



## Revitalizing New England Brownfields Summit 2026



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# Call for Presentations

Submission 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 using the [online proposal submission form](#).
- Proposals may be submitted as either an individual presentation (15 minutes) or as a full session (75 minutes).
- Accepted individual presentations will be grouped by the Summit Planning Committee into cohesive 75-minute breakout sessions.
- All submissions must include: the proposed Summit track, the presentation/session title; an abstract describing the topics that will be addressed (500-word maximum for individual presentations; 750 words for full sessions), presenter name(s), affiliation(s), and contact information, and a brief biography for each presenter (250-word maximum).

## 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 the [proposal submission form](#). Upon completion, submitters will receive a confirmation email. **Please retain this email in the event you would like to make any changes to your submission.** Revisions will be permitted until the abstract submission deadline.

[Proposal Submission Form](#)

**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 **August 2026.**