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## **NJIT TAB Conducts a Brownfield Basics Workshop Focused on State and Federal Liability Issues in Lyman, South Carolina**

The NJIT TAB Team, in coordination with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC), engaged residents and representatives of the Town of Lyman, South Carolina in a Brownfields Basics Workshop. In addition to providing a general overview of brownfields, the workshop fostered an important discussion regarding state and federal liability issues related to the redevelopment of the 30 acre Lyman Mill brownfield site.

The old mill site is located just outside the Lyman Town limits in Spartanburg County. The Mill, built in the 1920's operated for over 80 years until the decline of the textile industry. A portion of the property was purchased by the town; however, another party owns the remainder of the site. While unable to purchase the land and convince the county to allow annexation, the Town's attempts to reclaim the mill property have been largely unfruitful. Mayor Larry Chappell explained that for approximately five years the town has made efforts to revitalize the iconic relic that once was the



From the left: Councilman Greg Wood; Gary White, NJIT TAB; Jim Hipp, Spartanburg County; Lyman Mayor Larry Chappell; Leah Yasenchak, BRS; Councilman Glenn Greer; Alex Fulmer SCDHEC; and Councilman Rick Hellams.

center of Lyman, however a lack of planning, an inability to get all involved parties to congregate, and a proper understanding of federal and state regulations has left Lyman in a redevelopment quagmire.

The workshop helped educate participants regarding all appropriate inquiry, environmental liability, ownership, and the federal brownfield ARC grant process. Mayor Chappell expressed his gratitude to the TAB Team for providing assistance to the Town in its effort's to coordinate and drive the redevelopment process with Spartanburg County forward. The workshop was held on September 14, 2017 and was attended by approximately 20 residents and Town representatives.