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## NJIT TAB Brownfields Basics – Dover, DE



*From Left: Matt Harris, City of Wilmington, Steve McNeely, US EPA OUST, Marlo Edwards, West End Neighborhood House, Kevin Smith, Habitat for Humanity.*

On June 20, 2019, NJIT TAB, the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC), and USEPA Region 3, co-hosted a Brownfield Basics Workshop for governmental entities and nonprofit organizations convening experts from across the state in Dover, Delaware.

The goal of the workshop was to educate local government entities and nonprofit organizations on the topics of brownfield redevelopment and resources to assist in the brownfield redevelopment process as well as to build capacity to cleanup and redevelop brownfield sites throughout the state of Delaware. NJIT TAB assisted in identifying speakers, developing the agenda, and providing a presentation.



NJIT TAB and partners at the event covered discussion points including:

- Definition of brownfields;
- Brownfield redevelopment impact and benefits for the community;
- Overview of the brownfield assessment, remediation, and redevelopment processes;
- NJIT TAB Program
- State and Federal Brownfield Programs including
  1. EPA Brownfield Grant Program
  2. Health Impact Assessments
  3. Environmental Justice Small Grants
  4. Delaware Brownfield and Petroleum Programs and Resources
  5. Delaware Financing programs
- Opportunity Zones
- Success Stories of Brownfield Redevelopment Projects in Delaware

Approximately 50 people attended the workshop. The audience primarily consisted of state and local government representatives and non-profit organizations. The workshop evaluation survey responses were positive with 80 percent of participants indicating that the workshop was “very useful” or “extremely useful”.

### *Feedback from the Event*

*“The vast wealth of knowledge from EPA employees, developers, and other business men and women with like interests, visions, and goals is most inspiring and motivating to pursue our Brownfield endeavor.”*