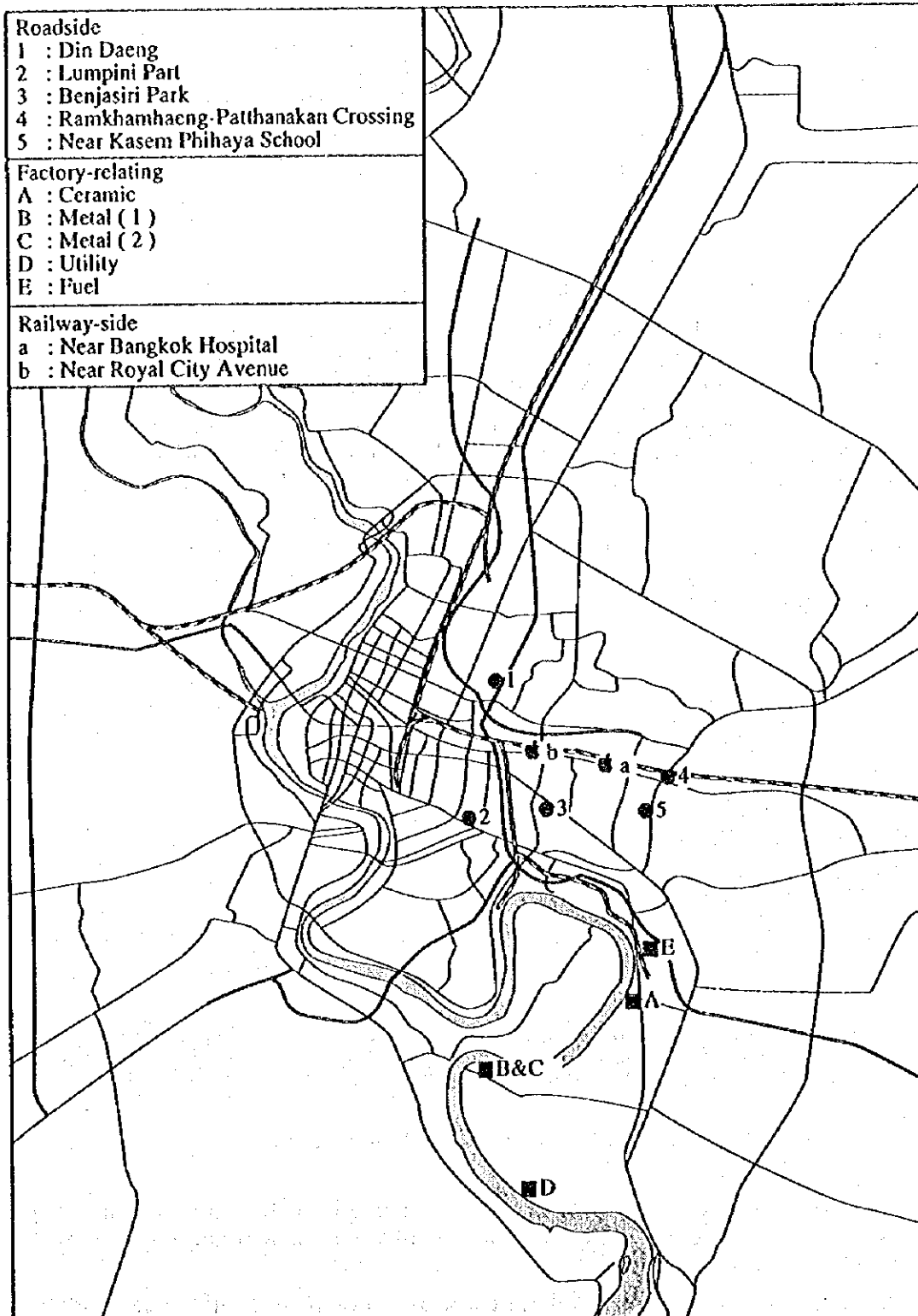


Fig. 10.1 Locations of Monitoring Points

Table 10.3 Railway Side Noise Level (LAeq dB)

Locallon	Noise	Locallon	Noise
Near Bangkok Hospital	81-89	Near Royal City Avenue	83-89

Note: Morning: 05:00-09:00, Noon: 10:00-14:00, Evening: 15:00-20:00,
Night: 20:00-24:00

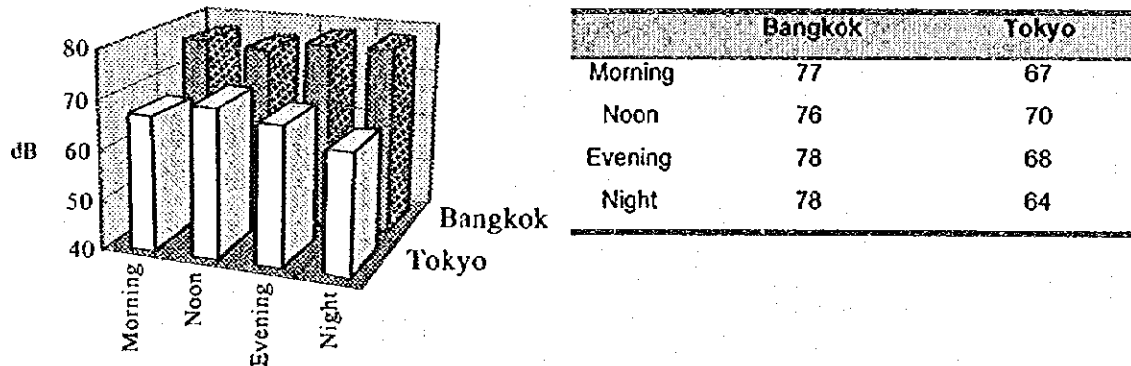
Source: JICA Study Team

(3) Noise Level in the Central Area of Bangkok

Available noise data and the survey data by the Study Team are consistent with each other. These noise values are considered to be considerably high. The similar situation is observed to be prevailing at major roadsides in Bangkok.

To assess the situation, a comparative analysis may be useful. Tokyo is selected to compare Bangkok. The data of the JICA Study Team were summarized to median values because the data of Tokyo are median values. The result is shown in Fig 10.2.

As seen in the figure, there exist remarkable differences between both cities. These differences are around 10dB. The difference of 10dB means that Bangkok's sound energy is 10 times as large as that in Tokyo. Major road side of Bangkok seems to be the crucible of sound energy.



Note: The noise levels are average of median values of selected points, which are the 5 points of the JICA Study Team for Bangkok, and 68 roadside noise stations of central wards for Tokyo in 1993 (2536), processed by JEA. Chiyoda-Ku, Chuou-Ku, Minato-Ku and Shinjuku-Ku of Tokyo are selected for the central wards in this case.

Fig. 10.2 Noise in Bangkok and Tokyo

As seen in Table 10.1, a number of noise levels exceed 80 dB, and there are a few reaching 85 dB. These figures imply that noise should be mitigated not only for amenity but for protection from hearing disability.

Noise levels related to factories and railways are shown in Tables 10.2 and 10.3. Taking into account the characteristics of noise, it cannot be necessarily generalized to assess these conditions and the causes. Because the feature of boundary noise problems has the nature of site specific local problem, and depends on various conditions such as operation hour, relation to traffic, inhabitants awareness, and so on.

Recently noise level map of Bangkok metropolis which was one km in central zone and two km in other area grid map was made by ERTC. It reports that noise level of many grids exceed Leq 70 dB(A) in day time, and considerable grids exceed in night time.

(4) Standard and Regulation

To mitigate noise problems, ambient noise standards and noise regulations for vehicle, factory and construction are an important basis for policy making and administrative actions. Formalizing of the standard and regulations which are appropriately applicable to its country is an essential matter. Proper standards and regulations also play an important role of education and enlightenment of people towards mitigating the noise problem. Regarding standards and regulations applicable to the Thai environment, the following items should be further discussed:

Table 10.4 Considerations on Standards and Regulations

Items	
Standards	(1) For reviewing the roadside noise, the guideline set by US. Environmental Protection Agency, i.e. Leq 70 dB, is thought to be applied. This figure is not for amenity but for protection from hearing disability. (2) Regional characteristics such as industrial, commercial and residential activities might not be covered. (3) Noise in night might not be treated separately.
Regulations	Regulations against vehicle and commuter boat are already implemented. (1) But introduction of sound level limit at boundary of factory site is not yet. (2) Introduction of construction noise limit according to time is not yet.

(5) Vibration Survey Results of the JICA Study Team

The vibration level survey was carried out by the Study Team in December 1995, and its results are shown in Tables 10.5. and 10.6.

The threshold value of human sensitivity for vibration is 55 dB. The significant effect by vibration to human health is thought to start at 90 dB or higher level. Taking these items into consideration, the information by Tables 10.5 and 10.6 are thought to be imply us that vibration problem is not severe as noise.

Table 10.5 Roadside vibration Level (90 percentile, dB)

Location	Road	Morning	Noon	Evening	Night
Din Daeng	Viphawadi Rangsit Road	56	56	52	56
Lumphini Park	Rama 4 Road	53	53	52	55
Benjasiri Park	Sukhumvit Road	46	47	47	45
Ramkhamhaeng- Patthanakan Crossing	Patthanakan Road	56	58	55	51
Near Kasem Pihaya School	Sukhumvit Soi 71	55	54	55	45

Note: Morning: 05:00-09:00, Noon: 10:00-14:00, Evening: 15:00-20:00,

Night: 20:00-24:00

Source: JICA Study Team

Table 10.6 Factory Boundary vibration Level (90 percentile, dB)

Industry	District, Road	Morning	Noon	Evening	Night
Ceramic	Phra Khanong	44	46	49	41
Metal	Phra Pradaeng	44	53	52	52
Metal	Phra Pradaeng	54	60	54	56
Utility	Muang	52	52	52	52
Fuel	Phra Khanong	36	40	44	40

Note: Morning:05:00-09:00, Noon:10:00-14:00, Evening:15:00-20:00,

Night:20:00-24:00

Source: JICA Study Team

10.3 Policy Directions and Planning Issues

It should be noted that traffic noise issues in the central area and sub-urban areas of Bangkok have different characteristics. For the center of Bangkok, the current noise situation should be mitigated, while in sub-urban areas a main issue of noise is that the noise situation should not be worsened than the present status.

Further study aspects in the center of Bangkok are as follows:

- Improvement of motor vehicle, especially motorcycle, samlor, heavy bus and light to heavy truck ;
- Improvements of road structure, such as elongation of eco-corridor, planting of noise shielding trees, and flatness of pavement ;
- Adequate management of construction work ;
- Consideration for avoiding construction of flying-over in the city canyon ;
- Effluence of traffic ; and
- Public relation of noise situation.

Relating to sub-urban areas the study issues are mainly the built-in of noise mitigating concepts into city planning matters as below:

- By-path road construction ;
- Preparing wide sidewalk which has noise absorbing trees ; and
- Zoning of region.

10.4 Planning Targets and Proposed Measures

Based on above discussion, the main issue is focused on mitigation of motor vehicle noise.

Table 10.7 Planning Targets and Proposed Measures

Target	Measures
1. Mitigation of motor vehicle noise	(1) Implementation of regulation and inspection procedure against motor vehicle noise (2) Improvement of road structures (3) Attainment of the Leq 70 dB level at all road side area
2. Future integrated policy	(1) Policies for up-grading of "Quality of Living" (2) Depending on the characteristics of the area, such as residential, commercial and industrial

CHAPTER 11: MICRO STUDY

11.1 Objective and Scope of the Micro Study

(1) Objectives

As discussed in the preceding chapters, Bangkok environmental issues are not homogenous but heterogeneous in the nature. Therefore, measures to be undertaken should employ a wide variety of tools including institutional, administrative as well as implementation of infrastructure projects. Since environmental problems always appear at local level, the solutions need to address local reality with concrete images.

