

WHAT DOES THE COMMUNITY SAY ABOUT KALLANG RIVER

WHAT IS THE KALLANG RIVER CORRIDOR?

The Thomson-Kallang Corridor includes the Kallang River, Singapore's longest waterway, flowing through neighbourhoods like Bishan, Potong Pasir, Kolam Ayer and Upp Boon Keng. Residents and local communities see it as a distinctive and local waterway, winding through the heartlands and reflecting the nation's life and soul.

Almost 500 people have been engaged in 2024 and 2025, sharing their wishes and aspirations in shaping Kallang River's future together.



VITALITY

EXPLORING MADE EASY



better wayfinding to bring people to the river

Many people feel that the river offers a sense of discovery and connection to surrounding estates and places. Improvements like better wayfinding, more pitstops and dedicated lanes for fast and slow users would enhance the experience of exploration along the river.

“There should be a sense of discovery when you explore the river. Like a Discovery Trail.”

Local residents and communities hope to see Kallang River become more inclusive and accessible — creating a vibrant space for multi-generational gathering and bonding.



cyclist pit-stop w/ kid-friendly amenities

CONNECTING GENERATIONS ACROSS THE RIVER

ELDERLY FRIENDLY INCLUSIVE "SLOW LANE"



closer to water

A LIVING RIVER – WATERS YOU CAN TOUCH

There is a strong desire for greater access to the water and wider range of water-based activities, from family-friendly play to expert pursuits, the community envisions a river that feels like their own backyard — an inviting waterway rather than just a functional canal.

“A river is only a river if it's used, right? If not, it's just a longkang. Just a drain.”

“I want the vibrancy, but not near me.”

RESTORATIVE

“URBAN ESCAPE” FOR HEARTLANDERS



INTRODUCTION OF LANDSCAPING (NATURALISATION) OF THE CANAL

Residents by the river see the waterway as a vital retreat from city life where lush greenery, and wildlife create a space for wellness and tranquility, which should be preserved.

“Kallang River is a place for my ‘me-time’, to decompress. It's my personal, enjoyable space and time to unwind.”

SINGAPORE'S HOME RIVER

KALLANG RIVER

Areas for activities and buzz should be located close to the river basin and away from residential flats to maintain the sense of tranquility around residents' homes.



CREATING BUZZ, BUT NOT TOO NEAR ME

“Occasionally if there is a dragon boat event, it's okay. It brings in some fun and life.”

ROOTEDNESS

MAKING HISTORY COME ALIVE



Make more people know about the history

The river is rich in stories of life and progress. There is consensus that these should be rediscovered and shared through heritage markers and murals to highlight Kallang River's history, keeping its legacy alive for future generations.

“This is our main river, like the ‘Amazon’ of Singapore. The main river delta. There is a very historical element to it. Singapore started here, the city, the settlements, along the river.”

The community sees Kallang River's rich biodiversity and landscape as a valuable space for learning as an outdoor classroom for schools, sparking curiosity and discovery in everyday moments.



RIVER AS “OUTDOOR CLASSROOM”

“It's about bringing the kids out and expose them to nature. It's about the exploration, the curiosity.”