Patterns Progress

MARCH 2014

Save the Date: April 25, 2014

BIG ISSUES, A Delicate Balance
A panel discussion featuring the County Executives

MARYELLEN ODELL  Putnam County
ED DAY  Rockland County
ROBERT ASTORINO  Westchester County

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PACKED HOUSE, WEIGHTY ISSUES AT MARCH 10 PANEL

A crowd of 350 attended Pattern’s sold-out breakfast for the north of the region on March 10 as County Executives Marc Molinaro of Dutchess, Steven Neuhaus of Orange, Mike Hein of Ulster and County Legislature Chairman Scott Samuelson sparred over casinos and commiserated about the burden of state mandates. A window into harsh economic times was provided by Orange County’s Neuhaus who foreshadowed his plan to lay off some 500 employees and for Moody’s to lower the county’s once-stellar bond rating. Meanwhile Molinaro and Hein said their counties were surviving by decisions to cut back on costs and personnel and to reinvent ways to deliver services to residents.

To make a reservation please email Robin at rdegroat@pfprogress.org

7:45–9:30 a.m.  Crowne Plaza, Suffern, NY

Sewer, Water, Bridges ... Oh My
Survey Examines Region’s Infrastructure

More than 110 cities, towns, counties and villages in the Hudson Valley have responded to Pattern’s infrastructure survey. Has yours? The survey examines municipal concerns about water and sewer systems, bridges and roads, and public facilities. It looks at municipal planning, willingness to share services and the importance of funding streams. Please remind your municipality to check their email for the survey. And remember, the Pattern infrastructure conference is happening May 19 in Orange County, location TBA.

Investor Joins Pattern Housing Center
Putnam County-based Covington Development, a commercial developer of residential, retail and office real estate led by Harold Lepler and Lawrence Nadel, has joined Pattern’s Center for Housing Development as an investor. Covington now joins seven other major donors in providing financial support to the work that Pattern does in research and analysis of housing needs and community development in the Hudson Valley.

Tappan Zee Task Force Concludes Work
The year-long work of the Tappan Zee Bridge Mass Transit Task Force and Pattern’s work on it concluded in late February. Among the recommendations are seven new or modified bus routes over the rebuilt bridge. Pattern President Jonathan Drapkin served as a member of the group helping to devise best ways to move commuters and other travelers across the span.

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