

The Navajo Renaissance

How the Former Bennett Freeze Area Chapters
will Emerge in 2015





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THE NAVAJO RENAISSANCE

The Navajo Renaissance is a collaborative effort amongst the nine Former Bennett Freeze Area Chapters to reverse the long-standing effects of the Bennett Freeze.



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**If 2014 was the *Year of Preparation*,
then 2015 should be the *Year of Commitment*
and 2016 should begin the *Bennett Thaw*.**



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The Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Office has \$1 million set aside for economic development for the FBFA. This document summarizes the purpose, activities and intended results of an effort that will be initiated in 2015 and extend for many years to reverse the effects of the Bennett Freeze that began in 1966 and continues to this day.



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Chapters and Districts have passed resolutions of support to move forward together, and to urge the release of funding from the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Office for this purpose.



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Native Builders has teamed with Building Communities in order to generate the expertise and track record needed to complete this important work.



BUILDING COMMUNITIES

Moving Beyond the Bennett Freeze

The Freeze

Poor Housing

No Jobs

Lack of Infrastructure

Poor Community Facilities

The Thaw

Chapter Plans & FBFA Regional Plan

Individual Development Accounts

Financial Literacy

Feasibility Studies

The Vision

Improved Homes

Jobs

New Chapter Houses

New Businesses

Medical Clinics

Veterans Centers

Housing Subdivisions

New Vending Facilities

Senior Centers

Former Bennett Freeze Area By the Numbers

1.6

Million acres affected

9

Chapters affected

50

Percent unemployment

1,400

Estimated homes needed to be repaired *(2008 WH Pacific study)*

1934

Federal government seeks to add 234,000 acres to the Navajo Nation; land dispute with Hopi Tribe begins

1966

Bennett Freeze initiated in an effort to resolve land dispute

1974

US Congress passes Navajo and Hopi Indian Land Settlement Act (Act) to bring finality to the land dispute; but Bennett Freeze continues

2,000

Homes needed just to address the current Navajo population and provide for younger generations

2006

Signing of the Navajo-Hopi Intergovernmental Compact resolving litigation between the two tribes

2009

President Obama repeals Section 10(f) of the Act, effectively lifting the Bennett Freeze

2015

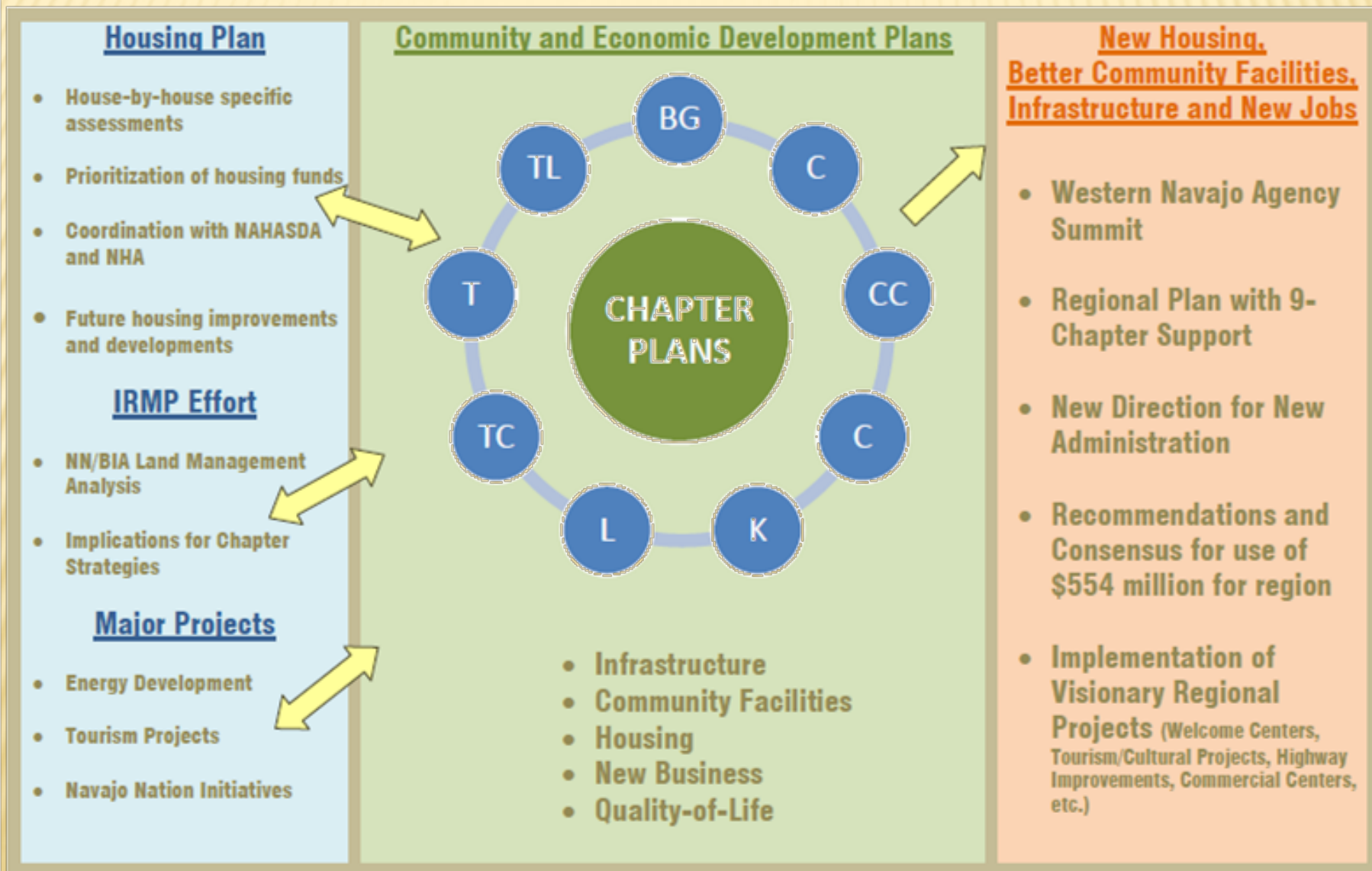
Navajo Renaissance begins; planning and development initiated

