One year ago this week we were all about to hit PAUSE here in New York, uncertain of the challenges that lay ahead or that we would still be dealing with a global pandemic a year later. With the vaccine rolling out and things beginning to open up, we are still only beginning to recognize the ripple effects that COVID-19 has had on our economy and communities.

This month we’re hosting part two of The Delaware Engineering Government Series, these live virtual events are exploring governing in the time of COVID. This month we’re checking in with the County Executives from Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster, to learn more about their experiences. Register now for this LIVE Virtual Event.

Be sure to tune in to the new episode of the Housing Update. This month we’re exploring a unique approach to community building that addresses modern health, financial and community challenges through increased access to housing and the healthy foods that are traditional to an ethnically diverse community.

The Community ReBuilders Program will be announcing the class of 2021 in just a few days! This innovative program provides participants with the tools and support they need to take community development projects to the next level, including educational resources and training to research local issues, evaluate project benchmarks, identify potential sources of funding, and achieve specific project goals.

We’re keeping our finger on The Pulse of the Economy and exploring innovative ideas for the road to recovery in the second season of our weekly podcast, Patterns & Paradigms. We’re digging into data with our Hudson Valley by the Numbers series. We continue to support our communities and train regional leaders to look to the future to make our community a better place for us all. Onward.
Housing Update

Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 9:00AM

This month the Pattern for Progress Center for Housing Solutions hosts West Elmwood Housing Development Corporation from Providence, Rhode Island. We’ll explore how this developer puts their mission into practice promoting the development of healthy, sustainable communities through housing services. Join us as we learn more about their Sankofa Initiative, a model approach to community building that recognizes the importance of using knowledge from the past to achieve progress by addressing modern health, financial and community challenges through increased access to the healthy foods that are traditional to the West End’s ethnically diverse community.

Moderator:
Joe Czajka, Pattern for Progress

Panel:
Maria Carvalho
Executive Director, West Elmwood Housing Development Corporation

Melanie Borges
Sankofa Project Manager, West Elmwood Housing Development Corporation

ATTEND THIS EVENT
Thursday, March 25th 2021 at 1:00PM - LIVE EVENT

The Delaware Engineering Government Series | Governing in the time of COVID visits with regional government leadership for a behind the scenes look at governing in the time of COVID-19. Explore the challenges, the trials and the triumphs of leadership during these unprecedented times.

In March, meet with the The County Executives from Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster Counties

REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT

Catch the Replay!

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 -

March 5th    February 26th    February 19th    February 12th
The Center for Housing Solutions at Pattern for Progress is the prime source for regional information and trends in housing in the Hudson Valley. Housing became an even bigger part of our identity when Pattern established the Center for Housing Solutions in September 2012. The Center has provided technical assistance, strategic planning, financial underwriting, housing policy recommendations, and market and demographic analysis for housing agencies, market rate and affordable housing developers, builders, Realtors, municipalities and advocates for affordable housing.

NEW EPISODE!
Housing Update
Thursday, March 18th, 2021 @ 9:00AM

The Pattern for Progress Center for Housing Solutions convenes professionals for a virtual panel discussion about impacts of the COVID-19 eviction stays and subsequent extensions.

Need more housing?
Check out these past episodes:
Know your market.
Keep in touch 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.

The Community ReBuilders Program begins April 12th, 2021

The projects are in! We are so excited about this year’s cohort of the Community ReBuilders and we’ll be announcing this year’s class very soon! These projects are contributing directly to the overall quality of life of the entire Hudson Valley.

The Community ReBuilders Program will provide participants with the tools and support they need to take their community development projects to the next level - including educational resources, training to research local issues, evaluate project benchmarks, identify potential sources of funding, and achieve specific their project goals.

Starting on Monday, April 12th, these projects are going through twelve weeks of intensive community development training with hands-on support from the Pattern Team and experts in the fields of project management, financial management, grant writing, community and economic development.

