

Brownfields Tribal Response Program Accomplishment/Success Story

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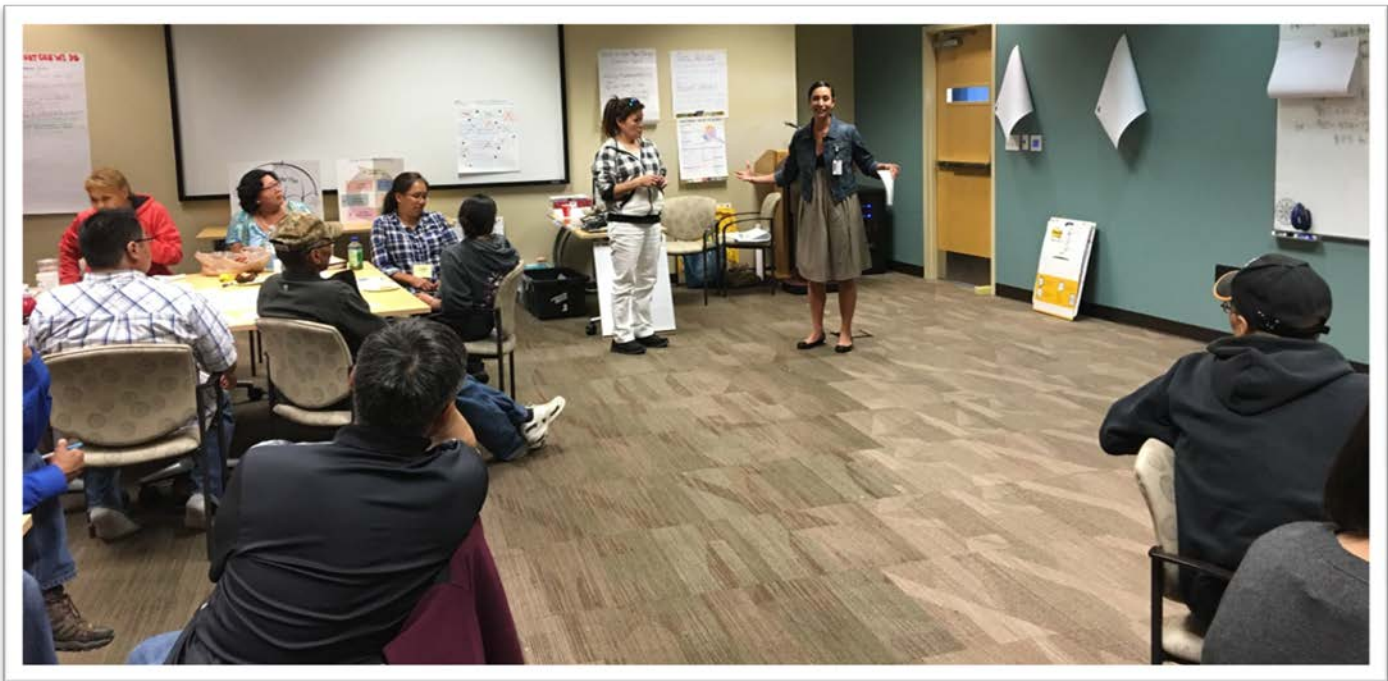
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Element(s) Addressed:

1. *Timely survey and inventory of brownfields sites in state or tribal land.*
2. *Oversight and enforcement authorities or other mechanisms and resources.*
3. ***Mechanisms and resources to provide meaningful opportunities for public participation.***
4. *Mechanisms for approval of a cleanup plan and verification and certification that cleanup is complete.*

Brownfield Piece Included at 7-Generations Training For First Time



ANTHC Brownfield TRP Manager, Joy Britt, right center, presents a Brownfield activity for the first time at 7-Generations Environmental Planning for Rural Alaska training in Anchorage recently.



ANTHC Brownfield TRP Manager, Joy Britt, standing, assists one of the groups during the exercise.