The objective of this micro study is to seek one of the appropriate ways to solve the local problems by urban planning approach, based on the implications derived from the macro studies.

(2) Selected Model Areas

Six areas are selected as the model areas with typical environmental problems for which urban planning tools should be employed. The six areas have respective attributes as follows, and the locations are shown in Fig. 11.1.

- 1) **Lat Krabang Subcenter Zone:** As a model of guided urbanization of subcenter zone development in the eastern Bangkok area where vast potentials are still available to accommodate increasing population and job places.
- 2) **Taling Chan Subcenter Zone:** As a model of MRT-driven urbanization in the western Bangkok with great potential for rapid urbanization, where disorderly sprawl would take place without infrastructure-led development.
- 3) **Part of Khlong Toey:** As a model of improvement of road network in the highly built-up area, in relation to the forthcoming MRT systems and restructuring of the inner city areas.
- 4) **Din Daeng Renewal:** As a model of the public housing renewal project (NHA) in the inner city in association with public projects of New Bangkok City Hall, MRT stations and other new urban projects in the vicinities. Public transportation-based urban re-structuring is the main theme.
- 5) **Chao Phraya River-front Renewal:** As a mode of Chao Phraya River-front redevelopment by relocation of existing less-functioning warehouses and factories, and new land use for a purpose of environmental facilities development.
- 6) **Rathanakosin Historical Conservation:** As a model of institutional building for historical conservation based on a review of the on-going Master Plan Study by the

national committee for Rathanakosin Conservation. The conservation of historical assets must be one of important environmental policies.

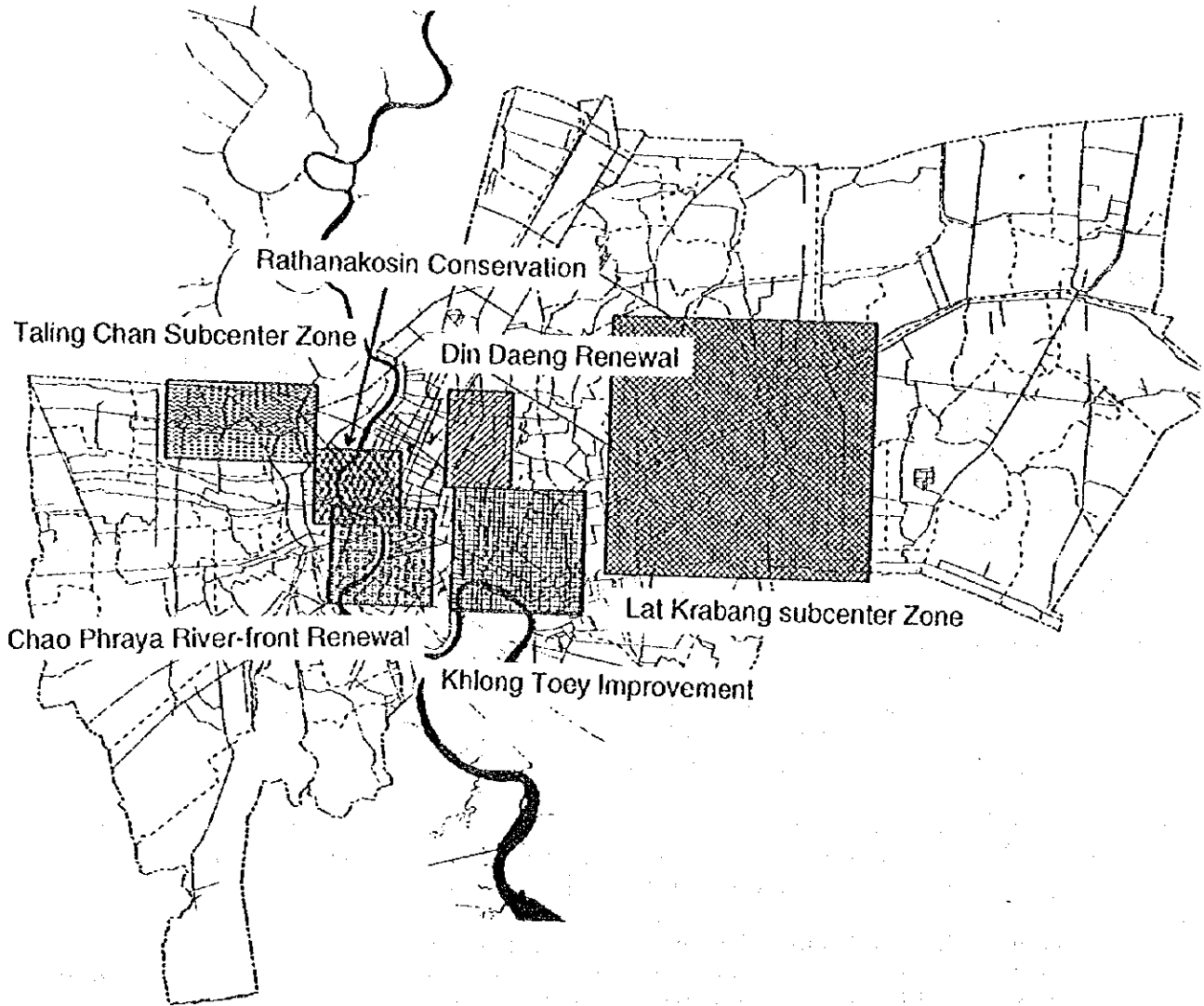


Fig. 11.1 Locations of Micro Study Model Areas

11.2 A Physical Model of Subcenter Zone Development

The basic strategies and planning concepts of "Subcenter Zone Development" are discussed in Section 9.4, Chapter 9: A Vision of Spatial Framework. This section presents physical planning ideas, taking up a model of Minburi/Lat Krabang Subcenter Zone

(1) A Conceptual Model of Minburi/Lat Krabang Subcenter Zone

A model of Subcenter Zone Development with an about half million population imagining, was conceptually depicted to study the needs of land development, infrastructures and road network systems, as shown in Fig. 11.2.

This urban model seeks a physical feature of Environment-friendly Urban Development, considering the following planning concepts:

Rational Land Use Pattern

Three concepts are employed for rationalization of the land use:

- Moderate population density,
- Concise activity center area; and
- Sufficient open space for the environment and public uses.

Given a population density of 140 persons/ha in the average, a total land area of 3,500 ha (about 6 Km x 6 Km) needs to be prepared to accommodate half million population, and with the employment density of 200 jobs/ha, the land area of 750 ha is used for work places for the self-sustained job-housing balance.

The areas to accommodate some special urban functions such as higher educational and government facilities as well as light industries and warehouses, some of which are to be relocated out of the Bangkok central areas, are prepared. Given quality environment, this subcenter zone will be suitable for location of R & D and information-related business.

The area for parks and open space should be prepared for location of public utility facilities such incineration plants, energy facilities and/or resource recycling centers.

Mass Transit-based Urban Development

Stations of MRTs or SRT railway function as activity centers of the new town, providing with station plazas and frontage areas where business, commercial and other urban service facilities are accumulated. Such large traffic generators should be located adjacent to the stations so that workers and business persons may approach them on foot to/from the stations.

Water Channel-cum-Road System

Major streets connecting with MRT stations (Lat Krabang and Minburi) are planned as "Eco-boulevard" as an axis of the subcenter zone, as illustrated on Fig. 11.3. The eco-boulevard is structured with secondary roads and drainage channels in association with greens. These channels form "Green-Water Network" over the subcenter zone.

Feeder Public Transport Systems

Bus service routes are connected directly with MRT stations as the feeder transport service network. The feeder bus routes are served so that all residents can reach any bus stop within 500 meter walk.

Hierarchical Road Network System

The subcenter zone is served by regional arterial highway(s), or express way and arterial roads. The secondary roads need to be networked with at least 2 km interval, and the tertiary roads are served with 500-1,000 meter interval.

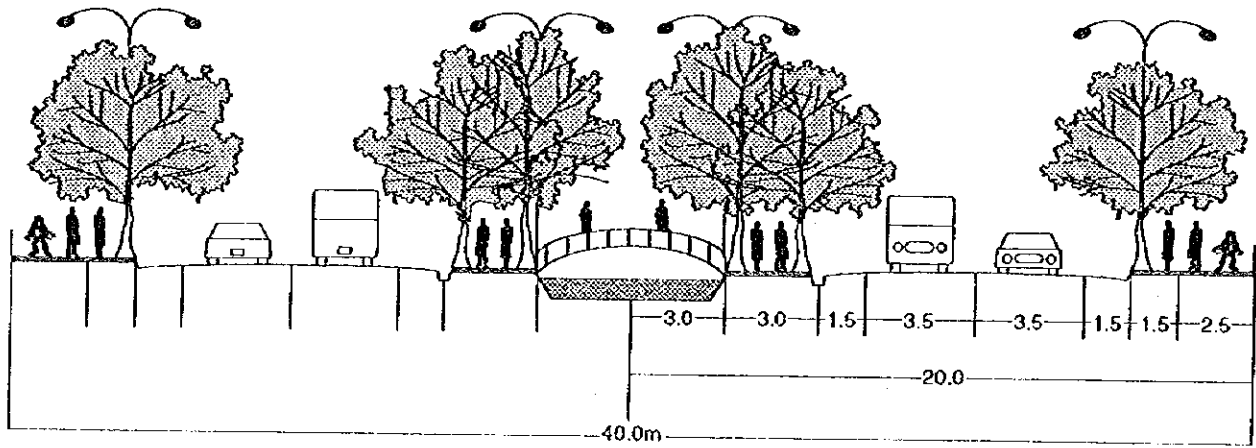
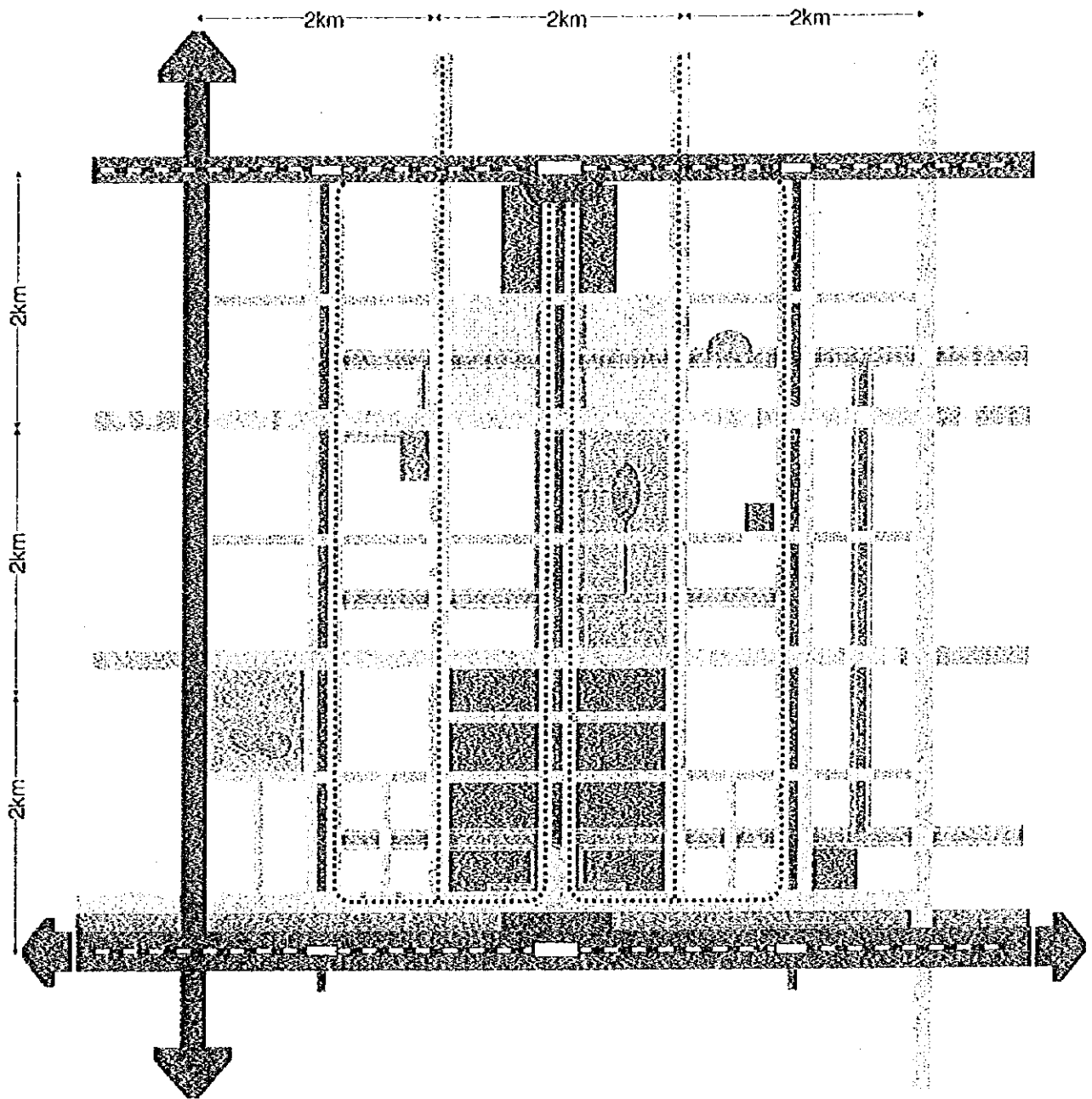








