

# Using BiT for Project Management and Community Asset Mapping in Tribal Programs

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## **Speakers**

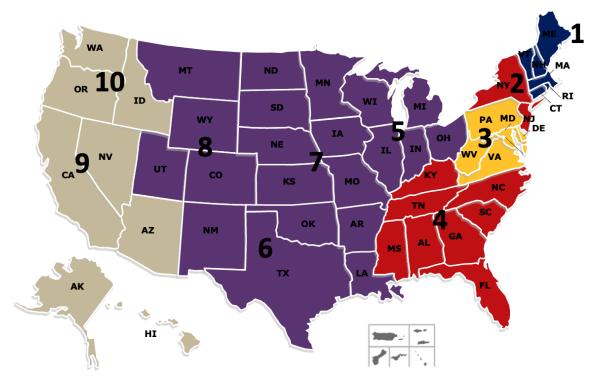


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## Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB)



#### What is TAB?

- A national program funded by U.S. EPA
- Dedicated TAB services provider for each EPA region & a dedicated TAB services provider for all federally recognized Tribes & Alaska Native villages
- Services provided are FREE and tailored to address specific community needs
- Assist communities and tribes with the brownfield assessment, cleanup and redevelopment process
- Planning, environmental and economic development expertise
- Webinars, workshop, e-tools (e.g., BiT, TAB EZ) and online resources
- And much, much more...

#### Who are the TAB Service Providers?

**University of Connecticut** - EPA Region 1

New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) - EPA Regions 2 & 4

Mid-Atlantic TAB - EPA Region 3

Kansas State University (KSU) - EPA Regions 5, 6, 7, & 8

**Center for Creative Land Recycling (CCLR)** – EPA Regions 9 & 10

KSU - ITEP - ANTHC - Tribal TAB















# Introducing BiT

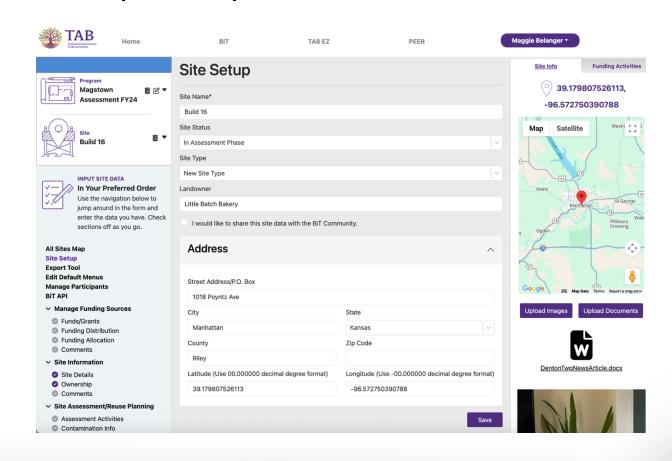
**Brownfields Inventory Tool** 

## **Understanding BiT**



#### Structured to mirror the property redevelopment process

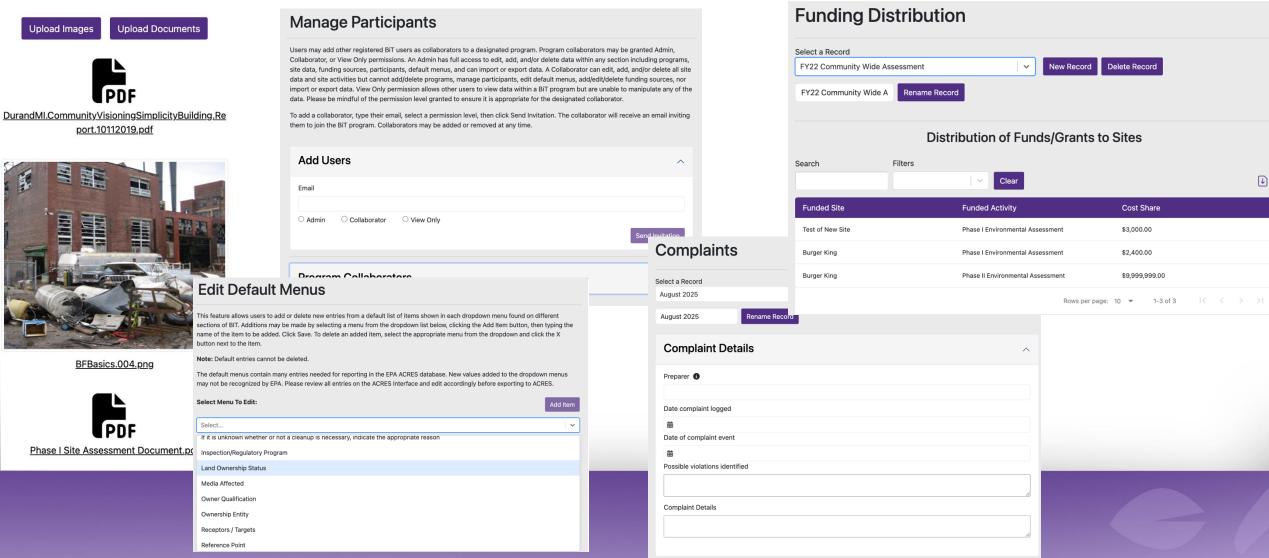
- Site Information
  - Site Details name, address, site type and status, GPS, property ownership
  - Map sites
- Track the property through Assessment, Cleanup, and Redevelopment
  - Activities, inspections, contaminants, impacted media, receptors
- Document & Track Institutional Controls and Complaints
- Manage Funding Sources
- Export data





