



“Striving towards cultural resilience and self-sufficiency, the Caddo Nation envisions a thriving community where all members have access to culturally-centered spaces, affordable housing, sustainable infrastructure, and economic opportunities, embodying a model of stewardship, connection, and prosperity for future generations.”

- Resilience Plan Vision

## Why a Resilience Plan for Caddo Nation?

Around the country, cities and states are developing resilience plans so that their infrastructure can survive increasingly harsher weather events, pandemics, and other destabilizing events. This approach to resilience planning is important but largely ignores historical factors that render communities of color more vulnerable to disasters. It also ignores the importance of centering cultural resilience — the ability of cultures to absorb adversity, deal with change, and continue to thrive — and self-determination as inextricably linked with physical resilience.

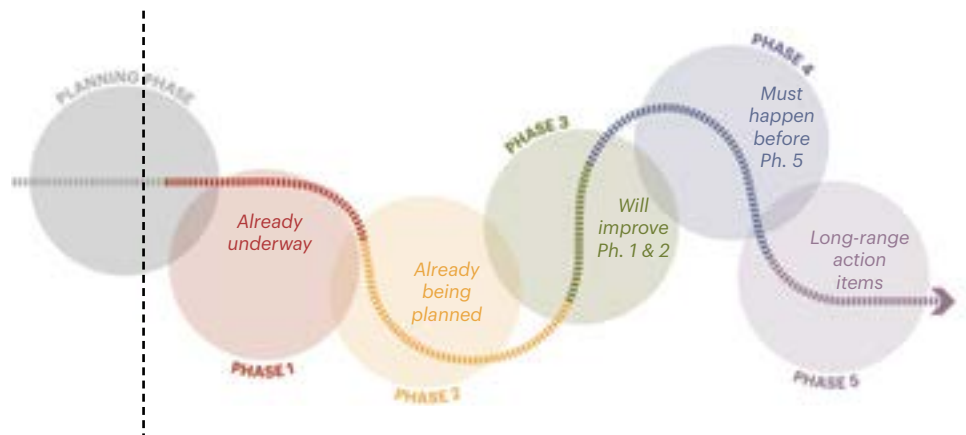
Indigenous communities have been engaged in culturally-centered resilience planning since time immemorial but most of this planning work has not been comprehensively documented, which can pose challenges to implementation in an age when Native communities are increasingly dispersed and rely on digital information exchange. Caddo Nation will be one of the first Tribal communities in the country to develop its own Resilience Plan, which will become a model for land development both for Tribes and other communities around the country.

## What Purpose will this Resilience Plan serve?

Chairman Gonzalez and his administration have been working hard over the past few years to buy back land taken from Caddo Nation during the Allotment Era. With over 1000 acres of land now back in the community’s hands, determining how that land is developed to benefit Caddo members in the coming years is important to ensuring that the community can grow resiliently. The Resilience Plan:

- Provides an implementation roadmap for **where, what, and when** to develop/renovate the built environment across the Nation over time
- Reflects the consensus built around administrative and community **priorities** for cultural resilience during the planning process
- Consolidates recommendations for all Caddo administrative departments in **one easy-to-find** place
- Streamlines applications for grant funding and building permitting on future Caddo developments
- Is malleable and can adapt to evolving community and administrative priorities in years to come

## Where are we in the process?



**We are here!** You will have the opportunity to provide feedback throughout the next five phases.

## Green Infrastructure

### DESIRED IMPACTS

- 100% of energy needs across Caddo Nation are self-generated and resilient to disasters
- Improvement in health outcomes for members (from indoor & outdoor environments)
- Children become stewards of environmental knowledge for their families

### FOCUS REALM GOAL

Create opportunities for Caddos to connect to and thrive in harmonious relationship with the natural world, from energy generation to green space.

### STRATEGIES

- Mitigate hazards
- Educate community & invest in technical capacity
- Expand opportunities for farming/ sustainable ag
- Connect members to the natural environment
- Develop transitional and green energy infrastructure
- Manage solid waste
- Protect water, air, and soil quality

### ACTION IDEAS

It would be great to have more recreation spaces for exercise, cycling, and fishing.



## Transportation

- 0 roadway accidents/year
- Increase in use of facilities, services, and participation in tribal events by all Caddos
- Decrease in travel times to places of employment and key services

Increase access to high-quality travel options so that people can safely and reliably connect to destinations within Caddo Nation and across the region.

- Improve rural roads
- Develop transit systems
- Improve road safety
- Educate community & invest in technical capacity
- Develop roads in alignment with economic development nodes

I would love to have access to a shuttle system to get to the store and to events.



## Public Facilities

- Caddos feel a sense of belonging and cultural pride in their community
- 100% of Caddos can access all eligible Tribal services regardless of where they live
- Caddos feel fully supported by their administration to pursue work in any field

Ensure all Caddos have access to Tribal services in dignified facilities.

- Ensure programs & facilities are healthy, safe, and can operate during emergencies
- Expand online presence and services for remote members
- Educate & invest in capacity
- Develop facilities for community gathering and cultural continuance
- Help members access programs

Utility costs are so high! Could Caddo Nation start its own utility company?



## Economic Dvlpmtnt.

- 90% of economic stimulus is generated by the Tribe rather than from government grants
- Growth in # of Caddo-owned businesses
- Growth in employment opportunities for members

Drive inclusive economic growth through increased access to opportunities for all Caddo members.

- Develop Tribally-owned enterprises
- Support incubation of Tribal businesses
- Expand pipeline of projects for Arrowood Construction
- Leverage local, regional, and Tribal economic incentives
- Create development standards for new construction
- Develop a workforce
- Educate community & invest in technical capacity

I have a business idea for a seed company to preserve medicines that are important to our culture. But I need help getting my business started.



## Housing

- Caddos can age in place in healthy, safe housing
- Growth in # of members who move back to the community
- Growth in homeownership and equity-building

Invest in affordable, stable, and diverse housing options across Caddo Nation to incentivize living in community.

- Grow variety of housing services
- Educate community & invest in technical capacity
- Ensure elders can age-in-place in community
- Grow housing stock in strategic areas
- Preserve quality and safety of housing stock

We want to buy a house close to where our family lives and near good child care and schools.

