

6. Encourage Culturally Appropriate and Sustainable Energy Planning

- Focus of the Social & Cultural Impacts Working Group

Actions to be taken:

1. Revitalize urban centers and rural plantation communities to promote healthy living environments and strong economies by rebuilding and upgrading local infrastructure so people can afford to live where they work
2. Expand the redevelopment of idled urban and plantation era "brownfield" lands into productive use
3. Maintain and expand the amount of "greenbelts" (that preserve from development certain undeveloped natural areas dedicated to agriculture and/or park space)
4. Develop strategies for culturally sensitive siting of renewable energy development
5. Develop culturally sensitive models for renewable energy
6. Explore ways in which indigenous communities can be major stakeholders in new technology and opportunities for energy production and energy conservation

Actions taken:

1. Facilitated dialogue on ocean energy development guidelines (2007)