



A Monthly E-Update for Members of Pattern for Progress

PATTERN'S PROGRESS

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SPRING 2010 CONFERENCE TO INTEGRATE SEQRA AND ITS IMPACT ON HOUSING

The fourth annual "Housing the Hudson Valley" conference in June will be subtitled, "A Balanced Pattern for Growth", to continue the work on the environmental review (SEQR) process begun at Pattern's fall conference, and examine its impact on housing and the regional economy. Sponsorship opportunity information has been mailed to past sponsors; click [here](#) to download a PDF. Members should watch their email for updates as plans develop for this event.

PATTERN SERVES ON TWO QUADRICENTENNIAL COMMISSION TASK FORCES

Six task forces emerged from last year's work by the Hudson Fulton Champlain Quadricentennial Commission, and Pattern has begun work with two of them. Charlie Murphy is meeting with the Land Use group, while Jonathan Drapkin participates in the Economic Development task force. All aim to contribute to a long-term, comprehensive vision for the region. The first task force reports are due April 15, and the Quadricentennial's website, OurHudson.org, will report on their progress.

FELLOWS HOST DISCUSSION WITH CHAMBER HEADS ON BALANCING ISSUES

This month, Pattern's Regional Fellows' agenda included a discussion with heads of three chambers on meeting needs of their members vs. forming a regional coalition to contribute a regional perspective to Albany. Ann Meagher (Southern Dutchess), John D'Ambrosio (Orange) and Al Samuels (Rockland) met with Fellows and alumni at this well-attended session. The second class this month featured a debate on the influences of the Baby Boomer generation, based on readings from *Hot, Flat and Crowded*. See more on the Fellows [here](#).

NONPROFITS WIN \$250,000 SMART GROWTH GRANT FOR LOWER HUDSON VALLEY

Pattern is a member of a group of seven nonprofits led by Open Space Institute who filed a successful application for a regional planning grant from the NYS Department of State. Pattern will seek to bridge the goals of environmental and economic development organizations, in an effort to bring greater development potential to the region. The first planning sessions took place at OSI headquarters this month.

PATTERN ON THE ROAD

- ... Charlie Murphy testified at the MTA's March 3 hearing in Suffern on proposed service cuts for Rockland and Orange commuter trains ([more](#))
- ... Jonathan Drapkin participated in a Sullivan County Partnership facilitated panel on the SEQRA effort March 11 with Willie Janeway of the DEC, Larry Wolinsky of Jacobowitz & Gubits, and Ramsay Adams of the Catskill Mountainkeepers.

PATTERN BOARD MEMBERS AND FELLOWS IN THE NEWS ...

Fellows alumnus **Howard Protter**, managing partner of Jaacobowitz & Gubits, will be guest speaker at the NYS Bar Association Law Committee Tele-Seminar "Paying Partners What They are Worth" on April 22 ... Board Member **John Rath**, senior VP and group manager of commercial lending at TD Bank, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Hudson Valley Economic Development Corporation ... The Girl Scouts and YWCA Orange County will give their 2010 Public Service Award to Fellows alumna **Alice Dickinson**, executive director of Orange County RDAC, at the annual Tribute to Women of Achievement Dinner May 12 at Anthony's Pier 9 (click [here](#) for ticket info) ... current Fellow **Bernadette Rexford**, marketing coordinator for HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley, has been selected an Employee of the Quarter by Kingston Hospital ... Fellows alumnus **Christopher Marx**, director for continuing and professional education at SUNY Ulster, has been appointed to the board of Rural Ulster Preservation Corporation (RUPCO). *Congratulations!*