



**TAB**  
Technical Assistance  
to Brownfields

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# KSU TAB

## Brownfields Assistance for Your Community

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# Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB)

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University of Connecticut - EPA Region 1

New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT)

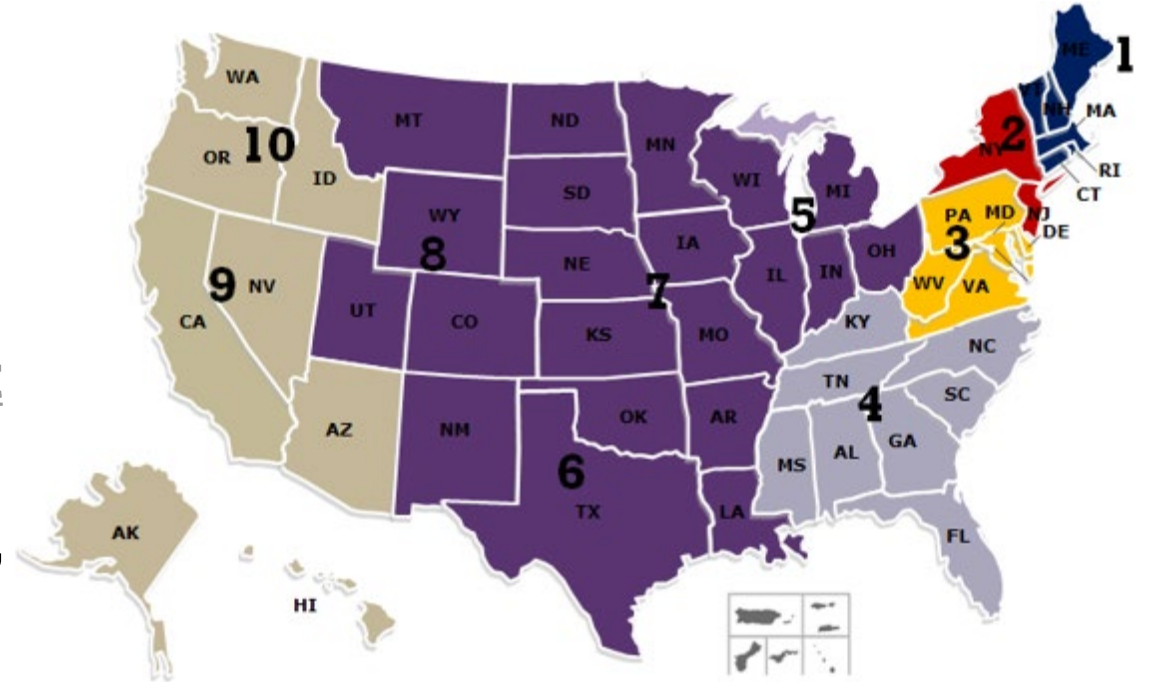
- EPA Region 2

Mid-Atlantic TAB - EPA Region 3

The International City/County Management Association and NJIT - EPA Region 4

Kansas State University - EPA Regions 5, 6, 7, and 8

Center for Creative Land Recycling (CCLR)  
EPA Regions 9 and 10



# KSU TAB Services

- Free brownfields technical assistance to:
  - local governments
  - tribal communities
  - some quasi-governmental entities
  - 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations
- Tailored to the specific needs of a community
- Simple process – no application needed



# KSU TAB can fill gaps to support brownfield redevelopment projects.

- Help inventory & prioritize brownfields sites
- Strategic planning and reuse visioning
- Economic feasibility and highest/best use market analysis
- Community outreach and input
- Help identify funding sources
- Review of plans and technical reports
- Help in contractor procurement



