

**RESOLUTION OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION**

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe on August 7, 1997 adopted Resolution No. 08-97-223 demonstrating its concern about unplanned and uncontrolled community growth on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and the accompanying strain on road and utility infrastructure as well as impacts to the Tribe's natural resources and the environment; and

WHEREAS, by adopting Resolution No. 08-97-223, the Tribal Council endorsed a strategy which supports community development master planning and development of intergrated land use information for community areas using modern surveying, photogrammetry and geographic information system techniques; and

WHEREAS, the Council directed in the same resolution that staff should seek funding and technical support for community development planning and that plans will be prepared for all existing and future community areas within three (3) years of the date of said resolution; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Native Americans (ANA) through its Social and Economic Development Strategies program funds tribal projects that address the Tribe's community development planning needs.

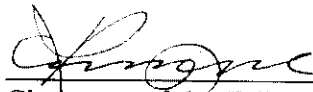
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that in the interest of advancing its community development planning initiative and implementing the goals of Resolution No. 08-97-223, it hereby approves application to ANA for the project titled "White Mountain Apache Tribe: Community-based Planning Project."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it is committed to implementing and sustaining the community development process that results from the community-based planning project on an ongoing basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that the Chairman, and his absence, the Vice-Chairman of the White Mountain Apache Tribe is hereby authorized to sign the documents necessary for the application to be submitted to A.N.A.

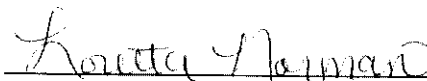
Resolution No. 04-98-64

The foregoing resolution was on April 8, 1998 duly adopted by a vote of nine for and zero against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (i), (j), (s), (t), and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).



Chairman of the Tribal Council

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Secretary of the Tribal Council

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WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe is concerned that rapidly expanding communities are straining the road and utility infrastructure of the Fort Apache Indian reservation natural resources and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council recognizes that housing needs and community growth will inevitably and necessarily continue to occur, and that proper forethought and planning is needed to accommodate this growth and to provide for livable, clean and well designed reservation communities into the future; and

WHEREAS, at present, community growth and development occurs without the benefit of integrated land use information and community development master plans; and

WHEREAS, development of integrated land use information database, accurate and detailed community maps and community development master plans, would allow the Tribe to guide development to desirable locations and would provide for quality, livable communities for generations of tribal members to come.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby adopts a strategy which supports community development master planning, and to this end it supports development of integrated land use information for community areas using modern surveying, photogrammetry and geographic information systems techniques.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it directs tribal agency staff to seek funding and technical support for its community development master planning efforts and that, as a reasonable attainable goal, a community development master plan will be prepared for all existing and planned reservation communities within three (3) years of the date of this resolution.

Draft Narrative Community-Based Planning Project

1.0 Plan and Long Range Goal

The White Mountain Apache Tribe is seeking funding assistance from the Administration for Native Americans in order to develop a community-based planning process, which will guide the economic development and governance of the Reservation, on a community-by-community basis, over the next 10-20 years.

- 1.1 Specific Problem: The Fort Apache Indian Reservation, located in east-central Arizona, can best be described as remote, rural and poor. Yet the abundance of natural resources found on the 1.66 million acre Reservation, including vast forests and rangeland, rivers, streams, lakes and numerous plant and animal species, attract year-round visitors from around the world and are utilized by the rapidly expanding White Mountain Apache population of 12,200 persons. With the assistance of the Administration for Native Americans, Environmental Regulatory Enhancement Program, the Tribe has developed a Comprehensive Tribal Natural Resources Protection Program for reservation-wide ecosystem management. The reservation land consequently supports a variety and growing number of uses of natural resources which are vital to the cultural and economic well being of the Apache people.

Natural resource based activities occurring Reservation-wide include timber cutting, livestock grazing, camping, fishing, hiking and bicycling. This extensive range of land uses and activities often results in conflict over questions such as, "What types of economic activities are truly of a sustainable nature for the area?" and "How can environmental protection and the quality of life be balanced against hard economic needs, and in general, "What options are there for planning for the long-term sustainable growth of the community?" The development of a community-based planning process will serve to provide answers to these questions.

The Tribe has proven itself a leader within the Native American community in the economic development of its lands. The Tribe's major sources of income are the Hon-Dah Casino and the Fort Apache Timber Company (FATCO). The Tribe owns and manages both enterprises which combined, employ a total of _____ Tribal members. Sunrise Ski Resort, also a Tribally owned and operated enterprise, employs _____ Tribal members. The importance of these enterprises is reflected in Tribal revenues; over _____% of Tribal revenues stem from these activities. Nonetheless, unemployment is intolerably high and the per capita income is dangerously low. From 1980 to 1990 unemployment rates on the Reservation rose from 33 to 61 percent, according to the BIA Labor Force Report. The need for Tribal economic development is apparent, as suggested by these statistics and economic development which takes place within the framework of protection of the Tribe's water, land and other resources must be guided by a

of their communities. Community, government and business leaders, as well as Tribal and Bureau of Indian Affairs staff, are supportive of this project as demonstrated through the letters of support included with this proposal. The idea of sustainable development is a basic tenet of the Apache culture rooted in thousands of years of living within one's means in a way respectful to Mother Earth. This community-based planning project will not only bridge this traditional Apache belief with a sustainable economic development planning process, it will also foster local governance and leadership in determining goals, developing plans and implementing programs to meet those goals.

1.2 Long Range Goals:

The White Mountain Apache Tribal Members' reliance upon the natural resource base of the Reservation obligatos them to ensure that the Reservation growth is sustainable, community development is culturally sensitive and the well being and protection of the people and the land are respected. To this end, the Tribal community is committed to attaining the following goals:

- **Goal 1:** To develop a permanent digital database and hard copy maps of the Reservation communities and outlying watershed areas, to be added to and revised to meet planning and land use changes into the future.
- **Goal 2:** To create a community development planning process to guide the growth of the Reservation communities over the next 10-20 years.
- **Goal 3:** To develop a modernized system for managing land use information within the Tribal Environmental Planning Office, which can be accessed for use at other locations on the Reservation.