



Revitalizing New England Brownfields Summit 2026



Call for Presentations

Deadline: Friday, May 1, 2026

Overview

The Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association (NEWMOA) and the University of Connecticut Technical Assistance to Brownfields Program (UConn TAB), in partnership with the U.S. EPA Region 1 Brownfields Program, and regional tribal and state brownfields programs, are excited to announce the third biennial Brownfields Summit taking place **December 9–10, 2026**, at the **Newport Marriott in Newport, Rhode Island**.

Cleaning up and redeveloping brownfields strengthens local economies, supports job creation, revitalizes existing infrastructure, and improves community and environmental health. The **2026 Brownfields Summit** will provide a regional forum for learning, collaboration, and connection around these important issues.

Presentation Information

- All proposals must be submitted as individual presentations (15-minute).
- Accepted presentations will be grouped by the Summit Planning Committee into cohesive 75-minute breakout sessions.
- Presenters coordinating with others (e.g., proposing related presentations or a panel-style session) will have the opportunity to indicate this within the submission form so those relationships may be considered during agenda development.
- All submissions must provide: the proposed session track; the presentation title; a brief abstract (500-word maximum) describing the topics that will be addressed; and the presenter's name(s), affiliation(s), and contact information. [Click here](#) to preview submission form fields.

Abstract Review and Selection Criteria

Submissions will be reviewed based on the following criteria:

- Relevance – Alignment with regional Brownfields Program priorities and Summit themes.
- Practical Application – Provides actionable insights, implementation strategies, or lessons learned.
- Contribution to the Field – Enhances understanding of brownfields assessment, cleanup, reuse, or revitalization.
- Clarity and Quality – Well-structured, clearly written, and aligned with Summit objectives.

Summit Tracks and Topics

Proposed sessions and presentations should align with one or more of the Summit tracks below. Suggested topics are illustrative, not exhaustive.

Track 1: State Showcase

Topics may include case studies from New England states that highlight:

- Assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment pathways
- Leveraging multiple funding sources and programs
- State, local, tribal, and community partnerships
- Regulatory, technical, or site-specific challenges

Track 2: Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)

Topics may include:

- RLF program administration and compliance
- Records management, audits, and closeout considerations
- Coordination with other EPA and non-EPA funding sources
- Strategies for maximizing RLF impact and sustainability
- Common challenges and practical solutions

Track 3: Redevelopment and Community

Topics may include:

- Housing, mixed-use, and commercial redevelopment
- Community-driven planning and stakeholder engagement
- Integrating brownfields redevelopment with local planning goals
- Long-term stewardship and reuse considerations
- Measuring and communicating redevelopment outcomes

Track 4: Resilience, Energy and Innovation

Topics may include:

- Resiliency and adaptation considerations for brownfields sites
- Parks, open space, and green infrastructure
- Renewable energy and energy-related reuse
- Emerging technologies and innovative redevelopment strategies
- Aligning brownfields reuse with changing infrastructure and energy needs

How to Submit a Proposal

All proposals **must** be submitted using our [online submission portal](#), which utilizes the vFairs event platform. If you have not used this platform before, you will be required to create an account. For explicit instructions on completing this process, please reference [this tutorial](#).

[Submission Portal](#)

The deadline for all submissions is Friday, May 1, 2026.

All submissions will be reviewed by the Summit Planning Committee, and submitters will be notified of decisions by early August 2026.

Sponsoring the Summit

All sponsors will receive prominent recognition leading up to and during the Summit. NEWMOA will highlight sponsors' names, logos, and sponsorship levels on the event website, social media, and event signage. Sponsors will also be acknowledged during the plenary session and featured on PowerPoint slides during the event. Coffee breaks and the reception will take place in the exhibit space, providing additional visibility. Details on sponsorship levels, costs*, and additional benefits are provided below.

	Luncheon [†] \$20,000	Platinum Plus \$9,000	Platinum \$6,000	Gold \$3,500	Silver \$2,000
Registration Passes	6	4	3	2	1
Seat on Planning Committee [‡]	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Signage	- Entrance - Break Area - Luncheon - Reception	- Entrance - Break Area - Reception	- Entrance - Break Area	- Entrance	- Entrance
Attendee List (Post-Summit)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Exhibit Table [§]	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Social Media Promotion	 	 	 		

Exhibit-Only Opportunities: Organizations that are not interested in a full sponsorship package may purchase an **Exhibit-Only space for \$1,500**, subject to availability after all sponsors have been accommodated.

Sponsors receive priority for exhibit space, with first choice of exhibit tables going to the highest sponsorship tiers. Exhibit-only opportunities are limited and will be offered starting in October 2026, subject to remaining availability. The best way to secure exhibit space is by becoming a Summit Sponsor.

To become a Summit Sponsor, please fill out this form.

Questions? Please contact NEWMOA staff at brownfields2026@newmoa.org

* Discounted rates available for non-profit organizations.

† Limited to two organizations.

‡ Participation in the Planning Committee is optional.

§ 6' by 30" skirted table with two chairs