MARIANO RIVERA Closes OUT PATTERN’S ANNUAL RECEPTION; SENATORS BONACIC AND LARKIN HONORED

In front of a packed room at Anthony’s Pier 9 on November 26, legendary Yankees closer Mariano Rivera enthralled guests at Pattern’s annual reception. In a conversation with Pattern’s President & CEO Jonathan Drapkin, Rivera shared his remarkable life story and regaled Pattern’s guests with anecdotes from his tenure as the Yankees dominant closer, and arguably the best relief pitcher of all time. The Panama-born Rivera grew up thinking he might have to follow his father into the family business as a fisherman. While he and other children played baseball with tree branches and rolled up socks, he never imagined that life would one day take him to the pinnacle of the major leagues. But the deeply religious Rivera credited God for his success in baseball and for blessing him with an incredible cut fastball that confounded the best hitters in baseball for nearly 20 years.

At the reception, Pattern honored two retiring state senators who have been among the Hudson Valley’s staunchest champions in Albany. Senators John Bonacic and Bill Larkin have both served the region for more than three decades and won praise and respect for their ability to work across the aisle to deliver results.

Pattern thanks our guests, our sponsors, and everyone who helped make this year’s reception, another big success!

PATTERN PARTNERS WITH TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND ON PARKS PLAN FOR MIDDLETOWN

The City of Middletown recently decided to move forward with a plan to open the service roads around its beautiful reservoir lands for passive, non-commercial, low-impact public recreation, such as hiking, biking and bird watching. Part of the planning process is to identify and interview interested parties to gain further insight into the full range of potential community benefits and to make sure any concerns are addressed in the planning process.

To this end, Pattern has partnered with the Trust for Public Land (TPL), a national nonprofit with extensive experience in community-based park design and planning. Together, Pattern and TPL will recommend ways of maximizing the benefits of this new recreational resource for local resident quality of life, property values and tourism-oriented businesses. The planning team also includes a private security company specializing in public spaces to insure the park planning process addresses any public safety or emergency response concerns.

PATTERN WINS RFP TO ASSIST BEACON WITH CAPITAL PLANNING PROJECT

Pattern recently partnered with Delaware Engineering to win a competitive RFP from the City of Beacon for capital planning and asset management services. The goal of the project is to build a comprehensive GIS database of the city’s vehicles, pavement, sewer, water and drainage pipes, buildings and recreational facilities. By including information on age and level of service of these assets, the database will be useful as a planning tool for public works and for financial management. The New York State Comptroller consistently calls for a greater emphasis on capital planning within the municipal budgeting process. All Hudson Valley communities face the challenge of identifying and funding infrastructure priorities.

The state of regional infrastructure has been an issue of concern to Pattern for many years, and we are excited to be working with Delaware Engineering to support Beacon’s leadership on this issue, and to develop asset management tools that will be of use to other communities.