Fig. 11.3 A Proposal for Design of "Eco-boulevard" as an Axis of Subcenter Zone



LEGEND

Land Use

-  Business, Commercial
-  Higher Education and Government Services
-  R & D and Information, Light Industrial
-  Park, Open Space and Public Utilities
-  Residential
-  Drainage Channels and Retaining Ponds

Transportation







-  Regional Arterial Road (Express Highway)
-  Arterial Road
-  Secondary Road
-  Tertiary (Local) Road
-  Mass Transit System and Station
-  Bus Service Routes

Fig. 11.2 A Conceptual Urban Model of Subcenter Zone Development with 500 Thousand Population

11.3 Major Planning Considerations on Six Model Areas

The planning considerations taken for these six model areas are summarized in Figs. 11.4 through 11.9. The measures/strategies proposed in this table are examples, but necessary to materialize the plans proposed in the macro study.

11.4 Urban Environmental Quality Up-grading from Urban Design

The quality of urban environment depends remarkably on quality of urban design. Many attempts for this purpose have been presented in many cities over the world. Some of them are applicable

(1) Appreciation of Thai Traditional Urban Design Principles

The typical urban design based on the Thai tradition which can be seen in the Rathanakosin is appreciably designed with the water-friendly environment. The street with plenty greens make a lot of shade in the city to alleviate the severe tropical climate and mitigate somewhat the dusty air pollution. Such traditional design principles should be utilized for urban design even in the busy areas.

(2) Functional Intermodal Transfer Facilities and Pedestrian Environment

Convenient and comfortable systems for intermodal transfer facilities need to be developed with special emphasis as urgent projects, as recommended in the BEIP Study. In particular, the transfer facilities between MRTs and buses are important. There are many examples of the design of these facilities in Japan, Singapore and European countries for reference.

(3) Building Set-back and Street Design

The current Building Code has stipulated a building set-back regulation. This regulation should be further strengthen particularly those located along some selected major streets which are planned as symbolic amenity streets or boulevards with greens and street furniture. The frontage space created by the set-back should be utilized as semi-public space for pedestrians as well as landscape belts.

Fig. 11.4

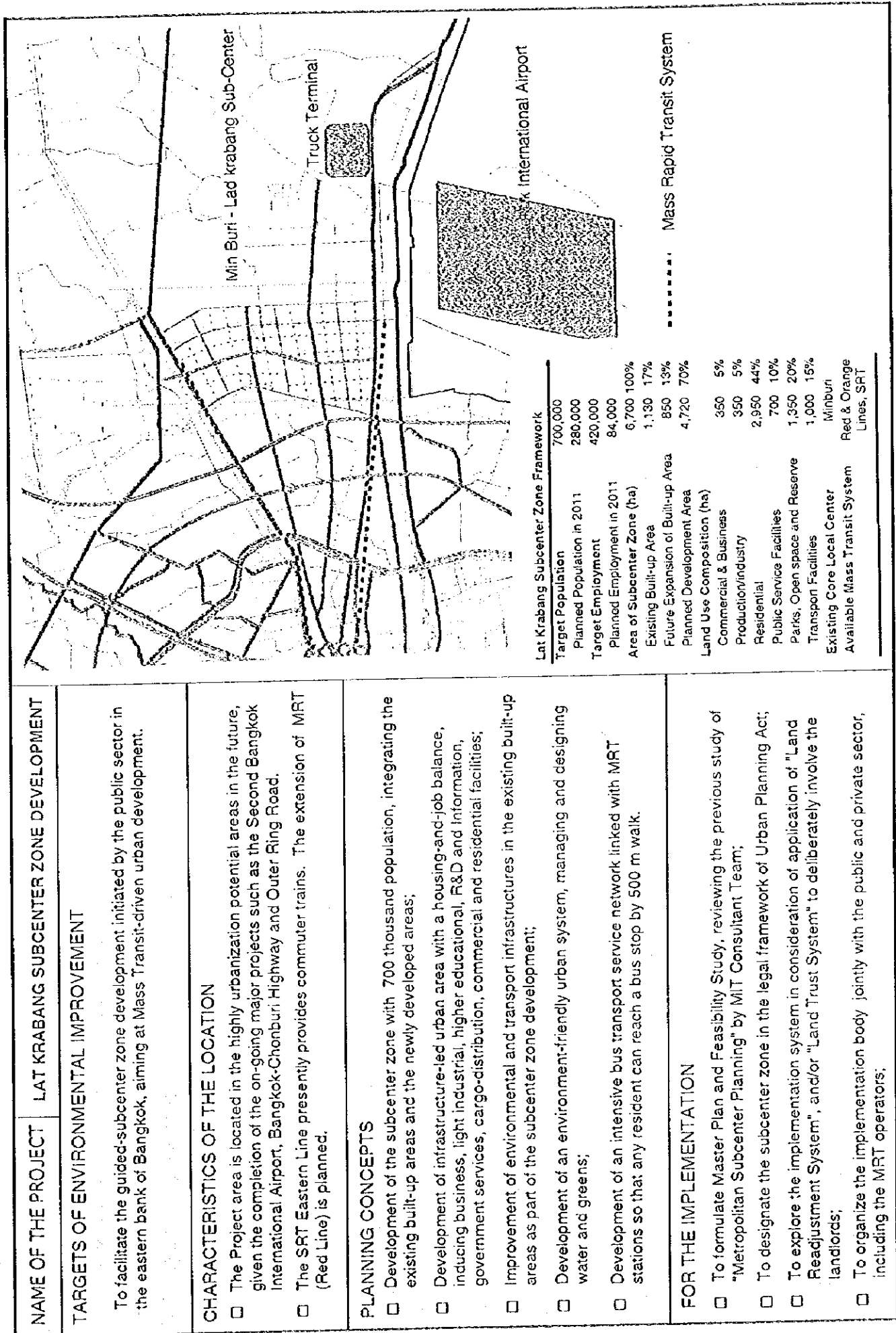
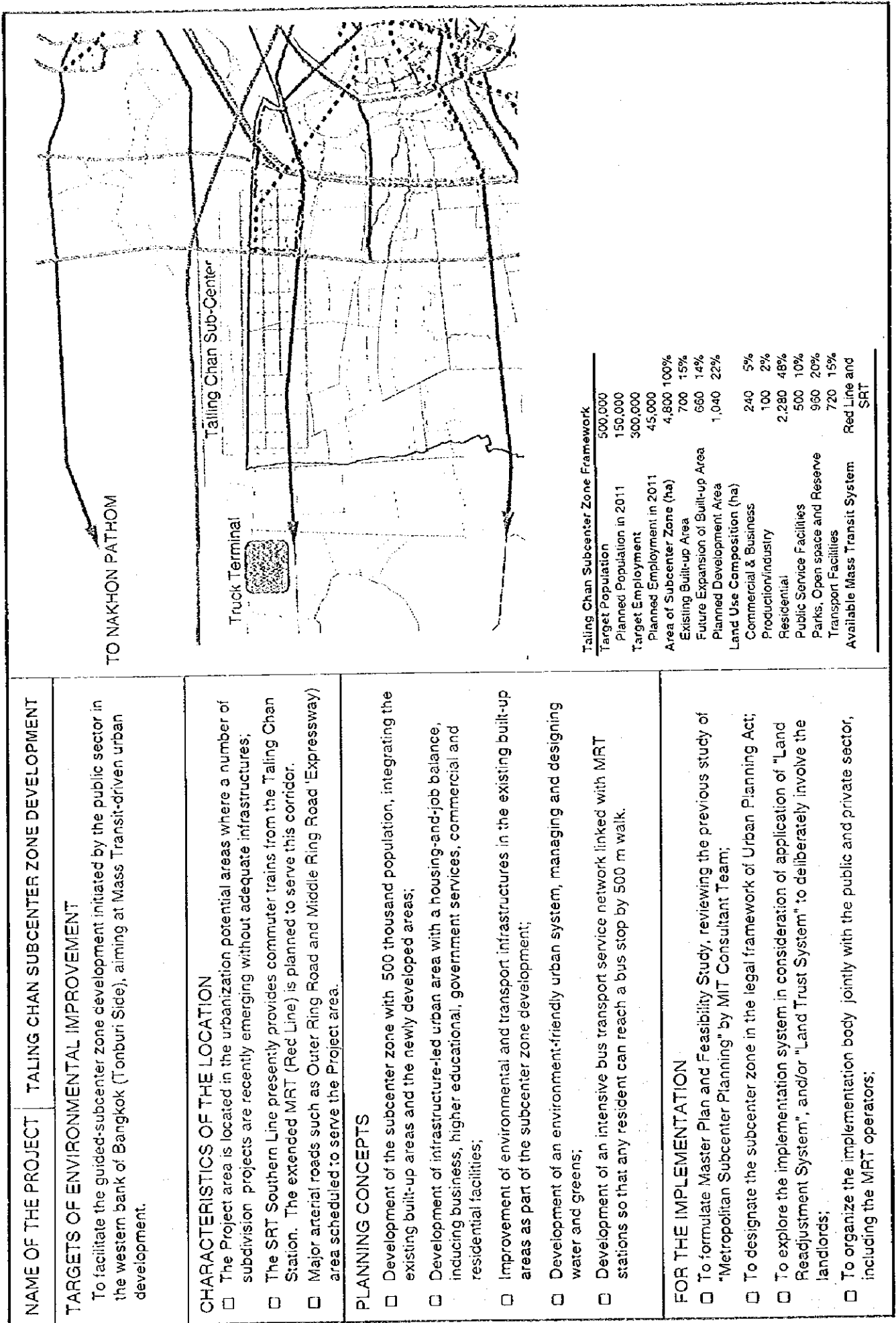
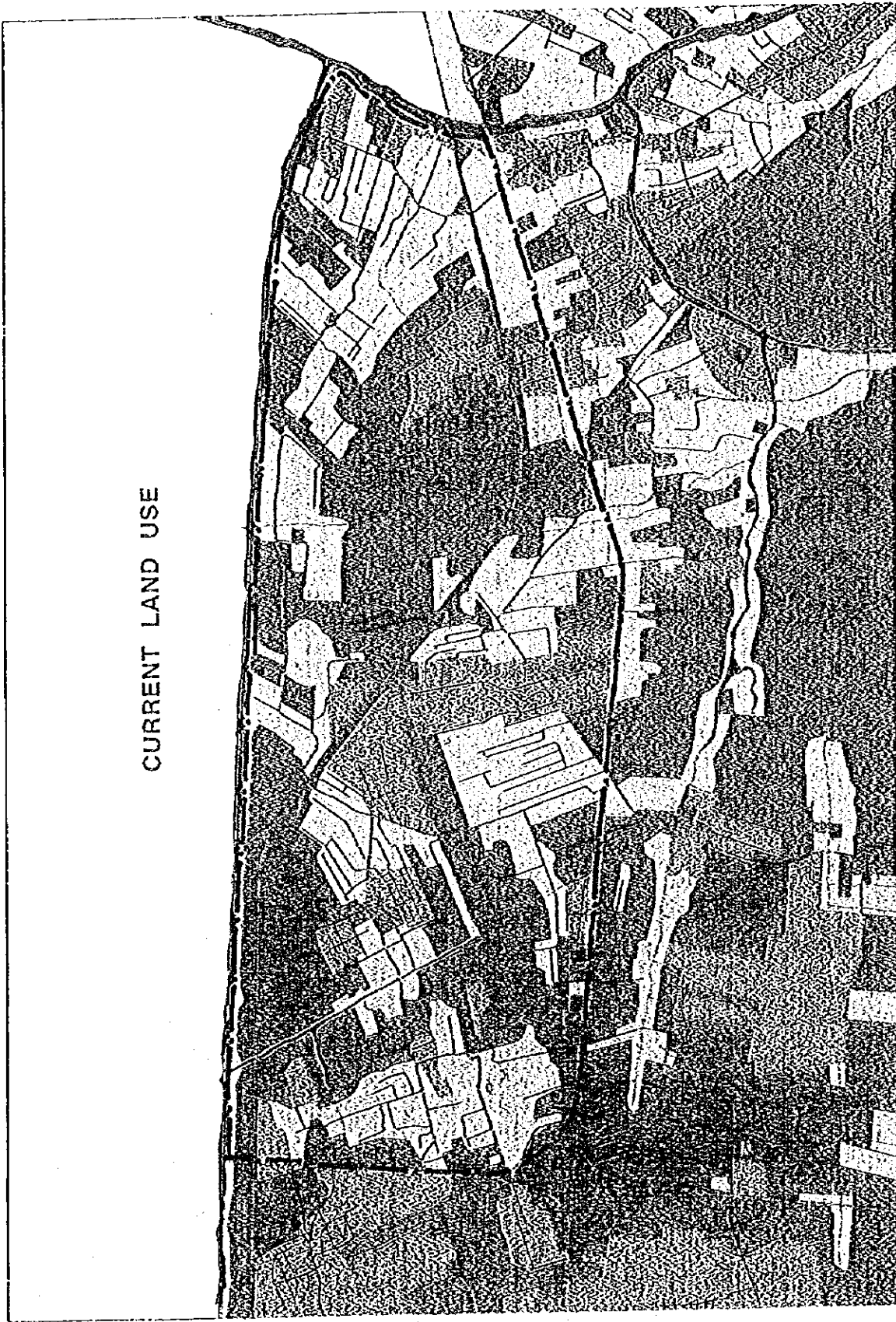


