


The TAB Program

Technical Assistance to Brownfields

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Overview of this Presentation

- **TAB Program Overview:**
 - What we do
 - Effective community involvement strategies
- **How BIT & TABEZ software can help**

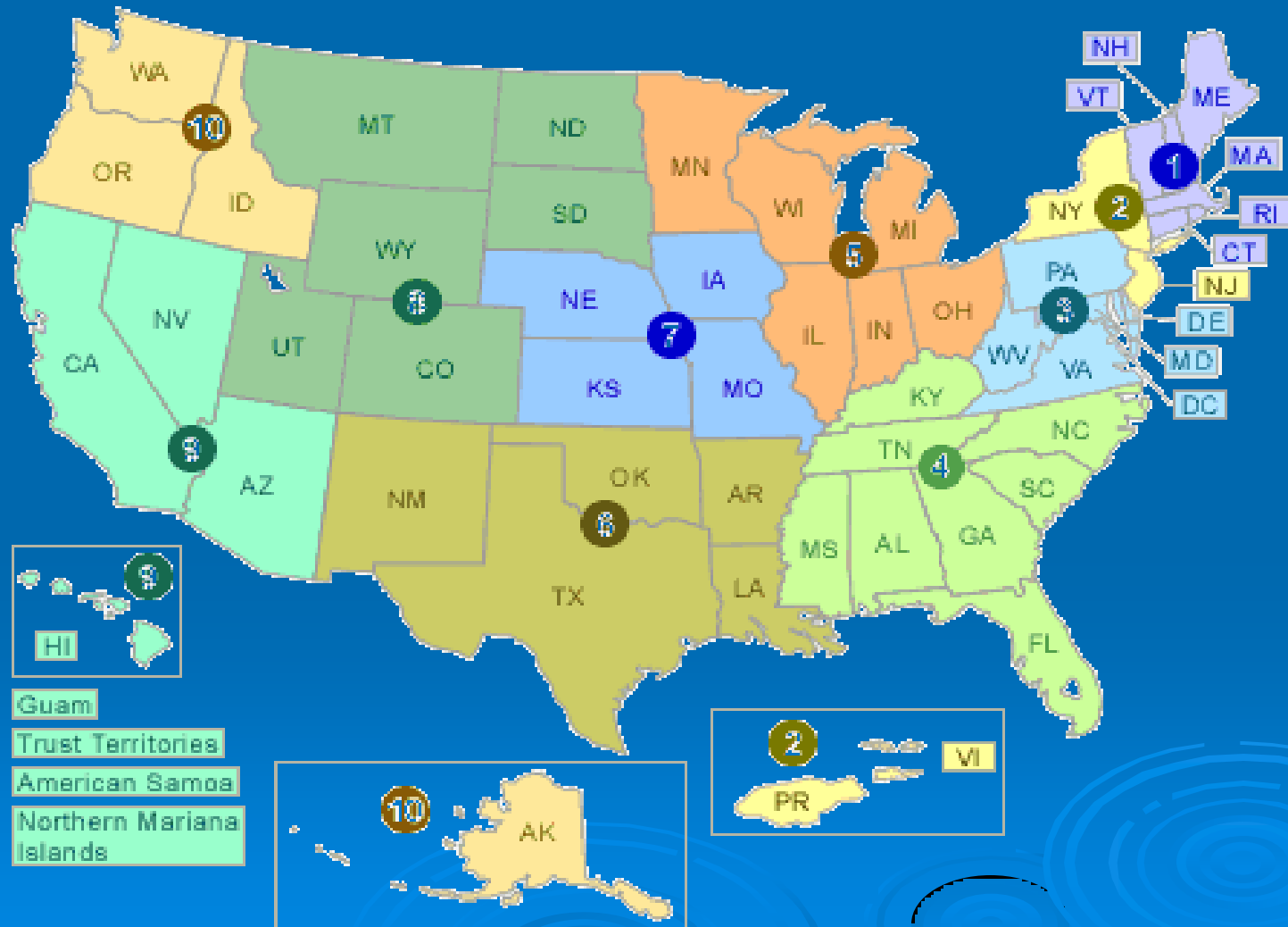


Technical Assistance to Brownfield (TAB) Communities


- 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



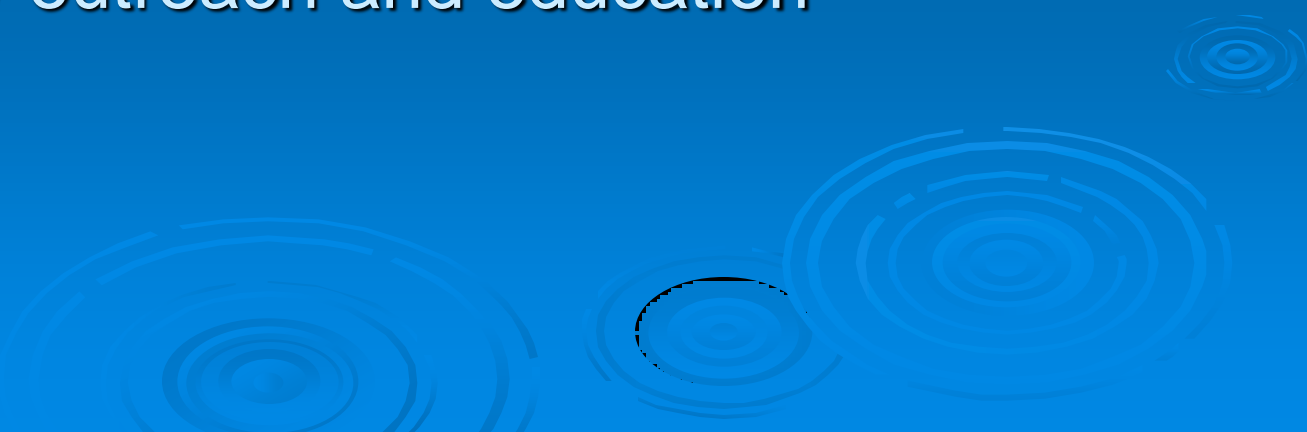
EPA Regions




TAB Assistance to Communities

- Tailored to specific community needs
 - Typically coordinated through the city, tribal or non-profit brownfields project manager.
 - Communities accepted on a 'first come' basis
 - Depends on staff/funding availability
 - K-State Staff and Subcontractors
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Areas of TAB Services

1. Understanding brownfields law & incentives
 2. Identifying funding options
 3. Finding a consulting firm
 4. Identifying Brownfields and limited inventories
 5. Reviewing reports and plans
 6. Redevelopment planning/Visioning sessions
 7. Community outreach and education
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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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Community Involvement

- Who is the Community?
- Why do it?



