

## **New Jersey Brownfield Development Grant Application Supporting Resources**

Communities in New Jersey interested in applying for brownfield development grants can use the following resources to help you identify potential brownfield sites of interest, find property information, build a steering committee to guide redevelopment, and determine how redevelopment will benefit the community.

For specific questions and direct assistance on your application, contact the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) Technical Assistance to Brownfield Communities (TAB) at (973) 642-4165 or [tab@njit.edu](mailto:tab@njit.edu).

### **Project Information and Site Background**

- **Identify brownfield sites within your community.**
  - NJDEP's "Known Contaminated Sites" are divided into three categories: active sites with known contamination, pending sites with known contamination, and closed sites with remediated contamination. While not all these sites are brownfields, you can search the list for details on historic contamination and the Site Remediation Program Interest (PI) identification number (PI ID#) of sites of interest in your community. This information can be obtained from the [NJDEP Data Miner Database](#).
  - [The New Jersey Brownfields Inventory Mapping Layer](#) from the NJ Department of Community Affairs (DCA), NJ Economic Development Authority (EDA), and NJDEP makes valuable information about brownfields sites easily accessible, helping investors, developers, community leaders, Licensed Site Remediation Professionals (LSRPs), and the public identify brownfields with redevelopment potential. View on [NJ DCA's NJ Community Asset Map](#).
  - NJIT's [A Comprehensive Guide on How to Create a Brownfield Inventory](#) is a step-by-step guide on how to inventory brownfield sites in your community.
- **View potential brownfield sites and determine project boundaries** on NJDEP's [NJ-GeoWeb](#). You can view potential sites and their associated block, lot, address, and other surrounding identifying feature information such as rivers, waterbodies, railroads, streets, roads, and highways.
- **Download aerial imagery** for your site(s) using New Jersey Geographic Information Network (NJGIN)'s [Imagery Warehouse](#).
- Determine baseline information on brownfield sites using NJGIN'S [Property Explorer App](#). View the property address, block, lot, address of property owner, acreage, and property description of your sites of interest. *Note: Owner name information is not publicly available. Verify property information with your municipal tax office.*

- **Find your site(s)'s zoning** on [NJ DCA's NJ Community Asset Map](#) and verify in your municipality's code of ordinances. You can access the code in-person or online at your municipality's website.
- **Find information on site remediation activities** at [NJDEP Data Miner Database](#).
- **Find environmental records** at Community Lattice's [PEER: Platform for Exploring Environmental Records](#).

### Building a Steering Committee

- **Review guidance on organizing and executing a planning team** using EPA's [Brownfields Stakeholder Forum Kit](#). See pages 4-5 on organizing a planning committee.
- **Additional guidance on community outreach** is available on NJIT TAB's [website](#).

### Community Overview

- **Find area population and general demographics** at [data.census.gov](#).
- **Use the [NJ DCA's NJ Community Asset Map](#) to find information on assets and planning designations.**
  - Identify local planning designations, including:
    - Municipal Zoning
    - Areas in Need of Redevelopment
    - Areas in Need of Rehabilitation
  - Identify economic development designations, including:
    - Opportunity Zones
    - Urban Enterprise Zones
    - Innovation Zones
    - NJ Redevelopment Authority Eligible Municipalities
    - Federal Empowerment Zones and Renewal Communities
    - Smart Growth Areas
  - Identify transportation infrastructure, including:
    - Marinas
    - Ports
    - Public Airports
    - Intermodal Facilities
    - Transit Parking
    - Bus Terminals
    - Train Stations
    - Transit Villages
  - Identify recreation and open space using the State, Local and Nonprofit Open Space layer.
  - *Note: Verify these designations with your municipality to make sure this is the*

*most up-to-date information.*

- **Identify historic districts and properties** on NJDEP's [NJ-GeoWeb](#) (see Historic Preservation under Layer List).
- **Identify State Planning Areas** on the [New Jersey Department of State Office of Planning Advocacy Locator Map](#).
- **Identify water-based obstacles to redevelopment** on NJDEP's [NJ-GeoWeb](#) including wetlands (see Land under Layer List), Category 1 waters, Tidelands Claim Lines, Water Bodies (see Water under Layer List).
- **Identify floodplains** at the [FEMA Flood Map Service Center](#).
- **Identify threatened and endangered species** using the [NJDEP Landscape 3.3 Viewer](#). Find your landscape region, and then click on the species-based habitat for your region to find out if any threatened or endangered species are on your sites.

### **Redevelopment Vision and Community Benefits**

- Learn about [smart growth principles](#).
- Learn about **environmental benefits of brownfield redevelopment**.
  - [NJIT TAB's Resilient and Sustainable Communities through Brownfield Redevelopment – From Eyesore to Asset](#)
  - EPA resources:
    - [Climate-Smart Brownfields Planning](#)
    - [Climate Smart Brownfields Manual](#)
    - [Resilient Brownfields Redevelopment](#)
    - [Brownfield Revitalization in Climate-Vulnerable Areas](#)
  - [U.S. Green Building Council \(USGBC\)'s LEED for Neighborhood Development: Strategies for Urban Infill & Brownfield Redevelopment](#) (Webinar)
- Learned about [brownfields and environmental justice](#) and [strategies to minimize displacement](#) from the EPA.
- Learn about [public health benefits](#) of brownfield redevelopment from the EPA.

