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## NJIT TAB Heads West for the 2019 National Brownfields Conference

The NJIT TAB Team was actively involved in numerous aspects of the 2019 National Brownfields Conference held in Los Angeles, CA from December NJIT TAB's involvement in the 11-13, 2019. Conference began earlier in the year, having served on the Conference's committee that reviewed submitted educational session proposals and selected those that would be included in the conference. NJIT TAB also served as a "Brownfields 2019 Influencer" which included various conference promotion activities leading up to the event including distribution of conference flyers at all NJIT TAB events as well as events in which NJIT TAB participated, including electronic conference flyers and associated URLs in all NJIT TAB eBlasts, incorporation of conference graphics and links in all PowerPoint presentations, and adding the conference logo to the signature line of all NJIT TAB staff emails.

NJIT TAB created, organized, and conducted a boot camp session titled: **Green Stormwater on Brownfields**, which was a hands-on experience that provided attendees with an understanding of the challenges, applications, techniques, and benefits of using Green Infrastructure (GI) on any project site, including the challenges of implementing Green Infrastructure on brownfield sites.

NJIT also participated in the:

• Region 3 All Grantees Meeting at which Sean Vroom of NJIT TAB lead the discussion on



site access experiences, best practices and challenges.

- EPA Regional Open Houses (Regions 1, 3 & 4): NJIT TAB spoke at each of the Open Houses, explaining the TAB Program and encouraging communities to reach out for assistance.
- Environmental Justice Caucus at which Gary White of NJIT TAB provided 1-on-1 technical assistance to environmental justice communities interested in learning about brownfield resources.
- Opportunity Zone Pitch Competition: Colette Santasieri of NJIT TAB served as a judge at the Opportunity Zone Pitch Competition. This live competition featured four communities from around the country pitching their OZ projects.

Under the banner of the National TAB and the National Tribal TAB Programs, NJIT, KSU, and CCLR collaborated on: the Redevelopment Rodeo, which workshopped real brownfields projects in real time; Tribal Meet and Greet; Brownfields Basics and Road to Redevelopment, a pre-conference workshop; a Meet the TABers session; a TAB Exhibit Booth; and Open up a T.A.B. evening networking event.

In addition, while at the conference, NJIT TAB meet with many communities and provided on the spot technical assistance.