As 2020 comes to a close, we are taking time to reflect on this incredibly challenging year. As we collectively face the COVID-19 pandemic, Pattern continues to evaluate balanced and sustainable solutions to support the vitality of the Hudson Valley. Even as we're keeping an eye on the incline of the "second wave" of COVID-19, we're looking at the way forward and planning for the road ahead.

We're keeping our finger on The Pulse of the Economy and exploring innovative ideas for the road to recovery in our weekly podcast, Patterns & Paradigms.

Our Fellows Class of 2020-2021 is in full session now, exploring institutional racism and diving deep into their group projects. It's a change to go virtual with this program in our fourteenth year, but it's working well and we're pleased by the attendance and commitment from the Fellows in this year's cohort.

We held our annual Hudson Valley Housing Forum, titled Housing Matters: Shelter from the Storm, November 16th - 20th, 2020. We hosted an incredible line-up of national and regional leaders as Keynote Speakers and Panelists every day of the week-long event. The event covered home ownership, multifamily development, gentrification, real estate market trends, as well as race, equity, diversity, and inclusion in community development and housing. This year we also hosted The Solutions Lounge at the end of each session, an opportunity to pull out the white board and brainstorm with everyone in attendance about the housing challenges we are facing as a region. We have some great ideas from that collective session that we look forward to putting into action.

We're digging into data with our Pattern Data series and working within our communities to help them through this period of uncertainty and training regional leaders to look to the future to make our community a better place for us all. Onward.
Daily New COVID-19 Cases per 100k

The number of daily new COVID-19 cases in the Hudson Valley is trending up. This map shows the number of daily new COVID-19 cases per 100k residents in each Hudson Valley county since November 1st.

*Through 12/12/2020

See the map at -
http://www.pattern-for-progress.org/

Pattern is tracking the road to recovery. While we will endeavor to search for regional trends, we will also include national data points as they are both important and signs of consumer confidence. Now more than ever, Pattern will continue its role as an “honest broker” assisting those who wish “to move the dial” forward. We will use these updates to provide balanced data. It will be up to you – as always – to act on it as you deem appropriate. Our hope is to help you make more informed decisions.

Check the Pulse of the Economy -

December 11th  
December 4th  
November 25th  

November 20th  
November 13th  
November 7th
Markets. Tune into virtual panel discussions with Industry Leaders as they discuss how COVID-19 has impacted the Housing Market, as well as how the industry has adapted, and expectations as we move forward.

The 13th annual Hudson Valley Housing Forum was held virtually November 16th - 20th. This year’s event, titled Housing Matters: Shelter from the Storm, gathered leaders and professionals from across the state to discuss trends and housing policy that impacts the region. The event featured brilliant keynote speakers and dynamic panel discussions surrounding the topics of homeownership, multi-family development, gentrification, real estate markets, as well as race, equity, diversity, and inclusion in community development and housing.

We’ve compiled an incredible list of ideas, solutions to be evaluated, as well as direction for the next discussions and collaborations we should be exploring together as a region. We’re looking forward to the conversations ahead and partnerships to be forged as we tackle the housing challenges here in the Hudson Valley.

**Regional Housing Market Report**

**Q3 2020**

The Center for Housing Solutions and Community Initiatives, a unit of Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress, is pleased to present the Q3 2020 edition of the Regional Housing Market Report. This edition includes the Quarterly Market Snapshot for the Third Quarter of 2020.

Tune in to the Housing Update - The Monthly Housing Webinar

The Housing Update is back as
regularly scheduled programming! Beginning in January, tune in to the Housing Update, on the third Thursday every month. The first episode *premieres on January 21st, 2021.*

The monthly program teams up with housing experts, advocates, and professionals to explore housing challenges and solutions in the Hudson Valley. From the local real estate market trends to the impacts of COVID-19 and the affordability crisis, we're analyzing statistics and exploring trends to help communities, developers, builders and non-profit agencies plan and construct housing that is affordable in the Hudson Valley region.

Stay in tune with Housing in the Hudson Valley!

Detailed information about the Mid Hudson Housing Market - including market reports & trends, panel discussions, research & policy - delivered right to your email inbox! Know your market.

**Median Home Sale Price Q3 2020**

Constricted housing inventory and pent up Buyer demand, once again pushed the median sales price up in every county of the Hudson Valley region. With fewer new listings coming to market during the COVID-19 pandemic, coupled with historically low interest rates and migration of NYC dwellers to less densely populated areas, Buyers are finding themselves in an incredibly competitive real estate market,
Creating significant upward pricing pressure.

