

### What is the Renaissance Block Challenge ?

The Renaissance Block Challenge (RBC) is a neighborhood revitalization program that encourages clusters of neighbors to collaborate on exterior improvements to their properties in order to build confidence in Jamestown's neighborhoods and inspire others to reinvest.

### Benefits of Participation:

Neighbors who apply and receive designation as a "Renaissance Block" will have access to resources to accelerate their home improvement projects and their neighborhood's revitalization, including:

**1. Matching funds for exterior improvements, up to \$3,000.**

For example, if \$500 is spent, a \$250 match will be made. If \$6,000 is spent, the match is \$3,000. If \$8,000 is spent, the match is \$3,000.

**2. Access to discounts from sponsoring hardware stores and garden centers.**

**3. Discounts from coordinated neighborhood purchasing of materials or services.**

**4. Access to design assistance**

### Challenge Components:

**1. Exterior improvements to enhance curb appeal, completed by the participating property owners (or their chosen contractors) during 2025 - 2026.**

**2. Events, such as block parties, organized by the participating neighbors to celebrate completed work and to strengthen their neighborhood.**

### What are examples of eligible improvements?

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| •Painting        | •Mailboxes                | •Driveways           |
| •Porch repair    | •Exterior lights          | •Driveway aprons     |
| •Soffit repair   | •Front yard landscaping   | •Replacement windows |
| •Sidewalk repair | •Front doors/screen doors | •House gutters       |

### How is the Challenge supported ?

- John A. and Oscar Johnson Memorial Trust and the Lenna Foundation with support from the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, and The Ralph C. Sheldon Foundation.
- Sponsoring businesses offer special discounts to participants
- The Jamestown Renaissance Corporation (a not-for-profit corporation) administers the program and collaborates with other public and not-for-profit agencies.

## How do I apply for the pre-application?

1. Recruit a minimum of Six properties within the designated target area (Northside Target Area #2) to form a cluster of neighbors to participate in the Renaissance Block Challenge (RBC).

2. Complete the pre-application and submit it to the Jamestown Renaissance Corporation (JRC).

Pre-applications are available at: <https://www.jamestownrenaissance.org/neighborhoods/RBC>

or via e-mail:

[mary@jamestownrenaissance.org](mailto:mary@jamestownrenaissance.org)



## Include in your pre-application:

1. A list of participating property owners, their property address, and contact information (e mail/phone). Neighborhood clusters should have as many shared property edges or boundaries touching as possible. Neighbors directly across the street or behind your property are considered adjacent.

2. The cluster leader's contact information

Name

Address

Phone Number

E mail address

3. Using the map provided by the Jamestown Renaissance Corporation (JRC), indicate the location of the properties in your cluster. Include this map with the pre-application.



**Pre-applications are due no later than  
5:00 p.m. Monday, September 3rd, 2024.**



## After submitting your group's pre-application and in preparation of the final application:

Schedule a meeting between your cluster members and the Neighborhood Projects Director, Mary Maxwell, between

**Wednesday, September 4th and Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>** to discuss the next steps in the grant process.

**Jamestown Renaissance Corporation (JRC)**

**Mary Maxwell**

**Director of Neighborhood Projects**

**200 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street**

**Jamestown, NY 14701**

**Email:**

**[mary@jamestownrenaissance.org](mailto:mary@jamestownrenaissance.org)**

**Phone: 716-708-6964**

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# Renaissance Block Challenge Pre-Application

Please complete this pre-application to signal interest by your group of neighbors in the Renaissance Block Challenge. Recruit at least **SIX** participating properties within the designated target area to form a cluster of neighbors (homeowners, landlords and businesses are eligible). Enter the names, street addresses, and e-mail addresses of group participants in the space below, followed by contact information for the group's designated contact person. Include a **Cluster map** showing the location of the properties in your cluster with the pre-application. This map may be hand drawn or created using a parcel map from Chautauqua GIS (<https://chqgov.com/information-services/Geographic-Information-Systems>) or by using google maps (<https://www.google.com/maps/>) or any other mapping service of your choice.

Signature of group member

Print name of group member

Address of group member

E mail Address of group member

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Your group's primary contact: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit pre-application between August 1, 2024 and Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024 to:**

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