NJIT TAB, in collaboration with EPA Region 1, conducted the second webinar in the four-part Roadmap to Redevelopment series. “Challenges and Solutions” was held on October 6th.

The webinar series is focused on the redevelopment of New England’s iconic mills. This series, being held from late September through October 2020, features many, repurposed New England mills, as experts (all from New England) delve into the trials and triumphs of mill redevelopment.

As preservation, adaptive reuse, contamination, and climate change all pose challenges to redeveloping mills, this second webinar featured experts who discussed these challenges, provided insight on how to overcome them, and used examples of repurposed New England mills to make their points.

The webinar began with a welcome from Region 1’s Regional Administrator Dennis Deziel who not only discussed EPA’s brownfields program and Region 1’s focus on the repurposing of mills, he provided a personal family connection to the history of these mills.

The featured speakers included the Vermont State Historic Preservation Officer, as well as planning, environmental, and engineering consultants.

NJIT TAB: designed the webinar series, secured speakers, marketed the event, hosted the webinar on NJIT’s Webex platform, and facilitated the webinar.

Approximately 100 people attended the webinar including representatives from EPA, state and local governments, metropolitan planning organizations, nonprofits, consulting firms, real estate development firms, and the general public. While New England was the focus of this webinar, many of the attendees were from states beyond New England.

NJIT TAB posted the webinar recording on the TAB website: www.njit.edu/tab.