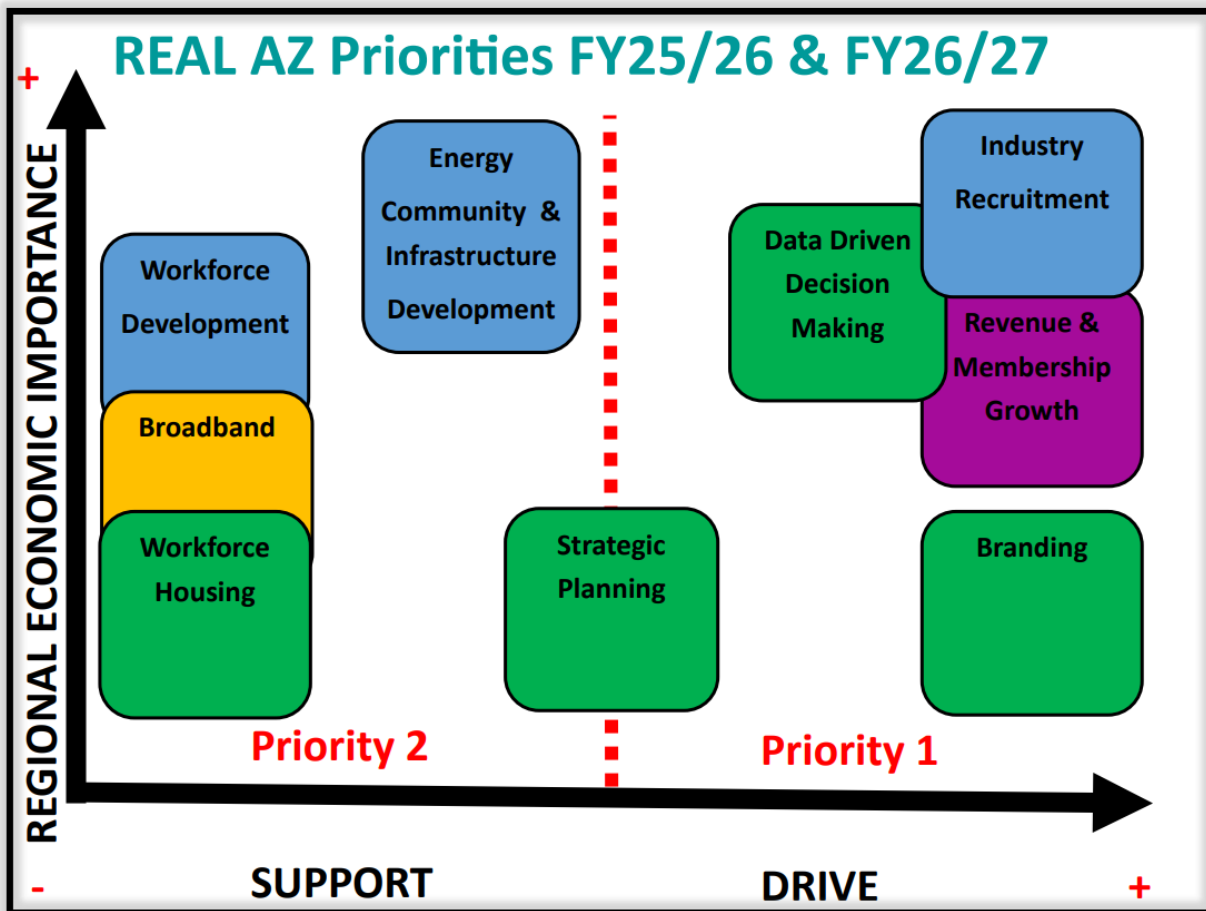


July 2026 Economic Development Summary Report



REAL AZ

NORTHEASTERN ARIZONA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ENGINE



During the fiscal year, (July 2025–June 2026), REAL AZ continued expanding Northeastern Arizona's economic development pipeline through coordinated industry recruitment, regional partnerships, and strategic infrastructure initiatives.

Current highlights include: 3 coal fired power plants in our region are being converted to Natural Gas, a major win for our region!

