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PUBLIC FINANCE EXPERT JAMES LEVINE ON TAP FOR PATTERN'S MAY 19 INFRASTRUCTURE CONFERENCE

James R. Levine of the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation will address the Pattern May 19 Infrastructure Conference as the lunchtime keynote speaker. Levine was appointed Senior Vice President and General Counsel to the Corporation in March 2006 and is considered a top expert on finance of public structures. Rep. Sean Maloney of New York's 20th Congressional district will lead off the half-day conference with the delivery of the morning keynote. Pattern's Chief Strategy Officer March Gallagher will discuss an extensive regional infrastructure survey and all that it reveals about the region's roads, bridges, sewer, water and other systems. Plenary session 1: Show Me the Money covers financing public infrastructure. Plenary Session 2: Bridge to the 2030 entails planning for the future. The conference check-in starts at 8:00 a.m. and the event runs from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Anthony's Pier 9 in New Windsor. Reservations at \$50 for members and \$30 for public employees are available by calling 845-565-4900 or by emailing rdegroat@pfprogress.org.



James R. Levine

PUTNAM HOUSING REPORT PROVIDES CRUCIAL POLICY TOOL

A two-part, 120-page report, "Putnam County Housing Needs Assessment" and strategic plan prepared by Pattern's Center for Housing Solutions (CHS) has been hailed as providing critical information to the client, the nonprofit Putnam Housing Corporation as it seeks to improve market conditions for homeowners and renters alike.



Pattern's housing report is seen as key toward making improvements.

Dianne Chipman, co-executive director of PCHC, said the report "provides the PCHC with a strong argument for the critical need to address the issues behind the staggering housing cost burden our residents carry." The assessment also highlights the strong link between affordable housing and a vibrant, local economy. Joe Czajka, who authored the report in his role as executive director of Center for Housing Solutions said he is particularly pleased that he was able to offer more than a dozen strategies for the future.

Progress in brief . . .

Stakeholders in education from around the Hudson Valley gathered on April 10 in Newburgh for the first in a series of Pattern Education Advisory Group meetings. The 10-member group will help guide Pattern's research initiatives in education. The topic of education is one of three main elements in the 2014-16 Strategic Plan set by the board of directors.

Pattern staffers Jonathan Drapkin and Joe Czajka traveled to the Village of Ossining on April 17 to present innovative ways to revitalize Main Streets as part of the Hudson Valley Main Street Summit where the discussion centered on Downtown Redevelopment Strategies. The summit was presented by the Community Preservation Corporation (CPC), Historic Hudson River Towns, and the Village of Ossining.

A crowd of 200 attended the April 25 breakfast and panel discussion for the Southern Hudson Valley. County Executives Rob Astorino of Westchester, Ed Day of Rockland and Maryellen Odell of Putnam discussed topics from welfare fraud to county cutbacks, to high property taxes.



Save the Date: Regionalism Talks & Fellows Graduation June 17

A panel discussion: "Regionalism and Why It Works," will highlight the Pattern Fellows Class of 2014 graduation and luncheon on Tuesday, June 17. Todd Erling of the Hudson Valley Agribusiness Development, Harold King of The Council of Industry, Ned Sullivan of Scenic Hudson and Aimee Vargas of Empire State Development will discuss the role of regionalism in the Hudson Valley. Pattern Fellows will make final presentations on projects of importance to the region: Creating a Youth Enclave in the City of Poughkeepsie; Making Better Use of School Bus Time; and Finding Ways to Improve Health Metrics in Sullivan County. The event takes place at the Powelton Club in Newburgh and starts at 11 a.m. with a gathering of Fellows Alumni. The graduation and panel discussion kicks off at Noon with lunch. To reserve a spot at \$45 for Pattern members and \$25 for Pattern Alumni, call 845-565-4900 or by emailing rdegroat@pfprogress.org.

