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## Community and Economic Development in North Carolina and Beyond Blog: What @sog\_ced is reading on the web: October 2012

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*The following are articles and reports on the web that the Community and Economic Development*

*Program at the UNC School of Government shared through social media over the past month. Follow us on twitter to receive regular updates.*

Investing in What Works for America's Communities is a collection of essays about poverty, community development, and new ideas for bringing opportunities to America's struggling communities: [bit.ly/UycAWn](http://bit.ly/UycAWn)

Triad Business Journal reports on our assistance to Rockingham County (through the School of Government Development Finance Initiative) to establish a fund for entrepreneurs: <http://bit.ly/RfB548>

Good article about a journalist's discovery of the economic gardening concept—the idea that jurisdictions should abandon the economic development buffalo hunt and instead assist local businesses that are poised to grow: [slate.me/WdXeqv](http://slate.me/WdXeqv)

Winston-Salem Journal describes Golden Leaf Foundation's role in providing economic development grants and workforce development in North Carolina: <http://bit.ly/RVyzob>

AreaDevelopment Online ranks North Carolina highly for its certified industrial sites program and for offering access to capital through grants such as the One North Carolina Fund: [bit.ly/ValHrN](http://bit.ly/ValHrN)

A rarity these days: BB&T Corporation's Chief Operating Officer, explaining why BB&T did not request incentives for its planned expansion in Greensboro, North Carolina, stated: it "just goes against the grain of our culture": [bit.ly/R51XHV](http://bit.ly/R51XHV)

The New Republic asks whether Research Triangle Park's proposed urban transformation can outflank Silicon Valley's suburbanism: [bit.ly/RrrQyQ](http://bit.ly/RrrQyQ)

HUD report of how communities used HUD's Section 108 loan guarantee program in which communities can borrow against their next five years' Community Development Block Grant allocation: [bit.ly/SRMSfk](http://bit.ly/SRMSfk)

The North Carolina Budget and Tax Center releases a report, co-authored by some of our colleagues at the UNC-Chapel Hill Department of City and Regional Planning, explaining how the performance of economic development incentives can be improved through "mediation" or targeting of strategically selected industries with high growth potential: [bit.ly/Opty6s](http://bit.ly/Opty6s)

Beaufort Observer op-ed calls for more disclosure of conflicts of interest and the release of more details about economic development incentive agreements: [bit.ly/Q7dlvN](http://bit.ly/Q7dlvN)



Five North Carolina local governments—Catawba County and the municipalities of Hickory, Conover, Catawba, and Maiden—plan to collaborate to establish an industrial park for data centers: [bit.ly/PYv7Xp](https://bit.ly/PYv7Xp)

The North Carolina Community Development Initiative highlights community economic development programs that support entrepreneurs in NC: [bit.ly/W5WJwc](https://bit.ly/W5WJwc)