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- 62 active recruitment projects
- 26 active energy projects
- 10 bioenergy opportunities
- 18 projects currently in Due Diligence
- 12 communities actively engaged
- 60 contributing regional partners

Collectively these projects represent one of the largest industrial recruitment efforts currently underway in Northeastern Arizona and continue positioning the region for long-term private investment, job creation, and infrastructure development.

This month's Economic Development Summary Report highlights the major developments, partnerships, framed by our strategic priorities. REAL AZ continues to execute its regional economic development strategy through industrial recruitment, investor services, data-driven decision making, and regional collaboration. REAL AZ continues to **drive** industrial recruitment, membership (Contributing Partners) growth, and data-driven decision-making to strengthen the economic foundation of Northeastern Arizona. REAL AZ also continues to **support** Energy Community & Infrastructure Development, Workforce Development, Broadband, Workforce Housing and Strategic Planning. The following report is structured across our nine priority areas, demonstrating measurable progress, partner value and region-wide project updates.

REAL AZ is an informal regional economic development partnership led by community leaders throughout Navajo and Apache Counties. Administrative support is provided through Navajo County, allowing the partnership to remain collaborative, efficient and focused on delivering economic development services to the region.

REAL AZ provides a regional economic development platform that assists investors through site selection, market analysis, project facilitation, infrastructure coordination, and local government engagement.

Across the nation, demand for reliable energy infrastructure is driving unprecedented levels of industrial investment. Northeastern Arizona is well positioned to benefit from this trend because of its natural resources, available land, transportation assets and collaborative regional partnerships.

Key Accomplishments

- ✓ Expanded active recruitment pipeline to 62 projects
- ✓ Advanced 18 projects into Due Diligence
- ✓ Added new contributing partners
- ✓ Continued Bioenergy recruitment following Biomass Expo
- ✓ Expanded regional GIS and FT Location data platform
- ✓ Expanded Placer AI implementation
- ✓ Completed Navajo County Middle Mile Fiber
- ✓ Released "A Home of My Own" Workforce Housing plans
- ✓ Continued Brownfields redevelopment efforts
- ✓ Participated in Arizona ACC Nuclear Planning Workshops

The following report highlights measurable progress across our strategic priorities and demonstrates how regional collaboration continues to position Northeastern Arizona for long-term economic success

SIGNIFICANT WINS FOR THE REGION!



Gas, not coal, to put Cholla Power Plant back into production in 2029

July 7, 2026

By Shawn White Coal isn't coming back to Cholla but Cholla is coming back. Arizona Public Service announced on July 2 it...

Supervisor Whiting proposes nuclear development in Navajo County to bring jobs

July 01, 2026



Determined to bring new jobs and economic development to the region, Supervisor Jason Whiting told state energy regulators last Thursday that Arizona's next nuclear power plant should be built in Navajo County. "As Arizona plans for future energy demands, nuclear energy should be at the top of the list," Whiting said. "Nuclear power offers unparalleled benefits, including 24/7 baseload power that ensures unmatched reliability and affordability."

