



INFRASTRUCTURE PANELS TO DISCUSS CONDITIONS AND FUNDING

May 20th Event Also Highlights Latest Hudson Infrastructure Survey Update

How can the region keep up with the increasing challenges of an aging and often tapped-out infrastructure system? That's the crux of the matter when Pattern convenes its third Hudson Valley infrastructure conference on Friday, May 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in New Windsor. "The World of Infrastructure" brings together professionals from all aspects of the discussion in this information-packed summit. The morning session starts with Graham Trelstad of AKRF framing the issues faced by the region, then moves on to an in-depth presentation by the NYC DEP on maintaining the nation's largest water supply and the construction of the new Bypass Tunnel. Then a panel headed by Meghan Taylor of Empire State Development will discuss funding in "Show Me the Money." After the mid-morning break, experts from engineering firms and municipal



Graham Trelstad of the planning firm AKRF, and a Pattern board member, will open the conference and moderate the experts panel.

infrastructure will give hands-on advice followed by a closing keynote address from Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney of the Hudson Valley's 18th District and member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. In addition, Pattern's latest infrastructure survey and report, with input from 123 Hudson Valley municipalities, will be available. Reservations are available for a cost of \$60 (members); \$70 (non-members) and \$35 (civic rate for government employees). The event takes place at Anthony's Pier 9, 2975 Route 9W, New Windsor, and includes a buffet lunch. Those attending are asked to arrive at 8 a.m. To make a reservation, call the office or see the events section of pattern-for-progress.org. For sponsorship opportunities and information, call 845-565-4900.



Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney will close the conference with a discussion of federal infrastructure resources.

Urban Site Visits Reveal Possible Goals



Pattern's Urban Action Agenda has entered its second phase, which includes

site visits to each of the 25 UAA community to collect data and catalog planning initiatives, capacities and goals across the nine county region. Regional themes, strengths and actionable goals are emerging from the site visit analysis, as well as a framework for the public engagement phase of the planning process that will start later this year. (Shown, a view from the UAA site visit to Port Jervis, April 29).

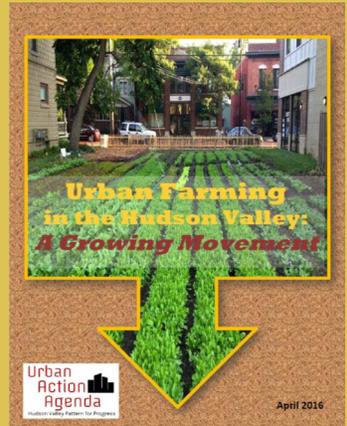
Pittsburgh's Tom Murphy to Highlight UAA/Fellows Graduation June 21

Tom Murphy's 2015 presentation at a Pattern event was received to such high acclaim, we asked the former Pittsburgh mayor to return and he has graciously agreed, this time as the keynote speaker at this event. The event will be held at noon on Tuesday, June 21, at the Poughkeepsie Grand. Murphy, now chair for Urban Development and a senior resident fellow at the Urban Land Institute since 2006, will speak about leadership and winning strategies for reviving urban areas. Call Pattern at 845-565-4900 for sponsorship opportunities; visit pattern-for-progress.org to register.



Pattern's Urban Farming Study Tracks the Phenomenon

A report on urban farming released in April by Pattern for Progress reveals that a shift towards inclusive, local urban growing efforts is occurring in the Hudson Valley. "Urban Farming in the Hudson Valley: A Growing Movement" is part of Pattern's Urban Action Agenda and surveys 25 cities and population centers in the Hudson Valley where urban farming trends have been enacted with a particular focus on availability and accessibility. "We examined urban farming projects on all scales and found that the demand is high even in smaller cities throughout the region," said report author Rebecca DeLaCruz. The report is available [online at pattern-for-progress.org](http://pattern-for-progress.org).



Pattern Welcomes Elijah Reichlin-Melnick to the Staff

Pattern is pleased to announce that Elijah Reichlin-Melnick has joined the staff as of April 2016. Born and raised in Nyack in Rockland County, Elijah holds a Masters degree in City & Regional Planning from Bloustein School of Planning & Public Policy at Rutgers University and a Bachelors in History and Government from Cornell University. Prior to joining Pattern, he taught elementary school for two years in New Haven, CT, then spent the last seven years working in government and politics in the Hudson Valley, where he served in the Rockland County district offices of Congressman Eliot Engel and Congresswoman Nita Lowey from 2009-2013. From 2014-2016 he worked as a Special Assistant to the Town Supervisor in the Town of Orangetown, assisting with all aspects of running the day-to-day operations of the town.