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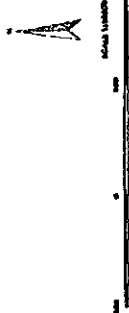


CURRENT LAND USE



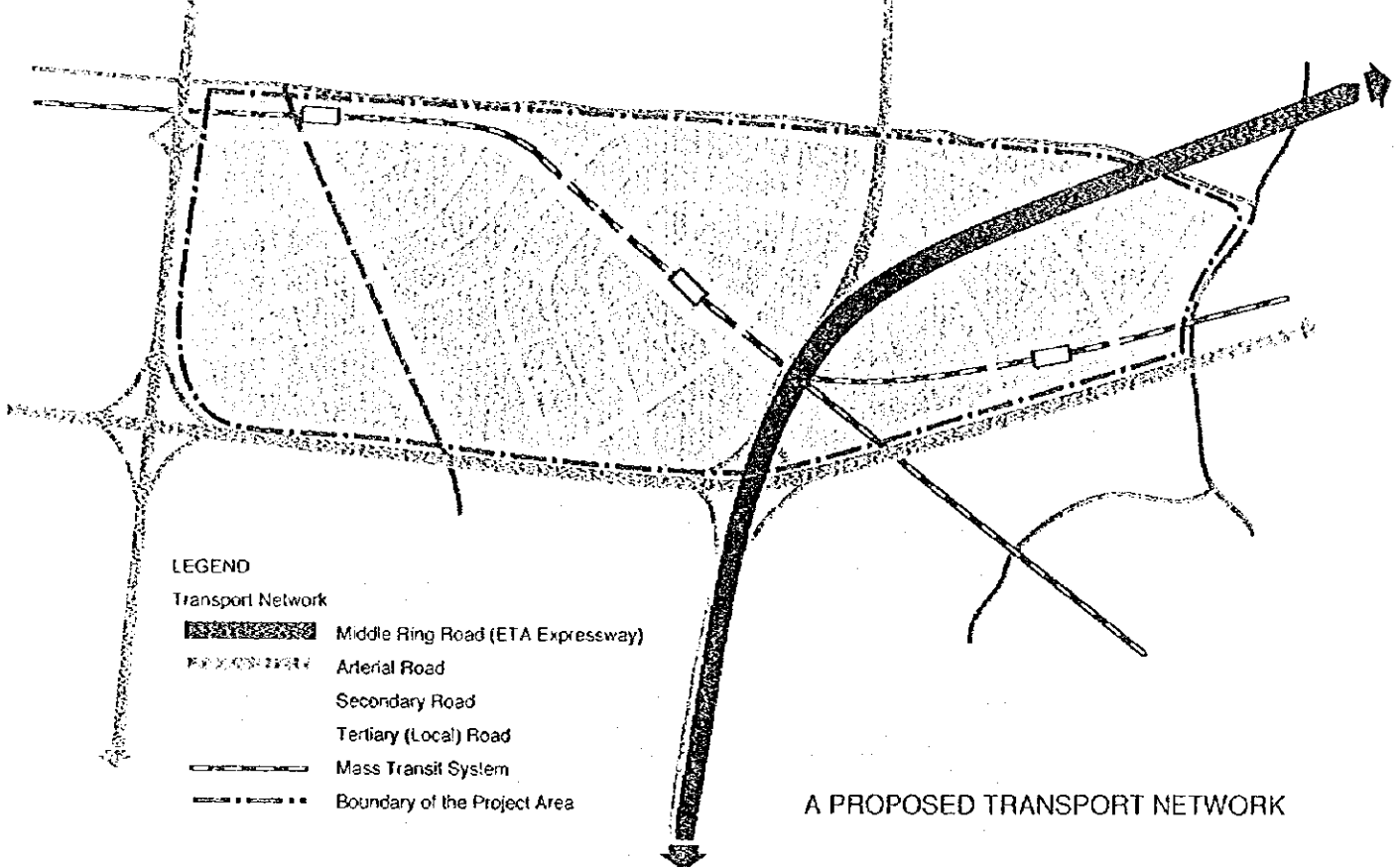
The Land use within the Project Area was surveyed by the BEIP Team in September 1996.

- Warehouse Area
- Government and Public Services
- Open Space/Agricultural
- Conservation
- Park
- High Density Residential
- Middle Density Residential
- Low Density Residential
- Commercial
- Industrial
- School
- Religion
- River

