University of Connecticut Technical Assistance for Brownfields EPA Region 1

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EPA's Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) Communities Program

Transforming environmental eyesore, hazards and liabilities into community assets

What is TAB?

The Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB)
Communities Program helps communities, states, tribes and others understand risks associated with contaminated or potentially contaminated properties, called brownfields, and learn how to assess, safely clean up and sustainably reuse them.

EPA funds six organizations—Kansas State University (KSU), the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT), the Center for Creative Land Recycling (CCLR), West Virginia University Research Corporation, the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and the University of Connecticut—to serve as independent sources of technical assistance. Each of these TAB providers has an extensive network of partners, contractors and other contacts that provides services across the country. They help communities tackle a variety of challenges related to identifying, assessing, cleaning up and redeveloping brownfields.

TAB Providers Help Communities

TAB providers serve as an independent resource and can provide expert technical assistance to help communities understand:

- How to acquire, assess, clean up and redevelop brownfield properties;
- How to plan outreach to engage affected neighbors and residents;
- How science and technology are used for site assessment, remediation, redevelopment and reuse; and
- How to comply with voluntary cleanup requirements.

TAB Providers can offer assistance with:

- · Preparing grant applications;
- · Performing site inventories;
- · Reviewing historical information;
- Designing the investigation/ sampling/ field analysis; and
- Supporting cleanup and redevelopment planning.







The numbered circles in the map represent EPA's ten Regional offices, each of which is responsible for the execution of our programs within several states and territories.





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Our services at a glance







Direct Technical Assistance

Technical Document Review

• Summary of Environmental Site Assessment Reports, Remedial Action Plans, Planning Documents

Brownfields Proposals Review

 EPA Brownfield Program proposals (assessment, cleanup, multipurpose, RLF, Job Training), and State Program proposals

Access to Resources

Fact sheets, example proposals, and documents

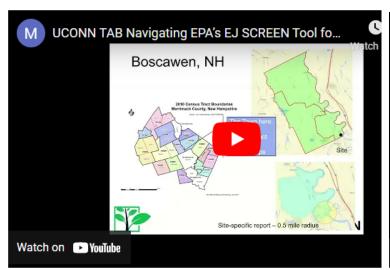
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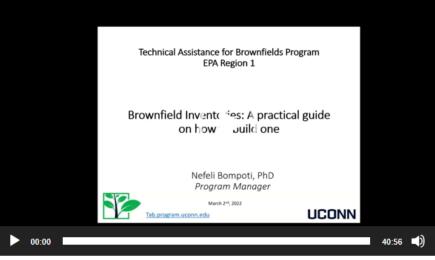
Answer Technical Questions





Workshops and Webinars









Municipal Assistance Program



Provides info and input

Community





UCONN Students

TAB staff





Do technical work

Supervise and facilitate communications



Municipal Assistance Program

Sep-Dec Jan-April May-Aug

MARC Grant support

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Target Area and Brownfield Site Description

Community Need (Demographics, EJSCREEN data)

Brownfield inventories

Collect data for brownfield sites

Data Review and Gap Analysis for brownfield sites

Draft Scope of Work for site investigations
Site reuse planning

Community Engagement Planning and Materials





Possible Support for 2022 EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant

Technical Projects

- Brownfield inventory and prioritization
- Data collection of priority sites
- Draft scope of work for Phase II of priority sites
- Data gap analysis for sites with previous reports
- Site reuse assessment for priority sites

Community Engagement

- Create and maintain interactive website
- Create community engagement plan
- Co-organize community events
- Obtain community feedback





Brownfield Inventory

Location, Size, Buildings

Past uses, Zoning

Environmental Justice

Flood zones, wetlands

Tax status

Reports, Documents

Site Name	Address	Zipcode	Parcel Number	Status	Site Type	Site size (acres)	Current Zoning	Current Owner	Tax Payment Status	Existing Buildings	If yes, sq ft of buildings	Age of buildings		Opportunity zone	Environemntal Justice Community	Past Uses
		06524		Unknown	Vacant lot	1.2	5 B-I		Delinquent	No	N/A	N/A	No	No	No	"Solid waste facility"
		06524		Inactive	Mixed Use	3.6	7 B-I		N/A	Yes	5814 above grade, 2907 below	1940	No	No	No	Office building, chemical storage
		06524		Under Remediation	Mixed Use	138.	5 B-I		N/A	Yes	"Building 2" - 9187	2008	No	No	No	Airport up until the 60's
		06524		Inactive	Industrial site		2 R-65 (Grandfathered as B-I)		Current	Yes	10,194	1960	No	No	No	Industrial plant, metal refining
		06524		Inactive	Other (describe in	0.	7 R-65		Delinquent	No	N/A	N/A	No	No	No	Residential property w/ possible contar
		06524		Inactive	Vacant lot	1.	R-65		Delinquent	No	N/A	N/A	No	No	No	Unknown





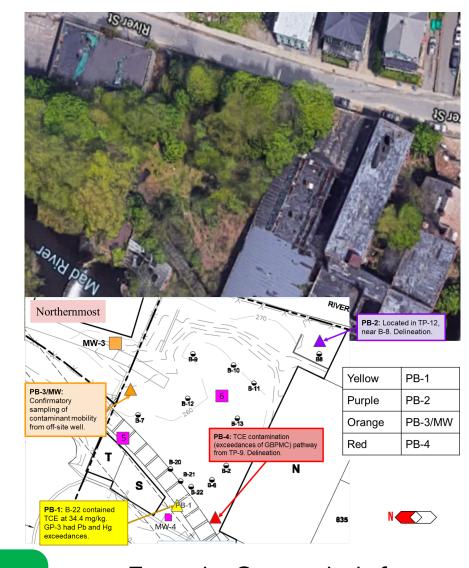
Data Gap Analysis

Review past environmental reports

Identify locations with potential releases of contamination

Assess whether data is sufficient to proceed with remedial design

Propose additional sampling if necessary



Example, Gap analysis for Button Factory in Waterbury, CT





Site Reuse Assessment

- CommunityDemographics
- Nearby Businesses
- Zoning Regulations
- Site Restrictions
- Floodplains & Wetlands
- RemediationRestrictions
- Infrastructure Assessment





Community Engagement









Example Community
Engagement Website by
CitizenLab

https://envisionnorwich360.com/en/

Example Community
Engagement Website by
UConn

https://tab.program.ucon n.edu/mt-trashmore/





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