

The TAB Program

Technical Assistance to Brownfields

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Technical Assistance to Brownfield (TAB) Communities


- A national program
- Funded by EPA headquarters via grants to 4 different entities
- Free to communities
- K-State assists communities in EPA Regions 5 and 7



TAB Assistance to Communities

- Tailored to specific community needs
- Typically coordinated through the city, tribal or non-profit brownfields project manager
- May include:
 - Help identifying funding sources for revitalization projects
 - Review of EPA and other grant applications
 - Help finding a consulting firm
 - Review of project plans, technical reports
 - Assistance with community outreach/involvement
 - visioning
 - Other assistance, as needed and agreed upon
- Communities accepted on a 'first come' basis
- Depends on staff/funding availability

The Application Process

- Contact us
 - We'll set up a meeting to discuss assistance needs
 - Review needs and TAB capability
 - Agree on a course of action
 - Get started
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Workshops/Training Sessions

- Tailored to the information needs of the community
- Relaxed atmosphere
- Time for networking
- Variety of presenters
- Hands-on segments
- Very effective !



Community Outreach

- Redevelopment Planning



Visioning



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Technical Presentations

- Community Meetings



Community Involvement

- Who is the Community?
- Why do it?
- Successful Involvement Techniques



Community Involvement Tools

Fact Sheets, Citizen Briefs

- clear
- concise
- in layman's terms
- basic information
- provide contact info and additional resources

Note: NOT a stand-alone tool

Community Involvement Tools

Community Outreach

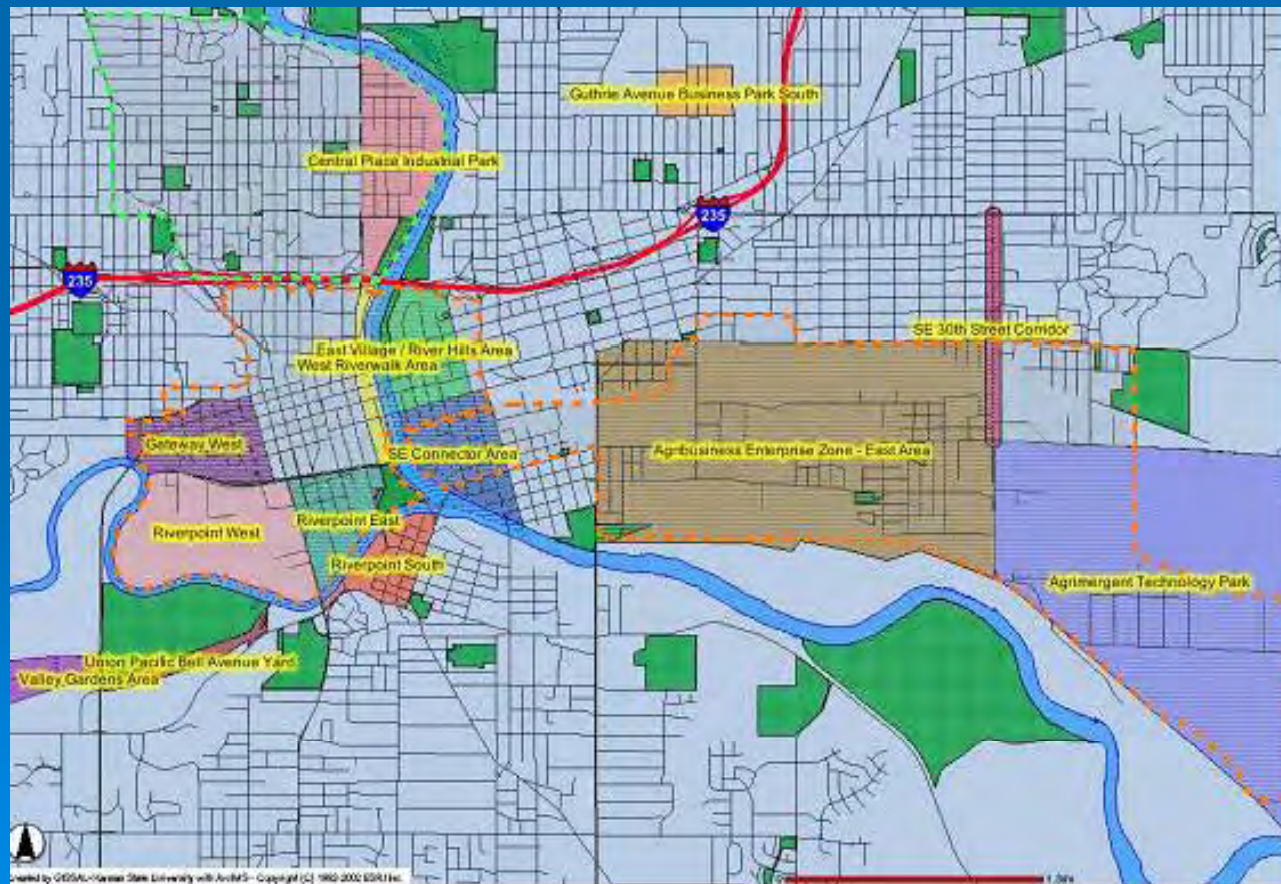
- Community Day/Fair
 - Bus Tours
 - Walking Tours
 - Workshops/Seminars
 - Public Meetings
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If you feed them, they will come



Special Projects

Des Moines, IA GIS-based redevelopment properties web site



Special Projects

Web - based software: TAB-BIT
www.tab-bit.org

The screenshot shows the BIT website interface. At the top left is the BIT logo, which consists of a green maple leaf inside a circle, with the text "BiT Brownfield Inventory Tool" next to it. To the right of the logo are three links: "Login", "Register", and "Contact Us/Feedback". Below the logo is a navigation bar with the following items: "HOME", "BIT TOOLBOX", "ABOUT", "RESOURCES", "SEARCH", and "HELP".