## **Beyond Inventory**

Single Repository for Project Management and Planning



## Do you Use Bit?

Are you familiar with BiT?

Have you used BiT Mobile?

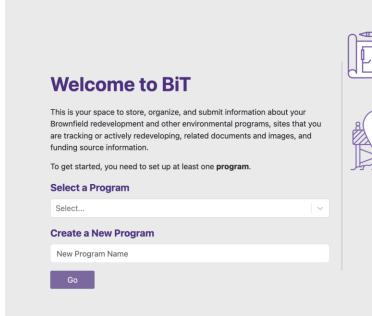


## **Getting Started**

#### Create a Program

#### Tips for Program Name:

- Funding/Grant Specific
- Site Types
- Location Specific (County, City, District)
- Unique to the sites contained within the program





#### What is a Program?

A program serves as a repository for tracking and maintaining funding sources and site information, from inventory to cleanup and redevelopment. A program may have multiple sites and multiple funding sources, such as state or federal grants, local investments, private contributions, etc.

#### What is a Site?

A site is any property with known or perceived environmental conditions that are hindering the property's reuse and redevelopment.

Brownfield sites are underused or abandoned industrial or commercial properties that may contain hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants. Examples of brownfields include old factories, vacant warehouses, defunct gas stations or former dry cleaning establishments.

#### **Tutorials**

Quick Start Guide

Getting started: Setting up a program and entering sites (Coming Soon!)

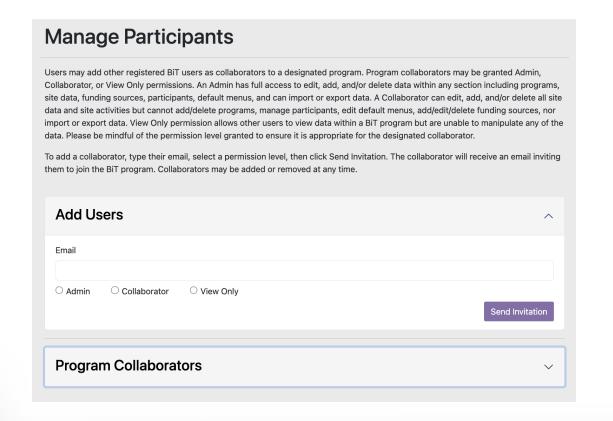
Setting up and tracking funding sources What's new with the user interface?

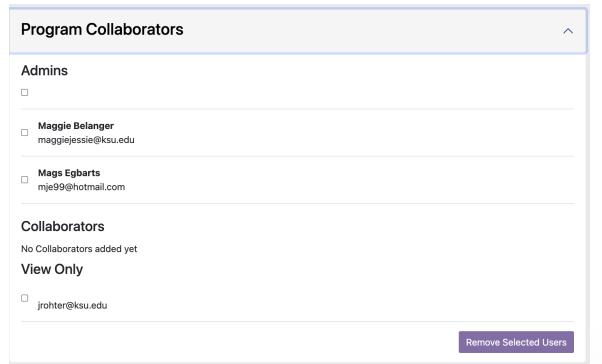
**Tip:** You can change your program name later. Consider limiting each program to 20 or fewer Brownfields sites.

