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

Executive Progress Summary – Looking Back on Four Years of Effort and Reports
(September 2022 – June 2026)

Over the past four years, the Joint Village Strategic Planning (JVSP) initiative has evolved from a grassroots planning effort into an effective vehicle for advancing community priorities. Through consistent collaboration among Village leadership, the Hopi Tribe, federal and state agencies, and Building Communities, JVSP has helped transform community ideas into actionable projects and funding opportunities.

JVSP's highest priority has remained improving water and wastewater infrastructure. Numerous reports documented progress on drinking water systems, wastewater treatment, well development, water storage, and regional planning. These efforts have resulted in successful federal appropriations, advancement of engineering and planning activities, and positioning several projects for future construction funding.

Economic development has become an increasingly important component of JVSP's work. The initiative supported completion of the Hopi Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), promoted implementation through the Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation (HTEDC), encouraged business development initiatives, and identified new opportunities to diversify the regional economy through federal and state grant programs.

JVSP has also strengthened relationships among the Upper Village of Moencopi, Village of Moencopi (Lower), Yuwehloo Pahki Community, the Hopi Tribe, neighboring Tribes, and numerous federal partners. Regular communication and coordinated planning have improved collaboration and positioned the villages to pursue larger regional initiatives that no single community could accomplish independently.

Recent reports demonstrate that JVSP has moved beyond planning into implementation. Current activities include advancing Congressionally Directed Spending requests, supporting wastewater and drinking water infrastructure improvements, developing an Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) proposal, collaborating with the Harvard Growth Lab, and pursuing additional federal investments that will continue improving quality of life for Hopi communities.

Today, JVSP stands as a proven example of sustained community-driven planning. The initiative has built a strong foundation of partnerships, successfully leveraged outside funding opportunities, and continues to position Hopi villages for long-term infrastructure improvements, economic growth, and community resilience.