

A close-up photograph of several hands of different skin tones clasped together in a supportive grip. One person is wearing a black and orange checkered wristband.

What is TAB?

TAB (Technical Assistance to Brownfield Communities) is a national program funded by EPA headquarters via grants to universities. K-State is one of these universities. We assist communities in **Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin.**

What can TAB do for you?

TAB assistance is tailored to the specific needs of a community and is usually coordinated through the city, tribal, or non-profit brownfields project manager.

Several services can be provided under the TAB program:

- Review of EPA and other grant applications
- Serving as liaison between you, state or federal agencies, or other entities
- Identifying potential funding sources
- Help finding and contracting with a consulting firm
- Review and summary of technical documents.
- Assistance with community outreach
- Visioning workshops
- Technical presentations (ex. workshops, seminars)
- Other assistance as needed and agreed upon

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How do you get TAB assistance?

It's easy. There is no formal application process. Communities are accepted on a "first-come, first-served" basis.

Here are the steps to TAB assistance:

- Contact us (see info below)
- We will set up a meeting to discuss your needs
- We will then review your needs and TAB capabilities to see if and how we can help
- You and TAB will agree on a course of action
- Get started

How much does it cost to get TAB assistance?

NOTHING

TAB services are FREE.



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Examples of Services Provided

Heartland Foundation, St. Joseph, Missouri

TAB assistance included review of Phase I and II environmental assessment reports, assistance with interviewing consulting firms, and review of remedial plans. TAB also helped find K-State staff to assist with an educational project to document the cleanup and redevelopment of a brownfield site, which is to be a learning center for the community and region.

Stella, Missouri

In 2006, TAB provided visioning workshops to assist the town in identifying revitalization options for Stella's main street, especially the former Cardwell Hospital site. TAB is providing on-going support to Stella to assist with identifying resources to implement Stella's masterplan, which was developed jointly by the community and EPA with TAB involvement.

Atchison, Kansas

TAB reviewed and provided summaries and comments on bid documents.

Kansas City Brownfields Initiative, MO

TAB assists by reviewing and summarizing technical documents for various projects, preparing fact sheets and attending community meetings.

Rural Brownfield Workshops

Over the past five years TAB organized and assisted with rural brownfield workshops in Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri. These workshops address basic brownfield issues, available funding resources, as well as the EPA grant application process.

Springfield, Missouri

TAB provided technical guidance throughout the brownfields redevelopment process, research on special topics, assistance with hiring environmental consultants, summaries of technical reports, and participated in meetings with stakeholders.

Des Moines, Iowa

TAB developed a GIS-based web site for the City of Des Moines, combining the results of hundreds of site assessments with specific parcel information available from the County Assessor's office. Des Moines hopes to further brownfield redevelopment with this web site, making the information easily accessible to developers, lenders, real estate agents, and community members.

Newburg, Missouri

TAB provided technical guidance and visioning workshops to assist the town in identifying plans for downtown redevelopment, as well as review of Phase I and II environmental site assessments.

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What is a Brownfield?

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) defines a brownfield as “a property the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.”