Follow along with their journey on our website! https://www.pattern-for-progress.org/community-rebuilders/
Percent of Hudson Valley 65+ Population Living Alone by Sex & County

A significant proportion of people over the age sixty-five live alone. The percentage is between 3%-12% across the Hudson Valley, and is higher for women than men. As people continue to socially distance and remain isolated during COVID, it is important to think about mental health impacts for the senior population. Individuals in this group may be less technically adept than younger people and therefore unable to pivot to virtual socializing. As a result, they may be more likely to suffer from loneliness, anxiety, and depression. Health care providers should have a way to identify people suffering from mental health issues that are due to pandemic isolation and to connect them to resources including mental healthcare, as well as ways to stay socially connected. Public Health departments should create messaging to encourage social distancing while also providing information on ways to safely socialize.

Take a closer look:

Measuring Inequality

The GINI coefficient is a measure of income inequality that represents the degree of inequality on a scale of one to zero. A GINI coefficient of zero means there is perfect income equality – everyone has the same
A GINI coefficient of one means that there is maximum income inequality – one person has all the wealth and everyone else has nothing.

The GINI coefficient is a useful tool for understanding how evenly wealth is distributed in a community regardless of how wealthy the community is overall. This map shows the GINI coefficient for every city and town in the Hudson Valley. The GINI coefficient for the United States is 0.48. Approximately 70% of municipalities in the Hudson Valley have a lower GINI coefficient (less income inequality) compared to the U.S. overall. The GINI coefficient for New York State is a bit higher, coming in at 0.51. Approximately 90% of Hudson Valley municipalities have a lower GINI coefficient than New York State overall.

https://www.pattern-for-progress.org/measuring-inequality/

Hudson Valley Agricultural Districts 2018

New York State has lost over half a million acres of farmland since the 1980s. In order to promote farming and preserve farmlands, NYS Agricultural District Law protect designated Agricultural Districts. The preservation of farmland supports local economies and jobs, provides tax income, makes communities more self-reliant, is crucial for local food production and access to healthy food, and has environmental and quality of life benefits. In 2017 New York farms generated $5.7 billion in revenues. How much of your county is protected as an Agricultural District?

Hudson Valley Median Annual Earnings for Full-Time Workers
Female v. Male

In the United States, median earnings for women working full-time year-round jobs are approximately 20% lower than the earnings for men. The same is true in New York State and the Hudson Valley. This chart compares the distribution of earnings for men and women in the Hudson Valley. The chart reveals that the wage gap between men and women in the Hudson Valley is primarily explained by a larger percentage of men (31%) earning in the highest income range compared to women (20%).


The Pattern Matters Blog

February 28th, 2021
Millennial on a Soapbox

February 21st, 2021
Black History Month - Just Imagine

February 14th, 2021
The Importance of Diversity in Planning

February 7th, 2021
The Changing Nature of Work

January 31st, 2021
Homeownership - Student Debt and a Mismatch Between Supply and Demand

January 24th, 2021
Hope

January 17th, 2021
Hudson Valley Population Trends

January 10th, 2021
U.S. Representative Antonio Delgado announced Ogechi Okafor as the winner of the 2020 Congressional App Challenge for District 19 with her app called “Countdown.”

The app Okafor designed helps users learn more about climate change and empowers them to help tackle the crisis by connecting with organizations working on climate change, allows them to contact their representatives in Congress to push for action, and informs them about the crisis.

Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, Rolling V Bus Corp., Sullivan 180, and Sullivan BOCES have partnered to create an innovative remote-learning environment providing Internet access for students in need: a mobile classroom in a converted school bus.

The mobile classroom enables students to learn remotely while being socially distanced. Development of the concept began when the group discussed the need after the COVID-19 pandemic closed schools in the spring of 2020.

A group of young people seeking to continue the legacy of MLK Jr., has been serving the Hudson Valley community. Through street cleanups in the City of Newburgh and winter clothing drives, Melanin Unchained, is
making a visible difference in the community.

For more information about Pattern for Progress and our initiatives

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