

HERITAGE AND DEVELOPMENT

What would you be proud to show your visitors?

In July 2006, the Old City Office of the Municipal Government and GTZ agreed on a subsidy standard for house renovations. House owners received technical support and subsidies as incentive and cata-

lyst to participate in the programme. The Yangzhou Famous City Company, as the implementing agency of the government, improved infrastructure facilities in the pilot area.

In Yangzhou, Community Action Planning (CAP) was introduced:

- To create awareness of historical elements of lanes and buildings in the old city among the residents, with the objective to integrate these elements into the rehabilitation plan.
- To conduct a publicly supported field survey and assessment of existing infrastructure supplies, the quality of public space, surface and furnishings of lanes, the condition of facades, roofs and sanitary equipment in public houses.
- To prepare a detailed inventory and list for improvement measures in a pilot block.
- To define priorities, estimates of rehabilitation costs and seek terms for financial and technical contributions by residents and the municipal government for the implementation of upgrading and improvement measures.
- To analyse improvement measures from the point of view of all stakeholders.



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For the planning and implementation of the Yangzhou pilot project on urban conservation, the GTZ-supported "Eco City Programme" adapted the generic CAP approach to local conditions in China. In numerous CAP workshops, residents of the Wenhuali Dong neighbourhood, representatives of the

Planning Bureau, the public implementation agency YFCC and the Eco City team jointly shaped the process of rehabilitation. The participants analysed relevant problems and enthusiastically prepared action plans and financial models for short and medium term improvements in the old city.

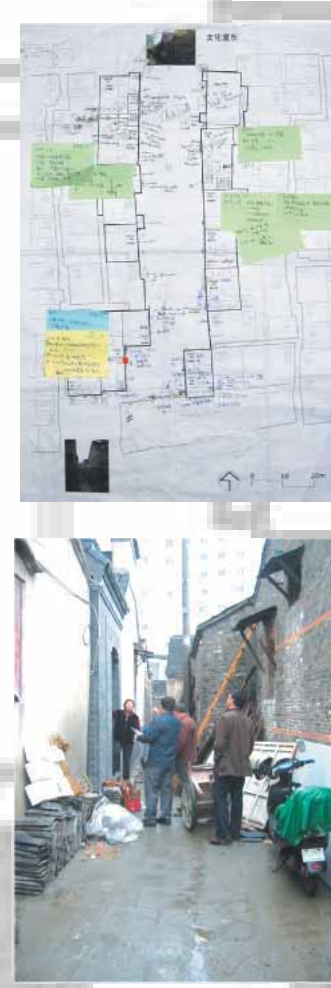
Pre-CAP
Preparation
Families photograph their impressions.



Task 1:
Develop awareness of historical elements of Old City



Task 2:
Identify problems in the Lane



Task 3:
Prepare summary inventory of Lane problems



Task 4:
Consider priorities and costs of options



Task 5:
Decide next steps



Post-CAP:
Carry out Rapid House Assessment using "Phased Upgrading Guidelines"



"Mini-CAP" focused workshops were developed around the tested and proven principles of participatory planning. They provided a quick way to build and reinforce community cohesion and generated city-wide exposure and interest. Activities planned and implemented included lane improvements such as plantings, urban furnishing and cultural programmes.

Preparation



Day 1:
Decide What To Do WELCOME!



Day 2+3:
Prepare for Implementation



Day 4:
Carry Out the Projects



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CAP raises the awareness of architectural heritage and the need and opportunities for measures to strengthen social cohesion among residents, and between residents and local authorities. The success of

this approach is demonstrated by current CAP workshops now replicating to adjacent neighbourhoods under the guidance of the experienced neighbourhood committees and residents.



The relationship between local governments and urban residents in China is entering a new phase. The value of structured dialogues adds to goal definition, project planning and

implementation. This provides an opportunity for shared learning amongst practitioners from many organisations active in project preparation at the community level.



The simplicity, flexibility and success of the workshops assures its replicability and thus sustainability



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