



## 8. The concentration of industry has increased

Local industries are often owned by companies outside of the local community, either directly or through franchises and contract arrangements. Subsequently decisions about local operations are often made outside of the community, with little attention to local conditions. People and organizations in these communities often have little influence over those decisions.

**Implication:** Local residents receive few benefits from this economic activity.

### Strategies to consider:

- a) Improve community linkages or communications with these organizations
- b) Encourage, foster, and develop locally-owned organizations

- c) Communicate local concerns and interests to external organizations on a regular basis.
- d) Identify and build relationships with people in external organizations.
- e) Learn about the structure and interests of these external organizations.

### Possibly useful information:

- a) Which are the primary external companies that operate in the local community?
- b) How do they make decisions?
- c) How might these decisions be influenced?
- d) How are local people connected to these external organizations?
- e) How have other communities dealt with these challenges?