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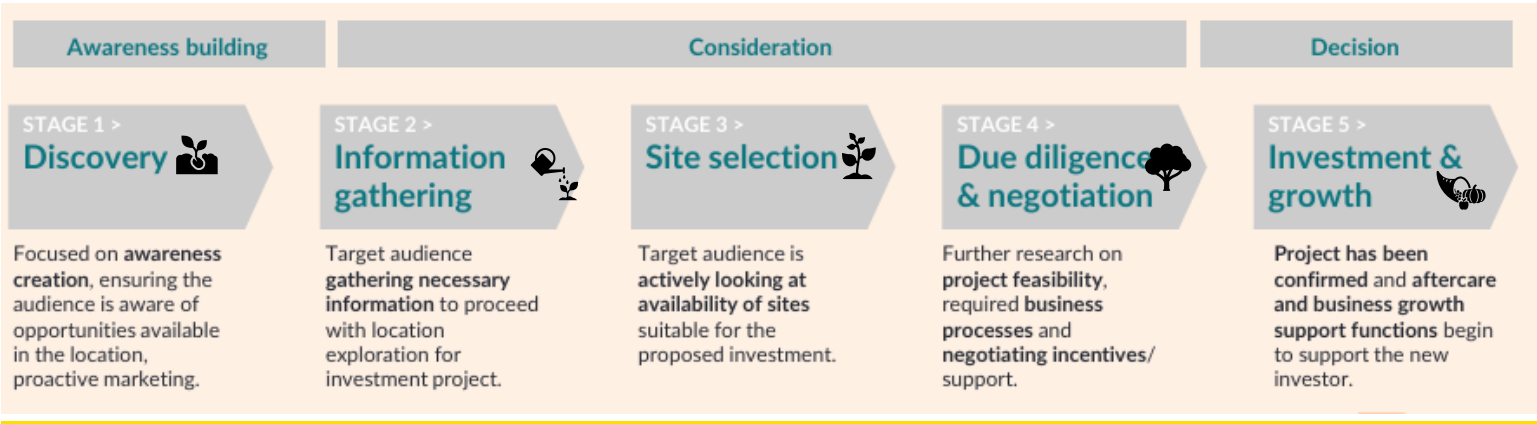
ACC Unanimously Approves Springerville, Coronado Coal Unit Conversions to Natural Gas

The ACC voted unanimously to allow conversions at Springerville and Coronado, keeping 1,500 MW and 821 MW of generation online and aiming to preserve jobs in southern Apache County.

 James Thompson • 3/7/2026 • 2 min read

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ACTIVITY SUMMARY – BASED ON OUR FT LOCATIONS INVESTOR JOURNEY MAPPING



REPORT DATE	PERIOD	ICON LEGEND
7/16/2026	January - June 2026	 Stage 1: Discovery – initial meetings and rapport-building  Stage 2: Information gathering – pre-planning/discussion, pre-planning activities  Stage 3: Site selection - securing financing, resource/partner coordination, permit/grant applications  Stage 4: Due diligence & negotiation– approvals for permitting, funding, construction success  Stage 5: Investment & growth - Fruits of successful development – jobs created, business started, projects funded, projects completed  Project becoming marginal – financial and or agreement challenges  Project is no longer viable – moved to another location or developer has terminated project

INDUSTRY RECRUITMENT PIPELINE SUMMARY TABLE

Metric	Current Value
Active Projects	62
Projects in Due Diligence	18
Projects in Site Selection	24
Manufacturing Prospects	5
Energy Projects	26
Bioenergy Projects	10
Industrial Projects	8
Housing Projects	3
Communities Engaged	12

