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How to Leverage Brownfield Funding

At the request the Connecticut Brownfields Initiative at UCONN, NJIT TAB served as an expert speaker on leveraging brownfield funding. The seminar was held on October 10, 2019 in Storrs, Connecticut on the campus of the University of Connecticut. NJIT TAB delivered a presentation that outlined the many different avenues communities can take to turn their EPA brownfield money into other opportunities and resources for redeveloping brownfield projects in the community. Moreover, NJIT TAB explained how various federal and state grant programs can be used in conjunction

with brownfield cleanup and assessment money to attract private investment. The funding sources for leveraging discussed in the seminar included:

- DOT grants
- USDA grants
- HUD grants
- DOE grants
- Crowdfunding

In addition, NJIT TAB also presented case studies of Connecticut communities that successfully leveraged brownfield funding with other federal sources of money to make an impact in the New England area.

The goal of the seminar was to serve as a forum for students to understand the nuances of funding and gain a real-time perspective on how brownfield money is used and optimized to complete projects.

The audience consisted of undergraduate and graduate students with backgrounds in civil and environmental engineering. Approximately, 15 students were in attendance.