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Vacancy to Vibrancy Boot Camp Easton, Maryland



From Left: Patricia Corbett (EPA R3), Jason Dubow, Sylvia Mosser, Barbara Brocks, Darius Johnson, Jeffery Harp, and Gary White (NJIT)

At the request of the Maryland Department of Planning, NJIT TAB designed and conducted the 2019 Vacancy to Vibrancy Brownfield Boot Camp in Easton, Maryland. This event was the first ever comprehensive brownfield boot camp in the State of Maryland and targeted the neglected eastern shore communities struggling with brownfield properties. The goal of the boot camp was to inform the attendees of the many resources and initiatives pertaining to brownfield redevelopment in Maryland and tactics used to apply for EPA brownfield grants.

The boot camp was held on September 24, 2019 at the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy's meeting space in Easton, Maryland.

NJIT TAB compiled the agenda, procured speakers, created promotional material, managed the event registration, and served as an expert speaker. The event was conducted alongside the Maryland Department of Planning, EPA Region 3, Eastern Shore Land Conservancy, C-PACE, and Maryland Department of Environment.

In addition, the boot camp also served as an opportunity for both governmental entities and non-profits to become more aware of the state and federal brownfield resources available to them. Other topics discussed at the boot camp included:

- EPA Funding Sources
- Maryland Department of Environment Voluntary Cleanup Program
- Brownfield Liability Issues
- Maryland Brownfield Success Stories

Approximately, 40 people were in attendance. The audience consisted of municipal officials, federal partners, and non-profits.