

Tribal Governments and Economies

Anderson, Terry L., *Sovereign Nations or Reservations?*, Pacific Research Institute, (1995), ISBN: 978-0936488813

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"The lifestyle of American Indians before European settlers arrived several centuries ago is often held today as a model of environmental sensitivity and communitarian cooperation. But is it really true? Sovereign Nations Or Reservations?: An Economic History Of American Indians debunks much of the romanticism surrounding American Indian culture. Terry Anderson contends that much of the poverty among Indian tribes living on reservations today is due to United States government policies that deprive Indians of their property rights and impose collective decision-making on them unnaturally."

Guyette, Susan, *Planning for Balanced Development*, Clear Light Books (April 1996), ISBN: 978-0940666641

Community planner Susan Guyette presents the first field-tested model of development planning that meets the special concerns of Native American and rural communities. These communities increasingly seek to promote economic development that supports the traditions, values, and relationships on which community identity is based. In Guyette's model, revitalizing of cultural traditions becomes the central focus of the economic planning process.

The author demonstrates, step by step, how community planning works, using the creation of the Poeh Center at Pojoaque Pueblo in northern New Mexico as a case study. She offers practical, detailed guidelines on how to develop a strategic plan, assess and document needs, ensure community participation, support business and tourism, and generate funding for community projects. This book provides a unique opportunity for communities, planners, and students to see rural development in action.

Hosmer, Brian and Colleen O'Neill, Eds., *Native Pathways*, University Press of Colorado 2004 (paperback), ISBN:0-87081-775-2

"Contributors to Native Pathways ponder questions about American Indians' participation in the broader market U.S. market highlighting how indigenous peoples have simultaneously adopted capitalist strategies and altered them to suit their own distinct cultural beliefs and practices. Including contributions from historians, anthropologists, and sociologists, Native Pathways offers fresh viewpoints on economic change and cultural identity in twentieth-century Native American communities."