“HOUSING THE HUDSON VALLEY” CONFERENCE TOPS CAPACITY AT 250 ATTENDEES; FOUR PANELS AND KEYNOTE SPEECH PRaised FOR INSPIRING REGIONAL DIALOGUE
A new format succeeded in offering alternate views on the impact of housing, land use and the environmental review process at the “Housing the Hudson Valley” conference in Poughkeepsie June 14. A capacity audience heard a panel comparing views from environmental and economic development advocates; three breakout sessions covering the “mushroom plant” case history, municipal “best practices”, and affordable housing perspectives; and a rousing keynote speech by Ron Sims, deputy secretary of HUD. Audio recordings will be added to Pattern’s website soon, and one or more Issue Briefs will summarize ideas and resources resulting from the event.

2nd ANNUAL “REGIONAL HOUSING LEADERSHIP AWARDS” PRESENTED AT CONFERENCE
Pattern honored three “Housing Heroes of the Hudson Valley” at the Spring Conference June 14. Accepting awards were Larry and Ken Regan of Regan Development, Jonah Mandelbaum of MJJ Builders, and John Ebert of the Orange County Office of Community Development. (more)

PATTERN KICKS OFF RECRUITMENT FOR 2010-2011 CLASS OF REGIONAL FELLOWS
Pattern has begun recruitment of candidates for the fourth year of the Regional Fellows Program, which trains mid-career leaders from many disciplines in viewing and addressing the Hudson Valley’s issues from a regional perspective. In biweekly meetings October through June, Fellows interact with experts, discuss topical readings on leadership, current events and regional planning, and work on creative team projects. Pattern seeks to balance the class in representation of a wide variety of fields among corporate leaders, nonprofit executives and municipal officials, and also from a wide geography. Deadline for applications is September 17. Email us here for information.

PATTERN ON THE ROAD:
… Pattern participated in the June 2 release of the “Regional Well-Being Report” with the Center for Research, Regional Education and Outreach (CRREO) at SUNY New Paltz.
… Jonathan Drapkin moderated the panel at the Hunger Summit, hosted by People to People June 18 in Rockland County.
… Charlie Murphy participated in the NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal focus group meeting in Ulster County June 29 on workforce housing and land use.

PATTERN BOARD MEMBERS AND FELLOWS IN THE NEWS ...
Board Member Glenn Hoagland, executive director of Mohonk Preserve, announced the release of a study last week showing that Mohonk and two neighboring preserves contribute $12.3 million to the local economy (more)... Board Member Barry Rothfeld, publisher of the Poughkeepsie Journal, has been named chairman of United Way of Dutchess County's 2010 Annual Campaign, to kick off Sept. 10 (more) ... Board member Howard Hellman, chairman of All Bright Electric, broke ground with his partners last week for Hyenga Lake Senior Housing on the site of a former Spring Valley bungalow colony; Fellows graduate Mary Paden, VP at Community Preservation Corporation (CPC), is lender for the construction on the 66 unit complex (more). Congratulations!

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