

## **15-03-09 Traditional Neighborhood Development**

### **M. Environmental Concerns**

1. Building, landscape, and solar design should be adjusted, where possible, to be compatible with the local climate. Such design should include, but may not be limited to, window placement, building recesses, overhangs, trellises, awnings, porches, and landscape placement, planned in such a way to enhance livability and reduce energy costs.
2. The use of lighter colored building materials (i.e. roof tops), fences/walls, and extensive deciduous and evergreen tree cover shall be incorporated into developments in order to reduce the urban heat island effect. Where possible, streets, driveways, parking lots, etc., should use concrete or other materials which absorb less sunlight. Parking lot landscaping shall be provided at the ratio of at least one tree per six parking stalls.
3. Where possible, drought resistant ground covers, shrubs, and trees shall be incorporated into the landscape to reduce water usage and storm runoff. Extensive areas of grass or other high water use plants without a public purpose are discouraged.