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F&A was retained by the City of Yonkers City Council, as Lead Agency, to oversee the environmental review of Ridge Hill Village Center, one of the largest and most diverse mixed-use projects proposed in the New York metro region. The project, a state of the art "lifestyle center", proposed by the Forest City Ratner Companies, includes 1.3 million square feet of retail and movie theatre space, 160,000 square feet of offices, 1,000 units of upscale housing with an affordable component, a 175 room hotel and 20,000 square foot conference center - all on an 82 acre site overlooking the New York State Thruway. F&A and a team of specialty sub-consultants were charged with overseeing the project on the City's behalf. Key issues were traffic, air quality and noise, infrastructure and socio-economic impact analysis. After a two-year review, the project was approved and subsequently challenged in Court by neighboring communities. F&A served as expert witness in defending the SEQR review and a final determination resulted in a settlement satisfactory to all parties. The project is under construction.



Developer rendering of proposed Ridge Hill Village
Yonkers, New York

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F&A was retained by the City to analyze the physical and economic trends of Westchester County's busiest commercial thoroughfare as it winds from the Cross County Shopping Center to the Greenburgh town line. Retail mix, land use, infrastructure, zoning and design issues were examined and a long-term solution to Central Park Avenue's needs were addressed in a comprehensive study and plan. This study, the ***Central Park Avenue Corridor Study***, represents the first time the seven-mile corridor has been studied in any detail, and currently serves as a blueprint for the area's rebirth.