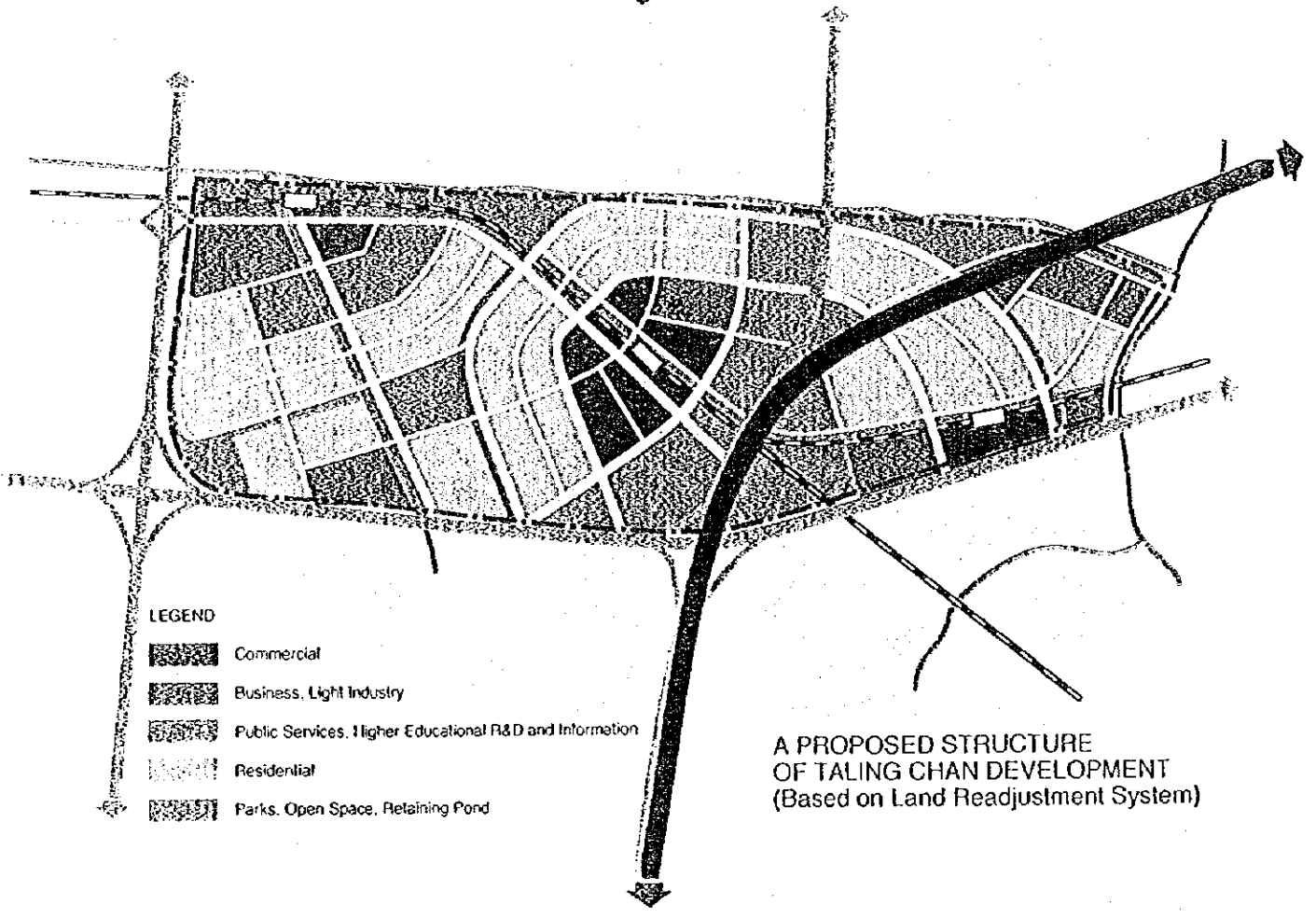


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A PROPOSAL OF PART OF TALING CHAN SUBCENTER ZONE DEVELOPMENT
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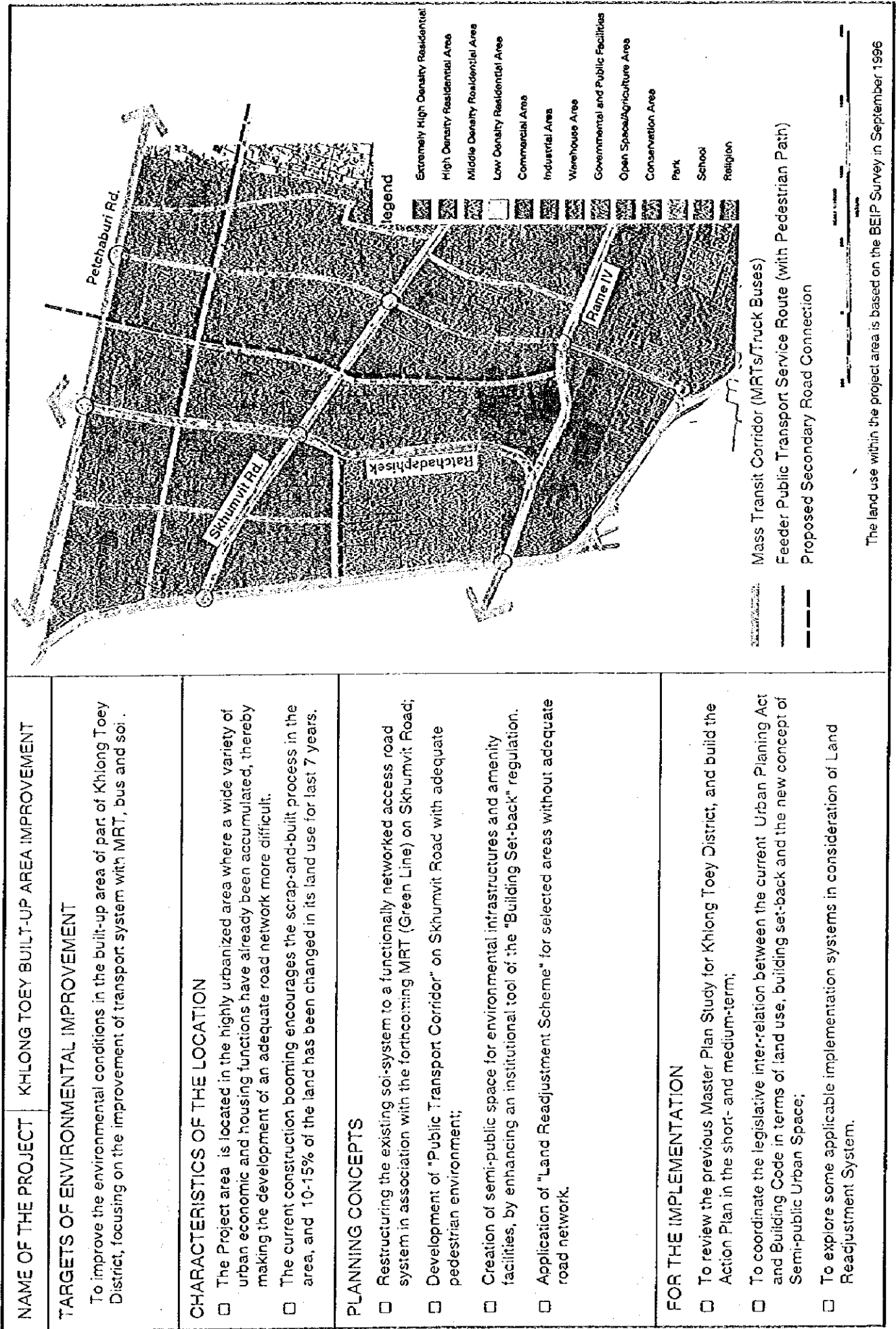


A PROPOSED TRANSPORT NETWORK



A PROPOSED STRUCTURE OF TALING CHAN DEVELOPMENT (Based on Land Readjustment System)

Fig. 11.6



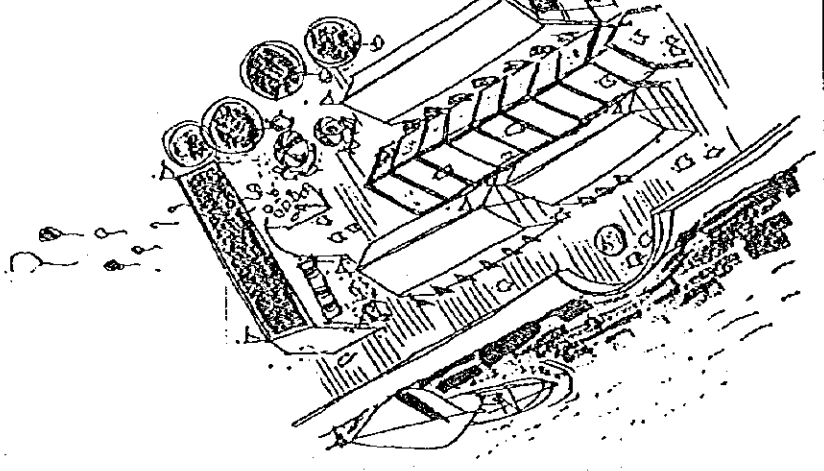
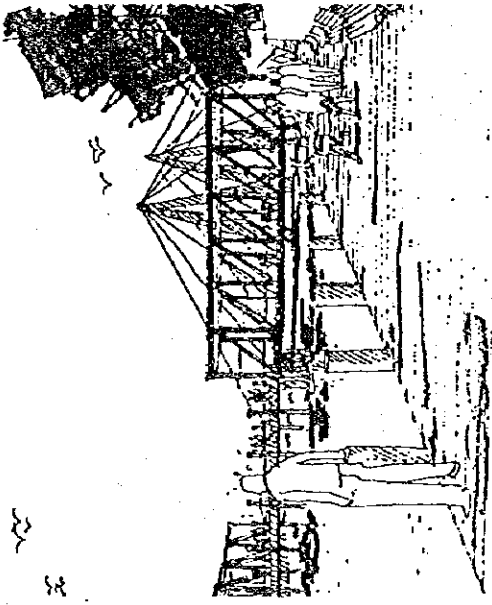
The land use within the project area is based on the BEIP Survey in September 1996

Fig. 11.7

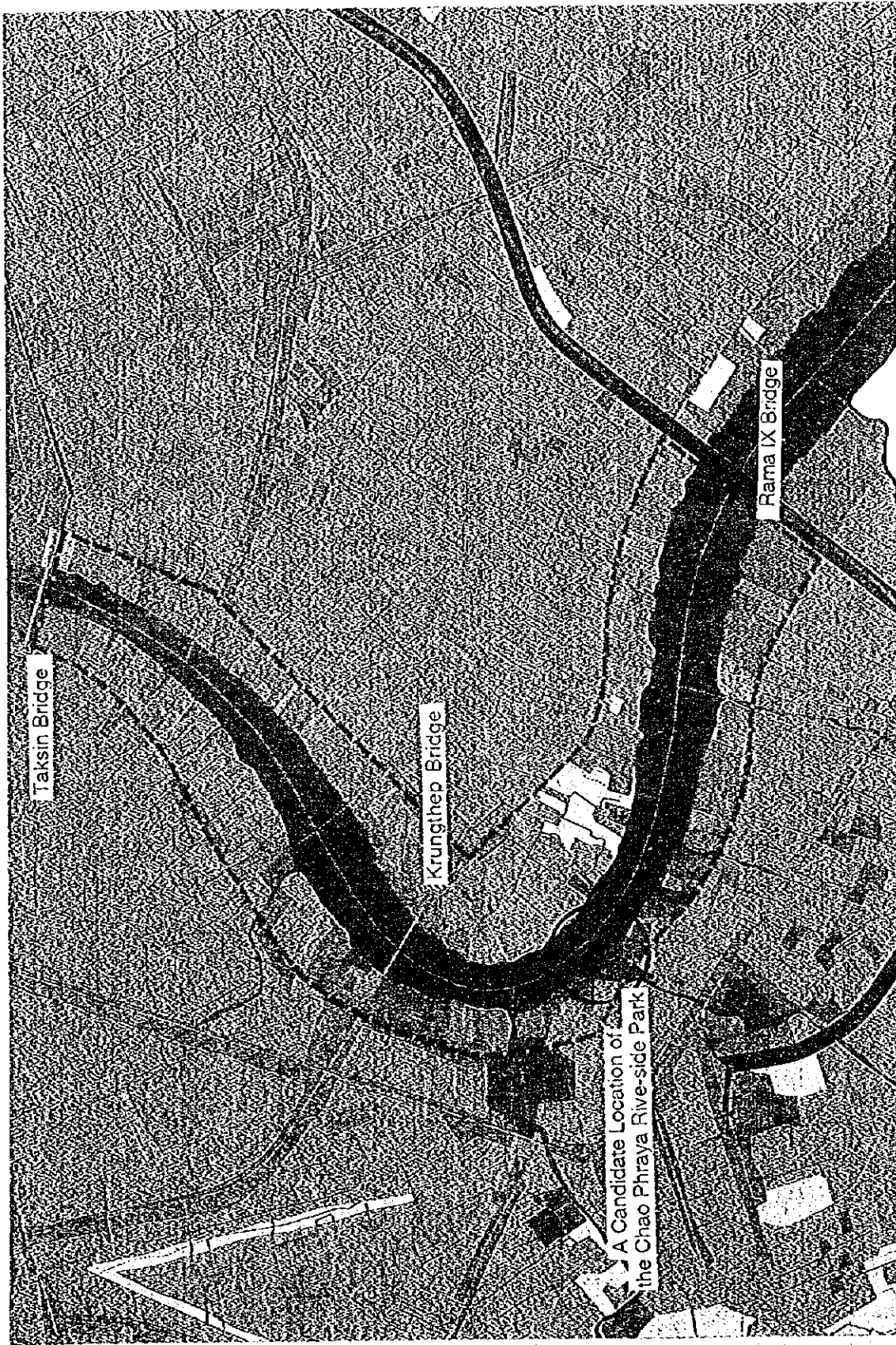
<p>NAME OF THE PROJECT DIN DAENG RENEWAL PROJECT</p>		
<p>TARGETS OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT</p> <p>To make the NHA housing renewal project more functional and attractive, integrating related projects being planned in the surrounding improvement such as MRTs (Orange, Red and Blue Lines), New BMA City Hall and Makkasan Redevelopment.</p>		
<p>CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LOCATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The Project area is located in the inner city where more intensified land use is required for public services. The public sector owns most of the land, thereby easing land acquisition for the implementation. <input type="checkbox"/> The NHA housing area is 23.36 ha with 22,690 population at present (931 prs/ha) and the FAR is 169%. 		
<p>PLANNING CONCEPTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Creation of a "New Bangkok Social Center" in association with improvement of adjacent public service facilities such as New Bangkok City Hall, government offices, the Youth Stadium, hospital and schools; <input type="checkbox"/> Intensification of the housing land use to accommodate 37,000-38,000 population with a new FAR of 500-550 %, providing high-rise housing buildings; <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental improvement by preparing affluent open space, pedestrian facilities, community services for elderly people; <input type="checkbox"/> Formation of a Mass Transit-based transport structure with functional linkages of access roads and pedestrian paths and MRT stations as well as the feeder bus service network. 		
<p>FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> To formulate an overall development master plan in coordination with relevant agencies/organizations and the communities; <input type="checkbox"/> To re-consider and/or coordinate the suitable locations of the stations of Orange Line in relation with the Project; <input type="checkbox"/> To organize a planning committee for the Project with representatives of relevant organizations; <input type="checkbox"/> To organize the resident community for well-management of environmental activities at community level. 		

