

Spokane Indian Reservation

Third Round Promise Zone Designee



Lead Organization:

Spokane Tribe of Indians

Population:

2,085

Poverty Rate:

32.57%

Unemployment rate:

25.84%

Key Partners:

Spokane Indian Housing Authority, Spokane Tribal Police Department, Make It Right Foundation (Solar Division), Grid Alternatives, Rural Community Assistance Corporation, Minnesota Housing Partnership, Spokane Tribal Enterprises, HUD-NwONAP, CATTCOMM, LLC, the Tulalip Tribes, Native Networks, Stevens County, Spokane Tribal College, Salish-Kootenai College, the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, the Wellpinit School District, the Unico System, Sovereign Power

About Spokane Tribe of Indians

The Spokane Tribe of Indians Promise Zone (STIPZ) includes the Spokane Indian Reservation (160,000 square acres) and all lands held in trust by the federal government on behalf of the Spokane Tribe, which include 180 square acres near Chewelah, WA, and another 145 square acres in Airway Heights, WA. With the commitment of the Spokane Tribe of Indian's 2,874 citizens, the Promise Zone will support and strengthen tribal institutions.

Leadership and Goals

The Spokane Tribe of Indians have established deep relationships with partners located both within and outside of their ancestral lands. The Tribe has identified six "anchor institutions" that will be productive partners in helping tribe members achieve their five major goals. These partners include the Tribal Government, Spokane Tribal Enterprises, Spokane Indian Housing Authority, Wellpinit School District, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian Health Services.

The regional development approach is designed to increase quality of life and break the cycle of persistent poverty in the Tribe.

The goals of the plan include efforts to:



- Create quality employment opportunities by establishing Tribal corporations that are able to compete at the national and international level
- Spur economic development by leveraging private sector investments
- Improve educational opportunities by increasing enrollment, funding and degree opportunities for Spokane Tribal College
- Reduce violent crime by revising some of the Tribe's outdated laws and implementing a community policing strategy
- Increase access to quality affordable housing with the implementation of the Wellpinit Core Revitalization Plan—a comprehensive economic development plan that provides a land use/urban design and community-wealth building strategy

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