

Eco-friendly Urban Stream “Seung-Gi Cheon” Rehabilitation Project in Incheon Metropolitan City, the Republic of Korea

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Type of case: development/implementation

Geographical area: urban

Background Information

Incheon Metropolitan City has consisted Stream Restoration Task Force with Public-Private Partnership since 2003 began to start rehabilitate 5 major streams in Incheon to eco-friendly rivers around 100 million USD. This presentation will introduce one of urban stream rehabilitation case named “Seung-Gi Cheon(stream)” with restoration 6.2km in length out of 10.33km, which finished the project in August 2009.

Now Seung-Gi Cheon became home to more than 112 kinds of birds, including some of natural treasure and the world's most endangered or threatened species. The primary purpose of this project is restoration of polluted urban stream in Incheon and which made a remarkable result through good governance by effective and systematic coordination among public, private, expert and community.

Special Remarks of the project

- From beginning of planning stage, this project has proceeded with communities’ participation and implemented under co-organizing of the public and local governments through continuous communication.
- The Task Force suggested an appropriate alternate way through technical review not only raise an issue to local authorities
- The project has a unique theme as a goal of restoration.
- The Task Force established cooperative system among local governments, community opinion leaders, non-governmental organization, experts and media.
- The emphasis on Liveability, Vibrancy, Sustainability and Quality of Life through the project is central for Incheon citizens, especially women.