Fig. 11.8

<p>NAME OF THE PROJECT CHAO PHRAYA RIVER-FRONT REDEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>TARGETS OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT</p> <p>To vitalize the land use of the Chao Phraya river-front area (parts of Bang Kho Laem, Yan Nawa and Ratburana), by facilitating relocations of warehouses and factories of which the locations are no longer functional.</p>	<p>CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LOCATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The Project area is a strip of Chao Phraya river-front from the Rama IX bridge to the Taksin Bridge where warehouses for rice,beverage and timbers and small-scale factories are located. <input type="checkbox"/> The land uses are now changing to more land-efficient type of use such as condominium, hotels, supermarkets, so on. Nevertheless, open space still remains in some parts, awaiting new development. 	<p>PLANNING CONCEPTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Facilitation of relocation of the less functioning warehouses and factories, providing institutional incentives, substitutive land or compensation schemes; <input type="checkbox"/> Formation of a linkage program with the relocation program and the Subcenter zone development (preparation of the land for the would-be-relocated facilities); <input type="checkbox"/> Development of "Chao Phraya River-side Park" with unique landscape and water-friendly facilities for Bangkok people and tourists and develop Waterway Boat Terminal. <input type="checkbox"/> Facilitation of development of Chao Phraya water management facilities; <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of the open space for the environmental purpose, through facilitation of the land purchase by the public sector. 	<p>FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> To designate the Project area as the policy zoning area and conduct the survey of land tenures and facilities to seek the possibility of relocation; <input type="checkbox"/> To formulate the Master Plan and Action Plans for the Project; <input type="checkbox"/> To explore an institutional framework (tax incentives and compensation) to acquire the land for the public purpose; <input type="checkbox"/> To organize the Chao Phraya River-side Park Development Corporation" jointly with the public and private sectors.
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Chao Phraya River-front Redevelopment



The land use within the project area is based on the BEIP Survey in September 1996

Landuse in River Side

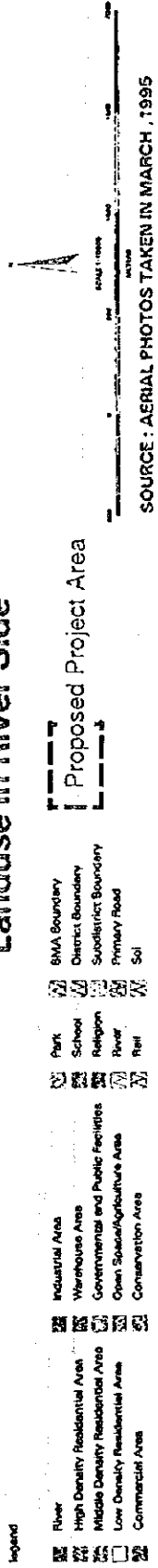
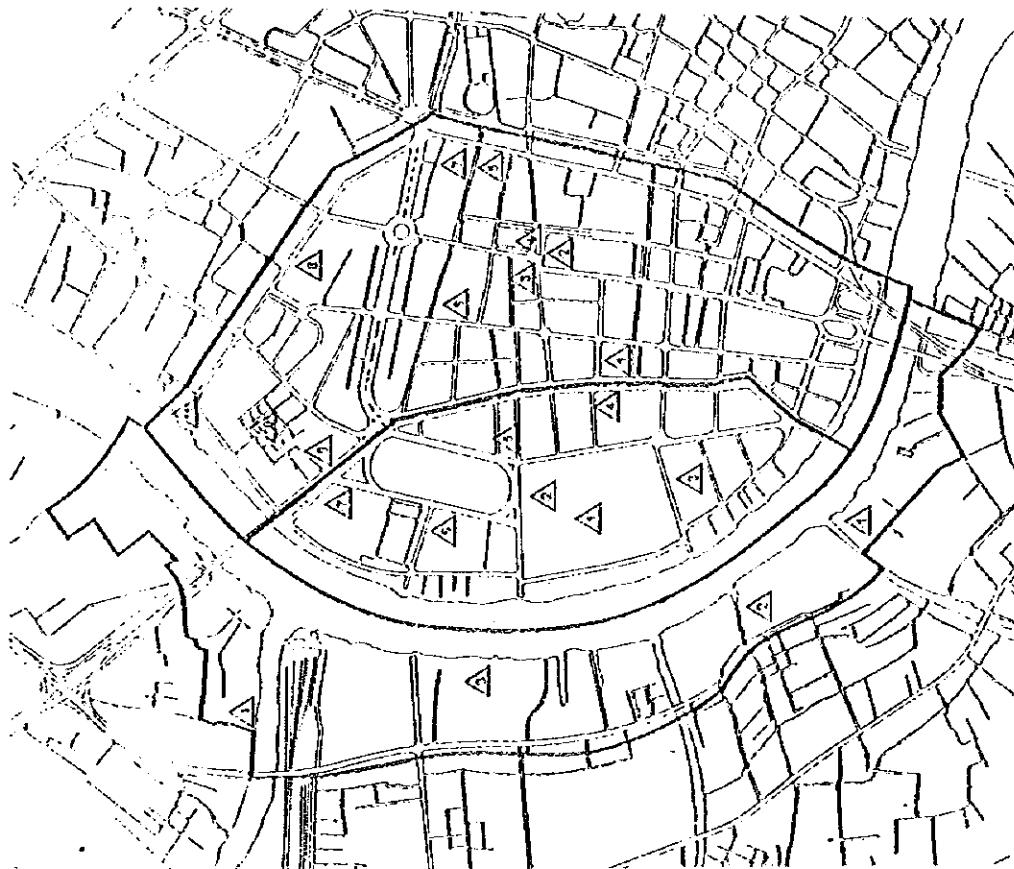


Fig. 11.9

<p>NAME OF THE PROJECT</p>	<p>RATHANAKOSIN CONSERVATION</p>
<p>TARGETS OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT</p> <p>To form an institutional framework and propose physical improvement to conserve the historically invaluable assets and districts, while promoting the Thai unique environment.</p>	<p>CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LOCATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The Project area is located in the historical center of Bangkok where is the Thai people's spiritual core. <input type="checkbox"/> The area is separated in two parts alongside Chao Phraya River, and mixed with a variety of functions such as shops, business offices and houses as well as the historical facilities such as the Palace, museums, temples and government offices.
<p>PLANNING CONCEPTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Strengthening of the current institutional framework to control the private sector's activities for construction and renovation of invaluable buildings and land development; <input type="checkbox"/> Expansion of the designated area based on the recommendation of the Bangkok Plan proposed by the MIT/EC group; <input type="checkbox"/> Development/improvement of public parks, selected symbolic streets, landscape facilities and public markets; <input type="checkbox"/> Facilitation of works for "Urban Design" with a Thai unique concept for street greening, trash boxes, public telephone booths, street benches, pocket parks and so on in the specially designated areas. 	<p>FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> To formulate Action Plans to materialize the conservation policies emphasized by the National Committee and by 5th BMA Development Plan; <input type="checkbox"/> To organize the Joint Rathanakosin Design Committee with representatives from the communities to promote people's participation in the implementation of planned projects; <input type="checkbox"/> To arrange the Special Rathanakosin Fund for the planned conservation works.



DESIGNATED RATHANAKOSIN HISTORICAL CONSERVATION AREA

CHAPTER 12: APPLICATION OF GIS TECHNIQUE FOR PLANNING

12.1 Introduction to GIS

It is needless to say that huge amount of geographic data will be collected, analyzed, and evaluated at the planning works of any regional/urban development or environmental management projects. Recently, GIS (Geographic Information System) technique which had initially developed and put into market place in early 1980's in USA has been widely applied to the spatial data digitization, analysis, and mapping for various spatial development/management projects in the world. At the initial stage of software development and diffusion of the GIS, cost performance of this system was still in low efficiency, however, because of the recent innovative progress of computer technology, efficiency of data processing is largely improved and packaged system of GIS has been easily installed and used by many users.

In this study, ARC/INFO as the most updated and world standard software of GIS and related computer system (EWS) has installed in the project office to support the planning works. Based on this system, geographic database for the BEIP study has been constructed. As a result of the data manipulation and processing, various type of maps and tables were displayed in the previous chapter of this report. These maps and tables are showing not only the existing environmental conditions of the study area but also the planning indicators of the BMA.

Since the GIS was developed in early 1980s, the spatial analysis in urban or regional development planning has been one of the most effective and cost efficient applications in GIS technology. For a long time, regional planning works have been conducted by manual systems, with records on paper and mylar. Planning works, by its nature as an information-rich discipline, has much to gain from the facilities which the new technology provides. Information organized with GIS therefore provides a framework to support the process of decision making which together constitute planning practice.

Environment is also a great concern in the field of GIS application. One main reason for this is the need to compare a great number of area-related data describing the natural resources involved and their sensitivity to the effects of various impacts. Because GIS can be used to couple area-related data with their attributes, and can be used to overlay these, they represent highly efficient instruments for such planning tasks.

Nowadays, GIS becomes a common tool for all who need to analyze spatial data according to their specified purpose. The growth in GIS technology has been spreading wide and rapidly to not only planning works but wide range of application of physical resource management, environmental assessment and so on.

This technical note describes the contents of BEIP-GIS and points out the several problems as well as necessary measures to be taken for the introduction and application of GIS for the coming information oriented society of the Thailand.

12.2 Concept of the Urban Environmental Information System

The GIS applied in the BEIP study is called as Environmental Information System (EIS), that is specially designed to support the urban land use planning and environmental management for the area of Bangkok Metropolitan Administration(BMA). As illustrated in Fig. 12.1, EIS is a system that incorporates and integrates the functional sub-system of urban planning, transport planning and environmental planning. The functionality and activities associated with each sub-system are needed to define in terms of GIS performance.

(1) Urban Planning Sub-system

This sub-system aims at creating the alternative land use plan by projecting various environmental factors onto the real world, and contributing to the actual urban planning works. Many kind of map data which represent existing urban condition of the BMA and socio-economic statistical data are digitized and stored into the computer as a geographic database. Based on this database, spatial distribution of physical constraints, land use suitability, and future urban development potentiality are analyzed and mapped.

(2) Transport Planning Sub-system

This sub-system aims at creating the alternative transport plan by simulating the traffic volume and congestion based on the existing and planned road networks. For the transport planning, TRANPLAN software was used to analyze existing and future traffic condition. BEIP-GIS supply the basic information on road network, traffic analysis zone(TAZ), and related data. After the necessary data analysis by TRANPLAN, final results were transferred to GIS again and mapped.

(3) Environmental Planning Sub-system

This sub-system aims at creating the alternative environmental management plan by simulating the air, water quality and noise conditions using each environmental mathematical model.

The functionality of the total system can be divided into the following six main elements from which A, D, E and F are directly related to the use of GIS.

- (A) Data entry, storage, retrieval and management;
- (B) Computation of traffic volume by simulation model;
- (C) Computation of Air pollution by emission model;
- (D) Spatial (land use) and environmental analysis;
- (E) Comparison and evaluation of alternatives;
- (F) Presentation and mapping; and
- (G) User interface and scenario generator.

The system was designed based on the clear-cut identification of objectives and needs for the analysis. The following attention was paid on the process of database development.

