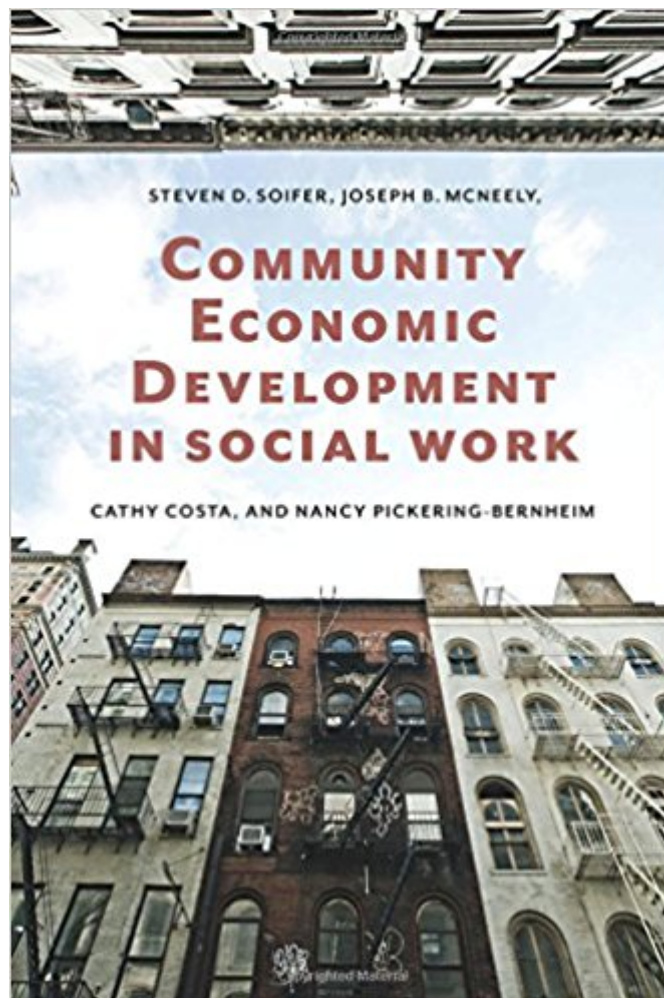




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Synopsis

Community economic development (CED) is an increasingly essential factor in the revitalization of low- to moderate-income communities. This cutting-edge text explores the intersection of CED and social work practice, which both focus on the well-being of indigent communities and the empowerment of individuals and the communities in which they live. This unique textbook emphasizes a holistic approach to community building that combines business and real-estate development with a focus on stimulating family self-reliance and community empowerment. The result is an innovative approach to rehabilitating communities in decline while preserving resident demographics. The authors delve deep into the social, political, human, and financial capital involved in effecting change and how race and regional issues can complicate approaches and outcomes. Throughout, they integrate case examples to illustrate their strategies and conclude with a consideration of the critical role social workers can play in developing CED's next phase.

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We now know that a rising tide does not lift all boats. As inequality has grown, economic development aimed at specific, low income neighborhoods is even more important than when the field first developed in the 1960s. This book provides a very comprehensive introduction to the varieties of economic development strategies, quite specific guidance on how to implement them, and good case studies to see this all in context. Part history, part manual, and part call to action, this

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 St. Louis) Soifer, McNeely, Costa, and O'Brien's introduction to *Community Economic Development in Social Work* is as comprehensive as it is timely. Focusing on the 'role of community' and of 'community organizing,' they build on the untold history of community development and leaven that with a comprehensive and insightful discussion of what community economic development is, how it evolved, and how it works. *Community Economic Development in Social Work* should be read by anyone interested in confronting the growing economic disparities that plague our society—a set of interrelated issues that must be addressed if our society and economic system are to thrive. The book is one that goes beyond the traditional boundaries of social work and should be read by any agent of social change or advocate of equitable development and a just society. (Ronald Shiffman, Pratt Graduate Center for Planning and the Environment, Pratt Institute School of Architecture) An important book that fills a gap in community development literature, demonstrating the juxtaposition of community development theories and practice in social work. More important, it traces our history in community development from its origins in civil rights, women's rights, labor organizing, and civic boosterism to community building, where we are today. (Diane Lupke, president, Diane Lupke and Associates)

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reduce infant mortality and improve the health of families with young children. At the Family League of Baltimore, she oversees community-based infant mortality reduction programs, social marketing campaigns, and evaluation, and she leads efforts to increase equity in birth and early-childhood outcomes and create trauma-informed service systems for families. Nancy Pickering-Bernheim has been writing professionally for more than two decades on a variety of topics as a published author, featured writer for newspapers and magazines, and a nationally-syndicated blog.

This book is a dream come true. CED books specifically for social workers are impossible to find. The book is well laid out, very comprehensive, gives an extensive amount of actual community examples and really was a pleasure to read. My only regret was reading it on the kindle when I should have purchased a hardcopy. Hopefully the authors will do a follow up book on CED in rural communities as this particular one only focuses on urban city centers.

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