

PATTERN'S PROGRESS

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FIFTH ANNUAL SPRING HOUSING CONFERENCE DRAWS 200 TO POUGHKEEPSIE

At Pattern's June 13 conference, "Housing the Hudson Valley: Forecasting the Future?", speaker **Joseph Tracy** of the Federal Reserve Bank of NY drew praise for his housing market overview, as did panelists discussing foreclosure impacts and the Shadow Inventory, development of downtown and center city, and regional economic development impacts; the Westchester County team demonstrating 3D community modeling; and Jon Behrends' tour of the 300 block of Main Street. Pattern's 3rd annual Regional Housing Awards went to **Norma Drummond** of Westchester County Planning and **Karen FitzPatrick** of M&T Bank. See media coverage [here](#).



"HOUSING THE HUDSON VALLEY" DISCUSSION BRIEF RELEASED AT EVENT

Pattern's latest research publication, "Housing the Hudson Valley: A Discussion Brief on the Future of Housing Policy, Markets and Growth", was distributed at this month's spring conference. The report includes real estate data and trends, demographic indicators and projections of future population growth for nine counties, and it explores impacts of foreclosures, Shadow Inventory, declining home values and reduced aid for homebuyer education. Click [here](#) to download the 12-page report, or email us [here](#) to request a hard copy.

CONGRATULATIONS FELLOWS GRADUATES! RECRUITMENT BEGINS FOR NEW YEAR

The annual luncheon for Pattern's graduating class of Regional Fellows featured a panel of mid-Hudson city mayors, as well as Fellows' presentations on restructuring school districts, and a unique regional approach to waterfront brownfields. Click [here](#) to see this year's graduates, and to download an application for the 2011-2012 class to begin this Fall.

PATTERN TAKES NEXT STEPS ON SEQRA PROCESS

To focus Pattern's next phase of work on recalibrating the State Environmental Quality Review process, Barbara "Charlie" Murphy, former NYS Assistant Secretary of State and Pattern VP, will return as special advisor on land use. She will coordinate Pattern's working group and overall strategy committee in analyzing options for regulatory reform. Email Charlie [here](#) with suggestions.

PATTERN BOARD MEMBERS AND FELLOWS IN THE NEWS ...

Hundreds of well-wishers crowded into Anthony's Pier 9 this week to fete past Pattern Board Chair **David MacFarland**, president of Riverside Bank, at a retirement event at which Pattern President Jonathan Drapkin was one of many speakers ([more](#)) ... Pattern Board Member **James Smith**, president of Advance Testing, was the honoree at Mount St. Mary College's 33rd annual Invitational Golf Tournament June 6, which raised \$100,000 ([more](#)) ... Pattern Board Member **Peter Bienstock**, president of Shawangunk Valley Conservancy, was presented with the Arts Vision Award by the Arts Council of Princeton at their annual meeting June 16 at the Paul Robeson Center for the Arts ([more](#)) ... This year's Rhulen Rock Hill Run and Ramble raised \$69,000 for leukemia on June 18, according to event chair and Pattern Board Member **Suzanne Rhulen Loughlin**, EVP of Firestorm Solutions ([more](#)) ... 500 employees attended the IBM Poughkeepsie Centennial Town Hall meeting June 13, where Pattern Board Member **Glenn Hoagland**, executive director of Mohonk Preserve, was keynote speaker ... *Congratulations!*