PRIORITY 1 DRIVE : **INDUSTRY RECRUITMENT – DATA DRIVEN**

DECISION MAKING – REVENUE & MEMBERSHIP GROWTH - BRANDING -

ACTIVITY – PROJECT DESCRIPTION	DATE	PRIMARY PARTNER/AREA	OUTCOMES	NOTES
Bio Power Plant #1 RUC 	4/26 - ongoing	Navajo, Apache and Coconino Counties	Discovery at Biomass Expo 3/26 Info Gathering from 4/26	Site Selection phase is likely
Bio & Gas Power Plant #2 YTC 	4/26 - ongoing	Navajo, Apache and Coconino Counties	Discovery at Biomass Expo 3/26 Info Gathering from 4/26	Info Gathering continues 6/26
Bio Power Plant #3 AFC 	4/26 - ongoing	Navajo, Apache and Coconino Counties	Discovery at Biomass Expo 3/26 Info Gathering from 4/26 Site Selection at 6/26	Due Diligence and Negotiation underway 7/26
Bio Power Plant #4 EBC 	4/26 - ongoing	Navajo, Apache and Coconino Counties	Discovery at Biomass Expo 3/26 Info Gathering from 4/26 Site Selection at 6/26	Due Diligence and Negotiation underway 7/26
Bio Power Plant #5 CFC 	4/26 - ongoing	Navajo, Apache and Coconino Counties	Discovery at Biomass Expo 3/26 Info Gathering from 4/26 Site Selection at 6/26	Due Diligence and Negotiation underway 7/26
Bio Power Plant #6 RPC 	4/26 - ongoing	Navajo, Apache and Coconino Counties	Discovery at Biomass Expo 3/26 Info Gathering from 4/26 Site Selection at 6/26	Due Diligence and Negotiation underway 7/26
Bio Power Plant #7 WGC 	4/26 - ongoing	Navajo, Apache and Coconino Counties	Discovery at Biomass Expo 3/26 Info Gathering from 4/26 Site Selection at 6/26	Due Diligence and Negotiation underway 7/26
Bio Power Plant #8 HGC 	4/26 - ongoing	Navajo, Apache and Coconino Counties	Discovery at Biomass Expo 3/26 Info Gathering from 4/26 Site Selection at 6/26	Due Diligence and Negotiation underway 7/26
Bio Power Plant #9 UUC 	4/26 - ongoing	Navajo, Apache and Coconino Counties	Discovery 6/26	Info Gathering from 6/26
Bio SAF Plant #1 PUC 	4/26 - ongoing	Navajo, Apache and Coconino Counties	Discovery 4/26 Info Gathering from 4/26	Site Selection underway 6/26
Bio Utilization Facility #1 MUC 	3/26 - ongoing	Navajo County	Discovery 11/25 Info Gathering from 4/26 Site Selected 5/26 Due Diligence & Negotiation 7/26	Investment & Growth TBD
Energy Developer #1 MSC 	2/26 - ongoing	Navajo County	Discovery 2/26	Info Gathering from 6/26
Industrial Developer ECC 	3/26	Navajo County	Discovery 3/26 Info Gathering 4/26 Site Selected 6/26 Due Diligence & Negotiation 7/26	Investment & Growth TBD

Manufacturing Company #1 WSC 	4/26 - ongoing	Navajo County, Show Low, SBDC	Discovery 4/26	Info Gathering TBD – working with SBDC
Industrial Developer #1 KPC 	10/25	Navajo County	Discovery 10/25 Info Gathering 11/25	Site Selected TBD
Energy Developer #2 RLC 	1/24 - ongoing	Navajo County	Discovery 5/24 Info Gathering 5/25 Site Selection 5/26	Due Diligence & Negotiation 6/26
Energy Developer #3 BUC 	2/26 - ongoing	Navajo County	Discovery 2/26	Info Gathering estimated 2027 Site Selection estimated 2028-2030
Energy Developer #4 DUC 	3/26 - ongoing	Apache County	Discovery 3/26 Info Gathering 4/26 Site Selection 4/26	Due Diligence & Negotiation estimated 2027
Energy Developer # 5 EUC 	1/26 - ongoing	Navajo County	Discovery 1/26 Info Gathering 2/26 Site Selection 2/26	Due Diligence & Negotiation estimated 2027-2028
Energy Developer #6 AUC 	3/26 - ongoing	Navajo County	Discovery 2024 Info Gathering 2025 Site Selection 2025 Due Diligence & Negotiation 5/26	Investment & Growth estimated 2027
Energy Developer #7 IUC 	12/24 - ongoing	Navajo County	Discovery 2024 Info Gathering 2024 Site Selection 2025	Due Diligence & Negotiation estimated 2027
Energy Developer #8 APC 	3/26 - ongoing	Navajo County	Discovery 2024 Info Gathering 2025 Site Selection 2025 Due Diligence & Negotiation 2025	Investment & Growth estimated 2027
Bio Utilization Company #2 PUC 	11/25	Navajo County - Winslow	Discovery 11/25 Info Gathering 12/25	Site Selection is difficult as we are competing with alternative bio projects in SE
Industrial Developer #2 ACC 	10/25	Navajo County	Discovery 10/25 Info Gathering 11/25	Site Selection is pending
Energy Developer #10 NUC 	12/23 - ongoing	Navajo County	Discovery 2023 Info Gathering 2023 Site Selection 2023 Due Diligence & Negotiation 2023	Investment & Growth underway from 2025
Energy Developer #11 IUC-T 	12/24 - ongoing	Navajo County	Discovery 2025 Info Gathering 2025	Site Selection estimated 2026
Manufacturing Company #2 AIC 	9/25	Navajo County - Winslow	Discovery 9/25 Info Gathering 12/25	Info Gathering underway since 12/25

