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IBM closing Somers campus, Million Air gets green light for airport project, new arts business district zoning in Yonkers, and more.



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City of Yonkers Approves Rezoning In Carpet Mills Arts District

On Tuesday, May 10, 2016, zoning was officially approved and signed off on by the City of Yonkers to allow the first floor of the Carpet Mills Arts District (CMAD), in Yonkers, to build out the current vacant, commercialized warehouses that occupied the area into retail store fronts. The approved zoning will help allow the historic area to potentially become a retail and tourist destination for the city. (CMAD stretches from Lake Avenue on the north to Ashburton Avenue on the south and Nepperhan Avenue on the west to Saw Mill River Road on the east.) The open

storefronts will give space to potential business owners and entrepreneurs to open shops, restaurants, amusements, sports, boutiques, dry cleaners, event space, retail home furnishing stores, and art galleries. Additionally, the rezoning project of CMAD will bring in new types of tenants, which could mean a boost in jobs, sales taxes, and upgrades in the area. "Yonkers is establishing itself as a destination city for artists to live, work and exhibit, and people are taking notice," said Yonkers Mayor, Mike Spano. "Yonkers has become home to an emerging arts scene, and creating an arts district at the once thriving Carpet Mills site is the next step in telling our story." The City of Yonkers, he added, hopes to follow in the footsteps of areas that are now flourishing with art galleries and retail spaces, such as SOHO, Williamsburg, Hoboken, Beacon, and Hudson.