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## **NJIT TAB Brownfields Basics and Moving Towards Redevelopment Boot Camp - Tampa FL**

The NJIT TAB Team partnered with the University of South Florida, USEPA Region 4, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to provide an engaging and insightful Brownfields Basics and Moving Towards Redevelopment Boot Camp to the University of South Florida's Area Wide Planning Grant Partners.

The University of South Florida received an area wide planning grant from the EPA to revitalize the brownfields in the city. This boot camp was part of its community engagement process. 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;
- Examples of brownfields that have been successfully redeveloped; and
- State and Federal Brownfield Programs



The goal of the boot camp was to educate the partners on the topics of brownfield redevelopment and resources to assist in the brownfield redevelopment process as well as to build capacity within the partner organizations.

The Boot camp also included an interactive group exercise designed to elicit the assets and needs of the community and how their brownfields can be used to address the community needs. Approximately 20 people attended the boot camp.

The boot camp evaluation survey responses were very positive, including comments that the boot camp “really helped me to understand brownfields and the resources that are available.”