## **Invite Collaborators**



#### **Administrative Functions**

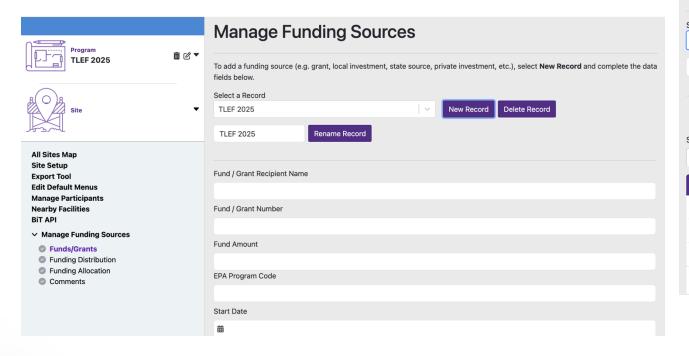


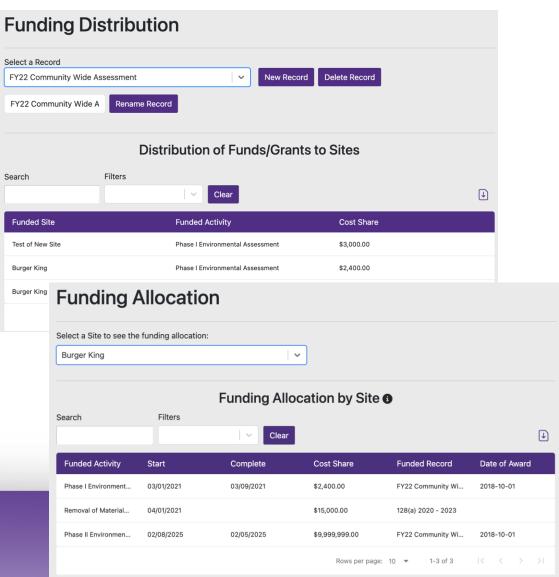


## Manage Funding Sources



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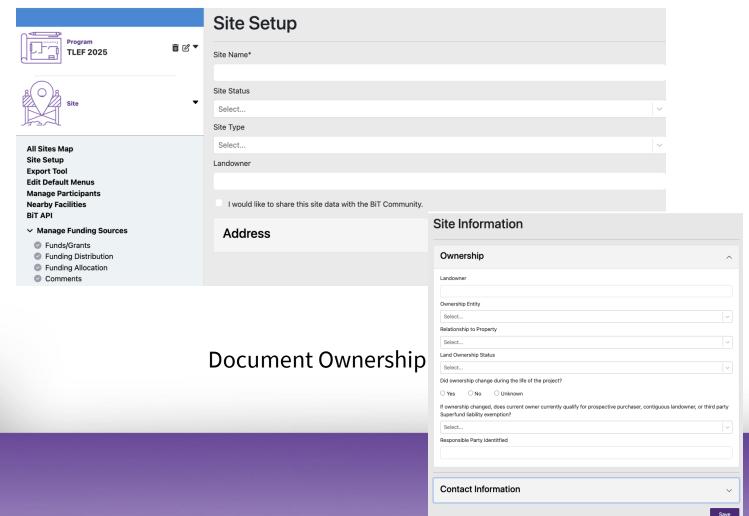




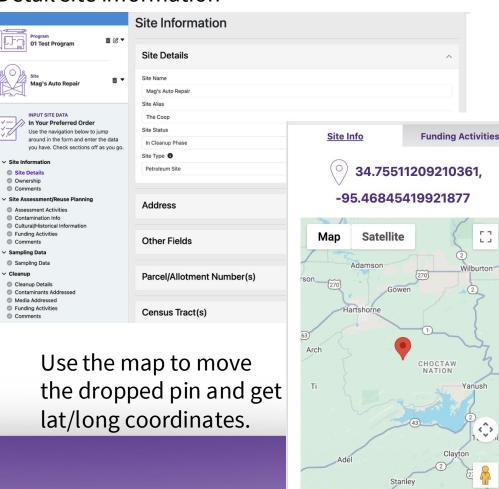
## **Add Sites**

#### Site Details

#### Create a new site



#### Detail site information



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#### Track Assessment Activities and Contamination Information

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## Site Cleanup and Redevelopment

Track Cleanup Activities and Redevelopment Information







#### **INPUT SITE DATA**

#### In Your Preferred Order

Use the navigation below to jump around in the form and enter the data you have. Check sections off as you go.

