

**\$60,000 STATE GRANT A BOOST TO
 PATTERN'S INFRASTRUCTURE WORK**

Pattern for Progress was among the many successful applicants in the recent Regional Economic Development Council awards announced by the Governor Andrew Cuomo on Dec. 11. Pattern was awarded a \$60,000 grant to survey of all municipalities in the Mid-Hudson region to assess capacity and barriers to appropriate infrastructure investment. A case study approach will then be used in order to better link funding with needs. The work will take place in Dutchess, Ulster, Orange, Sullivan, Putnam, Rockland and Westchester counties. The award comes on the heels of a preliminary survey Pattern conducted in early 2014 followed by an infrastructure summit in May. That worked underscored the need for planning in order to forestall a crisis in the areas of water and sewer needs in particular along with bridges and roads.

The Pattern award was part of an overall \$82.8 million announced for the Mid-Hudson region which was the largest single amount given this year to any one region. The funds will go to 49 projects and range in amount from \$1.65 million to convert the old O & W station in Middletown to a community health center to \$17,400 for sound equipment at the Bardavon in Poughkeepsie and UPAC in Kingston.

Pattern President Jonathan Drapkin, who serves on executive committee of the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Council said the awards represent a welcome boost for the entire region.



Pattern's \$60,000 state grant award comes on the heels of the May 2014 infrastructure survey and summit.



Changing of the Guard: Larry Wolinsky, left, stepped down as chairman of the board, making way for Mike Quinn.

**Mike Quinn Takes Helm as
 Chair of Pattern Board
 Three New Directors Welcomed**

Larry Wolinsky opened his final Pattern board meeting on Dec. 8 before handing the reins to Mike Quinn at the annual retreat in Newburgh that day. Quinn, president and CEO of Rhinebeck Bank and a member of numerous boards in the region, will serve for two years. Among other orders of business, he welcomed three new members: Timothy Cawley, president of Orange & Rockland Rockland Utilities; Joseph McPheter, commercial bank relationship manager at Key Bank; and Anthony Mahler, senior vice president for strategic Planning at Westchester Medical Center.

Know someone who should become a member? Contact the Pattern office today: 845-565-4900.

STEERING COMMITTEE NAMED FOR \$1M ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN

The current and recent past chairmen of the Pattern board will serve on a steering committee to help guide the \$1 million "Pattern for the Future" 50th Anniversary fundraising campaign. Pattern President Jonathan Drapkin announced on Dec. 8 that Mike Quinn, Larry Wolinsky, John Rath, Dave MacFarland and Carl Meyer will serve in that capacity. Drapkin will also have a seat on the steering committee. Rath, as chairman of the campaign, will lead the group.

Community Foundations Grant Assists in Urban Action Agenda

A generous grant from the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley will assist Pattern for Progress over the next three years on the Urban Action Agenda. In the Urban Action Agenda (UAA), Pattern staff will work in up to 25 cities and urban centers throughout the Hudson Valley in order to devise strategies for attracting and retaining young people and families. The \$7,500 grant from the Community Foundations will be used in all aspects of the UAA. These include helping urban areas identify strengths and amenities and building on the work that's already been done to come up with plans.



The Pattern Fellows hear from City of New Rochelle Development Commissioner Luiz Aragon at a recent session of the class. The Fellows are concentrating on urban areas and will produce work that contributes to the Urban Action Agenda.

"Helping our cities to once again thrive is key to helping the entire region," said Andrea L. Reynolds, president and CEO of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley. "As a Hudson Valley Funder who works to make our communities even better places to live, supporting this project is a natural for us." The Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley works in Dutchess, Ulster and Putnam counties.

The work of the UAA will aid Pattern's contribution to the Regional Plan Association's 4th Regional Plan for all of metropolitan New York. The Ford Foundation has provided \$400,000 in funding to Pattern's work in this regard. Pattern Fellows classes are also working on the UAA.