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Renaissance BLOCK Challenge

What is the Renaissance Block Challenge ?

The Renaissance Block Challenge encourages groups of neighbors to collaborate on exterior improvements to their properties, with the goal of building confidence in Jamestown's neighborhoods and spurring others to reinvest.

Benefits of Participation:

Groups of neighbors who apply for and receive designation as a "Renaissance Block" will have access to resources that will accelerate their neighborhood's revitalization, including:

- Matching funds for exterior improvements (dollar-for-dollar match, up to $1,000)
- Access to discounts from sponsoring hardware stores and garden centers
- Discounts from coordinated purchasing of materials or services
- Design assistance

Challenge Components:

- Exterior improvements to a group of homes completed during the summer/fall of 2012. Work is performed or directed by the participating property owners.
- Events, such as block parties, organized by Renaissance Block participants to celebrate neighborhood progress.

What are examples of eligible improvements ?

- Painting
- Porch repair
- Soffit repair
- Sidewalk repair
- Mailboxes
- Exterior lights
- Front yard landscaping
- Front doors/screen doors

How is the Challenge supported ?

- Private sponsors
- Participant contributions
- City assistance
- Donated/discounted materials
- In-kind services
- Participant or volunteer labor

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What are the selection criteria?

The following criteria will be taken into consideration during the process of designating Renaissance Blocks in 2011:

•Number of participating properties: Proposed neighbor groups should have at least **FIVE** participating property owners. Groups may include both owner-occupied homes *and* the owners of rental property.

•Ability to contribute part of the funding and labor necessary to complete the proposed improvements.

•Groups on high visibility and high leverage streets (listed in neighborhood plan) will receive special consideration—call Peter Lombardi for details at 338-9889.

How do I apply?

1. **Recruit neighbors to participate in the Challenge with you.**
2. **Fill out a pre-application and submit it to the Jamestown Renaissance Corp (JRC)** Pre-applications are available at the JRC, online at www.jrconline.org, and through e-mail (peter@discoverjamestown.com).
3. **Meet with the Challenge coordinators** Your group will get an assessment of your block, ideas for Challenge activities, and application assistance.
4. **Fill out and turn in the final application** Your group will have to outline the scope of work at each house, how you propose completing the work, and other resources you can provide.

Key dates:
Pre-applications due by **March 23**
Applications due by **April 20**
Awards announced: **May 10**
Improvement projects and events: **Summer and fall 2012**

Questions?

Visit or contact Peter Lombardi at the Jamestown Renaissance Corp.
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Pre-Application

Please complete this short pre-application to signal your neighborhood's interest in the Renaissance Block Challenge. Enter the names and street addresses of group participants in the space below, followed by contact information for the group's designated contact person.

Name of group member	**Street address**

*More than ten in your group? Please attach additional names to this page.

Your group's primary contact: Name _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Submit pre-application by March 23, 2012 to:

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