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The aim of this research is to investigate the evolution, development, problems and causes of the problems in physical characteristics (urban and environmental planning) and socio-economic characteristics of Talad Baan Sud, the old waterfront community of Suphan Buri Province, using the method of data collection and analysis with a presentation of concept of the old settlement community conservation and development.

However, due to the major development policy of the country and the less concerning of ancient community conservation, it is believed that Talad Baan Sud community would be impacted by the results of development like the other communities that finally lost their spirit and unique characteristics.

Results of this research, reveal that Talad Baan Sud was settled at this location for more than 100 years, like the other Thai ancient communities selected the waterfront area as the most suitable site for the way of life that fed by the utility of canal and river, including consumption, tradition and transportation. Nowadays, Talad Baan Sud community's life has been continually well conserved for its unique physical and socio-economic characteristics even the coming of modern way of life and the important role of the land transportations.

Thus, results of this study would lead to the recommendation of applying the concept of modern development that integrated with the concerning of ancient community conservation. These recommendations would also propose the solutions of the exist problems that also promote the character of the livable old waterfront settlement, Baan Sud Community , Suphan Buri Province.



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