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NJIT TAB Brings “Meet the Funders Brownfield Boot Camp” to Kentucky



On June 11, 2019, The Lake Cumberland Area Development District (LCADD), in partnership with the New Jersey Institute of Technology's Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities Program (NJIT TAB) and the KY Energy & Environment Cabinet, convened experts from across the state of Kentucky to build the state's capacity to clean up and redevelop brownfield sites. NJIT TAB Team members, as well as experts from USEPA and other federal, state, and local government programs provided information about funding programs and resources.

The goals of the boot camp were threefold:

- 1) to provide information on resources and funding programs,
- 2) to inspire communities to redevelop brownfields by showcasing success stories, and
- 3) to provide a platform for communities to meet the funders.



Jackie Jones, Executive Staff Advisor - KY Transportation Cabinet

NJIT TAB developed the agenda for the boot camp, in conjunction with our partners. NJIT TAB also identified, invited, and coordinated with the expert speakers. The participating agencies included:

- Lake Cumberland Area Development District
- NJIT TAB
- Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
- Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development (with a focus On Opportunity Zones)
- EPA Region 4 Brownfields
- USDA
- Kentucky Energy & Environment Brownfields Program

Approximately 35 people attended the event in eastern KY, which targeted rural communities. The audience primarily consisted of local, county, and state government officials. **Overall, attendees described the boot camp as extremely useful** and attendees remarked that they will use this information to pursue brownfield redevelopment opportunities and Opportunity Zone projects in their communities.

Feedback from the Event:

“Very good program. I did not know about these programs until today. I will pass (this information) on to my peers. Very Informative.”

“I learned a great deal about funding opportunities, but more importantly, the great group of people willing to help.”