- Examination of data availability in terms of its accuracy, source, method and date of data generation;
- Collection of existing data files in the form of M/T or F/D or M/O to avoid the duplication of data input;
- Examination of model development in GIS in close collaboration with relevant agencies;
- Preparation of output images linked with input from the database
- Examination of the most appropriate system for EIS based on the data volume, input format, output map production, CPU performance, disk capacity and type of package software of GIS; and
- Examination of system compatibility, availability of local system support and maintenance services.

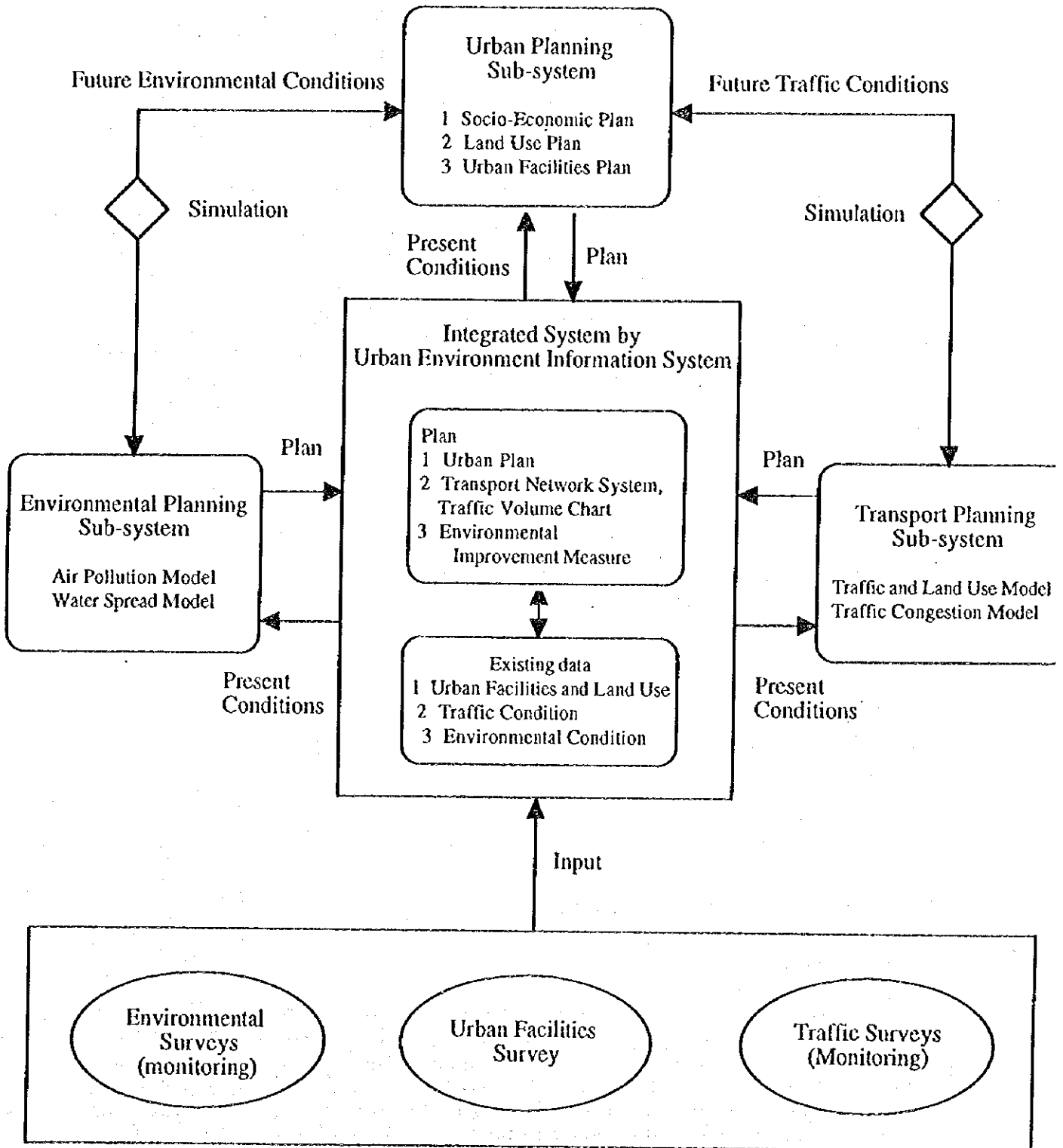


Fig. 12.1 Concept of Urban Environmental Information System

12.3 System Configuration

The typical hardware configuration for GIS comprises a central computer surrounded by memory and storage disks and a number of peripheral devices. Time sharing system is also important because it enables terminal units with lines attached to the central computer to be used at the same time. Like every other computerized information system, GIS are comprised of the integration of hardware and software packages.

Hardware configuration is usually designed considering the software performance that runs on the machine. More recently, the Engineering Work Station (EWS) has becoming an important role in the graphic oriented system such as GIS, so it is the most widely configured in many GIS vendors. For the purpose of developing large scale database, the necessity for the CPU performance and disk storage capacity is carefully examined so as to optimize the GIS software capabilities.

In the history of GIS software development, the most significant advance was the introduction of the concept of the relational database that allows linking graphic data with attributes data by the use of common key fields. The software is also required to perform certain analytical tasks according to the nature of the problems. The overlay procedure, for example, has been commonly used for combining different data sets in order to identify the problem areas or sites with required characteristics. Buffering, address matching and network analysis are additional tools adopted in the planning applications of GIS. The above functionalities are necessary to be included in the GIS software for BEIP. Nowadays, a variety of GIS products have arrived on the market and users have begun to gain familiarity with these new systems even in Thailand. In addition, local supports and maintenance services are also taken into the consideration. As the result of the scrupulous survey under the local circumstances in Thailand, the following system was finally selected.

(1) Hardware

EWS : SUN SPARC station 20 (64 Mbyte Main Memory, 2.1Gbyte Hard Disk)
 Printer : HP Laserjet 5P (A4 size)
 Plotter : HP Designjet 750C (A0 size, 16 millions different color)
 Digitizer : CALCOMP 34480 (A0 size, 16 Button Carsol)

(2) Software

SUN OS, Solaris Ver. 2.4
 ARC/INFO Ver. 7.0.3
 CORE module
 GRID module
 NETWORK module
 ARCVIEW Ver. 2.0

The system configuration is shown in Figure 12.2.

12.4 Data/Information Filed in GIS

For the purpose of developing an integrated database, plenty of data (both graphical and statistical) have been aggressively collected from various relevant agencies. The collected data are listed in Table 12.1. However, problems with data were serious because their date of compilation, accuracy, scale and format vary each other, so it would put us in a difficult situation to integrate them into a database. Because of this, it was a critical necessity to decide a base map for the data digitization, and finally the topographic maps at a scale of 1:20,000 produced by Royal Thai Survey Department (RTSD) were applied as a planimetric base map for the BEIP.

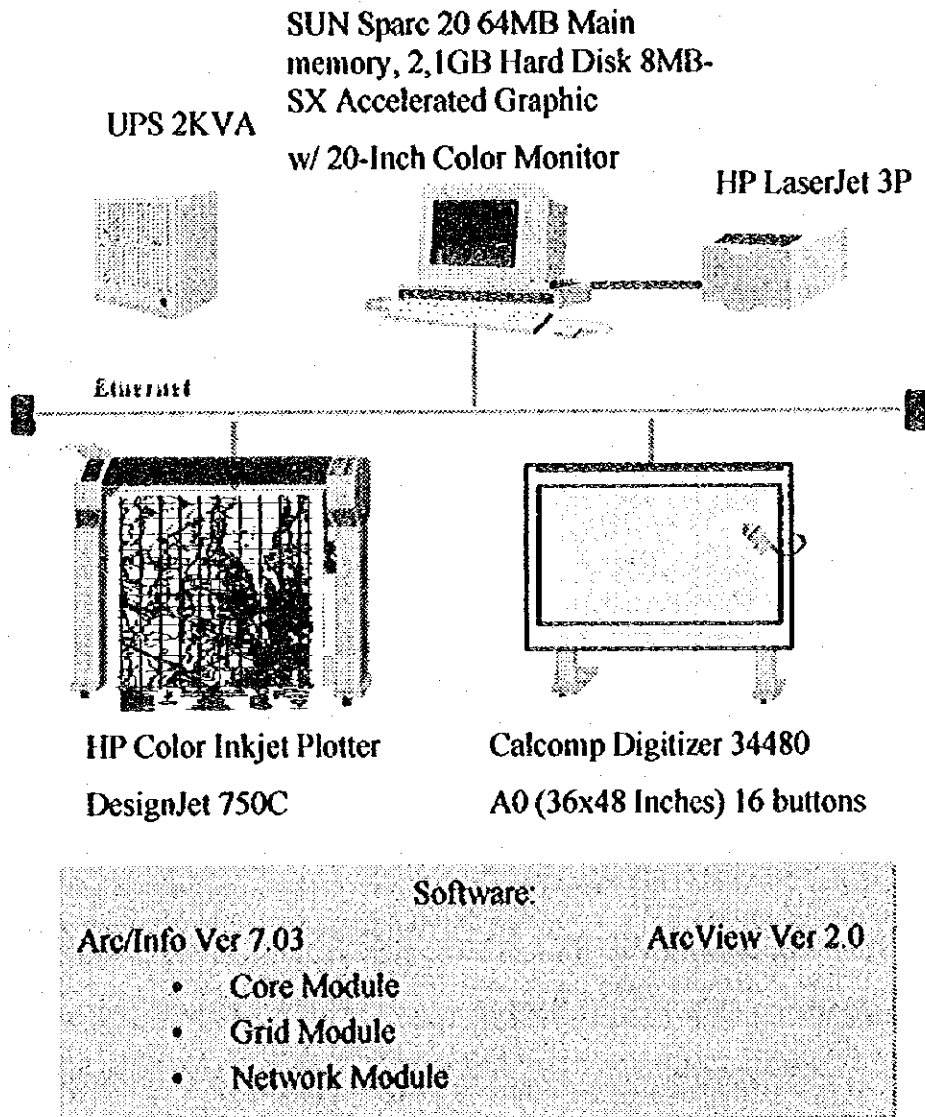


Fig. 12.2 System Configuration

The study area, Bangkok Metropolitan Administration(BMA) is about 1,600 square km and almost covered by 20 (twenty) sheets of the above topographic maps, but some eastern and southern tips of BMA (Nong Chok and Bang Kun Thian districts) are missing on this map series. Topographic maps at a scale 1:50,000 (by RTSD) were supplementary used to fill up such areas as well as covering whole Bangkok Metropolitan Region (BMR). These topographical maps were finally merged each other and compiled into one map sheet scaled at 1:75,000 as a base map for BEIP study.

The status of existing roads, railways, rivers and canals, landmarks, and administrative boundaries were principally derived from the above topographic maps, however, some were lack in details or needed to be updated.

