

# Joint Village Strategic Planning Report to Hopi Tribal Commissions

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Joint Village  
Strategic Planning

UMV, VML & YPC

## Project Purpose

The purpose of Joint Village Strategic Planning (JVSP) is to address the impacts of the Bennett Freeze and Forced Relocation by planning for infrastructure, housing, community facilities, and economic development investments.

JVSP coordinates with the Hopi Tribal Council to advocate for such funding and investment.

*Joint Village Strategic Planning (JVSP) has been active since 2017.*

*JVSP has held weekly meetings virtually every Tuesday morning at 10 am MST since the spring of 2020.*

## Building Communities Reports to Hopi Tribal Council

Hopi Tribal Council Member William Charley invited Brian Cole of Building Communities to report to the Hopi Tribal Council on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 related to projects and activities Building Communities is conducting at Hopi.

Brian Cole shared a PowerPoint presentation (Attachment A) outlining Building Communities work to date for the Hopi Tribe. The presentation outlined on the new [www.hopiresilience.org](http://www.hopiresilience.org) website which includes a page on all current and past activities of the Hopi Tribe as well as resources for current and future funding.

### Joint Village Strategic Planning

Joint Village Strategic Planning (JVSP) was created to address the Bennett Freeze and Forced Relocation. Stemming from the Navajo/Hopi Land Dispute, two separate episodes of Hopi/US history have severely impacted the living conditions for Upper Moenkopi Village, the Village of Moenkopi (Lower) and Yuwehloo Pahki Community. JVSP continues to update the work that the Hopi Tribe did in 2010 and frames the future of these portions of Hopi in a positive economic development context. Through JVSP efforts, the Moenkopi Utility Authority has received \$1.5 million for water at Pasture Canyon and Yuwehloo Pahki Community has received firewood from ONHIR.

### Village Outreach

Responding to early indications that the Navajo Generating Station may close which, subsequently, would end mining operations at the Peabody Mine, the Hopi Office of Community Planning Economic Development and Land Information Services engaged the services of Building Communities in 2017-2019 to conduct outreach meetings to each of the Hopi Villages to learn of top economic development projects that could address the forthcoming jobs and budget crisis.

## **Hopi Tourism Strategic Plan**

Tourism Strategic Planning has been a priority of Hopi as the customs, culture, ceremonies and mesas of Hopi are world renowned. In November 2020, Building Communities completed the Hopi Tourism Strategic Plan which offers recommendations and policies on how tourism development can benefit the Tribe and its people. Today, a new Hopi tourism non-profit organization has been formed and future development sites for tourism facilities have been identified.

## **Hopi Victim Services Program**

Like everywhere, Hopi people are impacted by crime. Until recently, however, Hopi has not had a comprehensive Victim Services Program to meet the needs of such crime victims. Through the Victim Services Program, Building Communities has developed a Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan which identifies the needs of Hopi victims and offers a path forward for improved services and programming.

## **Yuwehloo Pahki Community Business Planning**

Business Planning at Yuwehloo Pahki Community has taken place resulting in four business development opportunities including: 1) RV Park Development, 2) Laundromat, 3) Gardening Enterprise, and 4) a Septic Service.

## **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy**

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) has been updated in the past and work is taking place now to produce the Hopi 2022-2023 CEDS document.

## **Hydroponics Business Study**

In 2018, the Village of Moencopi (Lower) supported the completion of a feasibility study to determine if a hydroponics business might be feasible at the Village. This feasibility study came back with encouraging results, indicating that if certain conditions and assumptions were met, the Village could create jobs and support such business activity, providing fresh food products throughout Hopi and Northern Arizona.

