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The purposes of this research were to study the level of knowledge, attitude and public practice of The Tambon Administrative Organizational members in continuing work on the environmental aspects, in Ratchaburi Province of the relationship between independent variables and knowledge, attitude and public practice. Throughout this study relationship between knowledge, attitude and public practice combined a range of problems, difficulties and instructions in continuing the work, by using a questionnaire as the means of collecting information from members of 5 Tambon Administrative Organizations in Ratchaburi Province. A joint meeting of Tambon members totaling 106 people in the budget year 2541 (1998) was used as a practical basis for looking at problems relating to the health of the environment in the Healthy Cities Project.

The research found that members of the Tambon Administrative Organizations had an average level of knowledge, a positive attitude, and a moderate degree of public practice. The extent of knowledge of members had a relationship with monthly family income, level of education and occupation. Attitudes had a relationship with monthly family income and occupation while public practice did not have a statistically significant relationship with education (.05) and knowledge had a connection with attitude in the order of .001. Problems and impediments in continuing the work in each Tambon Administrative Organization had been the lack of budgetary allocations, the lack of public understanding and knowledge, and the reluctance of the community to cooperate in working groups covering the whole province. A lack of progress had been the result. Therefore a meeting should be arranged to give information to Tambon Administrative Organizational members to facilitate the correct performance of this work, supply information about the budget and to look for alternative funding sources for important issues. This would increased more awareness, and promoted the importance of cooperation with the Tambon Administrative Organizations in continuing the work of the Healthy Cities Project.