July marked the first time Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium's (ANTHC) Brownfield Tribal Response Program (TRP) participated in the 7-Generations Environmental Planning for Rural Alaska (7-G) training which was held in Anchorage. Nearly 30 people from 13 different villages participated in a brownfields activity conducted by Joy Britt, Brownfields Tribal Response Program Manager.

The 7-G concept, a community based approach to environmental planning, hosted by Community and Environment and Health staff, was lacking a brownfields component. Ms. Britt conducted an exercise utilizing the 7-G environmental assessment tool, focusing on brownfields. The overall 7-G training was based upon four groups essentially going through the seven village environmental planning steps in each of their made-up villages. Each person in the groups were randomly appointed community roles and played that part during the seven steps of the planning. During the brownfield segment, Ms. Britt gave each group a brownfield scenario to implement into their village and guided them through an exercise where they came up with a site reuse plan.



Participants demonstrate where they have identified the Brownfield site in their community.

About two years ago, Ms. Britt and 7-G Program Administrator, Oxcenia O'domin, discussed the need for a brownfield element in the training. This year that brownfield element was incorporated into the training and Ms. Britt was invited to present the subject.

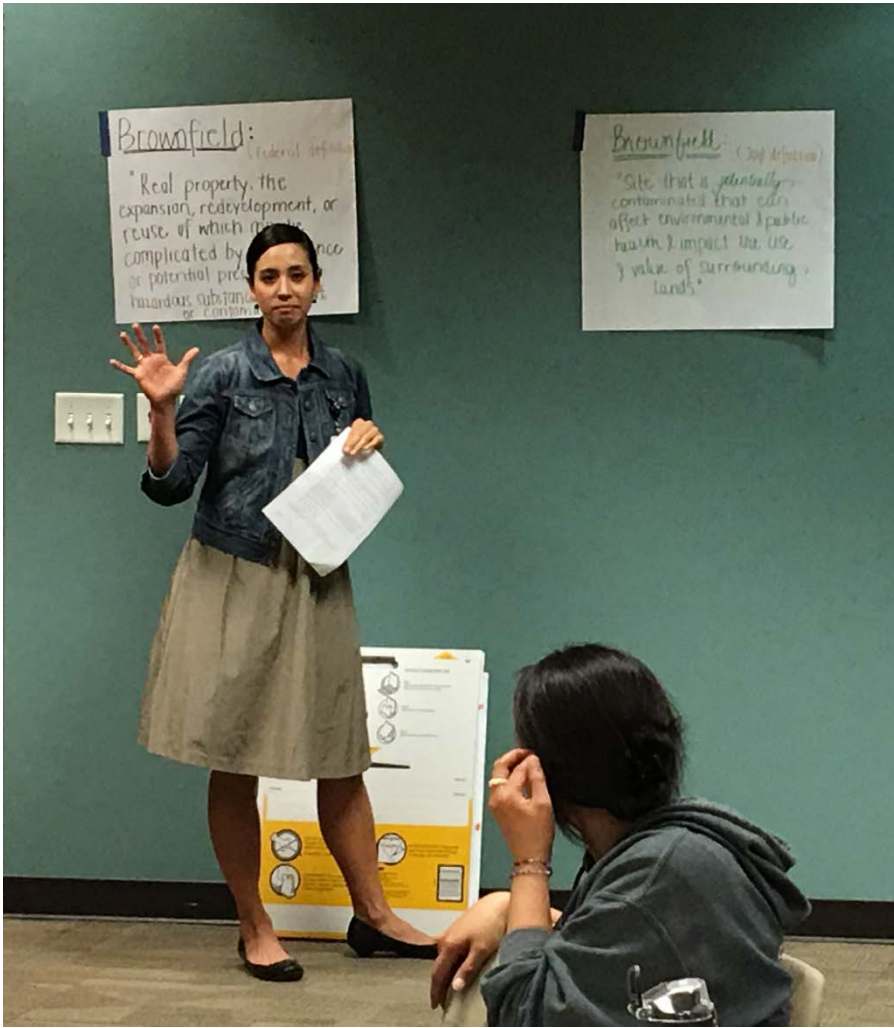
“This was a success because we have never presented at the 7-G training and perform outreach to a group of environmental coordinators who have not been exposed to brownfields. Further, it is a success because brownfields are now at the forefront of their minds when utilizing the 7-G environmental assessment tool.” Britt said.