# Elements of Brownfields Revitalization (US EPA Image)





# 1. Determine Reuse Vision and Goals

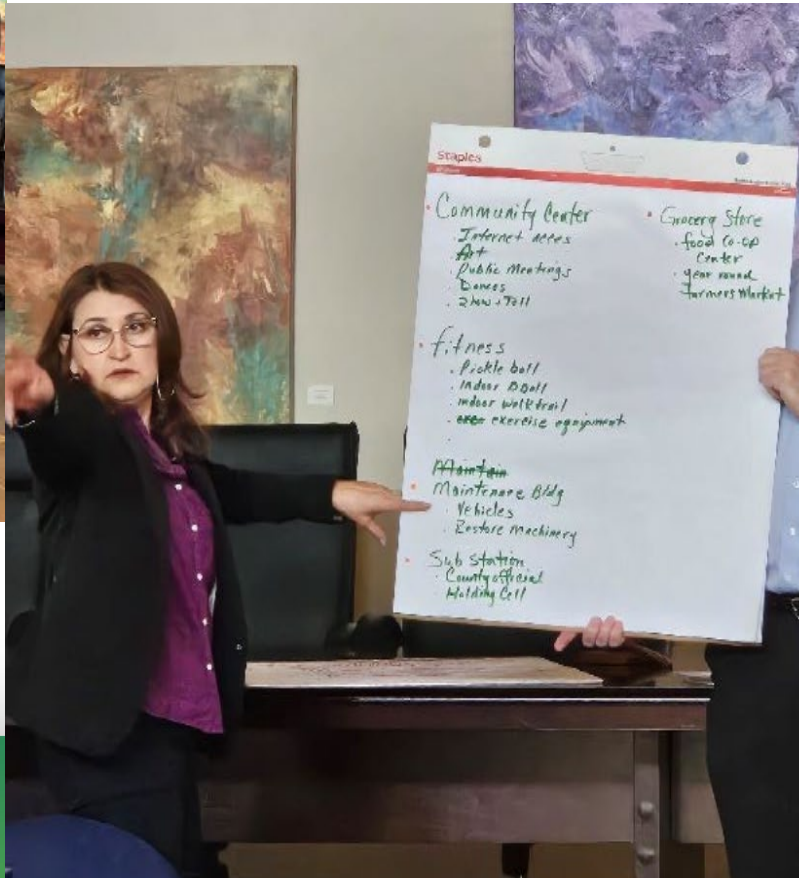
## KSU TAB Assistance

- Strategic Planning
- Community Visioning Events
- Economic Feasibility Analysis
- Setting Redevelopment Goals
- Conceptual Renderings



