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The objectives of this study were to investigate the level of people's participation and comparison of factors affecting people's participation on the preservation of The Thachin River in Muang Suphan Buri Municipality. The samples consisted of 394 people. Data were collected by questionnaires and analyzed by a computer software program. Statistics used for data analysis were percentage, mean, standard deviation, t-test, F-test and LSD. The statistical level of significant was set at .05.

The results of this study were that the level of people's participation on the preservation of The Thachin River in Muang Suphan Buri Municipality area was at the moderate level. The highest participation was benefits and the lowest participation was decision making. Testing of hypotheses were found male, government official state enterprise and company staff, club membership, training, those who received information and knowledge with comprehension about the river participated in the preservation of The Thachin River more than other groups which was statistically significant at .05 level. Age, education, income, and awareness were not found to cause different.

The suggestions from this study was that the government and local organization should provide project for knowledge about preservation for people and emphasized that the first priority to group of low level participation included set the trends for operating preservation activities, staging activities for example, school kids program for awareness and give a chance for people to raise participation on the preservation of The Thachin River.

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