

Five Themes in Community Planning
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Suggested Reading List
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Books

Block, Peter. (2008) Community The Structure of Belonging. Berrett-Koehler Publishers Inc. San Francisco.

A great read for all students of community.

Florida, Richard. (2008) Who's Your City How the Creative Economy is Making Where to Live the Most Important Decision of Your Life. Random House Canada.

This book explores the idea that the best cities to live in will be those based on creative economies. There is also a web site: <http://creativeclass.com>.

Homer – Dixon, Thomas. (2009) Carbon Shift How the Twin Crises of Oil Depletion and Climate Change Will Define the Future. Random House of Canada.

This book is a series of eight chapters, each written by seven different authors. The information is easy to understand and up to date. The book provides insightful commentary on the twin issues of oil depletion and climate change.

Murphy, Pat. (2008) Plan C Community Survival Strategies for Peak Oil and Climate Change. New Society Publishers. Gabriola Island.

This book is a good primer for peak oil and community issues related to peak oil.

Standford, Robert William. (2008) The Weekender Effect Hyperdevelopment in Mountain Towns. Rocky Mountain Books. Vancouver.

This is a short (115 pp.) written by a Bob Standford, a resident of Canmore, Alberta. Mr. Standford writes a passionate account of the transition of Canmore from a coal mining town to a town full of second homes. As a former planner for the Town of Canmore I found his narrative to be accurate, honest, and insightful.

Websites

<http://totnes.transitionnetwork.org> This website provides a lot of information about "transition towns". These are towns that are building up resilience to deal with the impacts of peak oil.