

Rebooting Local Economies

How to Build Prosperous Communities

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"I encourage every elected community official, city manager and economic developer in the U.S. to read this...it's the best book on this topic I have read in a very long time."—Ron Starnes, Executive Vice President, *Sift Selection Magazine*

A prosperous future for your community is in your hands—make your community a better place to live, work and play!

Why do some communities thrive and grow while others struggle and decline? Smart communities know how to attract and nurture the kinds of businesses and organizations they want to create a vibrant economy and a high standard of living.

The more that elected officials, administrators and all residents know about community and economic development the more their communities will prosper. **How to Build Prosperous Communities is a practical guide to help communities reach their goals for prosperity.** Numerous examples throughout the book show how communities of all sizes have attained and maintained prosperity in a constantly changing environment.

This book is based on the authors' years of experience helping communities and regions across the country and around the world create their roadmaps to prosperity with better jobs and a better quality of life.



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