

Wanalee Saksuriyaphadung 2014: Guidelines for Historical Resource Conservation and Development of Mueang Boran Nakhon Chai Si, Mueang Nakhon Pathom District, Nakhon Pathom Province. Master of Landscape Architecture, Major Field: Landscape Architecture, Interdisciplinary Graduate Program. Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Alisara Menakanit, Ph.D. 189 pages.

Thailand has many historical sites, some of them are in urban areas. These sites often faced conservation problems under the city development process. The objectives of this study were to study factors that caused conservation and development problems or constraints of Mueang Boran Nakhon Chai Si and suggest guidelines for appropriate conservation and development. The study methods started with 2 case studies; 1) the ancient city of Mueang Boran U Thong which is of the same era as Mueang Boran Nakhon Chai Si and 2) Historic City of Ayutthaya, a world heritage site. The conservation process, problems and constraints of these 2 cities were studied to apply to the conservation and development of Mueang Boran Nakhon Chai Si. As for Mueang Boran Nakhon Chai Si, the study focused on historical and physical aspects, policy, management and conservation process. Data gathering techniques were field survey, literature review and in-depth interviews of 3 groups, namely, leader or community representatives, executive officers and scholars or specialists.

The findings showed 3 factors that were obstacles of Mueang Boran Nakhon Chai Si conservation and development; 1) policy and the economy 2) management and 3) physical development. The suggested conservation and development guidelines were; 1) conservation and development policy, using supportive, control and protection measures, 2) management process, with community participation under supportive control and protection measures and 3) physical conservation and development, considering the city identity and authenticity using supportive, control and protection and development measures.

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