

## COMMUNITY ECLIPSE PLANNING: LESSONS FROM THE PAST

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A solar eclipse occurs due to celestial mechanics, without any human intervention. This creates an interesting paradox: nobody is "in charge." Effective eclipse planning is about preparing for the knowns and reducing and managing the unknowns.

Planners need to accept that some things will remain unknown.

Community eclipse planning should never be the responsibility of one individual. Build upon existing strengths and resources within the region.

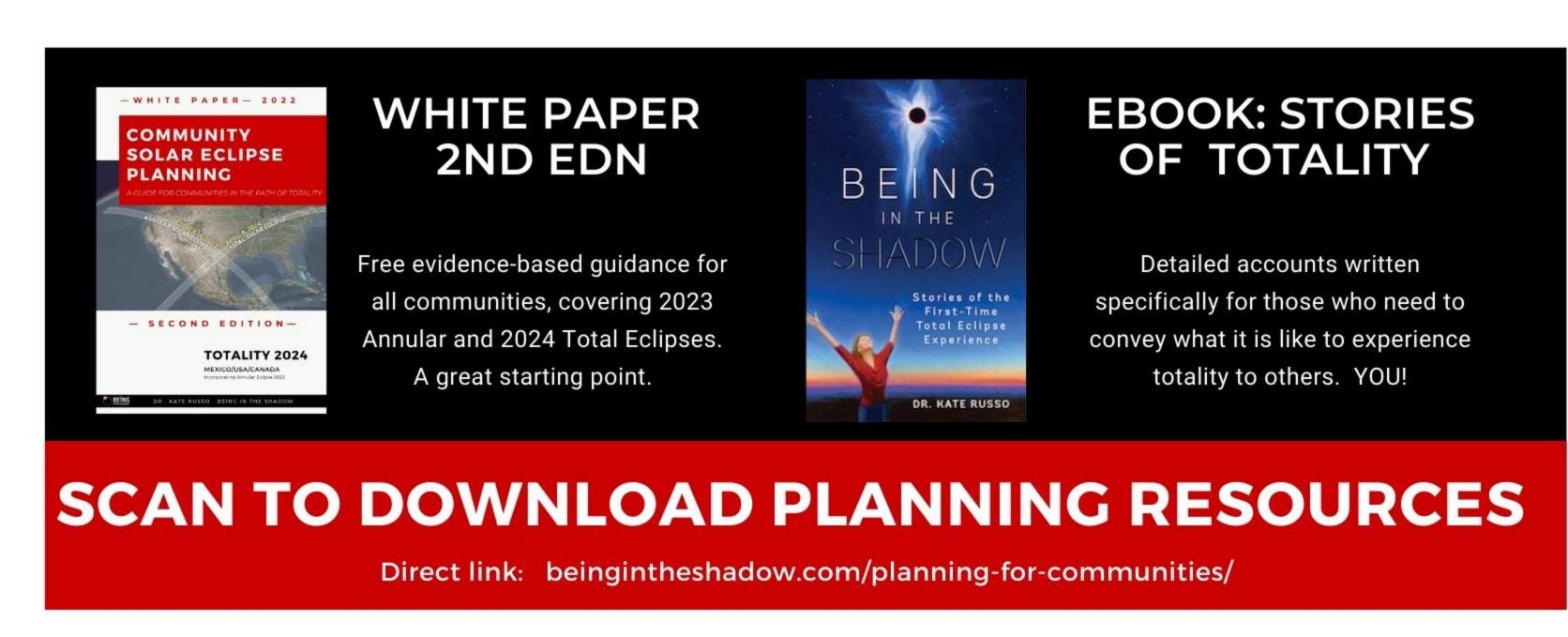
## WHY THE 2024 TOTAL ECLIPSE WILL BE EVEN GREATER THAN THE GREAT AMERICAN ECLIPSE OF 2017 WIDER PATH LONGER DURATION 124 miles vs 4 min 28 sec vs 71 miles 2 min 40 sec 2024 -Eclipsing the eclipse of 2017 **GREATER** MORE **COMMUNITIES IN POPULATION IN** THE PATH PATH 32 million vs 3,000 vs 1,000 12 million

Credit: Russo, 2022 - White Paper on Community Eclipse Planning, 2nd edn.

## **ECLIPSE PLANNING STRATEGY** DIFFERENTIATION BRANDING **LEGACY** What is our eclipse How should we best brand What is our desired unique selling point and market the eclipse eclipse legacy What is unique about our What is our long-term What are our long term community community brand goals What are we best known How shall we brand the How can the eclipse help eclipse meet our goals What is unique about our What tourist assets can How shall we brand our situation along the path of we develop for the long eclipse events totality term How can we stand out How can we use the amongst others along the eclipse to increase path community engagement

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## CORE MESSAGE:

- Assemble your team
- Develop your strategy
- Boldly go where no one has gone before.

No community chooses to host totality—the Universe chooses you.