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.

Collaboration Needed on Moenkopi Water Projects

One of the top goals of JVSP is to assist the Moenkopi area with a variety of water development projects.

Five years ago, it was widely understood that “Moenkopi would run out of water by 2025” if solutions were not found and implemented.

JVSP has coordinated with the Village of Moencopi (Lower), the Upper Village of Moenkopi (UVM), the Moenkopi Utility Authority (MUA), Hopi Utilities Corporation (HUC), and the Hopi Tribe to bring solutions to the water crisis.

Today, a variety of solutions are underway to resolve the immediate water crisis for Moenkopi.

Unprecedented collaboration between the Villages, JVSP, the Water Energy Committee (WEC) and the Hopi Tribe are now needed in order to implement new financial resources yielded by the JVSP effort.

MUA describes two water projects from the Pasture Canyon Well area as Well #1, and Well #2.

For Well #2, JVSP has collaborated with the Hopi Tribe to secure $1.5 million of funding through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) through the Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) process. In order to fully access and utilize these resources, teamwork is needed in order to address the environmental questions from EPA. Direct assistance from the Hopi Department of Natural Resources is needed to complete current applications. This project is referred to as Project ID: AZ03126-0103.
With respect to the Siderock Well project in coordination with HUC, updates are needed from the Office of General Counsel (OGC) regarding right-of-way negotiations with the Navajo Nation. In addition, JVSP is concerned that American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding can be obligated before the end of 2024.

The Villages request the collaboration of the Hopi Tribe through WEC for this purpose.