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NJIT TAB Leads Community Day Session at the Florida Brownfield Conference



NJIT TAB led a Community Day session on the environmental justice issue of "What Makes a Neighborhood Sick and What Causes a Healthy Community?" on October, 3, 2017, in St. Petersburg, Florida as part of the 2017 Florida Brownfields Conference. The session examined environmental justice issues through the lens of brownfields to healthfields (B2H) model. The panelists strategies shared inventive that have advanced health. economic and environmental vitality in overburdened and underserved populations.

The panelists showed successful case studies and featured resources, available to implement the B2H model (including USEPA Guides and Brownfield Grants, federal tax incentives, and partnerships). One

successful example included how the San Francisco Indicator project is evaluating eight community well-being dimensions (or essentially emerging health issues such as transportation, economy, community cohesion, and housing) and using that information to generate health, housing, transportation, and land use policies that address the issues. The experts also highlighted several local examples of successful B2H projects, including Mulberry Health Center and Robinson Preserve Expansion.

The workshop was attended by approximately 50 people representing communities from across Florida.

NJIT TAB spearheaded the session, recruited and coordinated the expert panelists, and served as the moderator of this session. NJIT TAB also presented an overview of the resources available to communities pursuing B2H projects.