NEW "URBAN ACTION AGENDA" REPORT BY PATTERN EVALUATES 25 CITIES AND VILLAGES

For the second year in a row, Pattern has released a major report summarizing the progress of the Urban Action Agenda (UAA) and looking at a dozen key subjects—from infrastructure and transportation to economic development and public health—that impact the urban communities of the Hudson Valley. The UAA is a multi-year Pattern initiative to promote the revitalization and growth of urban centers throughout the Hudson Valley Region.

"We continue to believe that taking a regional approach to improving our urban areas is the best way to properly address the issues facing these communities," said Jonathan Drapkin, Pattern's President & CEO. "Pattern also believes that a focused approach to growth in the region's urban areas can help protect and preserve open space," added Drapkin.

Since beginning work on the UAA in 2016, Pattern has worked to advance the goals and priorities of the UAA. The new report offers an overview of the work that Pattern accomplished in 2017 and early 2018, including ongoing regional initiatives, milestone events, and community-specific projects. Also included are 12 short issue "snapshots" each focusing on one of the 12 different topic areas of the UAA. The report's conclusion features a look ahead at some initiatives and projects that will continue to advance the UAA in 2018-19.

The full report on the Urban Action Agenda can be viewed on Pattern's website at www.pattern-for-progress.org.

LEGENDARY YANKEES CLOSER MARIANO RIVERA TO HEADLINE PATTERN’S ANNUAL RECEPTION ON NOVEMBER 1

RETIRING STATE SENS. BILL LARKIN AND JOHN BONACIC TO BE HONORED

Mariano Rivera, the legendary closer for the New York Yankees, will be the featured guest at Pattern for Progress’ Annual Reception, to be held on Thursday, November 1 at Anthony's Pier 9 in New Windsor. Rivera, who makes his home in the Hudson Valley, saved more games than any pitcher in Major League history. During his 19 seasons pitching for the Yankees, he made 13 All-Star teams and won 5 World Series titles with the team. On November 1, he will be on hand to celebrate Pattern's 53rd Anniversary.

"Quite simply, Mariano is the greatest closer of all time, and one of the best pitchers in baseball history," said Jonathan Drapkin, President and CEO of Pattern. "We are thrilled that he will be part of this event."

"Guests at our reception should expect an inspirational conversation on baseball, community development, and life lessons," Drapkin added.

Musical entertainment will be provided by renowned electric violinist Emily Simone.

Pattern will honor two retiring Hudson Valley leaders at the event: John Bonacic and Bill Larkin have collectively represented the Hudson Valley for nearly 70 years in Albany, first as Assemblymen and now as State Senators. Both senators have been staunch advocates for the region's needs and have provided through State support hundreds of millions of dollars worth of funding to projects in the region over their long and distinguished careers.

Individual tickets to the reception are available for $165 for Pattern Members and $190 for non-Members. Table discounts and sponsorships are also available for this memorable event. To buy tickets or to sponsor the event, visit www.pattern-for-progress.org/events, or contact Robin DeGroat at rdegroat@pfprogress.org, or call (845) 565-4900.

Join Pattern’s 2018-19 Fellows Class

Pattern has always taken pride in our ability to gather together many of the best minds in the Hudson Valley to collaborate on complex issues affecting the quality of life for the region. To that end, in 2007, Pattern created a new initiative for regional leadership development: the Pattern Fellows program, an innovative leadership curriculum designed to expand the horizons of those already active in their communities and disciplines. For this year’s class, we are looking for some of the best and brightest community leaders in the Hudson Valley. The application deadline for the 2018-19 class is October 1, 2018. Details about the program and how to apply can be found on Pattern’s website at: www.pattern-for-progress.org/become-a-pattern-fellows/pattern-fellows/

Pattern’s Annual Housing Conference is coming up on September 28.

It’s not too late to get your tickets.

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