#### ✓ Site Assessment/Reuse Planning

- Assessment Activities
- Contamination Info
- Cultural/Historical Information
- Funding Activities
- Comments

#### > Sampling Data

#### ∨ Cleanup

- Cleanup Details
- Contaminants Addressed
- Media Addressed
- Funding Activities
- Comments

#### > Controls

#### ∨ Redevelopment/Reuse

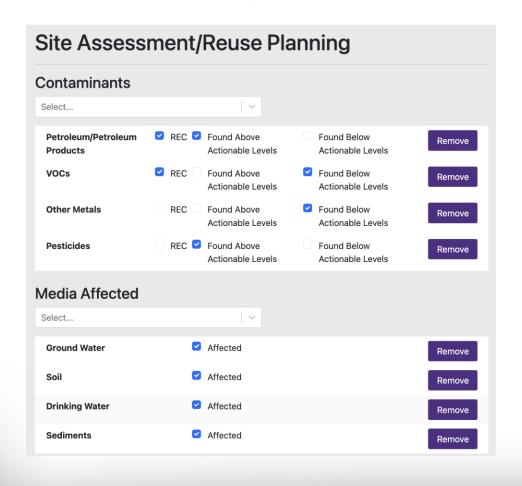
- Redevelopment/Reuse Details
- Current Infrastructure
- Funding Activities
- Future Use & Highlights

