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Porous City Network

2017 Climate Fellow



BIG BOLD IDEA

Increase urban resilience and adaptability to confront future climate uncertainty in vulnerable communities in Bangkok by reclaiming urban porosity through a network of public green spaces.

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

Porous City Network tackles climate change through urban porosity in the climate-vulnerable city of Bangkok. PCN initiates, designs, and implements projects that transform underused hardscaped surfaces to a system of permeable public green spaces, and advocates maintaining threatened landscape infrastructure. These interventions reflect various climate challenges in vulnerable sites citywide. PCN, a team of landscape architects and environmental designers, commits to a co-creating design dialogue. We partner with communities to raise awareness of climate challenges and create site-specific design solutions. Design guidelines, education, and capacity building ensure increased urban resilience, ability to adapt, and community preparedness for future uncertainty.

PERSONAL BIO

Kotchakorn Voraakhom is the founder and CEO of Porous City Network, a landscape architecture social enterprise working to increase urban resilience in her hometown, Bangkok, Thailand. Kotch's passion is solving urban ecological problems through landscape architectural design. Kotch previously founded and was the lead designer for the award-winning landscape architecture and urban design firm Landprocess, focused on improving Thailand's productive public space. She has worked on notable projects including a major urban ecological park and a number of innovative public landscape designs in Bangkok. Kotch is also a highly active campaigner for public green space and is a design consultant for the Redevelopment Bangkok 250 project celebrating the city's 250th anniversary. During graduate school, Kotch co-founded the Konkuey Design Initiative, an international partnership that works with communities in difficult landscapes to design and rebuild public space through a participatory process. Kotch is a 2016 Asia Foundation Development Fellow. She received her master's in Landscape Architecture from Harvard University's Graduate School of Design.

Issue area

Environment

Organization/Fellow Location

Bangkok, Thailand

Impact Location

Asia

Thailand

Organization Structure

Nonprofit

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