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NJIT TAB in coordination with BCONE organizes and facilitates “2016 Northeast Sustainable Communities Workshop”



L to R: Nicole Hostettler, PP, AICP, LEED Green Assoc, City Planner, Philadelphia Water Department; Jennifer Greenberg, Executive Director, Neighborhood Gardens Trust; Hannah Chatterjee, Philadelphia Office of Sustainability; Michele Cristina, Moderator.

For the second year in a row NJIT TAB organized and provided facilitation services for Brownfield Communities of the Northeast’s (BCONE) “Northeast Sustainable Communities Workshop”. The event was held on March 16, 2016 at NJIT’s campus in Newark, New Jersey and was attended by approximately 200 representatives from government (including EPA), community groups, higher education, professional organizations, and laboratories, as well as attorneys, developers, contractors, and consultants from EPA Regions 1, 2 & 3. The theme of this year’s workshop was “Imagination and Creativity in Urban Change for the NJ/NY/CT/PA Metropolitan Area”. This all day event included a variety of topics such as:

- Air Quality, Energy & Sustainability
- Water Resource Management
- Land Use Management
- Site Remediation & Waste Management
- Compliance and Enforcement
- Alternative Dispute Resolution

Presenters included representatives from: NJ Department of Environmental Protection; NYC Office of Environmental Remediation; New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; Port Authority NY/NJ; NY/NJ Baykeeper; Stony Brook University; Philadelphia Office of Sustainability; Philadelphia Water Department; New Jersey Institute of Technology; and New Jersey Innovation Institute; as well as the Mayor of Hoboken; Environmental Director for the City of

Copenhagen; CEO and Treasurer of Panasonic Corp. of America; Vice President of Brandywine Realty; Regional Manager of U.S. Steel; and various Developers, Environmental Attorneys, and Environmental Consultants.

Members of the City of Philadelphia’s team involved in a 2015 EPA Assessment Grant presented on a panel entitled “Urban Agriculture & Green Infrastructure: A Case Study in the City of Philadelphia”. NJIT TAB’s director, Colette Santasieri presented on a panel entitled “Finding a Sustainable Balance between Operating a World Class Seaport, Redeveloping Waterfronts, and Ecological Preservation”, where she discussed the potential for land use conflicts between an operating port and waterfront brownfield properties being redeveloped for non-industrial uses.

As event organizer, NJIT TAB coordinated session topics; assisted in the identification of speakers; posted the event on the NJIT TAB website; sent invitations to NJIT TAB contacts database; and provided workshop logistics.