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- Infrastructure
- Broadband and technology
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- Funding community and economic development
- Entrepreneurship
- Place-based development
- Local food movements
- Downtown development
- Local currency
- Out- and in-migration and development
- Social change, policy and movements
- Land ownership
- Gender and development
- Taxes and development
- The creative class in Appalachia
- Vision-building
- Public participation methods
- Health care and its effects on development
- Globalization
- The Commons
- Privatization and neoliberalism
- Cooperatives, non-profits, employee-owned business
- Credit, access to capital
- Environmental capital and sustainable development

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