

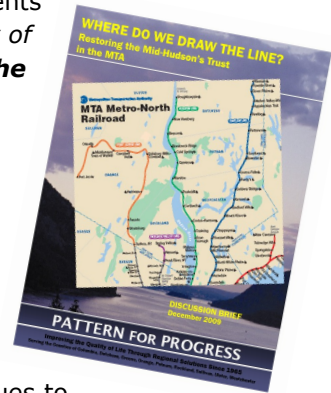
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PATTERN'S PROGRESS

A Monthly E-Update for Members of Pattern for Progress

PATTERN CO-HOSTS MID-HUDSON TOUR BY NEW MTA CHAIR JAY WALDER

More than 450 attended three county events to participate in a dialog on the new "mobility tax" with incoming MTA chair Jay Walder on December 1. Pattern co-hosted three events with chambers in Dutchess, Orange and Rockland counties. *Request a copy of Pattern's Discussion Brief, "Where do we draw the line? Restoring the Mid-Hudson's Trust in the MTA" [here](#), or download a PDF from Pattern's website, [here](#). See video and media coverage [here](#).*



SEQRA REVIEW GROUP CONTINUES TO GATHER INPUT

This week marks the fourth meeting of the core working group co-chaired by DEC's Hudson Valley Region, Pattern and Scenic Hudson to review the state's environmental review process. The group is using panel discussions to collect comments and ideas from a cross-section of developers, consultants, public officials, environmental advocates and land use attorneys on how to make the SEQR process more efficient and timely. Your input continues to be welcome; email comments to Pattern [here](#).

PATTERN FELLOWS CLASS OF 2009-2010 KICKS OFF YEAR ON REGIONALISM

The third class of Pattern's regional Fellows program, with an enrollment of 20 participants, have begun their new curriculum highlighted by a seminar on "Innovation, Entrepreneurship and a new Hudson Valley Economy" with guest speaker John Galanti, and a session on regional governance with guest speakers Dan Ahouse from Congressman Maurice Hinchey's office, Assistant NY State Comptroller Joseph Ruggiero, and Town of Fishkill Supervisor Joan Pagones. See more on the Fellows [here](#).

ULSTER SHARED SERVICES STUDY NEARING COMPLETION BY PATTERN, CONSULTANTS

Pattern, CRREO and their consulting team are completing the second round of interviews with chief elected officials in 25 Ulster municipalities, aiming toward a draft report and implementation plan to be issued before the end of the year.

PATTERN ON THE ROAD

... Pattern was invited to participate in NYS Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli's Nov. 30 press conference announcing a [research report](#) and [Local Government Management Guide](#) on ways municipalities can save money through shared services ([more](#)).

... Jonathan Drapkin testified on behalf of Pendell Commons, the Kearney Group's proposed affordable housing complex comprising 72 units for seniors and working families in the Town of Poughkeepsie, at a public hearing November 12 ([more](#)).

PATTERN BOARD MEMBERS AND FELLOWS IN THE NEWS ...

Vassar Brothers Medical Center, headed by Board Member **Dr. Daniel Aronzon**, received Health-Grades' award for Cardiac Surgery Excellence for the third year in a row, putting them in the top 5% of hospitals nationally ([more](#)) ... Riverside Bank, headed by Board Chair **Dave MacFarland**, won the Orange County Chamber's 2009 award for Medium Sized Business ... Central Hudson President **Carl Meyer** was quoted in an article reporting that the utility's rates are the lowest in NYS for commercial and industrial accounts, and the second lowest in residential rates ([more](#))... Among ten winners of Dutchess County Regional Chamber's 2009 Athena Awards, to be presented Dec. 6, are new Board Member **Donna McAleer**, president of Elant, Inc., and Pattern Fellows Alumna **Andrea Reynolds**, president of The Community Foundation of Dutchess ([more](#))... **Denise Frangipane** from Pattern's Fellows class of 2007 was re-elected Councilwoman to the Bethel Town Board. *Congratulations!*