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NJIT TAB Leads Brownfields for Beginners Workshop in Central Falls, RI



NJIT TAB designed and implemented the July 17, 2018 Brownfield for Beginners Workshop held in Central Falls, Rhode Island for key city stakeholders. NJIT TAB partnered with the City of Central Falls (RI), USEPA Region 1, the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, GrowSmart RI, and the Rhode Island Commerce Department to provide an engaging and insightful Brownfield Workshop to key stakeholders.

An important component of the workshop was the presentation of the redevelopment of a local brownfield. Mosacio (an EPA Brownfield Grantee) demonstrated the impact the redevelopment of brownfields has had on the Bristol RI community, and advice for others planning their own brownfield redevelopment projects.

The goals of the workshop 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.

Approximately 35 people attended the workshop, including city officials, planners, engineers, residents, real estate professionals, and neighborhood groups.

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

The workshop evaluation survey responses were very positive, including comments that the workshop “was well organized and very educational.”