Table 12.1 List of Map Data used for the EIS Development

	Source map	Source	Scale	Date	Information	Remarks
1	Topographic maps	Royal Thai Survey Dept.	1:20,000	1982 - 1992	Road, Rail, River, Canal, Landmark	20 map sheets for BMA
2	Topographic maps	Royal Thai Survey Dept.	1:50,000	1970s - 1980s	Road, Administrative boundaries	
3	Administrative boundaries map	Policy and Planning Dept, BMA	1:50,000	1994	Administrative boundaries	Used for the updated 131 sub-districts identification
4	Land use map	City Planning Dept, BMA	1:40,000	1993	Land use	Not published draft map based on photo interpretation
5	Land use zoning map	Dept. of City and Country Planning	1:75,000	1992	Land use zoning	
6	Ground subsidence map	JICA report	about 1:500,000	1995	Simulated ground subsidence	
7	Inundated area map (1983)	JICA report	about 1:500,000	1983	Inundated area by 1983 flood	No geographic coordinate
8	Inundated area map (1995)	Dept. of Drainage and Sewerage	about 1:400,000	1996	Inundated area by 1995 flood	
9	Flood protection facilities map	Dept. of Drainage and Sewerage	1:100,000	1996	Dikes, Gates, Pump Station	
10	Water service area map	Metropolitan Water Works Authority	1:100,000	1995	Current water service area Water transmission system	
11	Sewerage zone map	PCD report	about 1:500,000	1993	Proposed division of sewage area	No geographic coordinate
12	Traffic Analysis Zone Map	UTDM	digital	1995	Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ)	Derived from MAPINFO
13	Mass transit map	SRT, DTSC, MRTA	-	1996	Each agency's plans	Not based on maps
14	Road projects map by the year 2000 (8th Plan Projects)	BMA, DOI, PWD, ETA	-	1996	Each agency's plans for the 8th Plan	Some projects are still under consideration by OCMRT

In such cases, the best efforts were made so as to look for the latest data or information in the authorized agencies. For example, the sub-district boundary is important because it composes a minimum statistical unit in BMA, so the updated and authorized administrative boundaries map which was prepared by Department of Policy and Planning, BMA was collected and digitized. The corresponding basic statistics such as demography were collected at the National Statistics Office and UTDM.

On the other hand, a lot of thematic maps were also gathered from various agencies in and out of BMA, and they are largely divided into the following 4 (four) thematic groups.

- Land resources and conditions, land use, land status,
- Physical constraint, flood area, land subsidence
- Environmental issues, water quality, air pollution, traffic volume
- Social infrastructures, transportation, water service, sewage

The problem at this stage is that these maps are different in date of compilation, scale, accuracy and format and so on because they have not been produced based on the same national base map. It is of primary importance to keep the coordinate accuracy of each map if it will be stored in a sophisticate database. Otherwise, GIS cannot perform any spatial analysis such as overlaying in the next stage.

For this purpose, all thematic maps collected at different agencies are needed to be transferred onto the base map for the preparation of digitization.

Geographical Information System (GIS) is well known for its capability to store both graphical and statistical data at the same time and place. Database Management System (DBMS), one of the most significant advances in GIS software, introduced the concept of the relational database. It serves the very important function of storing very large quantities of information, easily inquiring them, and performing various geographic data manipulation and analysis. In this project, INFO that is the relational DBMS of ARC/INFO is applied to handle basic storage, management and analysis operations for geographic data.

Prior to the data digitization, as described before, all thematic map boundaries were transferred onto a base map (scale 1:75,000) so as to uniform the coordinate control points (TICs), then set on a digitizer. ARC/INFO Ver.7.0.3 was used for all the process of data input, edit, encode and check plots. Statistical information were also stored in conjunction with each statistical unit of maps, especially administrative boundaries map comprised of 151 (one hundred fifty one) sub-districts are frequently used and connected with a lot of attributes data. The contents of the geographic database for BEIP are listed in the followings.

(1) Administrative Boundaries (BMA)

1) Map Data Dource

Topographic maps (1:20,000, partially 1:50,000)

2) Attributes (sub-district base)

Province name in Thai and English
 District name in Thai and English
 Sub-district name in Thai and English
 Sub-district code
 Area (square km)
 Build-up area (square km)
 Build-up ratio (%)
 Open space ratio (%)
 Population in 1995
 Household in 1995
 Gross population density in 1995
 Net population density in 1995
 Population in 1990
 Household in 1990
 Population increase rate (%) between 1990 and 1995
 Gross road density (m/ha)
 Net road density (m/h)
 Soi rate (%)

(2) Administrative Boundaries (BMR)

1) Map Data Source

Topographic map (1:50,000)

2) Attributes

Province name in Thai and English
 District name in Thai and English
 Sub-district name in Thai and English

(3) Existing Land Use

1) Map Data Source

land use map (1:40,000) based on the interpretation of aerial photos (1993)

2) Attributes

0 Water bodies
 1 High density residential area
 2 Middle density residential area
 3 Low density residential area
 4 Commercial area
 5 Industrial area
 6 Warehouse

- 7 Governmental facilities area
- 8 Agriculture / Open space area
- 9 Conservation area
- 10 Park
- 11 School
- 12 Religion

(4) Road, Hydrology, Rail (SRT)

1) Map Data Source

Topographic map (1:20,000)

2) Attributes

Road

Road length (m)

Road class (derived from the legend of the topographic map)

1 Primary road

2 Secondary road

3 Through road

4 Soi

5 Express road with Thai name

Hydrology

No attribute

Rail

Station name

(5) Landmarks

1) Map Data Source

Topographic map (1:20,000)

2) Attributes

Landmark type

31 School

32 Church

33 Temple

34 Mosque

35 Ministry

36 District office

37 Police station

38 Embassy

39 Consulate

40 Hospital

41 Bank

42 Factory

43 Hotel

44 Governmental agencies name in Thai

(6) Inundated Area by 1983 flood

1) Map Data Source

Derived from existing report by JICA

2) Attributes

Inundated area (square km)

Inundated type

1 Inundated

2 Not inundated

(7) Inundated Area by 1995 flood**1) Map Data Source**

Derived from existing report by DDS

2) Attributes

Inundated type

- 1 Inundated
- 2 Not inundated

(8) Simulated Land subsidence**1) Map Data Source**

Derived from existing report by JICA (1995)

2) Attributes

Simulated subsidence class

- 1 Less than -50 cm
- 2 -51 to -75 cm
- 3 -76 to -100 cm
- 4 -101 to -125 cm
- 5 -126 to -150 cm
- 6 More than -151 cm

(9) Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ)**1) Map Data Source**

Originally produced by BEIP based on the topographic maps (1:20,000)

2) Attributes

Zone number

Zone area (square km)

Land use type

- 2 CBD
- 3 China town
- 4 Urban
- 5 Sub-urban
- 6 Rural

(10) Land Use Zoning System**1) Map Data Source**

Land use zoning system map

2) Attributes

Land use zoning type

- 0 Water bodies
- 1 Low density residential area
- 2 Middle density residential area
- 3 Low density residential area
- 4 Commercial area
- 5 Industrial area / Warehouse
- 6 Warehouse
- 7 Special industrial area
- 8 Agriculture
- 9 Recreational / Open space
- 10 Educational institute

- 11 Rural agriculture Conservation
- 12 Conservation for Thai culture
- 13 Religion
- 14 Governmental office / Public facilities

(11) Sewage Zone

1) Map Data Source

Originally produced by BEIP based on the topographic maps (1:20,000)

2) Attributes

- Sewage zone number
- Sewage zone area (square km)
- Operation stage
 - 1 Under operation
 - 2 Under planning
 - 3 Expansion plan

(12) MWA Water Service Area (BMA and BMR)

1) Map Data Source

MWA water service area map

2) Attributes

- Zone name
 - 1 Bang Bua Thong
 - 2 Bangkhaen 1
 - 3 Bangkhaen 2
 - 4 Bangkok Noi
 - 5 Mansri
 - 6 Minburi
 - 7 Nonthaburi 1
 - 8 Nonthaburi 2
 - 9 Phasicharoen
 - 10 Phaya Thai
 - 11 Phrakanong - Bnagna
 - 12 Samut Prakarn
 - 13 Sukhumvit - Pattankarn
 - 14 Taksin 1
 - 15 Taksin 2
 - 16 Thung Mahamek
- Service stage
 - 1 Service area
 - 2 No service area
- Water service area expansion plan
 - 1 Water service area in 1995
 - 2 Water service area before 1997/1
 - 3 Water service area before 1997/2
 - 4 Water service area before 2007
 - 5 Water service area before 2017

(13) BOD Loading Investigation / Water Quality Sampling points

1) Map Data Source

Originally produced in BEIP study based on topographic map (1:20,000)

2) Attributes

Origin type

- 1 Latkrabang industrial estate
- 2 Hotel
- 3 Hospital
- 4 Condominium
- 5 Restaurant
- 6 Private office
- 7 Department store
- 8 Fresh food market
- 101 Mixed area I : Democratic Monument
- 102 Mixed area II : Phatpong
- 103 Mixed area III : Wong Wain Yai
- 11 Residential area (NHA)
- 12 Residential area (town house)
- 13 Residential area (single house)
- 14 School

Sampling point number

(14) Khlong Water Quality Sampling Point and BOD**1) Map Data Dource**

Originally produced in BEIP study based on topographic map (1:20,000)

2) Attributes

Sampling type

- 1 Existing
- 2 Existing new
- 3 New

Water quality

- 1 More than 40
- 2 30 to 39
- 3 20 to 29
- 4 Less than 20

Sampling point number

(15) Flood Prevention and Drainage Facilities**1) Map Data Source**

Originally produced by BEIP based on the topographic maps (1:20,000)

2) Attributes

Protection stage

- 0 No protected
- 1 Protected drainage pump station point

Water gate point

(16) Mass Transit Plan (including SRT Rail Project)**1) Map Data Source**

Originally produced by BEIP based on the topographic maps (1:20,000)

2) Attributes

Project type

- 1 BTSC - green
- 2 MRTA - blue
- 3 MRTA - orange

- 4 MRTA - purple
- 5 MRTA - red
- 11 BTSC - green (ext)
- 12 MRTA - blue (ext)
- 13 MRTA - orange (ext)
- 15 MRTA - red (ext)

Project stage

- 1 On going
- 2 Proposed

Station plan

(17) Road Project

1) MapData Source

Major BMA road projects in 8th plan, DOH project, PWD project

2) Attributes

Plan type (BMA)

- Year 1995 0 improved existing road
- Plan 2000 1 new road

Road ID

Plan type (DOH)

- Year 1995 0 improved existing road
- Plan 2000 1 new road

Road ID

Plan type (PWD)

- Year 1995 0 improved existing road
- Year 2000 1 new road

(18) Boat/Ferry Service

1) Map Data Source

Originally produced by BEIP based on the topographic maps (1:20,000)

2) Attributes

Ferry pier point

Service type

- 1 Khlong express boat service
- 2 Chao Phraya river express boat service
- 3 Chao Phraya river crossing boat service

Pier name (service type 2 only)

Service line (service type 3 only)

(19) Road Network from TRANPLAN Data

1) Map Data Source

Originally produced by BEIP based on the topographic maps (1:20,000 and 1:50,000)

2) Attributes

- Road traffic volume (daily base)
- Road traffic volume (peak hours base)
- Travel speed distribution (peak hours base)
- Level of service (peak hours base)
- Number of traffic lanes
- Number of Bus lanes

(20) Person Trip OD**1) Map Data Source**

Originally produced by BEIP based on the topographic maps (1:20,000)

2) Attributes

Daily base
Peak hours base

(21) The Bangkok Plan (draft), DCP, BMA**1) Map Data Source**

The Bangkok Plan report

2) Attributes

Land use type
 1 Residential area
 2 Commercial area
 3 Industrial area
 4 Agriculture
 5 Park
 6 Mixed use
 Maximum allowable FARs (FAR type)
 1 10:1
 2 6:1
 3 4:1
 4 2:1
 5 1:1
 6 Rural

(22) Khlong Water Quality Improvement (East Bank), DDS, BMA**1) Map Data Source**

Originally produced by BEIP based on the topographic maps (1:20,000)

2) Attributes

Boundary of water dilution system
 Dilution water intake station
 Dilution water discharge station
 Dilution water intake and discharge station
 Direct aeration site
 Khlongs for direct aeration site 5
 Khlongs for dredging work
 Khlongs for construction of retaining wall