Manufacturing Company #3 	9/25	Navajo County - Winslow	Discovery 9/25 Info Gathering 12/25	Info Gathering underway since 12/25
Bio Utilization Company #4 	10/25	Navajo County	Discovery 11/25 Info Gathering 12/25	Site Selection actively underway estimated 2027
Industrial Developer #3 AWC 	7/25	Navajo County	Discovery 10/25 Info Gathering 11/25 Site Selection 2/26 Due Diligence & Negotiation 2026	Investment & Growth estimated late 2026
Industrial Developer #4 ACC 	2/26	Navajo County	Discovery 2/26 Info Gathering 8/26	Site Selection is pending
Energy Developer #12 CUC 	1/26 - ongoing	Navajo County	Discovery 2026 Info Gathering 2026 Site Selection 2026	Due Diligence & Negotiation 7/26
Energy Developer #13 CUC-E 	1/26 - ongoing	Navajo County	Discovery 2023 Info Gathering 2023 Site Selection 2023 Due Diligence & Negotiation 2023	Investment & Growth estimated late 2026
Energy Developer #14 BCC 	1/26 - ongoing	Navajo County	Discovery 2022 Info Gathering 2023 Site Selection 2023	Delays with Due Diligence & Negotiation estimated late 2026
Energy Developer #15 PUC 	6/24 - ongoing	Navajo County	Discovery 2024	Info Gathering underway Site Selection estimated 2027-2028
Industrial Developer #5 GUS 	4/25	Navajo County	Discovery 4/25 Info Gathering 5/25 Site Selection 5/25	Due Diligence & Negotiation 8/2026
Land Developer #1 RUS 	3/25 - ongoing	Navajo County	Discovery 3/25 Info Gathering 4/25 Site Selection 5/25	Due Diligence & Negotiation underway from 2026
Energy Developer #16 IUC-E 	2/25 - ongoing	Navajo County	Discovery 2025 Info Gathering 2025 Site Selection 2025	Due Diligence & Negotiation estimated late 2026/2027
Recreational Land Developer #1 RHC 	10/25	Holbrook, Navajo County	Discovery 2025 Info Gathering 2025 Site Selection 2025	Due Diligence & Negotiations and ROW process underway estimated late 2026
Energy Developer #17 TUC 	1/25 - ongoing	Apache County	Discovery 2025 Info Gathering 2025 Site Selection 2025	Due Diligence & Negotiation estimated 2027
Industrial Asset Management Company #1 EPC 	2/26	Navajo County	Discovery 3/36 Info Gathering 5/26 Site Selection 5/26	Due Diligence & Negotiation estimated 2027

