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PATTERN'S PROGRESS

A Monthly E-Update for Members of Pattern for Progress

PRESIDENT'S DAY BREAKFAST TO FEATURE MID-HUDSON COUNTIES' CHIEF ELECTEDS

Registration is brisk for Pattern's annual breakfast on February 26 at the Poughkeepsie Grand, where at least 5 county heads will discuss "How County Government can Innovate for Tough Times". Sponsors now include Riverside Bank, Construction Contractors Association of the Hudson Valley, EmblemHealth, Marshall & Sterling Insurance, Mohonk Preserve and the Port Authority of NY & NJ.

[Sponsorship Opportunity Info](#) [Press Release](#) [Registration info](#)

SPECIAL REPORT ALERTS MEMBERS TO PROPOSED MTA PAYROLL TAX

In response to the MTA payroll tax proposal by the Ravitch Commission, Pattern is working together with other chamber heads and economic development agencies to fight the tax that would apply to all our members. We also distributed a Special Report to members this week analyzing the issue and advocating action against the tax. Members' reactions have been overwhelmingly positive.

[Pattern's Report](#) [Sample of Media Coverage](#)

PATTERN'S INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE APPLIES FOR JAILS STUDY GRANT

In partnership with Pattern and the Center for Research, Regional Education and Outreach at SUNY New Paltz, Orange County and co-applicants of Sullivan and Ulster Counties have submitted a proposal to NYS Department of State asking for a High Priority Planning Grant to determine the potential for a regional approach to jailing in the Hudson Valley. [THR Editorial](#) ["Editorial on the Money"](#)

ULSTER TAPS PATTERN TO COORDINATE LANDMARK SHARED SERVICES STUDY

Pattern has won the contract for Ulster's "Countywide Shared Service Feasibility Study and Implementation Plan", signing on four expert resources to work with the County, City of Kingston and 12 towns in the largest study of inter-municipal shared service potential in NY. The study will be funded by a \$260,000 grant from the NY Department of State. [Press Release](#)

JANUARY ISSUE OF "HOUSING THE HUDSON VALLEY" E-BULLETIN RELEASED

This month's issue of Pattern's Housing E-Bulletin features a summary of housing awards in the five Mid-Hudson counties from 2000-2007, as well as many updates and resources. If you missed this issue or would like to be added to the distribution list, go to the "Reports" tab on our [home page](#).

PATTERN ON THE ROAD ...

... County Executive Mike Hein announced Ulster will act on recommendations of The Economic Transition Task Force, which was facilitated by Pattern's Jonathan Drapkin. [More](#)

... Drapkin was invited by the Beacon Institute to speak on a panel at their presidential inauguration event on January 20. [More](#)

PATTERN BOARD MEMBERS IN THE NEWS ...

Jay Holt has been named VP-LEED AP at Holt Construction, which this month received Rockland County's "Distinguished Service Award" for the county's first LEED certified building at Rockland Community College, **Michael Turturro** of Vanacore, DeBenedictus, DiGiovanni & Weddell announces his firm's new e-bulletin, *BRIDGE...Your connection to financial Success* (more) ... **Marjorie Rovereto** has been named to the Board of Directors of New York Business Development Corporation ... and **Dave MacFarland** announces that Riverside Bank has earned Bauer Financial's 5-star "Superior" rating for financial strength and stability ([more](#)). *Congratulations!*