

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.

- Water Infrastructure Funding
- Firewood
- Solar Installation on Buildings

JVSP has moved from planning into action! Ever since late 2017, Upper Moenkopi Village (UMV), the Village of Moenkopi (Lower) (VML), and Yuwehloo Pahki Community (YPC) have collaborated to complete plans to make the case for federal funding to address the impacts of the Bennett Freeze and Forced Relocation.

In 2023, the team has “turned the page” to work to implement the plans.

The advocacy for implementation has led to a \$1.5 million Congressionally Directed Spending allocation to the Hopi Tribe for water improvements to the Moenkopi Water Authority (MUA) water system. JVSP will continue to coordinate and collaborate with the Water Energy Committee and the Hopi Tribe to utilize these funds.

Also, recently, direct outreach to the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation (ONHIR) has successfully resulted in the receiving and distribution of firewood at Yuwehloo Pahki.

With these successes under our belt, the next effort by JVSP has been to coordinate with expertise in federal energy grant funding to install new solar installations on buildings at UMV. Buildings have now been identified for this possibility, and grant applications will be in the works this spring.