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2018 Central Appalachian Regional Brownfields Summit “Brownfields 101”

NJIT TAB, alongside EPA Regions 3 and 4 Brownfields staff and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, conducted a “Brownfield 101” workshop at the 2018 Central Appalachian Regional Brownfields Summit on Tuesday April 10, 2018 at the Jackson Park Inn in Pulaski, Virginia.

The Town of Pulaski (population 8800) received an EPA Assessment Grant to aid in the revitalization of

their Historic Downtown Commercial District. The Jackson Park Inn, a former brownfield site, served as a living testament to the potential of redeveloping on blighted and abandoned properties.

The “Brownfields 101” workshop centered on the intricacies of the brownfield redevelopment process, the EPA Brownfield Grant process, and tips for preparing EPA Brownfield Grant proposals.

NJIT TAB and partners at the workshop also covered the following topics:

- Definition of brownfields;
- Brownfield redevelopment impact and benefits for the community;
- Overview of the brownfield assessment, remediation, and redevelopment processes;
- Examples of brownfields that have been successfully redeveloped;
- Grant and funding programs;
- BUILD Act updates; and
- Tips and Tricks for Grant Proposals

Approximately 50 people attended the workshop. The audience consisted of planners, members of non-profit organizations, and local government representatives. The event sparked many great discussions and informed participants on the many services offered through the NJIT TAB program. For more photos please look up the #CABIN2018 & #Brownfields2017 hashtags on Twitter™ and Instagram™.