The Median Sales Price rose for every county in the region this quarter, most significantly in Columbia (+38.9%), Sullivan (+34.5%), and Greene (+30.9%) Counties. Westchester (+22.1%), Ulster (+17.8%), Orange (+13.9%) and Dutchess (+12.1%) also demonstrated notable increases in Median Sales Price. Westchester County witnessed an increase of $125,000 and Columbia saw a rise of nearly $100,000 in the median sales price.

View the full Hudson Valley Regional Housing Market Report for Q3 2020

Daily New Confirmed COVID-19 Cases

As we head deeper into the winter months, the predicted “second wave” of the COVID-19 pandemic appears to be on the horizon.

Although the infection rate in New York State is lower than many other places throughout the country, the number of daily new confirmed cases in New York is trending up. As of mid-November, daily new cases in the Hudson Valley and the rest of New York State have reached levels that we haven’t seen since April.

Average Number of People per Household in the Hudson Valley

Since the beginning of the COVID pandemic, many of us are spending a lot of time at home where we may be working, going to school, and sharing our space in new
ways. How does the size of your household compare to the average for your county? The average number of people in a home is also important in terms of planning for housing needs. On average, households are smaller than they were a few decades ago, yet homes have gotten larger. Is there a mismatch between what people need and what is being built?

### 7-Day Percent Increase of COVID-19 cases per 100k

The number of new COVID-19 cases is rapidly climbing in every county in the Hudson Valley region. The number of people getting tested and the percentage of people testing positive in the region are also increasing. This map shows the percentage increase in the number of new COVID-19 cases per 100k residents during the first week of December. During this time period, Ulster County experienced the largest increase of any county in the region.

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### The Pattern Matters Blog

- **December 13th, 2020**  
  *School: An Essential Institution*

- **December 4th, 2020**  
  *Supporting Your Community By Shopping*

- **November 22nd, 2020**  
  *Thanksgiving Gratitude*

- **November 15th, 2020**  
  *Pattern Matters Then and Now*

- **November 1st, 2020**  
  *Thanksgiving Gratitude*
In the midst of the chaos of these unprecedented times, we see so many people coming together, so many organizations rising to the occasion, to serve the needs of our community. We look for positive patterns in our research and analysis so we can guide communities to shape policy that will make our communities a better place.

We feel so inspired by the goodness we’re seeing and we want to share some of these great ideas with you. We hope these ideas support and inspire you, too.

Share your good works and positive patterns you see:  
Submit Positive Patterns

A New Way to Turn Plastic Waste into Valuable Commodities

Scientists have found a way to turn plastic waste into valuable commodities, which can ultimately create a larger market for waste materials. Scientists from Oxford and other universities in the UK, in collaboration with research groups in China and Saudi Arabia, announced they had developed a simple
method for retrieving valuable chemicals from plastic waste, so that recyclers may have a means of making more money from collecting plastic waste.

According to the study, the team's new process involves breaking plastic down into its molecular components by “pulverizing” it and using microwaves. Doing so can release the core components of plastic materials, including hydrogen and pure carbon, which can then form high-value products, like carbon nanotubes.

Tiny Homes and a Stronger Foundation for Homeless

St. Louis, Missouri has 50 "tiny" homes that will begin sheltering the area's homeless populations as early as December. Equipped with heating, air conditioning, a bed, desk, chair, shelves and electricity, the simple homes range from 80 to 96 square feet and will serve as transitional housing for four to five months at a time, as case workers help them find residents permanent shelter. The planned site for these properties is a former RV park, where showers, laundry facilities and bathrooms are already conveniently in place. City officials hope this setup can help prevent coronavirus transmission as well as provide a "stronger foundation" for homeless individuals to be able to rebuild their lives. Other US cities that have embraced the idea of small homes as a way to provide shelter for the homeless include Seattle, Detroit, Nashville and Austin.

Rockland County Online Holiday Shopping Expo

Rockland Business Women's Network is hosting Rockland County's first online holiday shopping expo. The idea is to create a virtual street fair for shoppers who want to support local businesses this holiday season. More than 40 local Rockland businesses are participating in the online holiday shopping expo. Shoppers who want to shop local can attend the online expo starting December 5th at noon through December 9th. 

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