Joint Village Strategic Planning Report to Hopi Tribal Council

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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 most Tuesday mornings at 10 am MST since the spring of 2020.

For more information, visit www.HopiResilience.org

Building Communities Assisting Village of Moencopi (Lower) with AML Proposal

The Village of Moencopi (Lower) has had several priority projects on the "drawing board" for years. The most urgent project is the repair or the replacement of the existing Bathhouse facility. The current bathhouse is beyond its useful life, creating ongoing health, safety, and comfort concerns for residents. Key considerations include rehabilitation versus replacement, mobile unit options, improved HVAC and ventilation, and a long-term operations and maintenance strategy that may include user fees.

Importantly, the introduction of user-based fees for bathhouse services creates a pathway to classify the project under economic development, strengthening eligibility for certain funding sources.

From a funding strategy standpoint, the AML Public Facilities Projects (PFP) program can support near-term repair or replacement of the bathhouse as a critical community facility. The AMLER program provides an opportunity to position the project as an economic development asset while supporting broader infrastructure and revenue-generating efforts.

After hosting a site visit for staff from the AML program, the next step is for the Village of Moencopi (Lower) to apply for funding. Building Communities will be assisting the Lower Village with the proposal.

A key consideration is the scope of the project. While the focus is on the bathhouse facility, the project might be expanded to provide an improved Administration Building for Village operations.

JVSP acknowledges Olivia Dennis for her assistance in scoping the project and supporting coordination toward a potential proposal.