

## We are the Friends of Parks

## What we see in Park development?

- Standard budget funding is not enough to cover the necessary costs of park management and salaries for workers.
- We are losing biodiversity and critical ecosystem services.
- Parks are owned by landowners and community, which causes continuous conflicts.
- Even laws can be changed when community decides.
- Park managers need strong support from society.

## **Strategy for Park resilience**

- Activate the movement of friends and partners of parks in communities.
- Train managers to communicate and help the co-operating units.
- Integrate the 3<sup>rd</sup> sector to park planning and management in different ways and levels.
- Develop and disseminate innovative models to solve critical issues in Park planning, decision making and management.

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