Community Involvement Tools

Workshops/Training Sessions

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



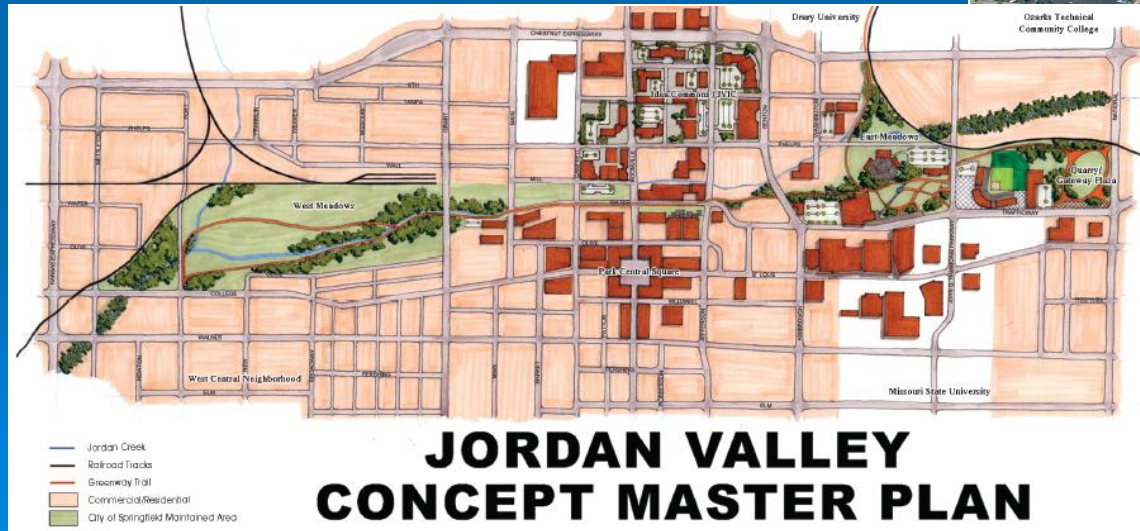
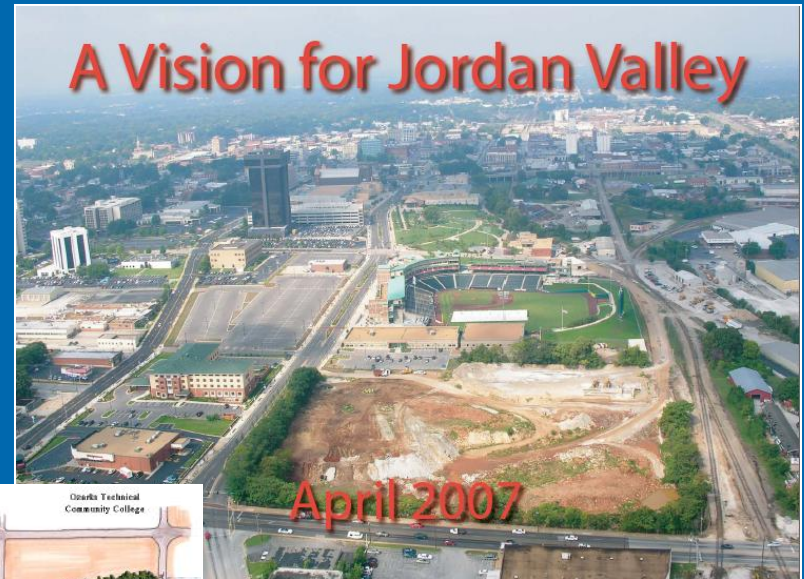
Community Involvement Tools

Redevelopment Planning



Importance of Redevelopment Planning Process

- Vision development
- Stakeholder coordination
- Eligibility for incentives
- Long-term Implementation



City of Springfield, MO

Visioning




Visioning



Visioning

PREMIERE
Outdoor Destination
Park

MIXED USE



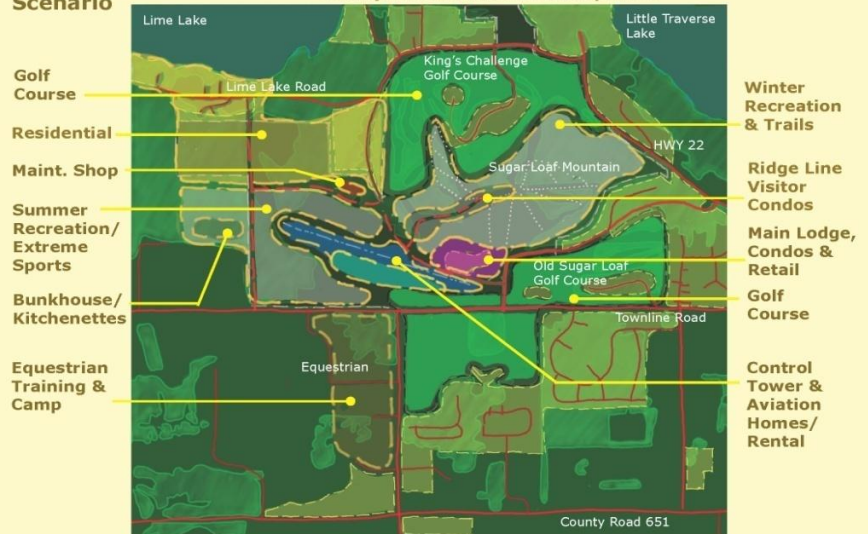
MINOR LEAGUE

- LINEAR VELODROME
- INLINE/SKATE PARK
- FRANCHISE SPORTS PARK - BASEBALL
- YEAR-ROUND USE (ICE RINK)
- NATURAL AREAS - HABITAT - PARK-LIKE SET
- * NEEDS TO BE REVENUE-POSITIVE (\$\$ MAKER)
- LEAVE AREAS FOR POTENTIAL COMMERCIAL GROWTH
- Initiation of neighborhood revitalization and re-use

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- Visioning Output
 - Conceptual rendering capturing main ideas

Potential Redevelopment Scenario #1: Leelanau County Resort Center
County-wide focused redevelopment.



