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City of Jamestown awarded a Preserve New York Grant

This grant will fund a Cultural Resource Survey of the city's westside neighborhood

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ALBANY, NY, 07/15/21 — The City of Jamestown is one of this year's [Preserve New York](#) (PNY) grantees. Their **grant of \$10,000** will fund a Cultural Resource Survey of its westside neighborhoods to help determine the area's National Register eligibility. The Preservation League of NYS and their program partners at the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) are thrilled to help fund this important work.



Jamestown's evolution from a frontier village to a thriving industrial urban center in the 19th and 20th centuries is evident in its compact design inclusive of its residential neighborhoods. Post-industrial disinvestment produced undesirable outcomes including homes falling victim to vacancy, abandonment, and deterioration. Jamestown's westside neighborhood has experienced these challenges exacerbated by collective underappreciation of the City's history and historic assets. The City has responded with ongoing efforts to improve neighborhoods' resiliency and protect real estate values. Thanks to a \$10,000 Preserve New York grant, Clinton Brown Company Architecture, PC will conduct a Cultural Resource Survey of approximately 500 structures in Jamestown's westside neighborhoods to determine National Register eligibility. This survey will bring historic preservation to an unrepresented part of the city, an area that merits the identification and protection its heritage, and also provide access to the New York State Historic Homeownership Rehabilitation Tax Credit to benefit homeowners and regenerate Jamestown from within.

At its 2021 meeting, an independent grant panel selected **32 applicants in 25 counties to receive support totaling \$297,995**. Each grant supports important arts and cultural initiatives, as well as

economic development related to our state's arts and cultural heritage. Many of these grants will lead to historic district designation or expansion, telling the stories of communities throughout the state and allowing property owners to take advantage of the New York State and Federal Historic Tax Credits. This is even more valuable now, with the NYS Commercial Historic Tax Credit recently expanded for small projects, granting property owners a 30% credit. With the announcement of the 2021 awards, support provided by Preserve New York since its launch in 1993 totals more than \$3.3 million to 489 projects statewide.

The Preserve New York program is a regrant partnership between the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) and the Preservation League, made possible with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature. The Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation has generously provided additional funds to support nonprofit projects in Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

Since 1993, Preserve New York has been providing funds to municipalities and nonprofit organizations that need technical, professional assistance to guide a variety of preservation projects. The historic structure reports, building condition reports, cultural landscape reports, and cultural resource surveys funded through this program lead to positive outcomes across New York's 62 counties.

2021 PNY Grant Recipients:

Albany County: Village of Voorheesville - \$10,000; City of Cohoes - \$16,500 | **Broome County:** Tri-Cities Opera Company, Inc. - \$6,000 | **Chautauqua County:** City of Jamestown - \$10,000 | **Chemung County:** Elmira College - \$10,000 | **Chenango County:** Earlville Opera House Inc. - \$8,000 | **Dutchess County:** Van Wyck Council on the Arts and Culture, Inc., dba Howland Cultural Center - \$10,000; Wassaic Project - \$8,160 | **Erie County:** University Heights Collaborative, Inc. - \$9,120; Western New York Minority Media Professionals, Inc. - \$10,000 | **Franklin County:** Malone Revitalization Foundation, Inc. - \$9,150 | **Greene County:** Hudson-Athens Lighthouse Preservation Society - \$10,000 | **Monroe County:** Highland Park Conservancy - \$15,000; Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse Historical Society - \$8,000 | **Montgomery County:** Village of Fort Plain - \$9,150 | **Nassau County:** Science Museum of Long Island - \$10,000 | **New York County:** Ascendant Neighborhood Development Corporation - \$12,000 | **Ontario County:** Town of Canandaigua - \$15,000 | **Orange County:** Chester Historical Society - \$5,200 | **Orleans County:** Medina Railroad Museum - \$8,000 | **Otsego County:** Otsego 2000 - \$12,500 | **Putnam County:** Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition - \$9,600; Town of Carmel - \$6,200 | **Rensselaer County:** City of Troy - \$9,100 | **Saratoga County:** Village of Round Lake - \$8,000 | **Steuben County:** Steuben County Historical Society - \$10,000 | **Suffolk County:** Town of East Hampton - \$5,600; Rocky Point Historical Society - \$6,685 | **Tompkins County:** Friends of Stewart Park - \$6,640 | **Ulster County:** Jewish Federation of Ulster County - \$9,440; Woodstock Guild of Craftsmen, Inc. - \$5,750 | **Warren County:** Hyde Collection - \$9,500

"We are so pleased to be among the Preserve New York grant recipients. Historic Preservation has increasingly become a priority in the City of Jamestown and been playing meaningful role in the development of the city's future story. With the funding provided through this grant, we will be able to continue to gain a better understanding of our cultural resources and historic assets. This understanding will equip City leadership with the tools and information required to act urgently in protecting our most vulnerable assets, and fostering a community culture that values, respects, and embraces Jamestown's heritage story." Crystal Surdyk, Director of Development.

“We are proud to continue our partnership with the Preservation League of New York State to support projects that foster community, and celebrate our State’s rich history” said **Mara Manus, NYSCA Executive Director**. “NYSCA remains dedicated to preserving New York State’s cultural footprint and we look forward to seeing these vital preservation projects realized. Congratulations to all!”

“Navigating the difficulties and hardships of the past year has been a challenge for nonprofits and municipalities across the state,” said **Erin Tobin, Vice President for Policy and Preservation and the Preservation League**. “The League is grateful to our program partners at NYSCA and the Gardiner Foundation for continuing to support Preserve New York, which will grant much-needed dollars to so many worthwhile preservation projects this year.”

About the Preservation League of New York State

Since its founding in 1974, the Preservation League has built a reputation for action and effectiveness. Our goal has been to preserve our historic buildings, districts, and landscapes and to build a better New York, one community at a time. The Preservation League of New York State invests in people and projects that champion the essential role of preservation in community revitalization, sustainable economic growth and the protection of our historic buildings and landscapes. We lead advocacy, economic development, and education programs across the state.

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