

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.

Opportunities to Collaborate with Navajo and SJSP Remain

The long-standing intention of all of the participants with the Joint Village Strategic Planning (JVSP) effort has been to collaborate with the Navajo Nation and the San Juan Southern Paiute (SJSP) Tribe to jointly advocate for funding to address the impacts of the Bennett Freeze and Forced Relocation.

With respect to the Navajo Nation, work that is referred to as the Navajo Thaw continues. The Navajo Thaw includes a Regional Plan and 10 individual Chapter Recovery Plans that identify strategies and projects to address the impacts of federal policy. The Navajo Thaw continues to work closely with the Navajo Hopi Land Commission Office (NHLCO) to implement plans. Currently, a major focus on housing development is underway.

With respect to SJSP, communications are underway that might lead to formalized planning and advocacy to help their Tribe address the impacts of the Bennett Freeze. The intention would be to broaden the collaborative effort to include SJSP.

A Note About JVSP Meeting Notes: JVSP meetings are scheduled every Tuesday morning at 10 am MST. High-level notes from those meetings are taken and distributed by Building Communities. Building Communities would be pleased to distribute these notes to any and all interested Hopi stakeholders. To ensure you are on the mailing list, please send a request to Bailey Anderson at ba@buildingcommunities.us. A copy of the notes can also be found at www.hopiresilience.org/jvsp/.