

A monthly update on where Pattern has been and where we are going

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ANNUAL COUNTY LEADERS BREAKFAST

March 2, 2018
7:45 am—9:30 am
Poughkeepsie Grand

MARC MOLINARO
Dutchess County Executive

STEVE NEUHAUS
Orange County Executive

LUIS ALVAREZ
Sullivan County
Legislative Chair

MICHAEL HEIN
Ulster County Executive

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What will the new federal tax law mean for the Hudson Valley? Which economic development projects have the potential to transform the region's economy? How do county leaders plan to reverse the trend of falling populations in many of the region's cities and towns? How have counties tackled the opioid crisis?

Find out how the leaders of the four counties of the mid-Hudson Valley will answer these and other questions at Pattern's annual North County Leaders Breakfast on Friday, March 2, at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel. Don't miss this exciting event! Our panelists will be Dutchess County Exec. Marc Molinaro, Orange County Exec. Steve Neuhaus, Sullivan County Leg. Chairman Luis Alvarez, and Ulster County Exec. Mike Hein.

This event regularly sells out make your reservation now [ON-LINE](#) or email rdegroat@pfpprogress.org

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Andy Stewart Joins Pattern Staff as Senior VP for Research & Analysis



Andy Stewart, who led the Town of Orangetown in Rockland County as Town Supervisor from 2012-2017, has joined Pattern as a Senior Vice President for Research & Analysis. During his time as Supervisor, he focused on improving government efficiency, promoting shared services in

order to reduce the tax burden on local residents and businesses, and championing economic development, including redeveloping the vacant Rockland Psychiatric Center property for a new JP Morgan Chase data center. Stewart, who holds a PhD in geography from Rutgers, formerly served as Executive Director of non-profit Keep Rockland Beautiful for 11 years.

"We're excited to welcome Andy to Pattern," said President & CEO Jonathan Drapkin, "his experience in local government and economic development perfectly complement our mission, and enables us to take on new government efficiency projects."

"Leading a town made me realize how much we need regional solutions to the issues facing our communities," said Stewart, "I'm thrilled to join Pattern's team of problem solvers."

Pattern Partners with the Business Council of Westchester on New Data Research Project



Last month, Pattern entered into a major new partnership with the highly respected Business Council of Westchester (BCW). Over the coming months, Pattern will begin researching and preparing for the launch of the new

BCW Data Exchange. The data exchange aims to provide a resource for current and prospective Westchester businesses, non-profit organizations, and local governments, giving them a one-stop source for up-to-date demographic information, statistical analysis, and trend data for the County. Current plans call for the Data Exchange to be ready for use by spring, 2018.

BCW's vision for this project, to be implemented by Pattern, is for key data and county metrics to be available publicly through the Data Exchange, while interested businesses or other users can request customized reports and deeper analysis of trends for a fee.

"We are fortunate to be working with Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress on this important initiative," said Marsha Gordon, President and CEO of the BCW. "They are uniquely positioned to step beyond the limits of analyzing data from a single perspective and take a 360-degree examination of the challenges and issues that impact and shape the communities of Westchester," she added.

Pattern Tackles Housing Issues in Ossining and Hudson

Over the course of 2018, Pattern will be taking on two exciting housing-related projects in opposite ends of the Hudson Valley. In Ossining, Pattern will be leading a strategic planning process for IFCA Housing Network. IFCA is a community development and housing organization working to develop, rehabilitate, and manage quality affordable rental housing for low- and moderate-income people.

In Hudson, Pattern has begun working in conjunction with city officials, staff, housing and community organizations and state representatives on

the creation of a Strategic Housing Plan for the City of Hudson. Pattern will help guide and educate the community on the importance of developing and preserving existing housing at all income levels, assist in prioritizing strategies and action steps and guide future policy and incentives to support development of new housing in the city.



Many housing units in downtown Hudson have recently been renovated.