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## **NJIT TAB's Brownfields Green Infrastructure Boot Camp At The 2019 National Brownfields Conference**

NJIT TAB conducted a hands-on Brownfields Green Infrastructure (GSI) Boot Camp at the 2019 National Brownfields Conference. NJIT TAB created the boot camp format, determined the session topics, selected the boot camp experts, and served as the event's facilitator.

The boot camp was held at the Los Angeles Convention Center in Los Angeles, California on December 12, 2019. The boot camp focused on educating participants about the methods of using green infrastructure to accommodate stormwater runoff within the community on brownfield sites. Participants were able to engage in a hands-on experience that outlined the challenges of implementing greener stormwater alternatives by breaking out into groups and designing their own green storm water systems. Each group was given their own brownfield site, a budget, and various green storm water solutions, and competed against one another to design the most environmentally friendly site.

The topics included:

- NJIT TAB's services
- Green Stormwater Best Management Practices
- EPA Funding for Green Stormwater Projects
- Benefits of GSI on brownfields

36 people attended the event. Boot Camp attendees included state and municipal officials, planners, and consultants from all over the country. Participants were divided into 3 teams of 12 and were given an opportunity to plan and implement different stormwater management techniques through TAB's facilitated exercises. As a result of their participation, attendees were able to gain valuable tools and experience from varying perspectives and learn about emerging green technology's that can help promote green solutions in their communities. One participant commented that the boot camp was the best session they attended at the conference.