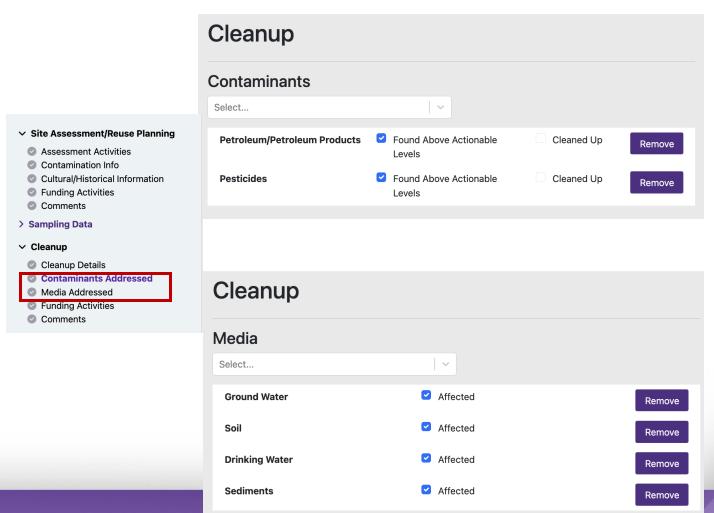
#### V Complaints





#### Track Cleanup Activities and Contamination Addressed

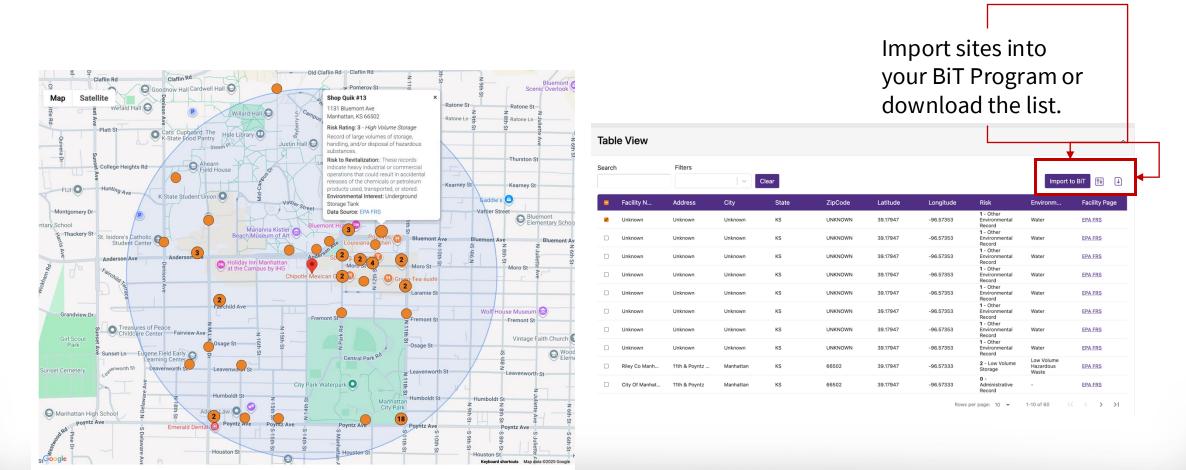




## **Nearby Facilities**

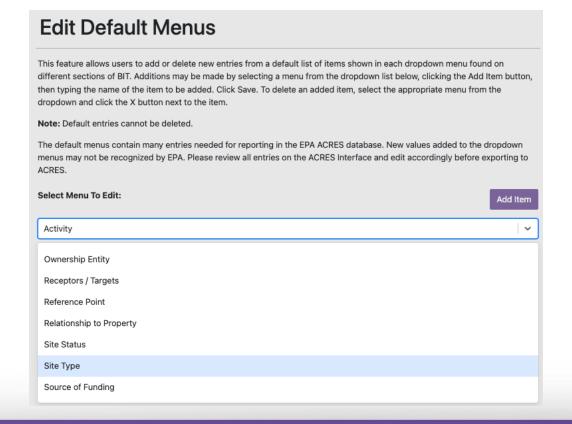


Evaluate and Prioritize Sites Based on Nearby Facilities

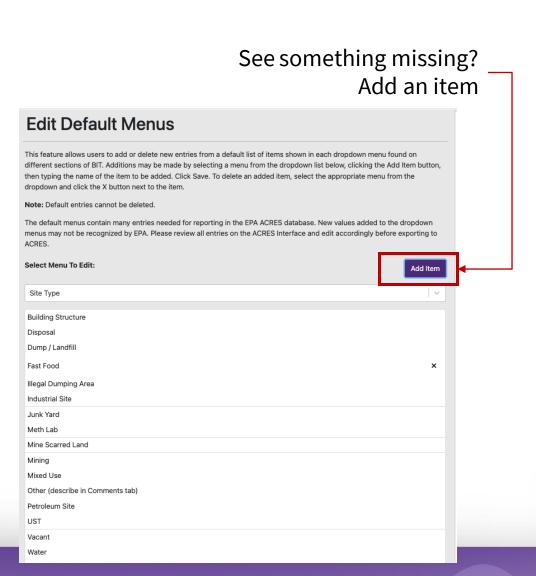


## **Edit Menus**

#### Customize to meet your specific needs.



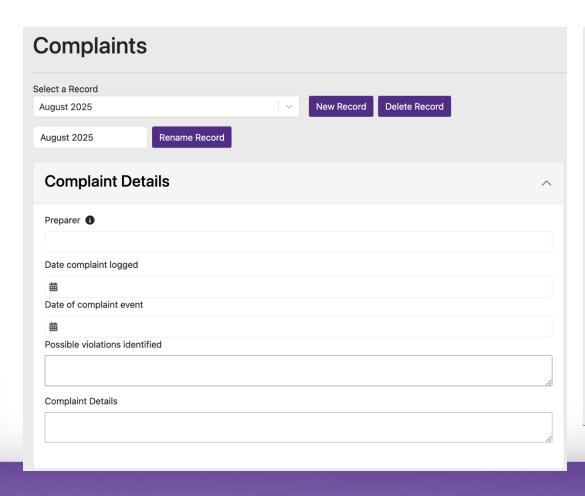




## **Complaints**



Keep records of complaints received and follow up actions.

