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## NJIT TAB Helps Reading, PA Turn Vacancy to Vibrancy



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At the request of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), NJIT TAB coordinated, presented, and managed registration for the Brownfield Basics Workshop. The goal of the workshop was to promote brownfield redevelopment and to provide participants with information about available funding communities can utilize to eliminate blight in their neighborhoods.

The workshop was held on July 9, 2019 at Goggle Works, (a redeveloped brownfield site), and was open to all community members. NJIT TAB was accompanied by representatives of PADEP, EPA Region 3, and the Pennsylvania Department of Commerce and Economic Development (DCED).

The workshop helped tie together all the different elements of brownfield redevelopment and opportunities offered by both the state and federal government.

The topics included:

- NJIT TAB's services
- Definition of brownfields
- EPA Grants
- DCED Funding Opportunities
- Industrial Sites Reuse Program (ISRP)
- Brownfield redevelopment impact and benefits
- Overview of brownfield assessment, remediation, and redevelopment processes

The event had a great turnout with over 70 people attending (standing room only). The audience members consisted of municipal government officials, concerned citizens, and consultants. Members of the Reading community were happy to attend the workshop and utilized the question and answer period to address any uncertainties they had concerning brownfield redevelopment.

