

Jamestown, New York Renewal Community

ID	Renewal Community Name	OLAS#	Population	Sq Miles	Poverty	Unemployment
54	Jamestown, NY	NY0033	6,651	2	42%	17%

The City of Jamestown has a long history of using community visioning and strategic planning in conjunction with local, state and Federal governments. The City hopes that the RC designation will help move residents towards self-sufficiency through job creation.

Jamestown's Course of Action chooses the four following strategies:

Reducing Tax Burdens

The primary tax reduction strategy includes the benefits to businesses who are Zone Certified Businesses through the Greater Jamestown Empire Zone. This New York State designation provides a Business Tax Reduction Credit, Real Property Tax Credit, Sales Tax Exemption, Wage Tax Credit, Investment Tax Credit and Employment Incentive Credit.

Improving Local Services

The main thrust of this strategy is the Weed and Seed Partnership that includes Safe Havens that include coordinated after school and youth enrichment programs.

Reducing Crime

In addition to Weed and Seed, Community Service Unit Officers provide the center of crime reduction strategies. Also of note are advisory programs, like the Citizen Observation of Police Services and the Police and Latino Mediation Advisory Board. Jamestown also operates education programs about drug resistance, domestic violence, drunk driving, rape aggression defense, gangs, youth violence and personal safety. Neighborhoods in Jamestown have organized watch groups, National Night Out and other crime prevention programs.

Involving Community Partners

The Weed and Seed Program overlaps most of Jamestown's development strategies. Other partners involved with economic development and job creation include the following organizations:

- Manufacturer's Association Jamestown Area
- Chamber of Commerce
- Downtown Jamestown Development Corporation
- Joint Neighborhood Project
- Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc.
- Chautauqua County Arts Council