Industrial Asset Management Company #2 TCC 	6/26	Navajo County	Discovery 3/26 Info Gathering 5/26 Site Selection 7/26	Due Diligence & Negotiation estimated 2027
Retail Developer # 1 TUC 	12/25	Navajo County – Snowflake/Taylor	Discovery 12/25 Info Gathering 1/26 Site Selection 2/26 Due Diligence & Negotiation 3/26	Investment & Growth estimated late 2026
Manufacturing Company #3 KJC 	3/26	Navajo County - Snowflake	Discovery 3/26 Info Gathering 3/26	National Site Selection in process
Bio Utilization Company #4 WUC 	11/24	Navajo County – Apache County	Discovery 11/24 Info Gathering 8/25	Site Selection actively underway estimated 2027
Industrial Developer #6 SCS 	9/24	Navajo County	Discovery 11/24 Info Gathering 11/25	Site Selection process undecided
Industrial Tenant #1 BCC 	9/26	Navajo County	Discovery 9/26 Info Gathering 11/25	Site Selection process undecided
Industrial Tenant #2 CCC 	9/26	Navajo County	Discovery 9/26 Info Gathering 11/25	Site Selection process undecided
Energy Technology Developer #1 EUC 	9/25	Navajo County	Discovery 9/25 Info Gathering 10/25	Site Selection estimated 2027-2028
Energy Technology Developer #2 SUC 	9/25	Navajo County	Discovery 9/25 Info Gathering 10/25	Site Selection estimated 2027-2028
Energy Infrastructure Developer #1 SUC 	9/25	Navajo County	Discovery 9/25 Info Gathering 10/25 Site Selection 6/26	Due Diligence & Negotiation estimated late 2026
Energy Infrastructure Developer #2 BUS 	9/25	Navajo County	Discovery 9/25 Info Gathering 10/25 Site Selection 6/26 Due Diligence & Negotiation 5/26	Investment & Growth estimated early 2027
Energy Infrastructure Developer #3 BUS 	9/25	Navajo County	Discovery 9/25 Info Gathering 10/25 Site Selection 6/26 Due Diligence & Negotiation 6/26	Investment & Growth estimated early 2027
Resource Processing Company #1 EUC 	9/25	Navajo County	Discovery 9/25 Info Gathering 10/25	Site Selection estimated 2027-2028
Financial Investment Company #1 AUC 	9/25	Navajo County	Discovery 9/25 Info Gathering 10/25	Site Selection estimated 2027-2028

Manufacturing Company #4 PSC 	4/25	Navajo County - Snowflake	Discovery 4/25 Info Gathering 3/25 Site Selection 4/25 Due Diligence & Negotiation 10.25	Investment & Growth estimated 2027
Industrial Developer #7 RPC 	8/25	Navajo County	Discovery 8/25 Info Gathering 1/26 Site Selection 5/26	Due Diligence & Negotiation underway 7/26
Energy Developer #18 LUC 	1/25	Navajo County	Discovery 1/25 Info Gathering 1/25	Info Gathering underway Site Selection estimated 2027-2028
Financial Investment Company #2 SUC 	1/25 - ongoing	Navajo County	Discovery 1/25 Info Gathering 2/25	Site Selection and Due Diligence & Negotiation ongoing
Energy Developer #19 AUC 	10/24 - ongoing	Navajo County	Discovery 2024 Info Gathering 2025 Site Selection 2025	Due Diligence & Negotiation estimated late 2026/2027
Energy Developer #20 XUC 	10/24 - ongoing	Apache County	Discovery 2024 Info Gathering 2025 Site Selection 2025	Due Diligence & Negotiation estimated late 2027/2028
Energy Developer #21 CUC 	10/24	Apache County	Discovery 10/24 Info Gathering 1/25	Info Gathering underway Site Selection estimated 2027-2028
Energy Developer #22 RSC 	10/24 - ongoing	Apache County	Discovery 2024 Info Gathering 2025 Site Selection 2025	Due Diligence & Negotiation estimated late 2027/2028
Energy Developer #23 AIC 	4/25	Navajo County - Apache County	Discovery 4/25 Info Gathering 7/25 - ongoing	Site Selection estimated 2027-2028
Bio Power Plant #10 UPC 	6/26 - ongoing	Navajo, Apache and Coconino Counties	Discovery 6/26	Info Gathering from 6/26
Energy Developer #24 UPC-N 	6/26 - ongoing	Navajo, Apache and Coconino Counties	Discovery 6/26	Info Gathering from 6/26
Energy Developer #25 SUC-P 	1/26	Navajo County	Discovery 2024 Info Gathering 2024 Site Selection 2024	Due Diligence & Negotiation estimated late 2026
Energy Developer #26 NUC 	4/26 - ongoing	Navajo County	Discovery 4/26	Info Gathering from 5/26
Industrial Resource Development Company #2 AAC 	5/26	Navajo County	Discovery 5/26 Info Gathering 5/26 Site Selection 7/26	Due Diligence & Negotiation estimated 2027

Energy Developer #27 RUC-T 	4/26 - ongoing	Navajo County	Discovery 2026 Info Gathering 2026	Site Selection estimated 2027 -2028
Manufacturing Company #5 MUC 	3/25	Navajo County – Show Low	Discovery 3/25 Info Gathering 3/25	NJ chosen at Site Selection Stage
Energy Infrastructure Developer #5 	6/24	Navajo County	Discovery 6/24 Info Gathering 6/24	Lack of Municipal Business Partner
Industrial Resource Development Company #3 SUC 	9/24	Navajo County	Discovery 9/24 Info Gathering 10/24	Resource was determined not viable

Data Driven Decision Making

REAL AZ continues expanding its regional data platform to provide communities and prospective investors with current demographic, workforce, housing and market information.