The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column has two sections: "In This Section:" with a link to "BIT Home", and "Quick Links:" with links to "BIT Tutorial" and "Help".

The right column is titled "BIT Home" and contains the following text:

Welcome to BIT
The Brownfield Inventory Tool (BIT) is a comprehensive brownfield program management tool. You may enter detailed site data, upload documents and data, and generate and export a variety of reports, including a Property Profile Form. BIT users are asked to create a user name and password for privacy protection. BIT can also be used as a collaborative tool, i.e. specific inventory data can be accessed by multiple users, if permission by the primary user is granted.

Every page within BIT comes with detailed instructions. **PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY!** In addition, a tutorial is available by selecting the **BIT Tutorial** icon below.

First Time Users: Please register by clicking on **Register** in the upper right hand corner of this page and create your username and password.

To get started with BIT, select the **Site Inventory Data** icon below.

A prototype of BIT was developed by EPA Region 8 and BIT is the updated version of this prototype.

Announcements:
BIT was released January 29, 2010. If you have any comments and/or suggestions for improvement, please let us know by providing feedback.

At the bottom of the page, there are three icons with corresponding text:

- A red toolbox icon labeled "BIT Toolbox".
- A grid icon labeled "Site Inventory Data".
- A chalkboard icon labeled "BIT Tutorial".

TAB-BIT


Brownfields Inventory Tool

- Released January 29, 2010
- Free, web-based and desk-top version
- Desk-top version to be released later this year

Background

- Prototype developed by EPA Region 8
- Intended to help Response Grant, and other brownfields grant recipients with survey & inventory, public record, oversight & enforcement, assessment and cleanup, and administrative reporting requirements
- Tool became obsolete due to MSWindows upgrades

BIT Features

- Password protected
 - Multiple users possible, if permission is granted, or “read only” feature
 - Database
 - Import/export function
 - Search function
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What can TAB-BIT do?

Data Management:

- Brownfields related data
- Other environmental data
- Track funding
- Upload documents or enter data directly
 - Site information
 - Redevelopment data

What can TAB-BIT do? Cont.

Data Management:

- Program admin. data
 - Enforcement documentation
 - Complaints
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What can TAB-BIT do? Cont.

Report Generation:

- Property Profile Form (e-submit to ACRES)
- Quarterly report form (outline)
- Forms for enforcement, complaints, ICs, inspection/oversight, public record reports, etc.
- Customized reports
- Maps

Special Projects

Web - based software: TAB EZ
www.tabez.org

The screenshot shows the homepage of the TAB EZ website. At the top left is the logo, which consists of a stylized tree icon and the text "TAB EZ". To the right of the logo are three links: "Login", "Register", and "Contact Us / Feedback". Below the logo is a navigation bar with the following items: "HOME", "GRANT APPLICATIONS", "RESOURCES", "SEARCH", and "HELP".

The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column has two sections: "In This Section:" with links for "Home Page" and "About TAB EZ"; and "Quick Links:" with links for "Sample Grant Applications", "Tutorial", "Definitions", and "Acronyms".

The right column is titled "Home" and contains the following text:

- Welcome to TAB EZ**
- Technical Assistance to Brownfields communities (TAB) easy brownfields grant application (EZ) software program**
- TAB EZ is a grant writing tool to be used for preparation of EPA brownfields grant proposals. Currently, TAB EZ only addresses **assessment** and **cleanup** grants; RLF grant proposal outlines may be added at a later date.
- What TAB EZ can do:**
TAB EZ provides a framework for your proposal and provides strategies and links to reduce time in writing the proposal.
- What TAB EZ can not do:**
TAB EZ can not write a specific and compelling request for Brownfield grant funding for you. It's your proposal and you need to incorporate your ideas and approaches!
- Using this tool is not a substitute for reading the grant guidelines!**
While we put a lot of information from the guidelines into TAB EZ, there is also information we did not include. Please read the guidelines at the **EPA brownfields** web page. Also, a copy of the guidelines can be found in TAB EZ under "Resources".
- Register prior to use**
While the use of TAB EZ is free, you must be a registered user to prepare a grant application via TAB EZ. Please register by clicking on "Register" in the upper right hand corner of the TAB EZ window.

At the bottom of the page, there is a banner with the text: **TAB EZ was updated to be consistent with the FY10 EPA brownfields grant guidelines. !!!Deadline for proposal submittal is October 16, 2009!!!**

The footer contains two icons: a house icon labeled "GRANT" and a computer monitor icon labeled "TAB EZ".

WHY TAB EZ?

- Levels playing field for small/ rural communities, disadvantaged cities and towns and not-for-profits
- Tool is time and place independent: flexibility critical to community resources that are stretched to capacity

Features and Benefits to Users

- User friendly and can be accessed anytime at the user's own pace
- Integrates Brownfield education with online support: definitions, regulatory citations and pertinent federal/state web links
- Helpful Hints for every criteria to be addressed

What TAB EZ CAN and Can NOT do

TAB EZ can:

- provide a framework for the community's proposal
- provides strategies and links to reduce time in writing the proposal

TAB EZ cannot:

- write a specific and compelling proposal for you
It's your proposal!

TAB EZ is NOT a substitute
for reading the grant
guidelines!!!



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