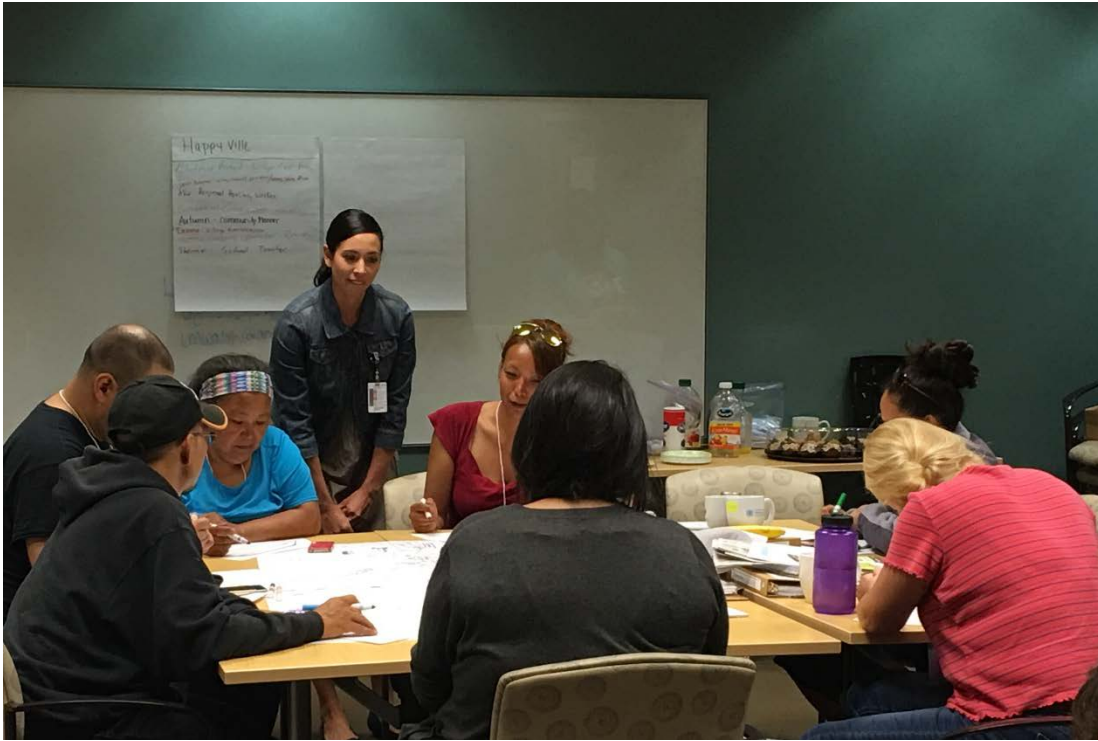
Example of 7-Generations planning steps.

“Joy and I have met to discuss her upcoming work on integrating more of the TRP program’s participation in 7-G. In the upcoming year the TRP program will be writing a section to include in the technical environmental assessment that is included in the 7-G environmental planning process to educate environmental program staff, tribal council and local environmental planning committees. The addition of a brownfields section in the 7-G technical environmental assessment will help to increase knowledge and capacity within the tribal communities we serve.” Odomin said.

