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## NJIT TAB Leads Brownfields for Beginners and Grant Writing Boot Camp in Johnson City, TN

NJIT TAB designed and implemented the July 31, 2018 Brownfield for Beginners and Grant Writing Boot Camp held in Johnson City, TN for key city stakeholders. NJIT TAB partnered with the Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation and USEPA Region 4 to provide an engaging and insightful two-part Brownfield boot camp to key stakeholders. The goals of the boot camp were to

- Educate the stakeholders on the topics of brownfield redevelopment and resources to assist them in the brownfield redevelopment process
- Inspire the stakeholders to tackle brownfield redevelopment projects
- Provide tips on how to write a great grant proposal

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;
- State and Federal Brownfield Programs and Resources



- Tips and Tricks for Writing Brownfield Grant Proposals

An important component of the boot camp was the “ignite session” style presentations of local brownfield redevelopments provided by local environmental consultants. These presentations demonstrated how brownfield tools, such as EPA Brownfield Grants, EPA 128(a) funds, and state DOT funds, have been successfully used to attract private investors and redevelop local brownfield sites. In addition, the boot camp included a structured networking component, in which participants discussed how they could use the tools they learned about at the bootcamp, in their own communities. Approximately 30 people attended the boot camp, including city planners and engineers, and economic development officers.

The evaluation survey responses were positive, including comments that the boot camp provided, “Great Info and event better networking” and “Presenters were deeply knowledgeable and conveyed their knowledge in an understandable, relatable way.”