20,140

Total population of area

Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Housing and Economic Development Initiative

2015: The Year of the Navajo Renaissance



Navajo-Hopi Land Commission *Economic Development Project* Work Plan

Project Goals	Project Elements	Project Timeline													
		2015			2016										
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FBFA Chapters Collaborate for Jobs and Housing Each Chapter has a Strategic Plan/Direction The FBFA has an Overall Regional Plan	Project Organization	Methodology			Training		Scheduling			Managing			Website		
	Partner Organization	Form FBFA Roundtable		Form Steering Committees		Advise External Funders of Funding Opportunities							➔		
People Benefit from Individual Development Accounts People Benefit from Financial Literacy Training	Chapter Strategic Plans	B-G✓	Plan Weeks				Workbooks		Implementation				➔		
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Development Projects are Analyzed for Feasibility Funding is Attracted to Implement Projects	FBFA Regional Plan	Information Collection from All Project Elements				Draft Plan		Final Plan		Implementation				➔	
	Individual Development Accounts	Evaluate Program Options	Refine Program/ Gain Partners		Offer Program Services							➔			
		Determine Eligible Beneficiaries				Leverage Resources to Expand Program									
	Financial Literacy Program	Evaluate Program Options	Steering Committee Support			Offer Program Services					➔				
		Refine Curriculum		Schedule											
	Feasibility Studies	Establish and Promote Application Eligibility				Apply/ Choose Projects			Complete Studies						
	Final Project Report	Collect Relevant Information from all Project Elements								Draft		Final			

How Native Builders Addresses the Pillars and Priorities with our Strategies and Initiatives



The Navajo Nation Pillars and Priorities are fully integrated into the strategic planning programming being offered by Native Builders.



25 Strategies

- Business Recruitment
- Business Retention/Expansion
- Business Cultivation
- Entrepreneurial Development
- Energy Development
- Environmental Restoration
- Logistics Centers
- Leading-edge Development
- Value-added Agriculture
- Value-added Forest Products
- Value-added Fisheries
- Value-added Mining
- Destination Tourism
- Cultural Tourism
- Local/Regional Tourism
- Pass-through Visitor Services
- Downtown Development
- Education Development
- Health Care Expansion
- Bedroom Community
- Infrastructure Development
- Attracting Retirees
- Attracting Lone Eagles
- Attracting Government Jobs
- Attracting Funding



Navajo Nation Goals

Pillars	Navajo Veterans	Priorities
	Elders and Youth	
	Job Creation	
	Infrastructure*	
Economic Development		
Water Rights/Projects		
Housing		
Education		
Human Services		
Governance		
Public Safety		
Natural Resources		



20 Initiatives

- Buy Local Campaigns
- Child Care/Day Care
- Civic Engagement
- Community Beautification
- Community Center
- Emergency Medical Services
- Energy Conservation
- Homelessness
- Housing
- Local Foods
- Pet Shelters
- Public Safety
- Public Transit
- Recreational Programs
- Retail Development
- Roads and Streets
- Veterans Programs
- Walking Paths and Trails
- Water Rights and Projects
- Workforce Development

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Reasons to Start NOW!

REASONS TO BEGIN OCTOBER 1, 2015

THE NAVAJO HOPI LAND COMMISSION HAS HAD **\$1 million set aside** FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT **since 2012**,
BUT **\$0 has been invested** IN THE FUTURE OF THE NINE FBFA CHAPTERS.

MEANWHILE, THREE ROUNDS OF FEDERAL FUNDING HAVE BEEN MISSED, NO JOBS HAVE BEEN CREATED, UNUSED NAVAJO NATION FUNDS HAVE SAT IDLE, AND THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE FBFA HAVE DETERIORATED.

The People: *Ready*

8 Chapters have Passed
Resolutions

Chapters:
Release the funds, go to work

2 Districts have Passed
Resolutions

Districts:
We are ready to work as a team
to make progress

Expertise is
Available and Accepted

Native Builders has teamed with
Building Communities

A Plan of Work
is in Place

Native Builders:
Plan strategically, identify projects,
contact funders, build

Grant Programs: *Ready*

President Obama:
Time for Tribes to Make Progress

"I am absolutely committed to moving forward with you and forging a new and better future together...so that you can be full partners in the American economy."

—December 3, 2014

Housing, Community Development,
Economic Development, IDA Grant
Deadlines Ongoing

Financial and technical
programs are inventoried.

Grant applications need to be
formulated beginning January 2015

USDA Rural Development
Designated the FBFA as their
Focus Region

USDA Rural Development:
We will help you
organize and access funds

Begin Now
or
Waste Another Year

**People are rooting for Navajo
Nation to make progress.**

**All it takes is the courage to
move forward.**