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PATTERN'S PROGRESS

A Monthly E-Update for Members of Pattern for Progress

TASK FORCE TACKLES LAND USE POLICY

With the help of 17 land use professionals including planners, developers, attorneys and environmental advocates (see the list [here](#)), Pattern has completed a three-week process to draft its first land use policy. The resulting guidelines will help Pattern advocate on behalf of projects of regional significance and those that help achieve an objective from Pattern's strategic plan, e.g. workforce housing. The next step is to approach the full board for input and approval.

YEAR TWO RECRUITMENT BEGINS FOR PATTERN FELLOWS PROGRAM

The Fellows program has begun recruiting for the 2008-2009 class. Guest lecturers, readings and individual and group projects are aimed at developing regional thinking. Diego Aviles, Development Director for the HV Council of Boy Scouts and first year graduate, called the program "a wonderful opportunity to gain insight into Regionalism and the critical issues facing the Hudson Valley. The information learned will be vital in my role at the Scouts." ([More](#))

FIRST REUNION OF PATTERN BOARD MEMBERS PROMPTS ISSUES DISCUSSION

Pattern hosted its first "reunion" of the board's alumni on July 10, when 16 former board members gathered at the Powelton Club in Newburgh to share ideas and opinions about Pattern's strategic direction. Participants said they enjoyed the event and hope to return next year. *If you have contact info for other former board members please [email](#) us.*

BENJAMIN & DRAPKIN ADDRESS OC CITIZENS FOUNDATION ON MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Strategies for improving local municipal service delivery, including shared services and government consolidation, were the focus of a meeting July 9 at the Orange County Citizens Foundation. Dr. Gerald Benjamin, director of SUNY New Paltz' Center for Research, Regional Education and Outreach, and Pattern's Jonathan Drapkin addressed the gathering.

HOUSING E-BULLETIN DISTRIBUTED TO VALLEY:

The July issue of the bimonthly e-bulletin "Housing the Hudson Valley" summarized the June Housing Conference. One planner's response: "Many thanks for this excellent overview summary of the summit. I think it will be valuable to many in the HV wanting to participate in change." Click [here](#) to view current and past issues. Click [here](#) to add your name to the mailing list.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES REMAIN IN 2008 PATTERN SCHEDULE

A limited number of sponsorship opportunities are available for Pattern's remaining 2008 events, including the conference on local government this fall, the annual awards reception November 6, the final quarterly newsletter in October, and the new 2008-2009 class of Pattern Fellows. Contact Pattern at (845) 565-4900 or visit our website [here](#).

PATTERN'S BOARD MEMBERS IN THE NEWS:

James Bodrato, executive director of the Construction Contractors Association of the Hudson Valley, has received two grants to establish a center for training contractors to build "green" and achieve LEEDS certification ... **Reginald Fuller**, president of the Hudson Valley district of Key-Bank, has been appointed to the board of the Westchester Arts Council ... **Marjorie Rovereto**, president of Ulster Savings Bank, has been appointed co-chair of the finance committee of the local organizing committee of the Empire State Games.

AND LOOK FOR.... MIXED ECONOMIC NEWS IN THE VALLEY

- *The price of a barrel of oil has started to fall after its meteoric rise ... but unemployment rates continue to climb above last year.*
- *I-84/87 connector moves to completion ... yet airline industry woes affect Stewart expansion.*
- *Interest in Transportation Oriented Development is increasing ... while status of a new Tappan Zee Bridge remains a mystery.*