Joint Village Strategic Planning
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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.

Coordination Underway to Assist MUA with Two Water Well Development Projects

MUA Water Well #2 (Project ID: AZ03126-0103). With the success by the Hopi Tribe, assisted by JVSP, in securing a $1.5 million Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) award supported by Congressman O’Halleran and Senator Kelly, funding was committed through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for improvements to the Moenkopi Utility Authority (MUA) water system. Coordinating efforts are being led by the Hopi Office of Community Planning Economic Development and Land Information Services (OCPEDLIS).

OCPEDLIS is coordinating with EPA to secure waivers for the American Iron and Steel (AIS) and Build America, By America (BABA) requirements.

OCPEDLIS and JVSP intend to coordinate with all relevant Hopi Offices including the Department of Natural Resources Water Resources Program.

It is important that these coordinating efforts continue efficiently, as there is a timeline expected by the federal agency to secure and utilize the funds.

MUA Water Well #1 (Project ID: PH15-U77). It has been determined that existing funding needs to be matched by local funding in order to cover all of the projected infrastructure costs. For this reason, MUA is coordinating with OCPEDLIS to submit a funding request to the Hopi Pandemic Recovery Committee (PRC). OCPEDLIS is working to coordinate a sponsorship letter related to the PRC request in collaboration with the Hopi Water Resources Program and MUA. Building Communities is working to set a time for a project kickoff coordination meeting.