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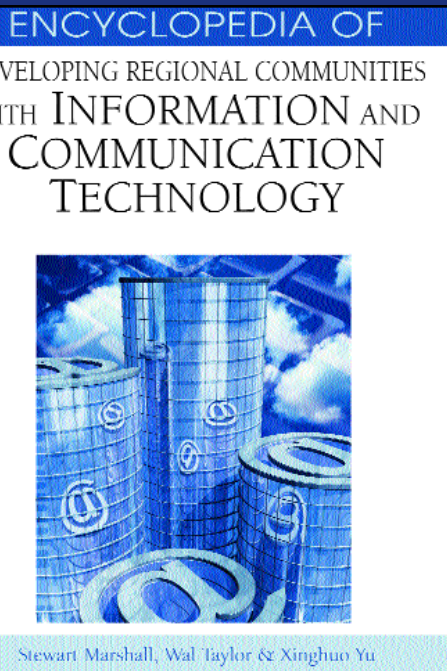
In many international settings, regional economies are declining, resulting in lowered opportunities for these communities. This result attacks the very fabric of cohesion and purpose for these regional societies, and increases social, health, economic, and sustainability problems. Community informatics research, education and practice is an emerging area in many countries, which seeks to address these issues.

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