# Example - Community Visioning Meeting

## Pecos, NM - March 2024





# Example - Conceptual Renderings Franklin, LA - April 2024

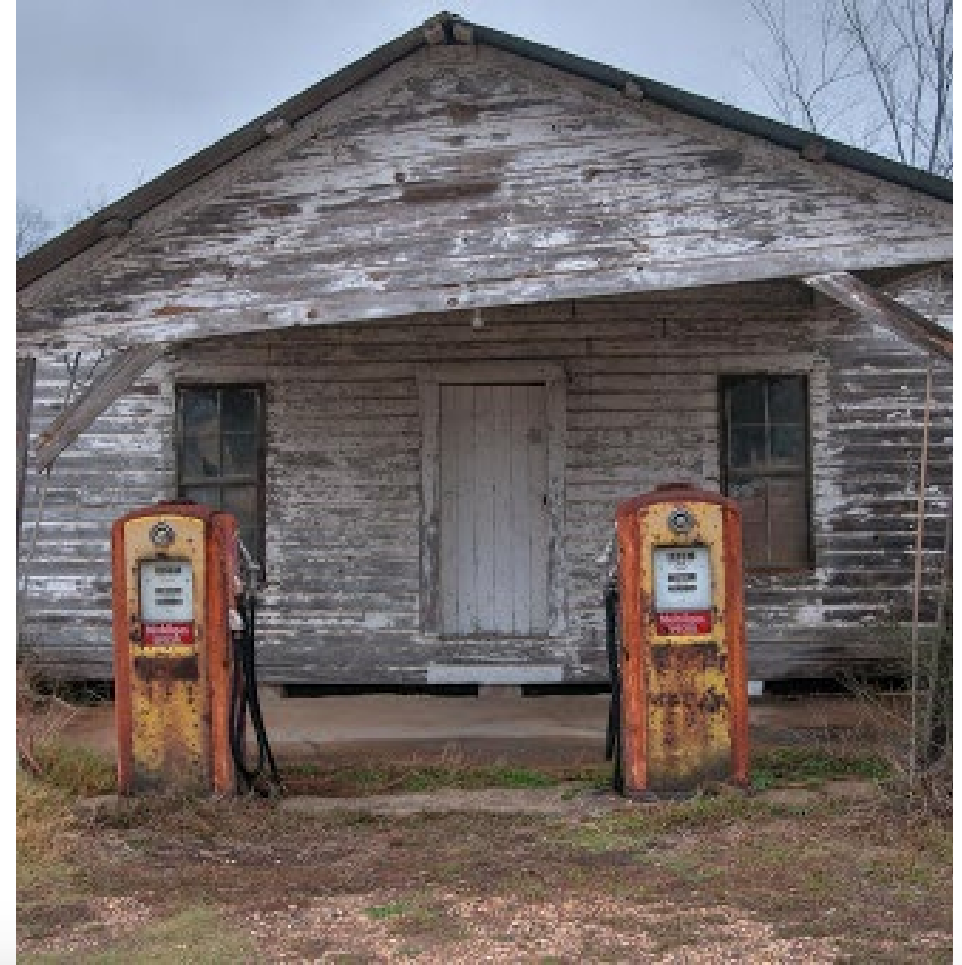




## 2. Identify Brownfields

### KSU TAB Assistance

- Identification Strategies
- Windshield Tours
- Developing an Inventory
  - Existing Data Sources
  - Brownfields Inventory Tool (BiT)



# 3. Prioritize Brownfields

## KSU TAB Assistance

- Focus Groups
- Community Meetings
- Analysis of Available Funds



# Example - Focus Group Meeting

## Abbeville, LA - Summer 2022

- In a selected stakeholder setting, moderators ascertained perceptions of community assets, challenges, and opportunities to inform local redevelopment strategies.
- 4 groups - Real Estate and Finance; Business & Economic Development; Downtown Stakeholders; Arts, Community, and Culture
- 37 total participants (invited or included by request)
- 21-page summary of results provided to the City





# 4. Conduct Environmental Assessments

## KSU TAB Assistance

- Help with Request for Qualifications/Proposals (RFQP Templates)
- Proposal evaluation
- Review Workplans and Assessment Reports



# 5. Leverage Funding Resources

## KSU TAB Assistance

- Identification of Financial Resources
  - DoT, HUD, USDA Rural Dev., DoE, NEA, NEH, DoI
  - Local and Non-Profit Contributions
  - Funds Tied to Future Use
  - Public/Private Partnerships
- Assistance with Grant Applications



# Example - Identifying Financial Resources

## Buffalo, OK - Summer 2023

- Brownfields Redevelopment Funding Sources Based On:
  - Research into a variety of public and private sources
  - Case studies from similar communities with revitalization success
  - Information gathered at 2 Buffalo community engagement events
- Final Product - Resource Roadmap
  - Over 60 potential funding sources identified
  - 30-page report including steps to pursue funding





# Assistance with MARC Grant Applications

- Webinars/Trainings (Recorded and Live)
- Past Successful Grant Applications
- TAB EZ - Online Software for Organizing Applications
- Review of Draft Grant Applications
  - Comments provided in 3-5 working days
  - Available to communities using consultants
  - In FY24, MARC grant applicants in R5, R6, R7, & R8 using a KSU TAB review saw a 51% success rate, but just a 39% success rate in these regions if not using a KSU TAB review.



# 6. Cleanup and Revitalize

## KSU TAB Assistance

- Discussion of Cleanup Goals and Institutional Controls
- Help with Request for Qualifications/Proposals (RFQP Templates)
- Proposal Evaluations
- Review Workplans and Cleanup Reports



# KSU TAB Partners

Expertise in: brownfields assessment and cleanup, grant writing, redevelopment strategies, leveraging funds, community engagement, area-wide planning, public housing, environmental justice, historic preservation, real estate finance, economic impact analysis, market studies, public/private partnerships, site design, tribal brownfields funding, indigenous planning, infrastructure, transportation, sustainability, institutional controls, GIS and community mapping, database management, community gardens, environmental insurance . . .





# KSU TAB – How to get assistance

- Contact us by email or phone to set up a meeting
- Discuss brownfields project(s) and assistance needs
- Agree on a course of action:
  - Activities to be conducted
  - Roles of all involved parties
  - Schedule



# KSU TAB - Etools and Online Resources

- BiT – Brownfield Inventory Tool, a comprehensive brownfields management system,  
<https://etools.ksutab.org/tools/bit>
- TAB EZ, software to assist with creation of MARC grant applications, <https://etools.ksutab.org/tools/tabez>
- Online Resources, searchable by keyword to access hundreds of documents and presentations related to brownfields redevelopment,  
<https://www.ksutab.org/resources>



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