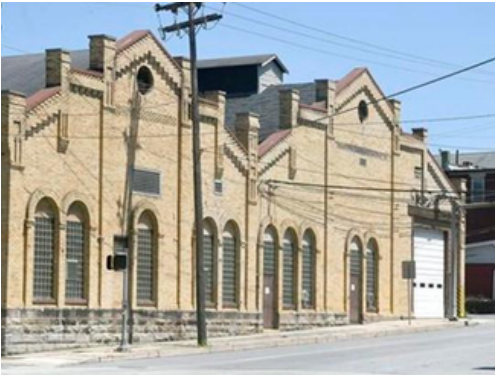




ANNUAL REPORT

Revitalizing Our Past, Building Our Future
Celebrating Progress

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Partners and Community Members,

2025 marked a pivotal year for the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority. With the transition of executive leadership, a renewed focus on financial stewardship, and visible progress on key redevelopment projects, JRA entered a new era of collaboration and momentum.

From strengthening our downtown and neighborhoods to advancing environmental infrastructure, this year reflected what can be achieved when local, state, and federal partners align for community progress.

Together, we're building the foundation for a vibrant, sustainable Johnstown—one project, one partnership, and one success story at a time.

Sincerely,

Mark Critz, Executive Director



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MARKET ON MAIN STREET

Plans for a Grocery Store Downtown

- The Market on Main project progressed significantly this year, securing over \$575,000 toward its \$1.1 million budget.
- When complete, it will restore access to fresh food downtown and support economic activity on Main Street.

Key partners include:

- City of Johnstown
- Community Foundation for the Alleghenies
- JARI
- State leaders and grant programs
- Fresh Food Financing Initiative

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HORNER STREET BLIGHT ELIMINATION

From Blight to Opportunity

The former Sheesley's Concrete site underwent extensive demolition and environmental cleanup. The waterline installation will serve the City of Johnstown Fire Department training site, providing essential infrastructure that improves firefighter training, emergency response readiness, and overall community safety.

2025 achievements:

- Major structures removed
- New water line installed
- Trail alignment improved
- Underground storage tank remediation planned

This corridor is now ready for reuse and improved public access.



URBAN INDUSTRIAL PARK

Preparing Land for Job Creation

Construction began on the Urban Industrial Park Connector Road this summer.

2025 progress included:

- Site clearing and grading
- Tree removal and debris relocation
- Road construction initiation
- Grant applications for future tenants
- Interest from veterinary, manufacturing, and logistics users

This project sets the stage for future economic development.

Phase I: Eastern Access & Initial Connector Road

- Provide access to the east portion of the Industrial Park.
- Build a Connector Road extending to Iron Street, just south of the Hinkston Run crossing and then travels up the adjacent hillside.
- Road length: approximately 1,000 feet.
- Requires significant earthwork totaling about 50,000 cubic yards of excavation.
- Includes installation of a parallel storm sewer system and minor improvements to an unnamed tributary of Hinkston Run.



DOWNTOWN GREENSPACE INITIATIVES

Pocket Park & Public Space Enhancements

JRA was awarded multiple grants – including T-Mobile Hometown Grant and People, Parks, and Community Foundation Grant – to build a new Pocket Park downtown.

The vision includes:

- Expanded greenspace
- Outdoor seating
- Walkable, vibrant gathering areas
- Enhanced business district appeal

This initiative supports local businesses and strengthens downtown quality of life.

The Pocket Park is being designed as a community asset that will provide a much-needed social gathering space for residents, workers, and visitors. Phase 1 of the construction will begin in Spring 2026.



HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Center for Metal Arts

The Center for Metal Arts received over \$6 million in state, federal, and local grant funding to restore and renovate the historic Cambria Iron Works buildings along Iron Street. This preservation effort anchors a broader campus development plan for metal arts, delivering lasting cultural, educational, and economic benefits to the community.

Clara Barton House & Gardens

Renovation efforts are continuing, with approximately 80% of grant funds drawn down from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and construction actively ongoing. Completed and ongoing improvements include window replacement, enhanced building security, preservation and renovation of the front porch, replacement of the rear deck and stairs, and the addition of a new, smaller side porch and stairway. Since 2019, more than \$400,000 has been invested in this historic structure through a combination of PHMC and local grant funding.



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NEIGHBORHOOD & HOUSING PROGRAMS

Whole-Home Repairs

160 homeowners received assistance for safety, energy efficiency, and essential repairs.

Neighborhood Partnership Program

Facade, landscaping, and weatherization improvements enhanced neighborhood aesthetics and stability.

Together, these programs improve housing quality and preserve long-term community assets.



LEAD ABATEMENT PROGRAM

Funded through the EPA Thriving Communities Program, JRA launched a citywide lead abatement initiative.

Collaborating with:

- Center for Population Health
- City of Johnstown

The program identifies homes with lead hazards and funds remediation work to protect children and families. Funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 3 through its Thriving Communities Grant Program and awarded via Green & Healthy Homes Initiative, Inc., the Authority is administering a lead abatement program that protects public health, improves housing conditions, and supports safer, healthier homes throughout the community.



ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Improving Sewer & Wastewater Systems

JRA continued critical upgrades to regional environmental infrastructure.

2025 milestones:

- Grit removal system rehabilitation
- Gravity thickener upgrades
- New disinfection tanks
- SCADA system modernization
- Consent Order extension secured

These improvements ensure reliable service and environmental protection for decades to come.



GRANTS, FUNDING WINS & COMMUNITY IMPACT

Investing in Johnstown’s future

In 2025, the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority leveraged federal, state, and local partnerships to bring significant resources into the community. These funds supported redevelopment, neighborhood stabilization, infrastructure upgrades, and future economic growth.

Major Grants Secured

- \$30,000 — People, Parks & Community Grant (Downtown Pocket Park)
- \$50,000 — T-Mobile Hometown Grant (Pocket Park enhancement)
- \$50,000 — CEAP Grant via Senator Langerholc (Market on Main)
- \$176,508 — KCI Grant via Representative Burns (Cambria Rowe asbestos abatement)

CFA Contributions

- \$100,000 — Demolition of Bond Street apartment complex
- \$10,000 — Highland Avenue duplex demolition
- \$404,000 — Horner Street Blight Elimination (Sheesley site)
- \$95,985 — Market on Main project
- \$180,000 — Bridge loan supporting Market on Main progress

Additional Awards & Active Applications

- \$350,000 — Green & Healthy Homes Lead Mitigation
- \$100,000 — Main Street Matters façade improvement program (pending)
- \$1,152,000 — ARC POWER grant for Urban Industrial Park (pending)
- \$2,535,000 — Transportation Improvement Program: Iron Street Bridge replacement
- \$300,000 — DCNR Rivers Feasibility Study
- \$200,000 — ISRP Grant for brownfield remediation

Helping Homeowners

- Whole-Home Repairs
 - 26 homes improved
 - \$242,000 invested
- Sewer Lateral Assistance
 - 10 homes helped
 - \$46,000 invested
- Sewer Lateral Loan Program
 - \$165,000 loaned to support residents with critical repairs

Each dollar secured helps families stay in their homes, removes unsafe structures, restores historic spaces, protects our environment, and prepares the ground for new economic growth.

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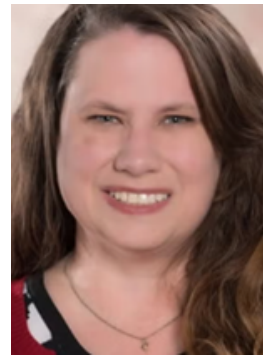
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