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2019 Grant Recipients Share Lessons Learned at All Grantees Meeting



At the request of the USEPA Region 3 staff, NJIT TAB conducted an All Grantees Meeting as a pre-conference session at the 2019 Virginia Brownfields Conference. The meeting focused on educating new brownfield grantees on some of the necessary first steps to utilizing their brownfield funding. The event took place at the Slover Library in Norfolk, Virginia on July 24, 2019. NJIT compiled the agenda, and procured speakers for the meeting. In addition, NJIT TAB, VADEQ, USEPA

Region 3, developers, and representatives from the City of Norfolk all served as presenters for the meeting.

The goal of the meeting was to facilitate knowledge transfer between new grantees and old grantees in the state of Virginia and provide a developer's perspective in marketing brownfield sites. Lastly, the City of Norfolk provided information on how Opportunity Zones could be utilized by communities who are looking to market their brownfield sites.

Topics discussed at the event included:

- EPA Acres program requirements
- NJIT TAB technical resources
- Opportunity Zones
- Brownfield site marketing tactics
- Lessons learned from experienced grantees
- Grant project management strategies and;
- Consultant procurement

Approximately, 15 EPA brownfield grant recipients were in attendance.