The scenario plan and concept sketches are based on public input, are intended to be flexible, and provide a tool for continued dialog.

Main Lodge & Condos



Retail & Spa Center

Bunkhouse/Kitchenettes



Control Tower & Air Strip

recreation four seasons jobs agricultural heritage green construction local economy
Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities Program at Kansas State University. Summary of Leelanau County Visioning Sessions August 2009

Additional Community Involvement Tools

- Fact Sheets & News Releases
- Public Meetings
- Workshops/Seminars
- Community Day/Fairs
- Bus Tours
- Walking Tours



Source: City of Springfield,
MO

Fact Sheets, Citizen Briefs

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

Note: NOT a stand-alone tool

TAB Website

(<http://www.engg.ksu.edu/chsr/outreach/tab/>)

Explore

[Outreach](#)
[TAB](#)
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[TOSNAC](#)
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Outreach Resources

Publications

Environmental Science and Technology Briefs for Citizens

Brownfields Resources

- [Brownfields Basics \(PDF\)](#)
What is a Brownfield?
- [Institutional Controls \(PDF\)](#)
- [Asbestos: What Is It? Where Is It? \(PDF\)](#)
- [Lead-Based Paint: What Is It? Where Is It? \(PDF\)](#)
- [Phase I Environmental Site Assessments \(PDF\)](#) property owners, investors, borrowers, and lenders.
- [Phytoremediation at Brownfields \(PDF\)](#)
What is it and how does it work?
- [Planning for Community Involvement \(PDF\)](#)
How to develop and implement a community outreach plan.
- [Steps in Choosing an Environmental Consultant \(PDF\)](#)
What to look for before starting your important projects.
- [What are Quality Assurance Project Plans \(PDF\)](#)
How to write and develop a quality assurance project plan.
- [Writing a Request for Proposal \(PDF\)](#)
Communities that receive a Brownfields Pilot Grant typically need to hire a contractor to do an environmental assessment of the property to be redeveloped. This 12-page publication provides guidance for soliciting proposals from contractors.
- [Grant Writing Tips \(PDF\)](#)

Technical Presentations

Community Meetings



Tools to Help with BF Proposals

- **TAB BIT**
 - Brownfields Inventory Tool
- **TAB EZ**
 - Proposal Development Software

BIT (Brownfields Inventory Tool)

www.tab-bit.org

Stores & Manages Data:

- Site survey & inventory
- Assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment progress
- Public notice records
- Oversight & enforcement
- Reporting

The screenshot shows the BIT website interface. At the top left is the BIT logo, a green tree inside a circle, with the text "BiT Brownfield Inventory Tool". To the right are links for "Login", "Register", and "Contact Us/Feedback". Below the logo is a navigation bar with "HOME", "BIT TOOLBOX", "ABOUT", "RESOURCES", "SEARCH", and "HELP".

The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column has a green background and contains "In This Section:" with links for "Privacy Policy" and "Terms of Use", and "Quick Links:" with links for "BIT Tutorial" and "Help".

The right column has a white background and contains the following text:

BIT Home

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:

1. BIT was released January 29, 2010. If you have any comments and/or suggestions for improvement, please let us know by providing feedback.
2. The October 8, 2010 **Desktop** edition of BIT, that allows users to store data on their individual computers, is available for download by clicking the following link: tab-bit.org/BitDesktop

At the bottom of the main content area are three icons: a red toolbox labeled "BIT Toolbox", a grid labeled "Site Inventory Data", and a tablet with a pencil labeled "BIT Tutorial".

At the very bottom of the page is a footer with links for "Privacy Policy", "Terms of Use", and "Contact Us/Feedback".

