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PATTERN'S PROGRESS

A Monthly E-Update for Members of Pattern for Progress

DEC COMMISSIONER PETE GRANNIS WILL ADDRESS FALL CONFERENCE ON SEPTEMBER 17

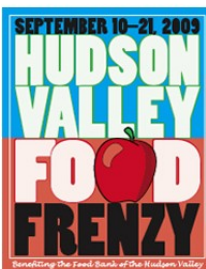
How can the environmental review process be improved upon to better serve this region's economic recovery? Register now for Pattern's third annual fall conference on local government efficiency, "The SEQRA Solution: Striking the Right Balance", which will be held September 17 at SUNY New Paltz. Visit our [website](#) for details: agenda, event sponsorship opportunities, and registration information.

PATTERN CO-HOSTS COMPTROLLER VISIT, SPEECH ON EQUITY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli visited the Hudson Valley on August 18 to promote the \$1 billion In-State Private Equity Investment Program, aimed at providing businesses across the state with equity funding while growing the state pension fund. Pattern co-hosted this event with the Orange County Chamber, Hudson Valley EDC, and the Hudson Valley Angel Investors. ([more](#))

SAVE THE DATE: PATTERN ANNOUNCES THEME FOR AWARDS RECEPTION NOVEMBER 5

Food takes on new meaning for Pattern's annual Awards Reception, November 5 at Anthony's Pier 9 in New Windsor. Supporting the Regional Fellows' project aiding hunger in the Hudson Valley (see item below), this event will feature cooking demonstrations by regionally renowned chefs during the networking session, and opportunities to help the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley. More to come!



PATTERN FELLOWS KICK OFF "FOOD FRENZY"; SIGN UP YOUR ORGANIZATION TO FIGHT HUNGER IN THE HUDSON VALLEY!

The Fellows class of 2008-2009 has continued their project work to fight hunger in the region, kicking off an exciting new campaign in September to coincide with National Hunger Awareness Month. The Hudson Valley Food Frenzy engages local businesses and organizations of similar size and/or mission in a friendly competition to collect food and money for the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley. See registration info and details on the Food Bank's [website](#), or contact Howard Protter at Jacobowitz & Gubits: (845) 778-2121 or by [email](#).

MAKE NOTE! RECRUITMENT CONTINUES FOR NEW FELLOWS CLASS; DEADLINE IS SEPT. 15

Pattern continues to recruit candidates for the third year of its Regional Fellows Program, which trains mid-career leaders from many disciplines in viewing and addressing the Hudson Valley's issues from a regional perspective. More information [here](#).

SEATS AVAILABLE FOR NEXT "HUDSON VALLEY BREAKFAST TABLE" ON SEPTEMBER 23

Stimulating roundtable discussion has sparked the Hudson Valley Breakfast Table meetings each month, with members and guests from town boards, businesses, consultants and nonprofits interacting on the issues with Pattern President Jonathan Drapkin and Board Chair Dave MacFarland. To join a future discussion, [email](#) Pattern or call (845) 565-4900.

PATTERN ON THE ROAD ...

... Ulster Public Meetings Advance Study on Shared Services Potential ... Ulster County Executive Michael Hein and the Pattern consultant team completed local meetings in Saugerties, Wawarsing and Gardiner in August to encourage new ideas on how municipalities can share resources, improve services and save taxpayers money. Funded by a \$260,000 grant from the NY Department of State, the Countywide Shared Service Feasibility Study and Implementation Plan is considered the largest analysis of inter-municipal shared service potential in New York history. The study team assembled by Pattern includes SUNY New Paltz' CRREO, Fairweather Consulting, the Intergovernmental Studies Program at Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy in Albany, and Binghamton University's Center for Applied Community Research and Development. ([more](#))

... Beacon Forum Explores Chinese Exchange ... Pattern VP Charlie Murphy spoke at an August 17 meeting when delegates from the Chinese city of Tianjin were invited to share ideas and build an exchange between the two municipalities. ([more](#))