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NJIT TAB Prepares Timely “Assets and Needs Study” for the Jefferson Davis Corridor in Virginia

NJIT TAB, in partnership with the City of Richmond, Virginia DEQ, and Groundwork Richmond has prepared “The Jefferson Davis Corridor Assets and Needs Study” as a needed step in identifying reuse options for brownfield sites. The study area includes a four mile stretch of the Jefferson Davis Highway (US Route 1) in southeast portion of Richmond, VA which has long suffered disinvestment as well as other ills associated with area deindustrialization. The goals of this Assets and Needs Study were to: engage the community; identify underutilized properties with revitalization potential where clean up and redevelopment can act as a catalyst for redevelopment activities; and identify potential reuses of the identified catalyst sites that match the community needs.

NJIT TAB began its assistance by educating the community on what brownfields are and the benefits of cleaning up and redeveloping them through a Brownfields 101 Workshop. NJIT TAB continued its Community Engagement with the design and facilitation



of an assets and needs workshop to garner input from the participating residents as to what they believe the assets and needs are in the JDC focus areas, and the types of development they wish to see occur along the corridor.

NJIT TAB’s technical assistance also included collection, review, and analysis of pertinent environmental and land use data, mapping, planning documents, redevelopment plans, and zoning ordinances. NJIT TAB’s Assets and Needs Study report includes: inventory of existing conditions, identification of focus areas, documentation of workshop findings, identification of catalyst sites, and recommendations for potential reuses of the sites that are consistent with identified corridor needs. It is anticipated that the City of Richmond will utilize this assets and needs study as a guide and reference in applying existing EPA assessment funding it has been awarded.