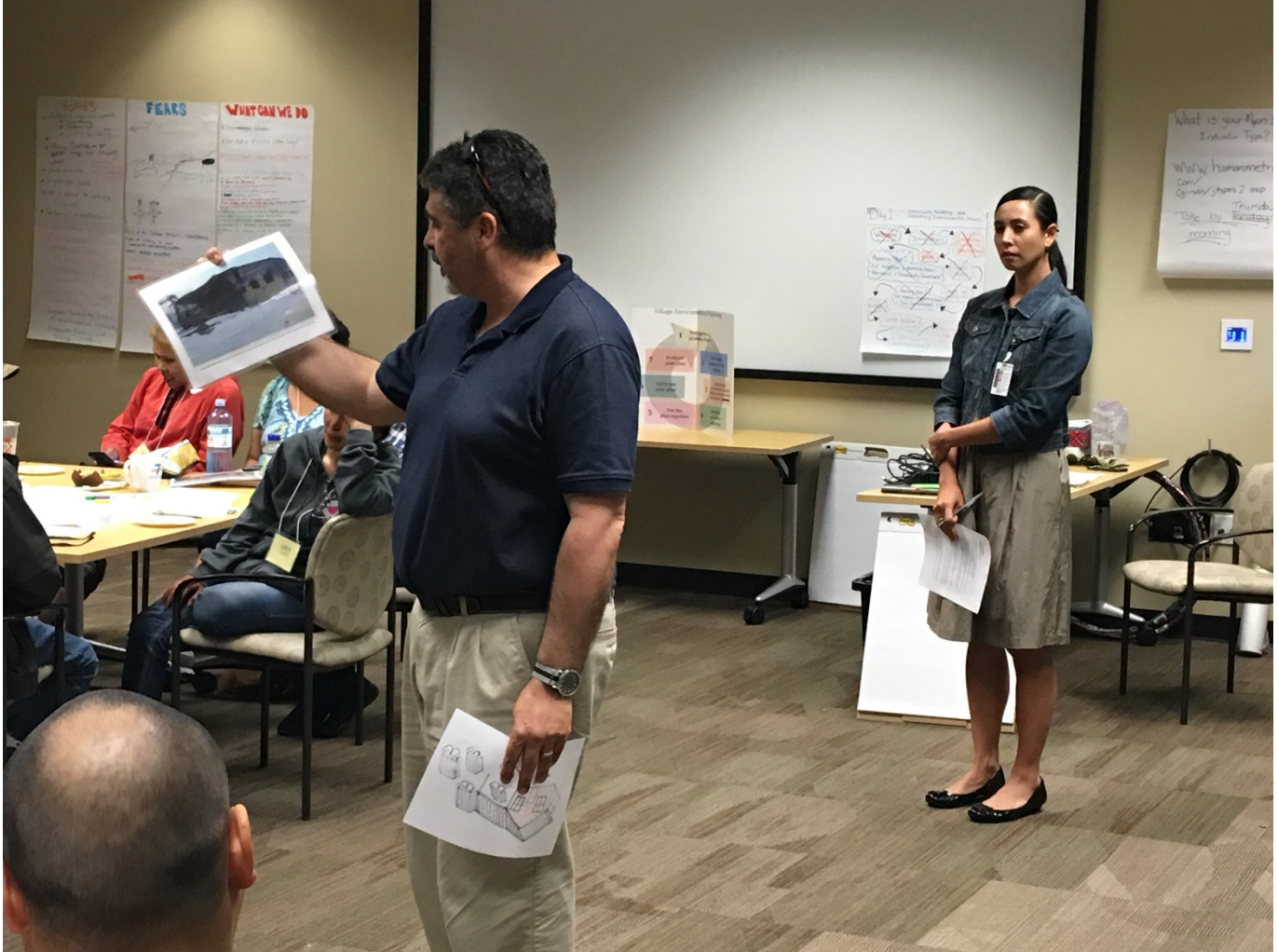
“The brownfield presentation and activity was a great addition to the 7-G environmental planning process as a whole. Joy did an amazing job providing a background about the TRP program and incorporating activity into our already established mock communities to help educate the participants about brownfields sites and generate ideas on how to reuse identified sites. We are looking forward to the TRP program developing a brownfield section into the 7-G technical environmental assessment.” she continued.



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