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**League to Offer Historic Tax Credit Information Sessions- 3/27**  
*Learn about eligibility for historic rehabilitation tax credits*

ALBANY, March 4, 2019 – Commercial property owners, realtors, contractors, and community leaders are invited to attend a meeting to find out how to save money while making repairs to older buildings.

The Preservation League of New York State and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation will present free sessions in Montgomery County to encourage people to take advantage of New York’s Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits.

The event will take place at House of Bread, located at 14 Park Place in St. Johnsville, NY on March 27, 2019. The commercial session will be held from **3:00–5:00 p.m.** and the homeowner session will be held from **6:00-8:00 p.m.** Attendees are welcome to attend one or both sessions. Staff from the State Historic Preservation Office will review the basic guidelines of the program and answer questions on the application process.

This event is presented by the **Preservation League of New York State**, the **New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation**, and co-sponsored by **The Friends of St. Johnsville, Preserve our Past** and **Mohawk Valley Collective**.

Speakers include Christina Hingle, the League’s Public Policy Associate; Julian Adams, Tax Credit Director, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; Dan McEneny, Coordinator, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; and Tolga Morawski, Co-founder and Board Member, Mohawk Valley Collective.

“The federal and New York State Historic Tax Credit programs have emerged as signature economic development tools for the revitalization of vacant and underutilized historic buildings throughout the state,” said Daniel Mackay, Deputy Commissioner of the NYS Division for Historic Preservation. “New York is now the national leader in the use of the credits, posting investments in the billions, with more than half of that coming from upstate. We are so pleased to administer this program that has played a significant role in the recent revitalization of many of our state’s historic downtowns and Main Streets.”

The NYS Historic Homeowner Rehabilitation Tax Credit will cover 20% of qualified rehabilitation costs of structures, up to a credit value of \$50,000. The NYS Historic Commercial

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Properties Tax Credit will cover up to 20% of qualified rehabilitation costs up to a credit value of \$5 million and can be combined with the 20% Federal Tax Credit. This program requires that the building be individually listed in the State or National Register of Historic Places, or as a contributing building in a listed historic district.

“These tax credit programs can help residential and commercial property owners protect their investment for years to come.” Said Jay DiLorenzo, President, Preservation League of New York State.

To find out if a property is eligible, please visit <http://nysparks.com/shpo/tax-credit-programs> or contact the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation at 518-237-8643.

Space is limited, to RSVP please visit the League’s website: <https://www.preservenys.org/st-johnsville-327.html> or contact Christina Hingle at [chingle@preservenys.org](mailto:chingle@preservenys.org) or 518-462-5658 x18.

**The League will offer registered architects in NYS a total of (2) HSW credit hours of continuing education for attending.**

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*The Preservation League 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. It leads advocacy, economic development and education programs across New York State.*