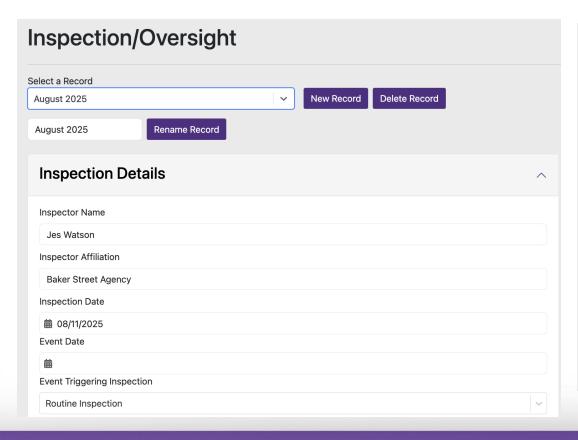


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Name		
Street Address/P.O. Box		
Enter a location		
City	State	
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Responsible Party		~
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## Inspections



#### Record Routine Inspections of sites & properties



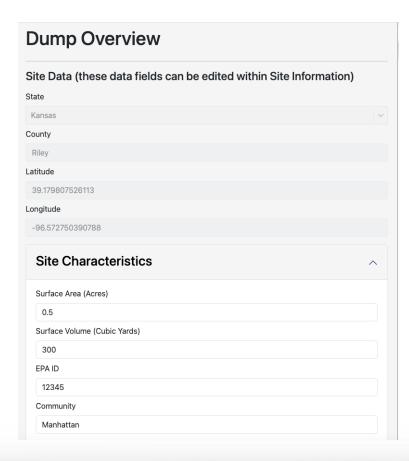
Event Triggering Inspection	
Routine Inspection	
Inspection/Regulatory Program	
other (specify regulation or statute)	
Violator Status (First or Repeat)	
NA	
Activity Inspected	
Grounds for upcoming event	
Violations Identified	
Milkweed invasion	
Other Comments	
Generate Report Save	

## **Open Dump Survey**



Document open dumps consistent with IHS form.

- Dump Overview
- Hazard Factors
- Proximity Factors
- Comments
- Generate Report

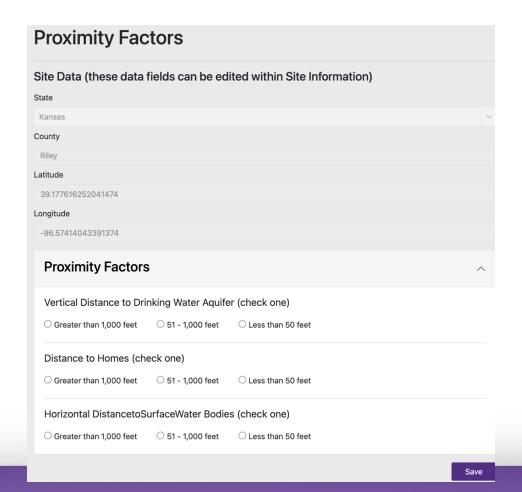


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Other Contents (check one)						
Rainfall (check one)  Clow (<10 in/yr)  Medium (10 -	- 25 in/yr)					
Flooding Potential (check one)  No potential for flooding  Dek	oris movement from flooding unlikely	O Debris from flooding likely				
Frequency of Burning (check or	ne) ning less frequently than weekly	Burning more frequently than weekly				
Controlled Access (check one)						
Effectively Controlled Access	Ineffective controls or poorly restricted	ed access				
Site Drainage and Leachate Pot	rential (check one)					





Document open dumps consistent with IHS form.



Comments	
Site Data (these data fields can be edited within Site Information)	
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county	
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ongitude	
-96.57414043391374	
Comments	^
General Description (include description of how to get to the site from a known location)	)
Former auto service shop how to get to the site.	
Comments	
Test	
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## **Photos and Document Storage**



word, excel, pdf, jpeg, png, csv, ppt, etc.

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✓ Manage Funding Sources	City	State		Upload Images Upload Documents		
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✓ Site Information	Riley			W		
Site Details	Latitude (Use 00.000000 decimal degree format	) Longitude (Use -00.000000 decimal d	egree format)	<u>DentonTwpNewsArticle.docx</u>		
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✓ Site Assessment/Reuse Planning						
<ul> <li>Assessment Activities</li> <li>Contamination Info</li> </ul>			Save			

