

# PATTERN'S PROGRESS

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## EXPLORATION BEGINS ON MIDDLETOWN SHARED SERVICES, DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Joseph DeStefano, mayor

The Middletown City Council has signed a one-year agreement with Pattern for Progress which lays out a plan for examining the potentials for sharing services with nearby municipalities and for exploring the possibilities in regard to the revitalization of a section of the city's downtown. Middletown Mayor Joseph DeStefano met with Pattern President Jonathan Drapkin and Pattern Vice President Joe Czajka on April 7 to provide details and direction on the parameters of the project. Middletown, with a 2010 population of 28,086, is the only of Orange County's three cities which has experienced steady growth. The Pattern project will look at efficiencies that can be gained and will look at the possibility of accommodating residential development as well as commercial development in the city's downtown. The agreement comes just as incentives for sharing services became official in the recently passed New York State budget.

## TALKING CITY IMPROVEMENTS IN NEW ROCHELLE

Pattern President Jonathan Drapkin and Chief Strategy Office March Gallagher traveled to the City of New Rochelle on April 3 to help facilitate a day-long training session with the Mayor and City Council in regard to economic and community development in the city. Pattern will now compile a report on the issues covered by the training session. New Rochelle officials and planners are seeking ways to make the most of the growth in a city which was estimated to be at its peak population of 78,388 in the census estimate of 2012.



## Save the Date: May 19

### INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES:

**CRUMBLING OR TUMBLING & WHAT CAN BE DONE?**



### SURVEY SAYS ...

More than 68% of Hudson Valley municipalities are concerned they **do not have sufficient water supply** to meet future demand

More than 38% are concerned they **do not have sufficient sewer capacity** for the future

**... and planning for 2020 and beyond is a rarity.**

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## AT BUSINESS LUNCHEON, PATTERN TAKES PULSE OF ROCKLAND

Pattern staff briefed the Rockland Business Association on current Pattern for Progress work in health, demographics and education at the March 26 RBA members luncheon at the Paramount Country Club. Pattern's Robin DeGroat also conducted a snapshot poll of attitudes about issues in Rockland County. The audience of more than 120 said high taxes and the need for job creation are among the top issues on their minds.

Attendees also said public education is a top concern for them and they are worried their children will see a decline in quality of life.



RBA's Al Samuels with Jonathan Drapkin of Pattern.