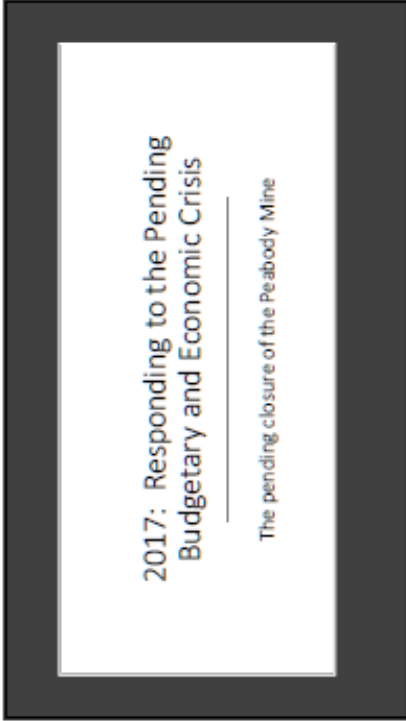
## **Community Facilities Improvement**

In 2020, an effort was made to reach out to Hopi Villages and Offices to help identify the community facilities needs throughout Hopi. Facility identification took place at Upper Moenkopi Village, the Village of Moencopi (Lower) and Yuwehloo Pahki Community, but was dramatically impacted by the pandemic.

## **American Rescue Plan**

Hopi has been significantly impacted by the pandemic. In order to address these impacts, the Federal Government has offered two responses: The CARES Act and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). From this very sad chapter in world history funding has been increased for much needed infrastructure throughout Hopi. The wise deployment of such federal resources is critical for Hopi's future.

**Attachment A**  
**Building Communities Presentation to Hopi Tribal Council**  
**Wednesday, January 25, 2023**



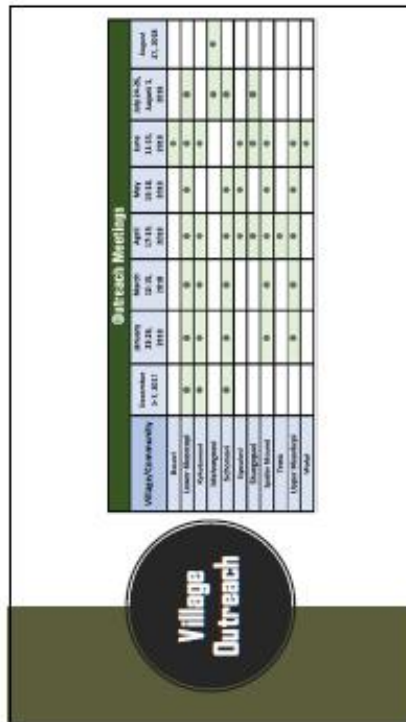
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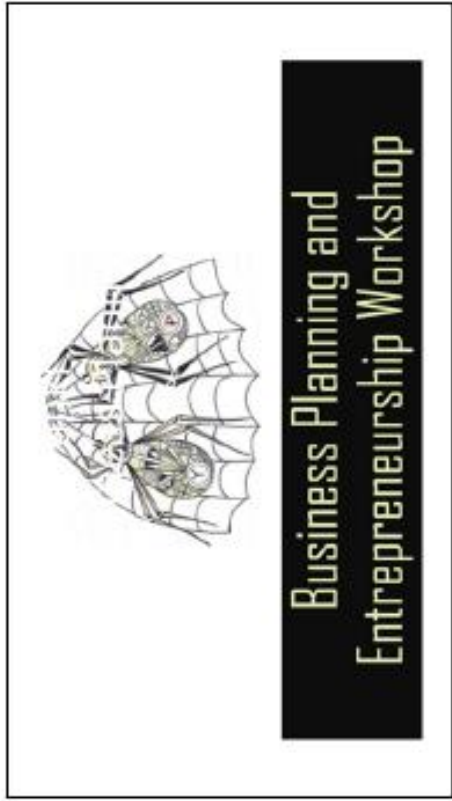
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**Community Facilities Improvements**

**USDA Rural Development**  
 Community Facilities and Economic Development

**Hope UCPED: An Important Partner**  
 The Hope Office of Community Planning and Economic Development (UCPED) is an important collaborator with this project. Andrew Gashburn, Fred Shupler and Matthew Hoffmann work with

**Member Developer Corporations**

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