Upload Images Upload Documents



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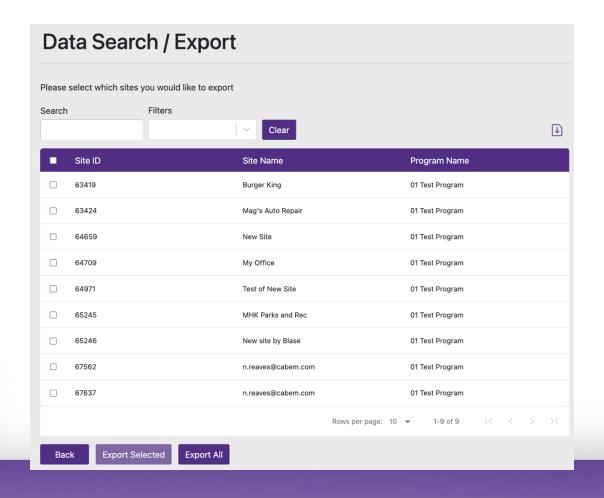
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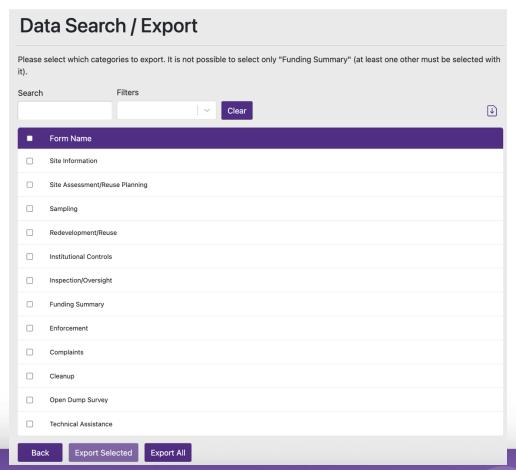






Export single site data, all sites/program data, or select data.





## **Upcoming Features**



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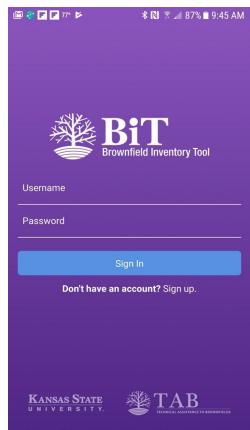
 Open Dump Health Threat Score and Cleanup Cost Estimator (Muscogee Creek Nation Tools)

#### 2026

- ESRI GIS Map for the All Sites Feature
- Refined Exports and Imports
- API for Developers
  - Existing API for BiT data elected to share with other BiT Users
  - Access to Open Dump Site Scoring and Cleanup Cost Estimator
  - Other BiT Features

## Having Fun with BiT & BiT Mobile

- I. Download BiT Mobile
  - KSU BiT Mobile
  - KSU Brownfields Inventory Tool
- II. Login In
  - bitfunksu@gmail.com
  - BitfunDemos2025!
  - Program: Region 7 & 8 TRP Workshop\_KCMO 25
- III. Capture your lunch spot
  - Add a site (restaurant name plus initials)
  - Photos
  - GPS Coordinates
  - Use various fields (comments, complaints, funding activities, etc.)
- IV. Save your entries.
- V. Return to the room and sync your data with BiT Online



Alternatively, Log In to BiT Online <a href="https://etools.ksutab.org/tools/bit">https://etools.ksutab.org/tools/bit</a> Follow the same prompts.

## **BiT Online Scenarios**

https://etools.ksutab.org/tools/bit

Login: bitfunksu@gmail.com Password: BitfunDemos2025!

Program: Region 7 & 8 TRP Workshop\_KCMO 25









(BiT) Brownfields Inventory Tool

USE BIT TO INVENTORY OPEN DUMPS Site Name: Highway Shoulder Dumping Area + your initials **Site Status: Inactive** 

Site Type: Illegal Dumping Area

- · Piles of construction debris, roofing material, and trash left along tribal road
- Occasional dumping still occurring; security cameras not present
- · Adjacent to a wetland with seasonal waterfowl habitat
- Several burnt trash piles suggest open burning occurred in the past

- Capture "site" location using GPS
   Select Dump Contents in the Hazard Factors Section of the Open Dump Survey and/or relevant notes to the Comments Section

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(BiT) Brownfields Inventory Tool

USE BIT TO INVENTORY COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT Site Name: Burn Barrel at Private Residence + your initials Site Status: Inactive **Site Type: Other (residential property)**  Multiple complaints of black smoke from property · Resident allegedly burning plastic waste • Within 500 feet of community garden Upload a photo of this "site"
Capture "site" location using GPS
Complete the Complaints Details Section. Create a New Record to document inspection details KSUTAB.ORG

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