Plans are underway to breathe new life into the Rochor District, starting with the waterway which runs through it.

Under PUB’s Active, Beautiful, Clean Waters (ABC Waters) Programme, the 1.1km long stretch of Rochor Canal between Jalan Besar and Crawford Street will be upgraded and transformed into a vibrant river, seamlessly integrated with existing residential and commercial developments. This will create outdoor spaces near water for people to enjoy in the city.

Works are scheduled to begin in the 3rd quarter of 2011 and is expected to complete in 2014.

The transformation begins with the Gateway Plaza, an open area near Ophir Road where people can gather for community events against the urban backdrop of both residential and commercial buildings.

From there, a promenade will be created along the river, with lookout decks at selected spots for people to pause and enjoy scenic views of the waterway. Pedestrian bridges will provide better connectivity between developments as well.

Along the river, Rochor Promenade will offer respite for workers, students and residents from the hustle and bustle of the city. Specially selected plants along the river will also filter and cleanse rainwater runoff from the promenade so cleaner water flows into the river.