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I am having a hard time understanding how the appreciative inquiry model was actually applied in the three case studies. More in depth qualitative information perhaps could be given to each case, or perhaps narrow the focus to just one case and then go more in depth with that case. The authors do a good job with describing what appreciative inquiry is and also describing the community context but more descriptive or data could be given to characterize. For example, it talks about North Lufkin once being a thriving community, and then talks about crime and drug increases, but this should be backed up with some kind of data or citation. I think the strongest case is Case 3, so if the paper were to narrow down to just that case that could allow for more in depth qualitative analysis.