Zoom Prospect provided through GIS Planning INC., a subsidiary of the Financial Times. This is a Data Driven Decision Making tool that is available on our website: [Our Regions - REAL AZ - Northeast Arizona](#)

Placer AI, a select group of REAL AZ eligible partners have also invested in this advanced location analytics tool, which uses GIS and geo fencing. Those partners who have invested into this tool are working closely with Navajo County's Coal Community Development Manager to extract market, foot-traffic and data mapping reports to inform their decision-making on development and redevelopment opportunities within their local jurisdictions.

We are launching our latest promotional GIS Mapping tool from Flyer View Group LLC to help create digital and hard-copy brochures highlighting Development and Investment opportunities.

REAL AZ partners are encouraged to utilize these tools to support industrial recruitment, redevelopment planning, and site marketing. Contact our office for assistance in preparing property profiles or investment materials.

Revenue and Partnership Growth

We continue to introduce our newest REAL AZ Partners at each meeting. As many of you know we continue to see an increased number of guests who are attending our networking meetings with several of them deciding to contribute to our mission as they their businesses establish operations in Northeastern Arizona. We continue to welcome new partners and are increasing the access to participate. You can see our partners and find the application details here: [Partners - REAL AZ - Economic Development](#)

REAL AZ now has 60 Partners, representing local governments, utilities, educational institutions, nonprofit organizations and private industry.

We have approached a critical mass (meaning we continue to expand and grow our numbers) in terms of our partners. With the support and guidance from Navajo County we are currently working on clarifying and recalibrating expectations of our partners. We will no longer be driving Revenue and Membership Growth, but will continue to expand partnerships through Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) with local jurisdictions, and eliminate financial contribution requirements for businesses in the private and non-profit sector.

Branding

REAL AZ's regional marketing strategy continues to strengthen Northeastern Arizona's visibility among investors, site selectors, utilities, and industry.

As additional projects advance through development, the region is benefiting from what economists often describe as the "Crane Effect"—where visible investment encourages additional private investment.

Successful development signals:

- Market confidence
- Infrastructure readiness
- Public-sector support
- Future economic growth

As investment accelerates, each successful project increases the likelihood of attracting additional businesses, creating a self-reinforcing cycle of economic development

PRIORITY 2 SUPPORT : ENERGY COMMUNITY & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT – WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT – BROADBAND – WORKFORCE HOUSING – STRATEGIC PLANNING -

Energy Community & Infrastructure Development

An important part of supporting this priority is making sure that our communities know what funding programs and resources are available. In addition to sharing these resources directly we continue to keep them updated. You can find the excel spreadsheet of them on this page: [Coal Community Resources - REAL AZ](#) Simply go to his page and click on the link title, Northern Arizona COG Municipal Fund Opportunities in the bottom right quadrant of the page. Recognition goes to NACOG for assembling this list of grant funding opportunities, your community does not need to be considered a coal community to apply for the majority of these grants. ,

Brownfields Update: As of June 2026, we are pleased to report that our region is maximizing this grant’s opportunities. Money is still available so reach out if you have a property that you suspect has environmental of hazardous building materials.

