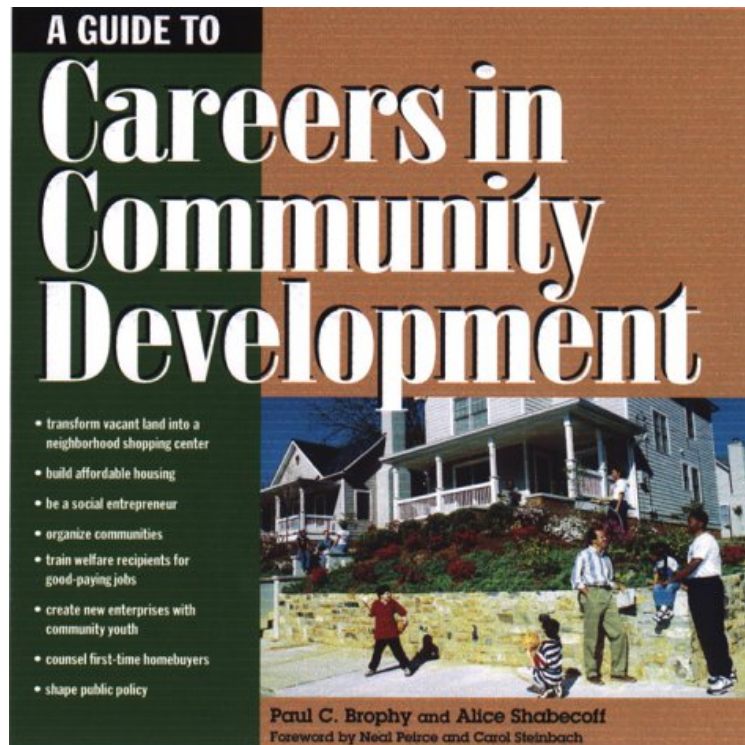


## A Guide to Careers in Community Development

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6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. A very helpful source of guidance By nope After graduating from college I tried a lot of different things, seeking my niche. I knew I wanted to do work that would influence my community and make it a better place, but I didn't know on what scale I wanted to operate or how my day-to-day might look. This remarkable book helped me broaden and clarify my thinking about what directions I might go in. I highly recommend it to any other do-gooder who feels herself in a bit of a career crisis. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Extremely outdated! By T. Be aware that this book was published in 2001 and has not been updated. The information is more than a decade old. You will find references to events that happened 30 years ago when they are actually talking about the 1960s. Although it was published in 2001, much of the data appears to have been compiled in the late 1990s. Im sure a lot has changed in the community development field in over a decade. For this reason alone, I cant give this book a high rating like other reviewers have who reviewed the book shortly after it was published. Charging \$32.00 for 15 year old information is simply outrageous in my view. Im also disappointed that this book is focused on low-income housing development. It constantly references other types of community development organizations but doesnt discuss them in any detail. If you have an interest in other types of organizations, this book wont help you much. With all that said, if you are seeking to learn about Community Development careers for the first time, this book can help at least give you some idea what to expect and educate you enough that you can proceed with a more informed search for more up to date information. However, due to the fact

the book is so outdated, I wouldn't pay more than \$10 total for the book. Five dollars is more reasonable. 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Finally, community development coming of age. By A Customer. Ever heard the joke about the city planner who married his wife just so he wouldn't have to explain what city planning is on another first date again? Community development is often even harder for the general masses to comprehend, and yet we are a part of it all the time. CD is basically what happens when neighbors get together and decide they want a better neighborhood, where people can afford to live and still feel safe, still find economic opportunity and a sense of community. Over the last generation, a whole industry and profession has grown around this simple idea. CD is something you can now get a masters degree in. Most people in the CD field entered it through a back door. Today's CD professional is more than a person with good intentions. He/she has skills in real estate development, group facilitation and strategic planning, public policy analysis, and finance. This book is the first of its kind--an actual front door into the field--and it's a godsend for anyone considering a challenging and meaningful career in making neighborhoods better. The book gives great background on the industry, has real case studies with leaders--as well as everyday joes--in the field, lists common job titles and responsibilities, and even estimates pay scales. It's an ambitious, yet slim, readable book that delivers what it promises.

Community development -- the economic, physical, and social revitalization of a community, led by the people who live in that community -- offers a wide range of exciting and rewarding employment options. But until now, there has been no "road map" for professionals, volunteers, students, or anyone wishing to become involved in the field. "A Guide to Careers in Community Development" describes the many different kinds of community development jobs available, ranging from community organizing, to financing housing and new businesses, to redeveloping brownfields. It offers advice on how to break into the field along with guidance for career advancement and lateral movement. Following an introductory chapter that offers an overview and definition of community development and its history, the authors describe: different institutions in the field and how they fit together pros and cons of community development careers, with a self-assessment quiz for readers to use in analyzing their suitability for the field the work and skills involved in different kinds of positions how to prepare for and move up in a career how to land that first job Also included are detailed appendixes that provide information on job descriptions with salary ranges; universities and colleges offering community development curricula; training programs; where to look for job announcements; internet resources; internships, fellowships, and volunteer positions; and much more. "A Guide to Careers in Community Development" is an essential reference for anyone interested in working in the community development field, including graduate and undergraduate students, volunteers, and mid-career professionals seeking a more fulfilling line of work.

About the Author Paul Brophy has thirty years experience in the field of housing and community development. Prior to forming his own firm in 1993, he was president and co-CEO of the Enterprise Foundation. Mr. Brophy has a B.A. from LaSalle University and a Masters in City Planning from the University of Pennsylvania. As a consultant, Mr. Brophy has focused on the challenges of revitalizing older neighborhoods, with clients that include HUD, NationsBank, Shorebank, the MacArthur Foundation, FannieMae, the City of Louisville, LISC, the Enterprise Foundation, and others. While in Pittsburgh from 1970-1988, he was executive director of ACTION-Housing Inc., a non-profit housing development and neighborhood improvement organization, director of the first Department of Housing for the City of Pittsburgh, and the executive director of the City's Urban Redevelopment Authority, responsible for downtown and neighborhood improvement. Mr. Brophy is co-author of two books in the field, and has published numerous articles in professional journals.