

‘ACROSS THE AISLE’ RETURNS FEB. 6

GIBSON, MALONEY TO DISCUSS REPRESENTING THE REGION ON FEDERAL LEVEL

Congressmen Chris Gibson, R-19, and Sean Patrick Maloney, D-18, will talk about the difficulties of navigating the politics of Washington while still keeping the interests of the Hudson Valley first and foremost in a third edition of Across the Aisle, an event that has now become a trademark Pattern for Progress forum.



Both Gibson and Maloney faced competition last fall but were returned to office by the voters on election day – Gibson for a third term and Maloney for a second. Gibson, a combat veteran, and Maloney, a former senior adviser to President Bill Clinton, are now seated in one of the most closely watched congresses in recent memory with a Democratic White House and a Republican majority house and senate.

Against that backdrop, the congressmen will be asked to discuss the realities of their notably bi-partisan approach to the region’s issues and the effects the Hudson Valley can expect with the shift in power.

Through the generous ongoing sponsorship of Marist College, Across the Aisle 2015 is set to take place starting 7:45 a.m. Friday, Feb. 6, at the Student Center Cabaret at Marist. Reservations are \$35 for members and \$50 for non-members. Please call 845-565-4900 or email rdegroat@pfprogress.org to make a reservation or to become a sponsor of the event.

What will the changes in congress mean to the Hudson Valley?
 Congressmen Chris Gibson, R-19, left, and Sean Patrick Maloney, D-18, will take on that topic and respond to additional questions on Feb. 6 at Marist College.

**Pattern Work
 Guides Communities**

Over the last year, Pattern assisted the City of Middletown, the Village of Brewster and the Town of Crawford as these communities analyzed issues and made plans to address them. In Middletown, Pattern helped the City to develop a strategy for the redevelopment of vacant downtown buildings and design a homeowner opportunity program to transition vacant residential buildings to new owners. In Crawford, Pattern worked with the Town to conduct vision sessions and design a community development plan. In the Village of Brewster, Pattern worked with Village officials to address vacancy and other main street issues through the Envision Brewster program. Pattern takes on a limited number of Enhanced Service Agreement contracts with Hudson Valley municipalities each year.

Fran Dunwell of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation makes a point about infrastructure.

**In
 Regional
 Think
 Session**

**HUDSON
 VALLEY
 VIEWS
 AIRED**



More than 60 leaders from government, environmental agencies, housing groups, anti-poverty organizations, education and business gathered at SUNY New Paltz on January 14 for a session focused on positioning the Hudson Valley for the future as part of the wider metropolitan region. The gathering was organized by Pattern as part of Pattern’s ongoing collaboration with the Regional Plan Association (RPA), the Manhattan-based planning powerhouse that is now producing the 4th Regional Plan for the region comprised of New York City and the areas that surround it, including the Hudson Valley. Issues as varied as agriculture, infrastructure, effective schools and housing that’s affordable were part of the discussion.