

PATTERN'S PROGRESS

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ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO TALK TAX CAP OCTOBER 3

Reserve October 3 for "The Tax Cap Challenge", the 2011 Fall Conference on Local Government that will provide ideas and resources to help municipalities and school districts innovate in the way they deliver services. The event is co-hosted with CRREO at SUNY New Paltz. Click [here](#) for more information on sponsorships and reservations.

PATTERN CEO APPOINTED TO GOVERNOR'S MID-HUDSON REGIONAL COUNCIL



Jonathan Drapkin has been appointed to the new Regional Council for Economic Development, announced last week at SUNY New Paltz by Lieutenant Governor Robert Duffy, chair of the statewide effort comprising ten regional councils. The councils are charged with developing plans by November 1 that will compete for \$1 billion in state funding. *Pictured with Drapkin are council members Al Samuels, Rockland Business Association, and Marsha Gordon, Westchester Business Council.* ([More](#))

SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 3 IS PATTERN'S ANNUAL AWARDS RECEPTION

The premiere regional networking event in the Hudson Valley returns November 3, typically bringing together 450 to 500 of the region's leaders to celebrate winners of regional awards and hear a dynamic keynote speaker. Visit Pattern's [website](#) for more on sponsorship and registration.

SEQRA WORKING GROUP SEEKS CASE HISTORIES SUPPORTING NEED FOR REFORM

Pattern's SEQRA working group continues to meet with the region's land use experts to seek improvements to the environmental review law. The July 27 meeting resulted in a call for the creation of case study documents that dramatize the need for reform. [Email](#) your suggestions to Pattern's Special Advisor on Land Use and Planning, Barbara "Charlie" Murphy, who is coordinating the project.

RECRUITMENT OF FELLOWS ACCELERATES AS PATTERN SEARCHES REGION FOR LEADERS

The Regional Fellows Program kicks off its fifth year in October, looking for two dozen of the region's leaders to experience the issues from a Hudson Valley perspective. Click [here](#) to see past graduates, a sampling of their projects, program description and application materials. *Deadline is September 16.*

PATTERN ON THE ROAD...

- ... Jonathan Drapkin participated in a Shared Services news conference at SUNY New Paltz July 13 when NYS Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli released a report urging the sharing of highway services, and recognized Ulster County Executive Mike Hein's efforts to pilot a snowplowing plan as part of a study coordinated by Pattern. ([more](#))
- ... Chris Ferrero spoke about regional issues with the Highland Falls/West Point Rotarians July 28 at the Hotel Thayer. *If your community group would like Pattern to speak at your event, email Chris [here](#).*

PATTERN BOARD MEMBERS AND FELLOWS IN THE NEWS ...

Pattern Board Member **Dr. William Richards**, president of SUNY Orange, was an honoree at the 5th annual gala to benefit Safe Harbors of the Hudson June 11 at the Ritz Theater Lobby in Newburgh ([more](#)) ... Board Member **Father Kevin Mackin**, president of Mount Saint Mary College, finalized the \$5 million purchase of the 13-acre Dominican Center July 13 ([more](#)) ... Pattern Fellows Alumna **Tricia O'Malley** is new director of development and marketing for Mid-Hudson Valley Planned Parenthood ([more](#))... Board Member **Elmore Alexander**, Dean of Marist College's School of Management, announced the new Marist Investment Center, which simulates a Wall Street experience ([more](#)) ... Board Member **Howard Kaufman** of Leyland Alliance was in CT for the June 29 groundbreaking of the Storrs Center, comprising 290 apartments plus commercial and retail space that Leyland began planning in the 1990's ([more](#)) ... *Congratulations!*