Coalition Member	PHASE I ESAs (Goal = 30)	PHASE II ESAs (Goal = 8)	RBM SURVEYS (Goal = 8)	SITE REUSE/ CLEANUP PLANS (Goal = 7)	AREA WIDE PLANS (Goal = 4)	\$ SPENT TO DATE
Coconino County	3	2	2	2	0	\$98,122.36
Mohave County	2	1	3	0	0	\$92,498.48
Navajo County	4	2	4	0	(1)	\$111,359.80
Yavapai County	6	3	4	2	(1)	\$93,688.82
Total	15 (50%)	8 (100%)	13 (163)	4 (57%)	2 (50%)	\$395,669.46

Workforce Development

Several workforce initiatives are currently advancing that will strengthen the regional talent pipeline for emerging energy industries. The Workforce Board staff are making significant progress on applications for several grant, one which focuses on increasing coordination with K-12 schools and workforce program partners, and the second pursuing funding to assist Veterans with Reintegration into the workforce. While announcements will be made by our partner, NEAZ@WORK when the determinations are finalized, it is noteworthy for partners to know that our workforce partners are actively creating new opportunities for job seekers in our region.

Additionally, the Energy Committee has been evaluating the training program and partner gaps in our region and are making recommendations in the coming month to the NEAZ Local Workforce Board. The opportunity for our REAL AZ Partners is to link into these talent pipeline systems from the beginning with community investments which will train Energy workforce locally that we continue to desperately need. While many of our partners are indirectly involved providing feedback, we are inviting serious energy players to get directly involved by contacting myself or Adam Garrard, NEAZLWDBD Executive Director. This talent pipeline system continues to evolve and will expand scope as the energy production expands to the gas-fired, nuclear and powerplants additional to the wind, solar and battery plants we have in operation/construction.

Broadband

Middle-mile fiber infrastructure significantly improves industrial site competitiveness by providing high-capacity connectivity required by modern manufacturing, technology and energy industries.

Construction of the Navajo County Middle-mile project is complete with one commercial leasing contract executed already. Our Industrial Development Partners who are interested in leasing this fiber-optic middle mile are invited to talk directly with myself, pricing, routes and specifications are available.

Construction of the Broadband projects connecting St. Johns, Springerville, Eagar and major parts of Apache County continues. More information and status on these projects are all on this page: [Apache County Projects](#)

Workforce Housing



Navajo County – Released 6/26 [A Home of My Own | Navajo County, AZ](#) free approved housing plans. The "A Home of My Own" program has been developed to help assist with workforce housing shortages within Navajo County. Six single-family home plans have been designed and are available for anyone to use to build their home within Navajo County's jurisdiction. These plans are available for use at no cost within Navajo County. Several other local municipality partners are underway with very similar initiatives.



Current Housing Projects

Snowflake ≈ 750 homes

Taylor ≈ 90 homes

Winslow ≈ 700 homes

Potential Regional Total ≈ 1,540 new housing units

Strategic Planning

REAL AZ continues facilitating regional collaboration among local governments to share revitalization strategies, best practices and implementation tools that strengthen long-term community development. This work is being facilitated and supported by our Coal Community Development Manager.

Navajo County Board of Supervisor, Jason Whiting and St. John's Mayor Spencer Udall and myself have all provided feedback to the Arizona Corporation Commission on Advancing Nuclear Technology in Arizona, during a workshop on 6/25. As the utilities and the ACC are planning for the next nuclear powerplant, partners of REAL AZ and stakeholders across the state and country are directly contributing to this strategic planning process. More opportunities to engage will be coming in the Fall of 2026, which we will keep you tuned into.

These discussions position Northeastern Arizona communities to participate early in planning efforts associated with Arizona's next generation of advanced energy infrastructure.

The coming fiscal year July 2026- June 2027 will continue to focus on:

- Advancing industrial recruitment projects
- Expanding regional infrastructure
- Supporting workforce development
- Accelerating housing development
- Strengthening energy sector investments
- Increasing private capital investment throughout Northeastern Arizona
- Increasing visibility and awareness of REAL AZ throughout the region, state, nation and the world

REAL AZ remains committed to creating a stronger regional economy through collaboration, strategic planning, and measurable results.

Thank you for your continued support of REAL AZ and the work being accomplished across Northeastern Arizona.

Please contact me if you have questions regarding any project or initiative highlighted in this report.

Kind Regards,

Chris Pasterz

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