7 Generations Planning

land tenure

land use
Zuni mainstreet
Historic Zuni
THE ZUNI ENVIRONMENT

The Zuni Indian Reservation lies within the Colorado Plateau on the western slope of the Zuni Mountains in the mesa country of western New Mexico. As the largest of the 19 Pueblos in New Mexico, Zuni has a population of over 11,000 and encompasses 741 square miles. Elevation ranges from 6030 feet near the Arizona border to 7700 feet on the eastern mesas, near the continental divide.

CLIMATE

Average rainfall in Zuni is 12 - 16 inches a year. December and January, the average high is 40 F and the average low is 32 F. In July, the hottest month, the average high is 90 F and the average low is 48 F. As a result of low night time temperatures, the growing season is short, typically lasting from mid-May to early October.

THE ZUNI WATERSHED

The Zuni River drains about 1960 sq mi as it flows from its headwaters in the Zuni mountains to the Little Colorado River in eastern Arizona. It drains parts of San Juan, McKinley, Valencia and Cibola counties. At its highest elevations, almost 8000 feet, the watershed contains permanent streams, Rio Nunita, Tampico Draw and Agua Remora. Dropping down to just over 6000 feet around Zuni Pueblo, the river becomes intermittent and is interrupted by the Black Rock Reservoir.

The Zuni people have farmed the Zuni River Valley raising corn, squash, beans, and other vegetables. Many varieties of these plants are native to the Zuni Reservation. In fact, Zuni Pueblo agricultural lands are some of the oldest continuously farmed areas in the US. Traditionally, the Zunis relied on runoff farming, which takes water from an ephemeral stream and slows it down and spreads it out using natural impediments. Zuni farmers also raise livestock, and the reservation is divided into 88 individual grazing allotments.
traditional cultural cycle
19 NM Pueblos
Largest
10,000 people

No casino
Self employed
Artists (80%)

Zuni Pueblo
improving economic viability
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**Present Day Challenges**

- **Organization**
  - Build partnerships & consensus
  - Build Capacity & Educate

- **Promotion**
  - Exploit self-promotion & event-planning
  - Create branding & improve street signs
  - Create venue & promotion for events

- **Design**
  - Improve street design & safety
  - Define/delineate spaces
  - Historic preservation

- **Economic**
  - Build on culture of selling
  - Create spaces to sell foods/goods
  - Consolidate/connect businesses
we wish mainstreet had...
population
Zuni lost $30,040,288 due to lack of local business options.
community assets
land use challenge (not a grid city)
cultural buffer districts
Highway 53 running through Zuni Pueblo can be a vibrant, dynamic mainstreet that speaks to the Pueblo's identity, history, and culture. With a few community-initiated projects, the road can truly connect the pueblo and provide opportunities for all Zuni, including residents, business owners, and other tribal members. In so doing, changes along the road can continue to respect and preserve cultural practices while still celebrating the multifaceted identity of Zuni Pueblo.

**ZUNI PUEBLO MAINSTREET VISION**
site development
civic places
designing for informal spaces
connections

ANSHE PATH
BEAR PATH
MAINSTREET PATH
To encourage walking and biking access along Zuni Main Street and other parts of town, the existing sidewalks can be repaired, crosswalls can be installed at key locations, and a formalized bike lane can be added to the shoulder of the road. These improvements can be tied to other streetscape enhancements such as installing outdoor furniture and art, improving lighting and signage, creating bio-swales for stormwater management, and planting native vegetation. Such improvements can help calm traffic, increase ADA compliance, and create a strong cohesive visual aesthetic that attracts visitors and makes residents proud.

HOKDI DASHA TRAIL
MOUNTAIN LION
EXERCISECIRCUIT
An exercise circuit along a trail is a fun way to encourage and motivate people to meet their fitness goals. These stations are installed along an existing path, and participants make their way to each station, following a set course. Exercise stations could be incorporated in various locations along the roadway leading to and from the Wellness Center, and linking to Hwy 53 along Old Gallup Rd. and Pincion St. to create a formal circuit trail.
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