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The objectives of this thesis were to study the urban expansion towards community livelihood of Tha sai subdistrict Nonthaburi municipal Area which focus on population, economic and land using as well as the affect from urban expansion on people's lifestyle in Tha sai Community Nonthaburi municipal area, in terms of economic, socio-cultural and environment. Samples of this study were consisted of 394 households who have lived in this area for more than 10 years and aged of more than 29 years. The data was also gathered among 15 samples who were the chiefs of villages living in the area over 20 years. Data were collected by survey, in-depth interview, and observation both participant and non-participant.

The results of the study were that the aspects of urban expansion in Nonthaburi municipal area had been rapidly increasing during 10 years (1995-2005). The expansion of population, especially, migration to the area has expanded. Thus, land use and economic growth were increasingly followed up. In such way of urban expansion which affected on people's livelihood of the communities, agricultural way of life has been changed to the urban one. That was to say people living in these communities were impacted from urban expansion in 3 dimensions as follows; economic, socio-cultural and environment. For the impact of urban expansion, there were both conformities and unconformities to the need of communities, particularly in terms of environment which was destroyed becoming problems to communities, for instance, wasted water and air pollution.

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