BIT (Brownfields Inventory Tool)

Structure Mirrors the
Brownfields
Redevelopment Process

- Site Identification
- Assessment & Sampling
- Cleanup
- Institutional/Engineering Controls
- Redevelopment/Reuse

The screenshot displays the BIT web application interface. At the top left is the BIT logo (a green maple leaf) and the text 'BiT Brownfield Inventory Tool'. Below the logo is a navigation menu with 'HOME' and 'BIT TOOLBOX'. The 'BIT TOOLBOX' menu is expanded, showing a list of options: 'Site Data' (with sub-items: Site Information, Site Assessment, Sampling, Cleanup, Institutional Controls, Redevelopment/Reuse), 'Site Admin Info' (with sub-items: Complaints, Inspection/Oversight, Enforcement), 'Funding Summary', 'View/Upload Documents', 'Activity Log', and 'Back to Site Inventory'. Below the menu are 'Quick Links' for 'BIT Tutorial' and 'Help'. The main content area features a photo of a train accident on a riverbank. To the right of the photo are links for 'Log Out', 'Edit Profile', and 'Contact Us/Feedback'. Below the photo is a section titled 'Multiple Property Profile Form' with a sub-section 'PART I - Property Information'. This section contains a map with several red location pins. Blue arrows point from the 'Redevelopment/Reuse' menu item to the map, and from the 'View Sites on Map' menu item to the map's navigation controls. At the bottom of the page, there are links for 'Privacy Policy', 'Terms of Use', and 'Contact us/Feedback'.

BIT (Brownfields Inventory Tool)

- Start using before writing grants
- Then use to show progress and plans in proposals, for:
 - Survey and inventory of potential brownfields
 - Site statistics in area
 - Priorities for assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment

The screenshot displays the BIT (Brownfields Inventory Tool) web interface. The top navigation bar includes links for ABOUT, RESOURCES, SEARCH, and HELP. The main content area is split into two panels.

Plant B Site: Site Information
BIT Home > Bit Toolbox > Site Inventory Data > Site I

Site Name	Site Status	Street Address/P.O. Box (Address)
Plant B Site	In Assessment	5100 Upper Metro Place
Plant C Site	In Assessment	Lower Metro Place
Plant F Site	In Assessment	Lower Metro Place

Data Search / Export
BIT Home > Bit Toolbox > Data Search / Export

Search criteria: Dublin OH BF Program

Filters:

- Site Information
- Site Status: In Assessment
- Current Zoning: Industrial
- Redevelopment/Reuse: Yes
- Rail (Other Improvements): Yes
- Access Roads: Paved
- Gas (Utilities Present): Yes
- Electric (Utilities Present): Yes
- Sanitary (Sewer): Yes

Buttons: Add a New Search Field, Remove Category, Add a New Category, Search, Blank Template

TAB EZ – A Grant Writing Tool

- Free tool to assist in writing EPA brownfields assessment and cleanup grant applications
- Lots of support and helpful hints
- www.tabez.org



Web - based software for Assessment and Cleanup Grants: www.tabez.org




The screenshot shows the home page of the TAB EZ website. At the top left is the TAB EZ 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 links: "HOME", "GRANT APPLICATIONS", "RESOURCES", "SEARCH", and "HELP".

On the left side of the page, there are two green boxes. The first is titled "In This Section:" and contains links for "Home Page" and "About TAB EZ". The second is titled "Quick Links:" and contains links for "Sample Grant Applications", "Tutorial", "Definitions", and "Acronyms".

The main content area is titled "Home" and "Welcome to TAB EZ". It describes the software as a "Technical Assistance to Brownfields communities (TAB) easy brownfields grant application (EZ) software program". It states that TAB EZ is a grant writing tool used for preparing EPA brownfields grant proposals, currently addressing assessment and cleanup grants. It lists what the tool can and cannot do, and provides instructions on how to use it, including a note about the deadline for submitting grant proposals.

At the bottom of the page, there are two icons with text. The first icon shows a house and a document, with the text "GRANT APPLICATIONS HOME". The second icon shows a chalkboard with a whiteboard marker, with the text "TAB EZ TUTORIAL".

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
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