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## **NJIT TAB Staff Serve as Expert Brownfields Funding Speaker**

At the request of the Connecticut Brownfields Initiative at UCONN, NJIT TAB served as an expert speaker on leveraging brownfield funding. The virtual seminar was held on November 6, 2020 for a group of students from 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. NJIT TAB explained how various federal and state grant programs can be used to leverage and attract private investment to brownfield

projects. The funding sources discussed in the seminar included:

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

In addition, NJIT TAB 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. Lastly, NJIT TAB shared career advice with the students who were interested in becoming brownfield professionals after graduation.

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